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County Board increases pay

Chairman will now make \$25,000 annually, while vice-chair will see \$5,000

By Brad Jennings
Editor

The Ogle County Board chairman and vice-chair will be seeing a significant bump in pay after the Board approved a new salary structure at its last meeting.

The chairman had been paid \$4,800 per year, which included \$250 per month for the position, plus the \$150 per month other board members made. The chairman will now make \$25,000 per year, plus mileage. The vice-chair will be paid

\$5,000 plus milage. Marcia Heuer, who represents District 8 and is vice-chair of the Personnel and Salary Committee, said that every 10 years the board can adjust its pay. She said the committee started looking at the issue last year and found that the Ogle County Board was "vastly underpaid."

Heuer said they did a comparison on pay with similar county boards. She said the research showed the pay in Ogle County was "way low." "All of them paid their



The Ogle County Board can change its pay every 10 years, and did so at its November meeting. (Brad Jennings photo)

chairman considerably more than what we did," she said.

She said the workload on the chairman, vice-

chair and those who chair all the committees is high. With no county administrator, the elected board members are responsible

for areas including human resources, finance, personnel and more.

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Cardinal Christmas brings out community

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Valley held its annual Cardinal Christmas on Dec. 5 from 4-7 p.m.

Santa arrived by Fire Truck at 4 p.m. Elsa, Anna and Spiderman were at the Jr High craft show. A live nativity and Carolers were at the Red Brick Center.

Trees were decorated at Stillman Bank. Winners are as follows: Creativity/Originality – Julia Hull Library;

Best Use of Theme – Ogle Jolly 4-H Club; Overall Appearance – The Red Church.

Food Trucks were on site along with pork chops and hot dogs grilled by The Wooden Nickel. The Lions club provided hot cocoa and cookies. Santa was at Ladders of Learning with photos taken by Holcomb Bank.

There were games provided by Stillman FFA. You could get a reindeer bun or tinsel

at Tease. Maas Legal held an open house with a bake sale by the Environmental Club.

Other area businesses were open and there was a drawing for a \$50 VISA card if you visited each of the spots on your punch card. The winner was Kristi Gile.

Any organizations or businesses wanting to participate next year should contact the Village of Stillman Valley.



Rotary teams with District to build 'sled shed'

BYRON – Byron Rotary Club has partnered with the Byron Forest Preserve District to build a "sled shed" at the Preserve's sledding hill. Children and families will be allowed to borrow sleds and saucers from the shed at no cost, so that everyone can enjoy the winter sledding season.

Donations of new and gently used sleds and saucers are now being accepted.

"The winter of 2020 was incredibly hard on everyone, especially children, and this winter might be difficult, as well," Rotary Sled Shed Project Chair Emily Porter said. "Due to the constraints of the COVID pandemic, sledding has become a really popular family activity. However, also due to the pandemic as well as supply chain issues, sleds and saucers are harder to find.

"This project will help address that issue now, as well as provide an enduring opportunity for family time, regardless of family resources."

Rotary first became concerned about the issue when members themselves had a difficult time finding sleds for their children last winter. Social media was full of requests from parents hoping to borrow or purchase sleds. The idea for the sled shed was based on a similar project carried out in Janesville, Wis.

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LOCAL NEWS



Student Leaders

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the September Student Leaders of the Month. The students above were first nominated and voted on by their peers for the September trait – RESPONSIBLE and also Leader in Me Habit #1 – Be Proactive. Congrats to the following (from left): Casey McCleary (6th), Cecelia Bishop (6th), Ethan Waugh (7th), Avery Britnell (8th) and Brady Stewart (8th).



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PAY: Would like administrator, but can't afford one right now

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The new pay includes \$100 for committee chairs and \$75 for vice-chairs for committee meetings. All County Board members will be paid \$70 per meeting they attend plus mileage.

Board Member Skip Kinney this is a change because members will be required to attend the meetings to get paid. In the past, members were paid monthly for three meetings whether they attended or not.

"You absolutely have to do your job," Heuer said.

Can the county afford

these changes? Heuer said it can. The change was only made after the committee looked at the numbers, and County Treasurer Linda Beck did a cost analysis.

"That was the one big question," Heuer said.

Another question for the committee was should the county return to having a county administrator. Heuer said there have been two in the past, with one being very good at the job.

"It was so much easier running the county," when there was an administrator, she said.

A professional administrator, who would cost

the county from \$120,000 to \$150,000 per year, would be well versed in state and county policies and legal requirements. There is also dealing with the EPA, OSHA, strategic plans, the nuclear plant – it is a long list, according to Heuer.

Ultimately, she said the money just isn't there currently for an administrator.

"It's under consideration," she said. "It has been for a couple of years."

"We just can't afford it right now."

While the measure for the pay increase did pass, Board members Zach Oltmanns, Dean Fox and Lyle Hopkins voted against it.



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SLED: Rotary seeking used sled for now

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"When we approached the Forest Preserve with the idea, they immediately offered the resources of their woodworking club," Rotary member Betsy Floski said. "This partnership worked out perfectly – Rotary raised the funds for the shed, and the Forest Preserve provided the talent."

"It's a great community collaboration, the kind of synergy that Rotary is always trying to create."

Building materials for the \$2,000 shed were purchased with local Rotary funds acquired during past fundraisers, including the club's annual Pot of Gold, as well as with matching funds from a Rotary Foundation grant. The shed is being designed and constructed under the leadership of Vito Iozzo and other Forest Preserve volunteers. Forest Preserve Director Todd Tucker and the Forest Preserve

Board have agreed the District will conduct routine maintenance as well as off-season storage of the portable shed.

Rotary will be able to purchase a few sleds and saucers for the shed; however, since the COVID pandemic prevented the club from hosting its major annual fundraiser this year, Byron Rotarians are asking for the community's help: New and lightly used sleds and saucers can be dropped off beginning today at the Byron Public Library, 100 S. Washington St., or at the Dickerson Nieman-Floski Law Office Building at 220 W. Third St. (Please do not take sleds to the Forest Preserve at this time.)

"Byron Rotary is excited to be partnering with the Forest Preserve and other community volunteers on this project," Floski said. "We hope the Sled Shed will provide enjoyment for area families for years to come."



LOCAL NEWS

Plant employees donate to local communities

BYRON – The communities where Exelon Generation employees live and work in Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland will receive more than \$4.3 million to support critical needs, thanks to annual giving campaign contributions from employees and the Exelon Foundation.

Workers at the fleet's 12 nuclear power plants and fellow corporate employees pledged nearly \$2.9 million to more than 2,200 different charities in their surrounding communities this year. And for every dollar employees pledged, the Exelon Foundation donated 50 cents to their local United Way, bringing the total donation to more than \$4.3 million.

Locally at Byron Generating Station, nuclear power plant employees pledged more than \$143,000 to 138 charities during this year's employee giving campaign. Organizations supported include veterans' groups like Darkhorse Lodge, Carpenter's Place and Veterans Drop-in Center, youth groups like Scout organizations and school groups, multiple United Way agencies, any many, many more.

"One in every two people in Ogle County depends on United Way funded services. Those services wouldn't be available without the generous support of Exelon and its employees," said Alan Jones, Ogle County Director of the United Way of Rock River Valley.

"Their contributions provide long-term solutions to community issues, changing lives and providing hope in Ogle County."

The donations will be distributed throughout 2022.

"Our employees believe strongly in giving back to the communities in which they live and work. Their generous donations help provide resources for area charities that serve families in need and continue to make a difference for many who have been affected by the pandemic and other economic stresses," said Dave Rhoades, Exelon Generation Chief Nuclear Officer.

Exelon Generation employees have

a long-standing tradition of supporting their communities, not just with their dollars, but also with their time. While the pandemic has limited several in-person opportunities, many nuclear power plant employees participated in virtual events. At Byron Station, employees have volunteered over 560 hours so far this year with local organizations. Through Nov. 30, 2021, Exelon employees had volunteered more than 24,000 hours with charitable organizations in their communities. That's equal to more than two-and-a-half years' time. Projects included virtual walks, food drives, and virtual fundraising events, among many others.

Obituary

Joanne Juriga

MOUNT MORRIS – Joanne Marie Marcan Juriga was born on Sept. 13, 1938 in Oak Park, Ill. She passed away on Dec. 7, 2021 at her home in Mount Morris.



as James Juriga and her parents, Joseph and Anna Marcan.

Those who knew Joanne knew that she always said what was on her mind and was a gifted conversationalist. When she wasn't gardening she could be found sewing or knitting inside. Homemade gifts were her specialty. She was very active in her children and grandchildren's lives and always kept the family connected. She will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life will be held at Joanne's home in Mount Morris from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 with the memorial service taking place at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Saint James Lutheran Church of Forreston.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thom-



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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Carl J. Nelson

MOUNT MORRIS — Carl J. Nelson, 93, Mt. Morris, passed peacefully to eternal life the morning of Dec. 6, 2021 surrounded by his family. Carl was born on Aug. 5, 1928 to Carl G and Eda W. Johnson Nelson in Chicago.



a videographer and editor for his many charitable and volunteer work and organizations.

He served on the Boards of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, The Chicago Farmers (President), Lutheran Brotherhood, Ogle County 4-H Foundation, Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America stewardship committee, and the Village of Progress (President). He was a member of the Leaf River American Legion, Ogle County Farm Bureau (50 plus years) and volunteered with the Ogle County Sheriff's Association. Carl's faith-filled life led him to serve at St. James Lutheran on the church council, as a Sunday School teacher, Luther League sponsor for many Luther League conventions around the country, church usher and as the consummate acolyte instructor.

Carl is survived by his wife of 67 years, Leona; daughter, Beth Nelson (John) Chase, and sons,

David (Gretchen) Nelson and Richard (Michelle) Nelson. Grandchildren; Brittany (Nate) Drozd, Craig Nelson, Josh (Emily) Nelson, Derrick Nelson, Trevor (Sarah Harris) Nelson, Johannah (Tim) Coates, Jocelyn Chase and Abi (Basil) El-Ghazzawy. Great grandchildren; Lauren, Annabelle, Natalie, Nathan and Nelson Drozd, Chloe El-Ghazzawy and Jasper Coates. And numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Carl was pre-deceased by his parents, Carl and Eda, siblings and their spouses: Wendell (Betty) Nelson, Lorraine (John) Rabette, Marlene (Dean) Nelson and Frankie Nelson. His parents in law, Ernest and Rose Hartje, sister/brother in law, Rogene (Hartje) and Al Poppen; daughter in law, Lois Nelson, and nephew, Mark Poppen.

Visitation was held at Finch Funeral Home Friday, Dec. 10 from 4-6 p.m. and a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, Dec 11 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, Forreston, with Pastor Steve Erickson officiating. The family encourages memorials in lieu of flowers to St. James Lutheran Church, Lutheran Social Services of IL, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Ogle County 4-H Foundation, Village of Progress and Pinecrest Community.

Joan Leone Plummer

LEAF RIVER — Joan Leone Plummer, 82, of Leaf River, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at Amberwood Care Centre in Rockford. She was born Feb. 11, 1939 in Freeport, the daughter of Edmond Casper and Mary Margaret Grace (Breed) Bonjour. She graduated from Aquin High School in Freeport in 1957. Joan married Robert Eaton Plummer on Oct. 16, 1965 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. Together they farmed in rural Leaf River for 35 years.



and participated in their annual Alzheimer's Walks.

Joan is survived by her twin sister Jeneane Marie Fluegel, Kenosha, Wis., nieces Vita Fluegel, Rockford, Tina Fluegel, Roscoe, Theresa Fluegel, Kenosha, Wis., cousins Donna Curtis, Stockton, Wayne Noller, Stockton, Thomas Noller, Stockton, and nephew Dennis Webb, Winter Garden, FL, and

several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Joan is predeceased by her husband, Bob and her parents. Joan's family would like to give a special thanks to Amberwood Care Centre and Mercyhealth at Home Hospice in Rockford for their loving care.

Cremation rites accorded by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers a memorial in Joan's name may be made to the Rockford Rescue Mission, 715 West State Street, Rockford, IL 61102. For an online obituary and tributes go to www.genandtfuneralhome.com.

Eugene Stilson

OREGON — Eugene Everett Stilson, 82, died Dec. 2, 2021. He was born Feb. 27, 1939 to Everett and Gladys (Boyle) Stilson in South Bend, Ind.



He taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, filled the pulpit and played piano when needed.

He graduated from Central High School in 1957 and Manchester University in 1961. From there he moved to Oregon, where he graduated from Oregon Bible College and went into the ministry for the Church of God General Conference. He Married Janet (Turner) Stilson on May 25, 1963 and they moved to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where he pastored two small churches. Gene had many interests over the years, including pursuit of graduate degrees. He had a B.S from Manchester, a B Th from Oregon Bible College, and when he was called to teach at Oregon Bible College, he pursued a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Northern Illinois University, and a master's degree in New Testament Studies from Wheaton College. He taught Bible courses at OBC for 21 years serving also as Aca-

demie Dean. When he left that work, he worked for another 20+ years for Crest Foods in Ashton, retiring in 2013. He also helped to establish Rock River Christian College in Beloit, Wis., and taught there for ten years serving as President for several of those years. Gene successfully demolished his old house and rebuilt a new one on the same lot in 1977-78.

He was a man of many talents. He played viola and piano and was a vocal soloist. he loved to travel. His favorite trip was to Greece in the footstep of St. Paul. In 2005 he and Janet traveled with Randy to 16 cities in Europe. Gene was a member of Oregon Church of God and helped plant two churches in Rockford, Family Bible Fellowship on N. Ridge and Winnebago New Life.

He is predeceased by his parents, his father-in-law, Willis Turner, and his niece, Beth Harrison Mattison.

He is survived by his wife, his sons Richard and Randy, and his daughter Marianne Stilson, grandchildren, Joel Stilson, Amoury Hudson, Jessi Hudson, Bijoux Stilson and Finnigan Stilson and great granddaughter Adelaide Hubbell, and mother-in-law, Ida Mae Turner. Gene believed in the promises made to believers in the blessed hope that Jesus is coming again and will resurrect him from the grave to eternal life in the Kingdom of God on earth.

Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 at Farrell Holland Funeral Home, 110 South 7th Street in Oregon. A private graveside service was held at Emmanuel Cemetery in Paynes Point. A memorial fund is established for the Church of God General Conference Archives and may be directed to the family.

James L. Barnes

OREGON — James L. "Jim" Barnes, 93, long-time Oregon resident, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, at Swedish-American Hospital, Rockford following a short illness. Born Oct. 13, 1928, in Decatur, the son of Roy and Lela (Duncan) Barnes.



for 6 years 2006 to 2012, serving as Chairman 2010 to 2012. Jim was one of the founders and served on the Autumn on Parade Committee for over 25 years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Rock River Center and was an active member for over 21 years. He also served on the Oregon Ambulance Service for 20 years. He and his wife, Barb, were active members of the Blackhawk Twirlers Square Dance Club for 25 years.

Predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Barbara; son, Scott; grandson, Jim Pearson; granddaughter, Amanda Heimstead; and daughter-in-law, Diane Barnes.

Survived by his son, Jim Barnes; daughters, Virginia (Robert) Pearson and Penny (William) Stoughton; grandchildren: Lisa Albee, Brett Barnes, Dan Pearson, Tim Barnes, Dustin Heimstead, Benjamin Heimstead, Ethan Heimstead, Cameron Heimstead and Wyatt Heimstead; and 13 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Jim will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon, assisted the family.

Marsdon Stukenberg

FORRESTON — Marsdon Stukenberg, 83, of Forreston, passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 at Rush University Hospital in Chicago. He was born Oct. 13, 1938 in Freeport, to Donald and Margaret (DeWall) Stukenberg.



Stukenberg of College Station, Texas, Anna (Alex Wand) Stukenberg of Franklin, Tenn., Ryan (Lauren) Stukenberg of Breese, Ill., and Nathan (Kristyn Hannah) Stukenberg of Des Plaines; and four great-grandchildren Piper, Pax, Parker, and Pierce.

On Nov. 1, 1958 he married Barbara Plum in Forreston. Barbara passed away Aug. 17, 2011. He was a member of Forreston United Methodist Church. Marsdon was a lifelong farmer on his family farm. He enjoyed dirt track racing, motorcycle trips with friends, camping, spending the winters in Florida with

his camper, and spending time with family.

He is survived by his two sons Randy (Jen Graves) Stukenberg and Mike (Colleen) Stukenberg both of Forreston; five grandchildren Matthew (Maureen) Stukenberg of Arlington Heights, Jacob

Preceding Marsdon in death are his parents, wife, and brother LaMoine.

Due to Covid private services will be held. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A memorial has been established in Marsdon's memory.

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

Oct. 27
At 10:23 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Andrew N. Bjorkman, 34, of Mundelein, IN, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for criminal damage to property. Bjorkman was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Nov. 2
At 7:45 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street involving a 2003 Toyota driven by Cayden R. Lewis, 16, Mt. Morris and a 2008 Pontiac driven by Anaya J. Hitchcock, 16, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 2 p.m., Oregon Police issued one 14-year-old male juvenile of Mt. Morris a city citation for possessing tobacco products and/or alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School.
At 10:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Addyson K. Swisher, 16, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of W. Washington Street.

Nov. 3
At 2:29 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of Oregon Trail Road and IL Route 64 involving a 2018 Dodge driven by Michael P. Smidt, 32, Oregon, and a 2014 Ford driven by Owen T. James, 19, Oregon. Smidt was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Nov. 6
At 12:10 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Allison S. Toal, 37, Byron, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Toal was also issued a citation for driving without lights. Toal was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

At 9:06 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 700 block of S. 3rd Street resulting in the arrest of Robert D. VanDyke, 40, Oregon, for violation of orders of protection. VanDyke was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Nov. 7
At 6:34 p.m., Oregon Police issued Hannah R. Sheridan, 19, Sterling, citations for speeding, and possession of an improper cannabis container. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

3 parking tickets and 7 verbal warnings issued during the week of 11/01/2021 through 11/07/2021.

Nov. 9
At 5:27 a.m., Oregon Police issued Yezamin A. Bugarin Delgado, 20, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 50mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred near the intersection of North 4th

and Fair Streets.
At 7 p.m., Oregon Police issued Randall L. Banister, 39, Oregon, a city citation for the ordinance violation of unlawful burning. This violation occurred on the right of way at North Nohe Avenue and E. Center Street.

Nov. 10
At 11:34 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a physical domestic call in the 600 block of S. 5th Street resulting in the arrest of James A. Porter, 38, Oregon, for domestic battery and resisting/obstructing a peace officer. Porter was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Nov. 13
At 3:53 p.m., Oregon Police issued Lisa Schnulle, 50, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 200 block of E. Washington Street.

At 6:07 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Matthew J. Leopold, 43, Winnebago, for driving while license revoked. Leopold was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

Nov. 14
At 5:17 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jason E. Charlet, 33, of Kewanee, a citation for speeding, 49 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 12:20 p.m., Oregon Police issued Scott B. Cuvelier, 66, of Fort Meyers, Fla., a citation for speeding, 57 mph in a 35 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

At 7:59 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kathryn D. Evans, 53, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 42 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 8:18 p.m., Oregon Police issued Devante M. Wesley, 20, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 42 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

At 9:06 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jessica A. Peterson, 37, Mt. Morris, a citation for speeding, 45 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 1:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued one 14-year-old male juvenile of Mt. Morris a city citation for possessing tobacco products and/or alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School.

2 parking ticket and 7 verbal warnings issued during the week of 11/08/2021 through 11/14/2021.

Nov. 15
At 9:59 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call around the 700 block of S. 4th or

S. 3rd Street resulting in the arrests of three people, being Elijah B. Oluduro, 21, Rochelle, for resisting/obstructing a peace officer; Sara V. Stallone, age 20, Rochelle, for illegal consumption of alcohol as a minor and aggravated battery to a peace officer; and Zachary J. Metzger, 21, of Cedarville, IL, for filing a false police report and driving under the influence of alcohol. All three individuals were transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 700 block of S. 3rd Street.

Nov. 16
At 6:09 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael L. Pearce, 63, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for aggravated criminal sexual assault. Pearce was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Nov. 20
At 1:17 a.m., Oregon Police issued Ashton K. Rutherford, 25, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

At 6:22 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Quentin L. D. Hanson, 29, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Hanson was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 9:32 p.m., Oregon Police issued Colin P. Bucchi, 16, of St. Charles, a citation for speeding, 48 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the area of 4th and Fair Streets.

11 parking tickets and 17 verbal warnings issued during the week of 11/15/2021 through 11/21/2021.

ORDINANCE REMINDERS:
12.08.010 Unlawful Burning

Only dry branches, leaves and grass clippings can be burned in the city limits. Branches shall not exceed 1 1/2 inches in diameter. No burning shall commence prior to 10:00 a.m. nor shall it be allowed later than sunset. All non-recreational fires must be extinguished by sunset. Smoldering is not allowed at any time. Burning permitted no earlier than March 1 and shall end no later than November 30 of each year. No burning shall take place on any right-of-way, street, or alley in the city limits. All fires and burning shall be supervised and attended at all times by an adult. No yard waste shall be transported into the city limits from outside of the city.

(Code 1970, § 7-2-8; Code 1987, § 5-22; Ord. No. 1161, 4-9-2001)

24.16.010 Paragraph K: Parking On Street After Snowstorm:

After a snowfall of one inch or more has accumulated on the public streets the following rules will apply:
Vehicles must be parked

on the side of the street where the even-numbered building or house would be located between the hours of 7:00 a.m. on that day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day on even calendar days.

Vehicles must be parked on that side of the street where odd-numbered building or house would be located between the hours of 7:00 a.m. that day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day on odd calendar days.

Any person who violates this paragraph K, 1, c shall be fined per the fine schedule.

Nov. 22
At 8:54 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Corey D. Kelchner, Sr., 37, Rochelle, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Kelchner was issued a recognizance bond and was released.

Nov. 24
At 11:30 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Tyree J. Olarge, 22, of Joliet, IL, for driving while license suspended. Olarge was also issued citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and improper cannabis container as a driver. Olarge was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 900 block of W. Washington Street.

Nov. 25
At 1:19 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Christopher R. Weber, 42, Byron, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Weber was also issued a citation

for improper lane usage. Weber was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

Nov. 26
At 6:40 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Gary M. Tabor, 34, of Harmon, IL, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Tabor was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Nov. 28
At 1:08 a.m., Oregon Police issued Sharla J. Robbins, 66, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 900 block of W. Washington Street.

2 parking tickets and 11 verbal warnings issued during the week of 11/22/2021 through 11/28/2021.

Nov. 29
At 12:47 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Kristopher M. Mockovak, 20, of Shannon, on two outstanding Ogle County warrants for failure to appear on a burglary charge and a failure to appear on a theft under \$500 charge. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Nov. 30
At 3:08 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of S. 9th Street resulting in the arrest of Breanna T. L. Lloyd, 22, Oregon, for domestic battery. Lloyd was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 6:36 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Paul C. Hermes, 27, Dixon, on an

outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Hermes was transported to the Ogle County jail.

Dec. 2
At 11:56 p.m., Oregon Police issued Dominique L. Penn, 32, Mt. Morris, a traffic citation for no valid driver's license. A passenger in Penn's vehicle, Searcia L. Warren, 33, Mt. Morris, was arrested on two outstanding warrants for failure to appear, one out of South Dewitt County, IL, and one out of South Ford County, IL. Warren was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of W. Washington Street.

Dec. 3
At 9:55 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Shaunta S. Reyes, 34, Rockford, on an outstanding Whiteside County warrant for failure to appear. Reyes was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 9:16 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ryan M. Henry, 32, Rochelle, a traffic citation for speeding, 52 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. Daysville Road.

Dec. 4
At 11:15 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Monica K. Miller, 42, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Miller was transported to the Ogle County jail.

1 parking ticket and 4 verbal warnings issued during the week of 11/22/2021 through 11/28/2021.

The 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.



OUR CHARITIES NEED OUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER!

For Just \$20 you have a chance to be one of **365 DAILY WINNERS TOTAL CASH PRIZES \$18,250** PLUS Each Calendar Has VALUABLE LOCAL COUPONS

Here are 3 Ways to Purchase Your 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar!

• **ONLINE:** Go to <http://fromtheheartrochelle.org> and click on **PURCHASE CALENDARS**. Once the calendar is purchased we will mail it out to you! Shipping and processing fees will be added to cost.

• **IN PERSON:** You can pick up a 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar **TODAY** at the following locations:
In Rochelle at: First State Bank, Stillman Bank, HOPE Chest, Dimond Bros. Insurance and Hub City Senior Center
In Oregon at: Merlin's
In Dixon at: Shining Star
In Amboy at: Amboy News Office

• **BY MAIL:** Fill out the form below and send it in to us and we will mail a 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar to you! Shipping fees are added to cost.

YES! Send me my 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar!
(Please Print)

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
NUMBER OF CALENDARS: _____

Clip and mail this form along with \$22 (\$20 per calendar plus \$2 per calendar postage) to:
Rotary Calendar, PO BOX 372, Rochelle, IL 61068

Church holding Candlelight Service

MOUNT MORRIS—The Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris invites you to attend our annual Christmas Candlelight Service, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m.

This special evening will include a variety of musical pieces, such as a women's ensemble, children's choir, and congregational singing. Our service will feature a short book reading for children

and brief message by our senior pastor, Bruce McKanna. The program will be followed by a Birthday Party for Jesus with a dessert reception for all.

The church is located at 102 S. Seminary Ave., at the intersection of Front Street and Seminary Avenue. For more information, go to www.efcmm.org or find us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/efcmm](https://www.facebook.com/efcmm).

LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center has upcoming programs

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th St., 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.

Unique holiday gift boxes and Christmas gifts

For last minute Christmas gifts, stop by Rock River Center for grab and go gifts such as:

- * Easy-to-prepare items
 - * Cookie mixes with baking instructions included
 - * Specialty Hot chocolate ceramic coffee mugs
 - * Uniquely packaged and decorated
 - * Ornaments are available as well.
 - * Appropriate for Men and women
- Perfect gifts for teachers, bus drivers, co-workers, hair-stylists, and more. All affordably priced: \$8.00 or less. Purchase at Rock River Center 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Call us at 815-732-3252 with questions.

Christmas Programs at Rock River Center

Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Oregon Jr. High Band will perform from 10:30-11 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 20, A "Timeless" Christmas Sing-A-Long, featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center

Registration requested to accommodate seating. Call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Refreshments will be served. Packaged, unopened cookie donations accepted.

MS 2016 Outlook Basics

Thursday, Dec. 16, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. The class will cover the basic functions of the email program and address book of Microsoft Outlook. Learn tasks such as setting up your address book (contacts), and how to send and receive mails. Handouts will be provided. Experience using a mouse is helpful required.

NicorGas 'sharing' program

NICOR GAS sharing program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose income is above 150% of poverty level and less than 250% of the poverty level.

For a 1-person household the 30-day

income minimum gross must be at least \$2,148, but no more than the limit of \$2,683,

For a 2-person household the minimum gross monthly income must be at least \$2,905, but no more than \$3,629,

For a 3-person household the minimum gross monthly income must be at least \$3,661, but no more than \$4,575, etc.

This program is available through August 31, 2022

You can apply for the NICOR GAS Sharing program through the Rock River Center. Call 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252 for more information or to make an appointment.

Support groups

Cancer support group

"Facing the Challenge" is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings. ANYONE who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & December from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Rock River Center.

Caregiver support group

Kaylene Park, RN from Serenity Hospice & Home, leads the Caregiver Support Group. This group is not limited to those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. We welcome those new to caregiving, those who anticipate care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call 815-732-3252.

Diabetic support group

Sheryl Roche, Licensed Dietician, facilitates this group by offering support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join us for shared discussion and menu options as well. This informative group meets the 1st Wednesday each month from 11 a.m. - 12 pm at Rock River Center. For more information, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

Low vision group

This is a group for those who have low vision, any form of vision loss, AMD or to caregivers of those with vision loss. Low Vision Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at noon at Rock River Center.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277
Pastor: Janet Wold
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.

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, NextGen/Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls
Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week. Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
701 W. Second Street PO Box 927 Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Pastor: Tyler Spellious
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.
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: chanaumc@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.

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community" Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell
Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com
14080 Rt. 72 East, Davis Junction (Next to Fritz's Electrical) • 815-973-1369
Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203
Pastor Scott Ralston
Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
Pastor Sung-Eun Kim
OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS
Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am. AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings. God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting. Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

9106 Cedar St. in Adeline, Leaf River, IL 61047 • Ph:815-541-4863
Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship Service 10:15 am
VISITORS WELCOME

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)
9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available
6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.)
16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049
815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org
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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67
Lindenwood IL
815-393-4658
Worship- 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship following service

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: office@goelimchurch.org
Website: www.goelimchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www.disciplesumc.org
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815-734-4853
secretary@disciplesumc.org
102 N. Maple Ave.
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic. Email: mtmcb@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM.
Sunday Church School 10:45 AM; (Sept. 10, 2017 Thru May 2018) Sept.-May
Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM; Chancel Choir Wednesday 7:00 PM.

OREGON

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENZERREREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683
Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

860 W. Oregon Trail Road Oregon, IL Phone: 732-6847 or 732-2604 Pastor Michael Hoffman; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday activities: Adult, Children, and Youth Groups 7 p.m. At the church.

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642
Pastor: David Snow "A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, family-oriented ministry." Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815/732-2994
www.oregonumc.org • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick
9:00am Fellowship/Sunday School; 10:00am Worship with music, meditation & Fellowship; 10:15am Announcements begin.

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL, 812-236-1213 • riverstonecc.com
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Website: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saintbride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064
Phone: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Nail
Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
www.stmarypolo.org

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. "THE GRAND Kids Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: PoloOpenBible.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsccn.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service
Cave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM, .
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We Are an independent non-denominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • [facebook.com/Faithumcpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faithumcpolo)

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.
815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
Pastor Eric Tonjes, www.kishchurch.org
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872
Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • www.valleycov.org
Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Childrens
Sunday morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning and conversation; 10:15am
Worship, both onsite and online at www.facebook.com/VECCofSV
We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if ill.
Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.
Please call or visit the website more info about Bible study groups, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Valley Covenant Preschool. Also the home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
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



CHRISTMAS *services*

St. Mary Church Oregon & Polo

Fr. Joseph P. Naill
Pastor
OREGON
301 N. Fourth
Oregon, IL
815-732-7383

POLO
211 N. Franklin Ave.
Polo, IL
815-946-2535

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021

4:00 p.m.....Oregon & Polo

Christmas Day
December 25, 2021

9:00 a.m.....Oregon & Polo

Mary, Mother Of God

January 1, 2022

9:00 a.m.....Oregon



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THE UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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701 West Second Street, Byron, IL



December 24 ~ 5:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service
Candlelight, Carols,
Communion & Special Music

Celebrate with us!
9:00 am: Adult Christian Education
10:30 am: Worship Service

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United Church of Byron

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on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

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service*

12132021

Disciples United Methodist 102 Maple Ave., Mt. Morris



Christmas Eve Service 4:30 PM

*A Family Christmas Service
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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Police report

General Calls for Service for the weeks of November 8, 2021 thru November 21, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	17
Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	1
Disturbance/Domestic	2
Fire/Medical Assist	8
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	1
911 Hang Up	1
Traffic Stops	21

Nov. 23
 TIME: 11:19 a.m.
 REPORT: Steve P. Embick, 73, Mount Morris, was cited for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Embick was released on an I-Bond.

Nov. 26
 TIME: 2:10 p.m.
 REPORT: Nancy A. Lenhart, 81, Mount Morris, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Lenhart was released on an I-Bond.

Dec. 1
 TIME: 3:56 p.m.
 REPORT: Sarah K. Beckingham, 42, Dixon, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. Beckingham was release on an I-Bond.

Dec. 2
 TIME: 5:41 p.m.
 REPORT: Alyssa M. Piper, 24, Polo, was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Piper was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of November 22,2021 thru December 5, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	14
Fire/Medical Assist	7
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	5
Traffic Stops	21
County Assists	3

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LOCAL NEWS

Pantry has variety of items during December

MOUNT MORRIS – Loaves & Fish Food Pantry will be giving out warm hats, scarves, and gloves as well as some toys and household items during the month of December.

Visitors to the pantry can come in to the church (please wear a mask) and pick out items before shopping. For those who are not comfortable coming into the church, a limited selection will be available curbside.

We will also have a ham for each family that would like one. These will be available for indoor shoppers as well as curbside. No proof of residency or income is required.

In December the pantry is open Dec. 13 from 2-4:30 p.m., Dec. 16 from 4:30-7 p.m. and Dec. 27 from 2-4:30 p.m. If you do not need to shop for other grocery items, you are still welcome to come and pick up a ham and some winter accessories!

Loaves and Fish Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. If you have any questions, call 815-734-4573 and leave a message with phone number and we will return your call. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. No proof of residency or income is required to receive food on normal pantry days.

Goodfellows accepting holiday donations

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris Goodfellows are accepting monetary donations for those in need this holiday season.

Donations are greatly appreciated. Jerry Griffin and Charlie Beard, Goodfellows co-chairmen, say that the Goodfellows will once again be able to provide assistance this Christmas thanks to the financial support of the community.

Each holiday season, for nearly 70 years, the Goodfellows have provided food assistance and fruit baskets to residents in Mt. Morris.

Donations can be mailed to Mt. Morris Goodfellows,

P.O. Box 75, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 or dropped into a Goodfellows donation can located at local businesses.

Participating Mt. Morris businesses are Sterling Federal Bank, Union Savings Bank, Rockford Bell Credit Union, Cimino's Pizza, The Idle Hour, Moose Lodge, Peppermill Restaurant, Sharky's, Shell Express, Sullivan's Grocery, Village Hall, Mobil, Eclips Hair Salon, Home Town Diner, Campus Café and Mullarkey's Bar & Grill.

If you have any questions regarding Goodfellows, please call Jerry Griffin at 815-440-4440. The Mt. Morris Goodfellows appreciate your support.

Easy to recycle old holiday lights in Ogle County

Some of those holiday light strands from previous years may not be working anymore and can be recycled very easily here in Ogle County.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is again partnering with local fire departments and villages to again offer several convenient drop-off boxes so those frustrating, nonfunctional holiday light strands can be recycled.

Starting Nov. 15, drop-off boxes will be available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley, and Mt. Morris. They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, and Davis Junction, and Creston. Light

strands are also accepted at the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. Boxes will remain at these locations until Jan. 21, 2022.

Accepted light strands include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, LED lights, and other holiday light strands. Extension cords are also accepted. Material not accepted include rope lights, wreaths, garland, metal stakes or silhouettes, live greens, plastic decorations, timers, and light packaging, plastic bags, or cardboard boxes. Placing just the light strands and cords into the bins increases material value and makes the recycling process more efficient for the processor.

Lights and cords will be shipped to Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations in Onalaska, Wis., to be recycled. In 2020-2021, over 1,500 pounds of material was collected and recycled through this program.

So as we prepare to untangle, test, and put out those holiday lights this season, remember you can help the environment and recycle all those strands of lights which have brightened our homes in the past but now refuse to light up anymore. If you have any questions about this program, or wish to learn about other recycling opportunities in Ogle County, call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or visit www.oglecounty.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Dec. 14

Holiday Storytime: *The Night Before Christmas* at the Julia Hull Library, 6:30 p.m. We'll read the classic *The Night Before Christmas*, play games, and create a craft sure to make your season merry and bright. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Weds., Dec. 15

The Oregon Jr. High Band will perform from 10:30-11 a.m. at Rock River center in Oregon.

Thurs., Dec. 16

Evening Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2 in Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. A mask is required to enter the building. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

Holiday Gnomes for adults, Byron Public Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come enjoy a night out at the library with friends and make Holiday Gnomes. All supplies will be provided. To register please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

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Fri., Dec. 17

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at the Serenity Shed 131 N 3rd Street in Oregon. This is open to all adults in the community. Please call 815-731-4111 by 4 p.m. on Dec. 16 to register. Please bring your own supplies.

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.

Sun., Dec. 19

The Oregon High School Christmas Concert will be held at 2 p.m. in the OHS Music Room. The concert will feature the OHS Choir, Madrigals, Jazz Band, and Concert Band. There is no admission fee.

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Dec. 30, 1803, Francis Lewis, signer of the Declaration of Independence, dies in New York City at age 90. Lewis' patriotism came at a high cost: The British army destroyed his Long Island estate and took his wife prisoner in 1776.

* On Jan. 1, 1863, farmer Daniel Freeman submits the first claim under the new Homestead Act for a property in Nebraska. By the 1890s, many homesteaders found that farming 160 acres of such dry land was nearly impossible, and at least half the original claims were abandoned.

* On Dec. 27, 1944, during World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt gives orders to seize properties belonging to the Montgomery Ward company because it refused to comply with a labor collective bargaining agreement. Roosevelt said strikes in wartime cannot be condoned.

* On Dec. 29, 1956, the New York Times leaks news that the United States is preparing a major policy statement on the Middle East. The Eisenhower Doctrine would proclaim that the U.S. would use force in the Middle East to contain Soviet aggression.

* On Dec. 31, 1968, the Soviet Union's TU-144 supersonic airliner makes its first flight, months ahead of the Anglo-French Concorde. In 1965, the French had arrested Sergei Pavlov, head of the Paris office of the Soviet airliner Aeroflot, for illegally obtaining classified information about France's supersonic project.

* On Dec. 28, 1973, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's "literary investigation" of the police-state system in the Soviet Union, "The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956," is published in Paris. On Feb. 12, 1974, Solzhenitsyn was arrested, stripped of his citizenship and deported.

* On Jan. 2, 1980, in response to the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty. Carter feared that the Soviet invasion could lead to its gaining control over much of the world's oil supplies.

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Christmas shopping not my favorite

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



That is personal growth, people.

My wife and I are supporters of shopping local, so I do have to venture out into the world to get some things. I love to do my part for local businesses, but I don't like shopping. The struggle is real.

But as my wife and family like presents just like everyone else, I put on my best fake smile and get out there with the unwashed masses.

Why don't I like shopping? Let me count the ways.

First, I have to actually leave the house. I don't mind leaving the house for things like work or to go to a concert or dinner with friends. But leaving the house to shop is really

asking a lot from me – a person who prefers to order gifts while the History channel drones in the background.

Second, I must be in a crowd of, gulp, people. You know who you are, people who aren't me. Sure, you might be nice and love your dog and write cool poetry, but I don't really want to rub elbows with you at a local store. You seem a little too happy to be out and about. Frankly, that makes me suspicious.

Third, do you people even shower anymore? I see way too many people who apparently think it is fine to go out in public with so much grease in their hair that they could fry enough French fries to feed the State Champion Byron football team with it. Take a shower, people! You are going out in public. If you don't do it for yourself, do it for the rest of us.

Fourth, and I will say this again for the people in the back – STOP WEARING YOUR PAJAMAS IN PUBLIC. Did you all get that? It is the clothing version of screaming "I give up!" It seems to be most popular with young people or moms who can't be bothered to put

on jeans. Please, I beg of you. Think enough about yourself that you won't go out into public with your night wear on.

Fifth, who picks the music in these stores? If I was a retail worker, I would be on the verge of tears/rage for most of my entire shift. Honestly, bad county/pop music will make me leave a store. I will simply drop whatever I planned to purchase on the spot and walk right out. And not all Christmas music is good Christmas music. How about we just go without the music, OK? We can shop in silence.

Sixth, kids. I may not be a fan of spanking, but some of the kids I see out at stores could probably use at least a good grounding. Why do people seem to simply let their kids run wild these days? It is fine to tell your kids to knock it off. The rest of us would welcome it. Better yet, if you can, leave them at home if they won't be well behaved.

Like I said, I can be a bit grumpy. But don't worry, it will pass.

On Dec. 26.
Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

We will fight for you, but need your voice

Guest Opinion

By Brian VanVickle



happiness than what is deemed today through items that bring pleasure.

In my reading, I believe Jefferson was referring to at a minimum: food, health, and safety. Obviously, the third aspect is my focus and I believe a growing focus of the general public. The first American Sheriff was appointed in Virginia in 1634. While the job has changed since then, the three core original

duties remain the same: serving the direction of the court, maintaining a jail and protecting citizens.

All three of the original duties are directly attributed to guaranteeing happiness. The upheaval in the past year plus has certainly impacted the ability of law enforcement to adequately provide the basic services but that appears to be changing again.

Data from the previous year has indicated a significant increase in not only violent crime but crime in general. A lack of holding people accountable can be seen in our traffic arrests with a significant increase in driving under the influence crashes, possession of drugs, speeding in excess of 30 miles per hour over the limit and in general interaction with

those offenders.

While I am not sure how this trend started, it has culminated in defunding the police and enhancing criminal's rights, but I think that focus is changing as well. We saw that during the most recent election "defund the police" initiatives were voted down across the country and the rights for law-abiding citizens took priority.

This rhetoric is wearing thin on the vast majority of citizens. Our most basic right is the pursuit of happiness and the Sheriffs of this nation have provided this protection for nearly 400 years. We will keep fighting for you, but you need to make your voice heard to preserve these long-established freedoms.

Brian VanVickle is the Sheriff of Ogle County.

Letter writer gets it wrong on Kinzinger

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Sorenson's letter in this past week edition of Ogle County Life, I have a few comments in regard to his blatantly disregard of facts concerning Rep. Adam Kinzinger. Rep. Kinzinger is a Republican in a traditionally republican district. If one takes the time to check his voting record, he has in the first two years of Trumps reign voted for Trump policies 99 percent of the time and this include the trillion-dollar tax cut for the wealthiest members of our society. Trump was quoted in the press as announcing to his wealthy supporters at Mar-a-Logo, "You all just got a lot richer" after the signing of the bill on 24 Dec. 2017.

The last two years of the Trump reign, Kinzinger's voting record shows he supported Trump 83.6 5 percent of the time. He even expressed disappointment at the outcome of the presidential election in 2020. He voted against impeachment in Trump's first impeachment. His voting in no way betrays the voters he represents. His betrayal of his constituents, as Mr. Sorenson alleges, is his coming to his senses in regard to his allegiance to the most corrupt unqualified person ever to occupy the presidency of this country. For four years Rep, Kinzinger placed his party over the welfare of his country.

Mr. Kinzinger, as a member of the military, as an elected member of Congress has taken an oath to the country to "support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; I will bear truth, faith, and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without mental reservation or purpose of evasion and will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter."

Thankfully for his constituents and the country as a whole, Rep. Kinzinger came to his senses, and I hope remembered his obligation as a member of the military and member of Congress.

Mr. Sorenson allegations of charging people without evidence is certainly without merit, has he not been watching the news? The twice impeached former first guy has been investigated multiple times and found guilty of obstruction of justice in multiple occasions. (Mueller Report) The only thing that kept him from being prosecuted was a Justice Department ruling that a sitting president cannot be prosecuted. My latest research shows that Trump is currently being investigated in 18 separate criminal and civil investigations. Is that not enough to raise suspicion? While reading Mr. Sorenson's letter, I thought I was reading satire. Imagine my disappointment when I discover this was supposedly a serious letter.

Foot note: Democrats in Springfield did not redraw district lines so a Democrat would win his seat. Rep. Kinzinger would have been running against a fellow Republican, Darin LaHood in the primaries. I seriously doubt that any Democrat will unseat Mr. LaHood.

James Gorman, Grand Detour

LOCAL NEWS

Mighty Clovers

Have you ever wondered about 4-H? 4-H is a fun way to learn new things and meet new people. We play games or crafts at many meetings, we have guest speakers, talks and demonstrations. Membership is open to those 8+. The Mighty Clovers meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:15-8 p.m. at Monroe Center Community Church. A club member can do fun projects every year and have a chance to go to the State Fair. In November, the Mighty Clovers had a guest speaker, Doug Montavon, who discussed gun safety and shooting sports. The Club also voted for officers, and held a candle lighting service to honor our new officers and members.



The officers are: Clare Montavon – President, Maggie Eden -Secretary, Mallory King - Treasurer, Trinity Feltz - Sentinel, Kamryn Feltz - Club Reporter



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All are welcome and it is free to attend. Optional \$8 lunch catered. RSVP requested.

Curious to know what's going on in Ogle County Courts? Find out from the Ogle County State's Attorney.

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There will be time for questions.

Oregon Rotary

Oregon Rotary was pleased to host Jeff Bold, Jeff represents Encore. Encore is a Cultural initiative of Mt Morris Illinois Economic Development Corp. Encore hosts events in Mt. Morris such as Straw USA and Porch fest. For more info go to: EncoreMtMorris.com. Pictured from left: Julie Mann, Mark Tremble and Jeff Bold.

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<p>108 N. Ramona Avenue, Rochelle \$125,900 Call Taylor</p> <p>WELCOME HOME!! This 3 bedroom 1 bath ranch home is move-in ready with many updates! Some of the recent updates include new carpet in 2019, new vinyl flooring in 2019, a new water heater, new light fixtures, and a built-in bar in the basement. The kitchen features new appliances, refinished cabinets, new backsplash, and a new sink faucet. This home includes laundry hookups on both the first floor and basement. The spacious back yard is fully fenced. This home also features city water and sewer. Don't miss this one, call today to set up a showing!</p>	<p>106 N. School Street, Chana \$114,900 Call Carla</p> <p>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! Priced at \$114,900.</p>	<p>501 Sunset Lane, Mt. Morris \$70,000 Call Mark</p> <p>VeryAFFORDABLE 2bedroom, 1 full bath Lustron home in Mt. Morris with many NICE features! All new flooring in 2021. Kitchen has good counter and cabinet space, double stainless sink, electric stove, refrigerator. Appliances will stay. 1st floor laundry room with washer and dryer is super convenient! This home has newer replaced windows and sheet rocked walls. No maintenance enameled steel exterior and roof. Large chain link fenced yard will be perfect for the kids and pets! Detached 2.5 garage with plenty of work space. All new sewer line in 2021. STOP paying rent and START putting your money toward your own home!</p>	<p>000 Blackhawk Road, Oregon \$210,000 Call Rebecca</p> <p>20 ACRES MOL of Woods and Pasture! Mature oak and black walnut trees surround this beautiful property located just east of downtown Oregon. Minutes from town, you can enjoy the peace and quiet of country living and panoramic, country views. There are several stunning home sites that would be perfect for building your dream home with an exposed lower level. This property is also excellent hunting ground. Well & septic required. Zoned AG. Seller is willing to divide into two, 10 acre tracts- asking \$105,000 for each parcel.</p>	<p>410 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris \$134,900 Call Stephanie</p> <p>Sprawling 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. You will love the spacious living and dining rooms, foyer and first floor laundry. Home has some fresh paint and master bath was just remodeled. Full basement and the prep work has been started for you included framing of rooms, wiring run and roughed in plumbing. Basement has egress window if you need to finish for a4th bedroom. Fenced in yard has above ground pool, storage shed and a large deck for entertaining. Roof new in 2018.</p>
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<p>425 Hill Street, Mt. Morris \$105,000 Call Rebecca</p> <p>WELCOME HOME! Move in ready 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home situated on a quiet street in Mt Morris. Kitchen has newer stainless steel appliances, flooring and counter tops. Off of the kitchen is a large dining room featuring built-ins and new flooring. Spacious living room with large window offering plenty of natural light. Bathroom is gleaming with a freshly polished tub, new surround, new flooring and vanity. Lower level could be finished to offer additional living space. Attached 1 car garage, no going in and out of the cold to get to your car!</p>	<p>6646 E. Ill Route 64, Chana \$325,000 Call Rebecca</p> <p>RURAL LIVING AT ITS FINEST! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home situated on 5.5 acres ZONED AG! You better move quickly to call this property, HOME. Inside you will find a beautifully updated kitchen with white cabinets, quartz counter tops, subway tile and stainless appliances. Large eat in area off of the kitchen with spacious pantry. There is also a front formal living room and inviting family room with wood burning fireplace on the main floor. Upstairs you will find 4 bedrooms and a bonus space that could make a great study, office or craft space. Lower level is partially finished with an additional rec room and egress windows. You will fall in love with all that this property has to offer outdoors: garden shed, two playhouses, wood space and trails around the property leading to a beautiful, meandering creek complete with railroad bridge! There is a 30x40 outbuilding with electric. Whole house generator included. Call for your showing today!</p>	<p>1741 N. River Road, Oregon \$239,000 Call Rebecca</p> <p>HISTORIC HOME ON ACREAGE! 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home bursting with vintage charm and updates on 4 acres. ZONED AG. Main floor has a front formal dining room, formal living room, family room and office space/4th bedroom. Kitchen was updated with freshly painted cabinets and new appliances that are included. There is a main floor bathroom and mudroom. Upstairs there are 3 bedrooms and a full bathroom. An added bonus is the walk up attic with tons of potential! The exterior has a metal roof, detached 2 car garage, mowed walking paths throughout the acreage, above ground pool (in storage) and additional garage space in the walk out basement. Walk out basement has space that could also be finished for additional square footage. Updates include: new windows with double lifetime warranty, furnace (2020), central air (2020), Aprilaire (2020) and some new flooring on the main.</p>	<p>227 W. Provost Street, Amboy NOW \$250,000 Call Jenny</p> <p>The floor plan on this beautiful, newly built, custom home is fantastic! The custom kitchen is absolutely gorgeous, with a modern feel and an abundance of cabinets and quartz counter space. You will love the huge farmhouse sink and separate bar sink and wine fridge in the island. Living room has vaulted ceilings featuring a floor to ceiling stone fireplace. The main floor laundry is conveniently located and has cabinets and counters for folding. This ranch offers so much for the price: 3 large bedrooms and 2.5 baths, 1800 sq ft., over-sized heated garage with bonus room, massive deck, concrete driveway, and a front porch that is so inviting. Main floor master suite offers tray ceilings, an abundance of space, and a functional walk-in closet with ample shelving. Master bath has a soaker tub along with a separate shower and a vanity with double sinks. There is another shared bathroom between the other bedrooms and a half bath off the main living space.</p>	<p>407 Tracy Avenue, Ashton NOW \$150,000 Call Lori</p> <p>Just around the corner from the high school, this spacious tri-level home feels like it goes on forever! Featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a spacious living room, dine-in kitchen plus dining room, large office space, finished basement, and 2 car garage, there's just so much house here! The owners just put in new carpeting, new floor in the main bathroom, and repainted the bedrooms and kitchen. There's a nice sized backyard with a deck and an enclosed area for a furry friend as well. If you need lots of room, this is the house for you!</p>
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SPORTS/NEWS

Oregon bowlers 8-2

The Oregon Hawks Boys bowling team raised their season record to 8-2 with a 3378-2691 victory over South Beloit on Dec. 7 at Park Lanes, Loves Park, taking all 5 Northern Illinois Bowling Conference (NIBC) standings points.

The Hawks were led by Brandon Rowe with a 665 series (268,239,158). Rowe was followed by Isaac Kaltenbrun 594 series, Jackson Werren 548 series, Gavvin Surmo 542 series, Styler Klapp 532 series and Brady Davis with a 497 series.

The JV raised their record to 10-0 and were led by Roberto Hernandez with a 595 series.

The Oregon Boys bowling team hosted its annual invitational today at Plum Hollow Family Center in Dixon on Dec. 4.

Oregon entered two teams in the Boys Division with Oregon Red finishing with 5339 in 5th place and Oregon White finishing in 8th place with 4858 in this 12-team event. Individually the Hawks were led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with an 1168 series in 10th place, followed by Jackson Werren with an 1112 series and 16th place finish on the Oregon Red team. Gavvin Surmo led the Oregon White team with an 1107 series and 18th place overall.

In the Girls Division, Oregon had a 4614 series and 4th place team finish.

The Lady Hawks were led by 3rd place medalist Eva Wight with an 1160 series. The team showed tremendous improvement over prior contests and

was in award contention throughout the day. Several bowlers established personal season high marks today. Paige Beauchem was impressive with her 1011 series and 11th place overall finish. Also setting season high marks were Mackenzie Alford with a 916 series and 21st place finish and Kendra Ehrler with an 850 series and 24th place finish.

The boys bowling team raised its season record to 7-2 on Dec. 3 with a 3323-2473 victory over Rockford Lutheran tonight at Park Lanes, Loves Park, taking all 5 Northern Illinois Bowling Conference (NIBC) standings points.

The Hawks were led by Jackson Werren with a 650 series (236,201,213). Werren was followed by Isaac Kaltenbrun 605 series, Brady Davis 580 series, Brandon Rowe 571 series, Styler Klapp 480 series and Gavvin Surmo with a 437 series. The JV raised their record to 9-0 and were led by Bryan Immel with a 554 series.

The Oregon Hawks Girls bowling team raised their season record to 3-2 with a 2356-2279 over Rockford Lutheran tonight, taking 4 of 5 Northern Illinois Bowling Conference (NIBC) standings points.

The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 620 series (184,233,203). Wight was followed by Mackenzie Alford with a 466 series, Paige Beauchem 445 series, Trinity Hultquist 359 series, and Kylie Krug with a 210 series.

Scores

Girls Varsity Basketball

Dec. 7
Stillman Valley 60, North Boone 17
Dec. 6
Stillman Valley 39, Rochelle 43
Dec. 4
Stillman Valley 44, Sherrard 51
Dec. 3
Oregon 41, Rockford Christian 44

Boys Varsity Basketball

Dec. 8
Stillman Valley 55, Peru St. Bede 66
Dec. 4
Stillman Valley 60, Princeton 47
Dec. 3
Stillman Valley 54, Oregon 26
Dec. 2
Stillman Valley 42, Harvard 37

Forreton Library News

Santa's Mailbox

Children may drop their letters to Santa in his mailbox at the library. Please include a full name and address and have letters in by Thursday, December 16th, if you would like to receive a reply from Santa.

Christmas in the Country

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Craft Night, Santa visit, and Book Sale. Winners of the children's book drawing were: Landon Borgmann, Adalynn Genandt, Faith Kochsmeir, Lexi Levan, and Cora Schmidt. Congratulations!

New Materials

New adult fiction includes: "Autopsy" by Patricia Cornwell and "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult.

Hat & Mitten Tree

We are collecting hats and mittens of all sizes to be distributed locally. Please

bring in donations by Thursday, December 16th. Thank you for helping keep our community members warm this winter!

Library Hours

The library is open the following hours: 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 anyone over the age of 2. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

Library Updates

Please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the most current information on our plans and activities and also check out our website at forretonlibrary.org. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us by phone at 815-938-2624, email at forretonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging.

Polo Library News

Special Hours – Polo Library will be closed on 12/24 Christmas Eve, and 12/25 Christmas Day. We wish all our patrons a safe and happy holiday!

Genealogy Assistance – Are you interested in researching your ancestors but don't know where to start? Do you have a start and need help with your research? Stop by the first Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or the third Saturday 10 a.m.-noon and let Donna help with your project. Polo Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library which gives you access to more digital records when you're researching at the library.

New Books, movies and more

These items are either available for check out or placing a hold with your PrairieCat account:

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Christmas Promise by Richard Paul Evans
Fear No Evil by James Patterson
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Old
Reminiscence
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Mount Morris Library News

Program Coordinator Needed

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Closed 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Due to staffing issues, the library will be closed on the second and fourth Saturdays until further notice. We are hoping that this will be a temporary measure. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the director or a member of the library board. Contact information is available on the website. www.mtmorris-il.org

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

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 a.m. Donna Wells is our guest reader, and we will have a fun craft to do also. All preschool children are welcome.

Adult Book Club

The December book is *Blackberry Winter* by Sarah Jio. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, Dec. 27th at 3:30 p.m.

Book Signing with Dr. John Plescia

Dr. Plescia will be talking about his book and signing copies here at the

library on Dec. 22nd starting at 5:30. Dr. Plescia's book, *The North Woods Adventures of Bob Baker* is his first published novel. Come and hear about his writing and publishing journey!

Display Case

We have two unique displays for the month of December. One is a collection of Santas and the other is all things "Christmas Story". These displays will brighten your holidays! 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.

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 RRC call 815-732-3252.

Byron Library News

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!

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed on December 24 through December 25 in observance of Christmas. The Byron Public Library will also be closed December 31, 2021 through January 1, 2022 in observance of New Year's Eve and Day. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy holiday season!

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.

Holiday Gnomes for Adults

Thursday, Dec. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Come enjoy a night out at the library with friends & make Holiday Gnomes. Join Cathy as we create our very own DIY Holiday Gnomes that will spruce up any decor in your home. All supplies will be provided. To register please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

Bertolet Library News

Holiday Hours:

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed for Christmas December 24th-27th. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 28th at 10 a.m.

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed for the New Year December 31st-January 2nd. We will reopen on Monday, January 3rd at 10 a.m.

Mitten Tree:

Mittens to wear; Hats for their hair; Scarves for their neck; Gloves too? Check! Our annual Mitten Tree is now on display through the end of December. Please help decorate our Mitten Tree with thick, warm mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for all ages. Items will be distributed through New Life Community Center in January.

Drop-In Craft Night: Monday, Dec. 20, 5-7 p.m.

Kids & Teens: Drop in to the library to make a Christmas Craft to take home.

Paws for Reading: Wednesday, Jan. 19

Paws for Reading will be "Paws"ed in December as Ryan will be celebrating the holidays with her fur-mily in December. So our next Paws for Reading event will be Wednesday, Jan. 19 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. *There will not be Story Hour on December 23rd or 30th.*

Masks:

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

New Releases:

Adult Books
A Double Dose of Love by Kathleen Fuller (LP)
Matched and Married by Kathleen Fuller (LP)
Killing Crazy Horse by Bill O'Reilly (NF)
Picture Books
The Chicken Who Couldn't by Jan Thomas
Mustache Duckstache by Amy Young
Juvenile Books
Cat Ears On Elizabeth by Rachel Vail
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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Leaf River Township Road District

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Leaf River Township Road District for 2021 will be held on December 20, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at 12 Main Street, Leaf River, IL.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Janet Cunningham, Clerk, 12 Main Street, Leaf River, via email at LR-township@gmail.com.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$62,969.18.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$68,336.57. This represents an 8.523% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase/decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$104,604.58.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$112,757.02. This represents a 7.79% increase over the previous year.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Oregon Public Library Procedures

Masks are required upon entering the Library. Hand sanitizing is requested. Please call 815-732- 2724 for any questions. Holds can be placed online through the catalog: <http://search.prairiecat.info/iii/encore/?lang=eng>, over the phone with Library staff, or through our NEW mobile App - PrairieCat Mobile. Remember to check our Facebook posts or the local papers for new releases!

Library Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed Friday, December 24, Saturday, December 25, Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1. Everyone have a safe and happy holiday!

December Distraction – It's Back!

Beginning Monday, December 6, through Saturday, December 20, when Oregon Public Library District cardholders check out reading material, they may receive a scratch-off ticket for every 3 reading material items for a chance to win some readable prizes. Scratch off your ticket and see if you win! Winning ticket holders may select one of the prize packages that are now on display at the Library. Ask one of our librarians for more info.

Library Book Clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, December 15 at 1 p.m. to discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. Books on Tap will meet in December 30 at 6:30 p.m. discuss *The Last Mrs. Parrish* by Liv Constantine. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, January 12 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* by Hank Green.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

Join us on Thursdays through December 16th where we will meet in person at 11 a.m. for stories, crafts, and fun! Registration and masks are required.

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, December 14th (while supplies last)

Coffee Cozy's. Each kit will contain all supplies needed to make a custom coffee cozy. Make as a gift or keep for yourself. Great stocking stuffers. KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders Only. Did you know our Cricut is available for use in our library. Call for more information.

Holiday Movie Trivia Night, Cork N Tap – Wednesday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Grab your friends and have a night out of fun! There will be holiday cheer, prizes, and drinks! Register your team of up to 6 players at (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Ink With A Friend – Monday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline December 15th

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card-making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die-cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Adult Binge Boxes – Registration closes December 22nd

Adult binge boxes will include several books hand-picked by our librarians of a genre you select. Each box will contain a small surprise and treat. Call (815) 732-2724 or visit our website www.oregonpubliclibrary.com to complete the registration for your box. Once your box is ready, you will be notified to pick it up at the Library.

Holiday Movie Binge Boxes – Registration closes December 22nd

Holiday Movie Night Binge Box! Inside each box are DVDs hand-picked for you by our librarians plus a festive treat and gift. Call (815) 732-2724 or visit our website www.oregonpubliclibrary.com to complete the registration for your box. Once your box is ready, you will be notified to pick it up at the Library.

Jumanji Escape Room- December 27th – December 28th & January 3rd – January 4th

Bring your friends and see if you can crack the case. You will have 60 minutes to solve the mystery. Up to 3 friends can join you. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit our website www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Rogue Town Author - Vito Colucci Jr.

Thursday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Local resident, Vito Colucci Jr, takes you back to those days and the years he worked undercover. Disgusted by what was happening in his home town, Stamford police officer Vito Colucci vowed he would do whatever it took to bring the corruption to light. It was a decision that eventually placed him in an undercover role, wearing a wire to gather evidence against senior officers in the Stamford Police Department, and nearly cost him his life. It's the raw truth and that's what makes it so compelling. This program is offered both in-person and through zoom. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit our website at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Registration deadline, January 4th.

Puzzle Library

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

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 due to COVID regulations.

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 ... Jan Brett's *The Night Before Christmas*.

Participate in our first ever StoryWalk® I Spy Contest by picking up your entry sheet (Oregon Public Library cardholders only) at the Library and answer questions from the story. Individual with the most correct answers will win a hardback copy of Jan Brett's *The Night Before Christmas*. Entry sheets available now... contest ends December 21.

OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story... call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed out monthly. The current story is *Shall I Knit You a Hat?* A Christmas Yarn by Kate Klise.

Passport Services

The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. It is recommended that patrons seeking Passport Services call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items you will need for the appointment. Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m. The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

PCs for People

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Pcs for People! We will be a distribution site for this organization. PCs for People distributes low-cost refurbished computers and internet to income-eligible individuals through an easy-to-apply online application system. Every desktop includes a mouse, keyboard, power cords, and monitor cords at no additional cost. Visit our website for more information or use the links below. You can also contact Pcs for People directly at 708-843-8450 or email at info@pcsforpeople.org. Check your eligibility here: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/> Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/oregonILtech>

New Releases

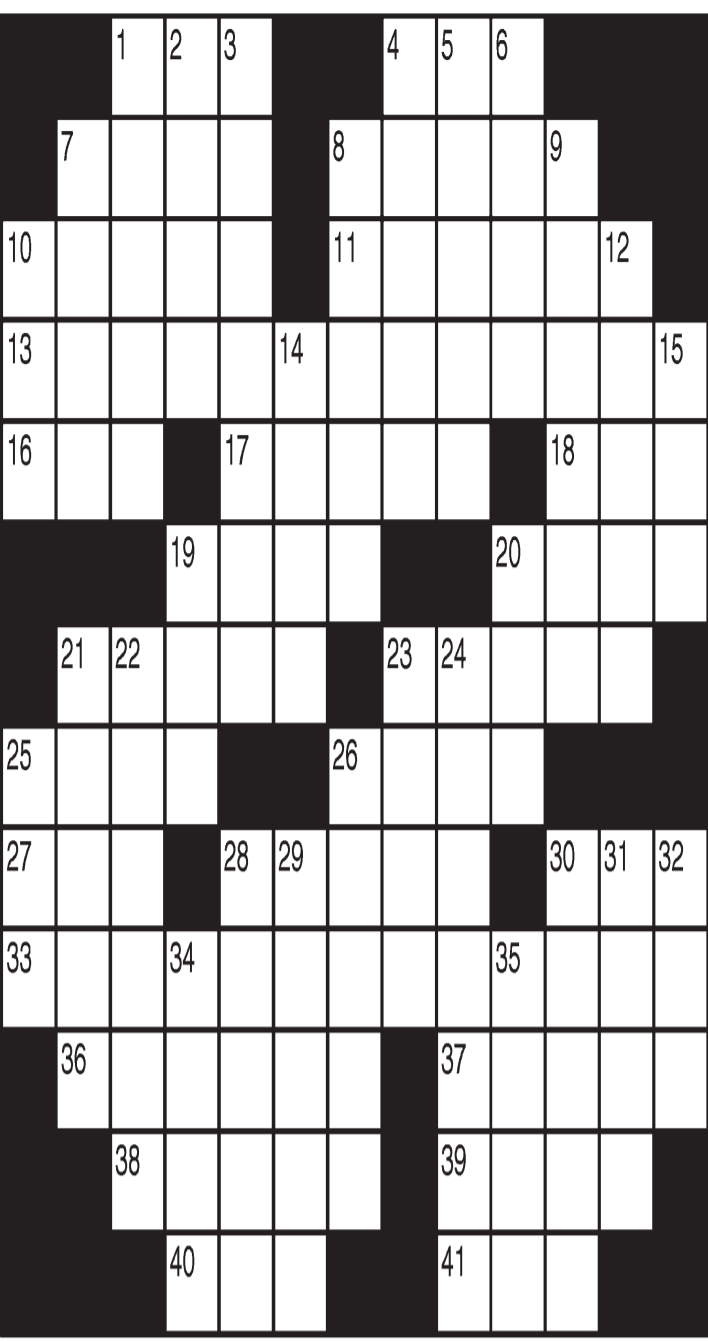
Till Murder Do Us Part: True-Crime Thrillers by James Patterson BOCD 364.152 PAT
Getaway with Murder by Diane Kelly PB MYS KEL
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Paws and Prejudice by Alanna Martin PB ROM MAR
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The Silent House by Nell Pattison FIC PAT
My Best Friend's Exorcism by Grady Hendrix FIC HEN
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In Hot Water by Kate Kingsbury MYS KIN
Game On: Tempting Twenty-Eight by Janet Evanovich MYS EVA
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Will by Will Smith BIO SMI
You Can't Be Serious by Kal Penn BIO PEN
Taste: My Life Through Food by Stanley Tucci BIO TUC

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● WHITE —

- ACROSS**
- 1 PC port
 - 4 Roast VIPs
 - 7 — cheese dressing
 - 8 Some tides
 - 10 Coffee-break hr.
 - 11 Mistakes in print
 - 13 Mitch Hedberg and Margaret Cho, for two
 - 16 Standard
 - 17 Cyber-commerce
 - 18 To and —
 - 19 Greet
 - 20 "Roots" author Haley
 - 21 Racing shell
 - 23 Red-tag events
 - 25 Poker variety
 - 26 \$ dispensers
 - 27 1040 org.
 - 28 Mideast peninsula
 - 30 Mimic
 - 33 "Don't slouch!"
 - 36 Spud
 - 37 Thin nails
 - 38 Brick worker
 - 39 Used car sites
 - 40 Med. plan option



- 41 Away from land
- 25 Venus, to
- 9 Repress
- 26 Playwright
- 10 Recipe abbr.
- 27 Farm units
- 12 Chekhov
- 14 Gas co., for one
- 28 Tic
- 29 "Life — short ..."
- 15 Boston team, for short
- 30 Marble type
- 31 Profs' degrees
- 19 Paul Newman film
- 20 Gore and Franken
- 32 UFO crew
- 34 Hexagonal state
- 21 Vegas area
- 35 Press agent?
- 22 Convention
- 23 Luminary
- 24 Good-natured
- 8 Himalayan

DOWN

- 1 Of an arm bone
- 2 Writer O'Casey
- 3 Unfair treatment
- 4 "Thank you, Henri"
- 5 Yule tune
- 6 Pesky email
- 7 Alpha follower
- 8 Himalayan

Z X U Q S B N K H E B Y V S P
 T M J H R U E B Y V T Q O L I
 G N D E **C H R I S T M A S** N T
 B Y A W T T R O S P M K I A F
 D D E H S A W A H B Y W E I U
 S Q O M P K L I F P D M D S B
 Z X W U S E V O L G S R S S Q
 O N L R N J L H C E A O F U D
 C A Y I S O R E C O N I H R W
 V T P C S Q P N B L H I K P I
 H F E E L C S U P R O C W C B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: THE STAFF OF LIFE

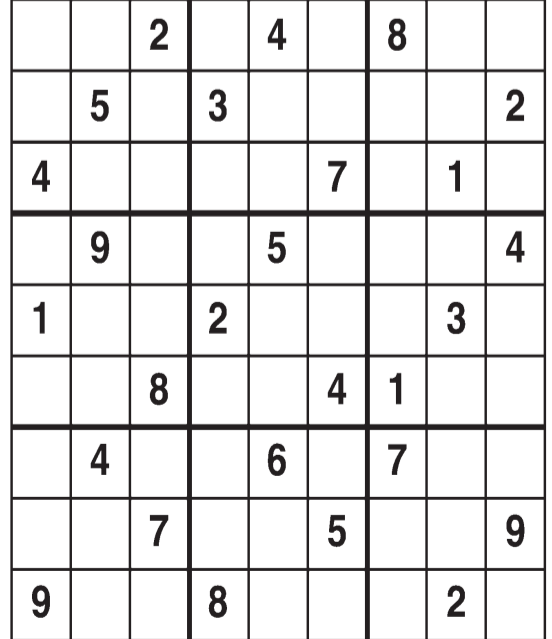
- Board
- Elephant
- Pine
- Sale
- Chocolate
- Gloves
- Rhinoceros
- Washed
- Christmas
- Meat
- Rice
- Wine
- Corpuscle
- Phosphorus
- Russian

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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.

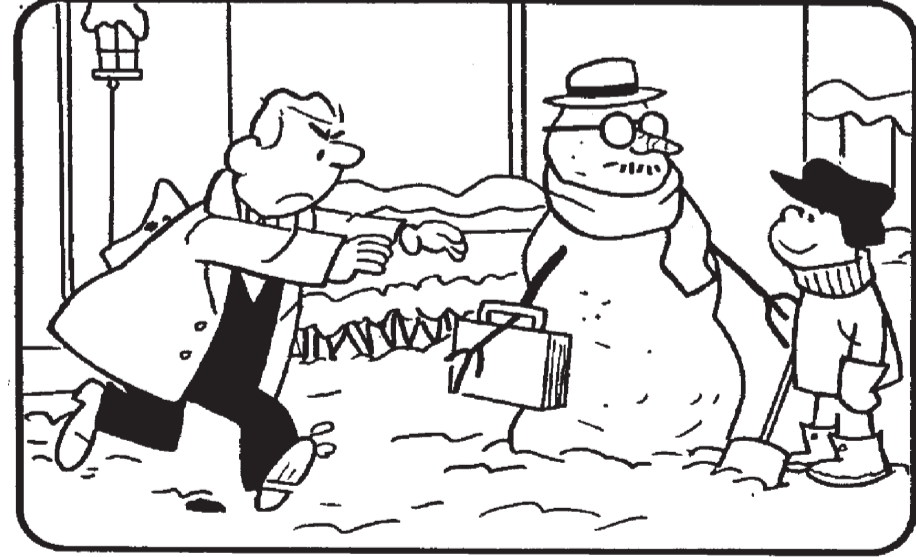
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

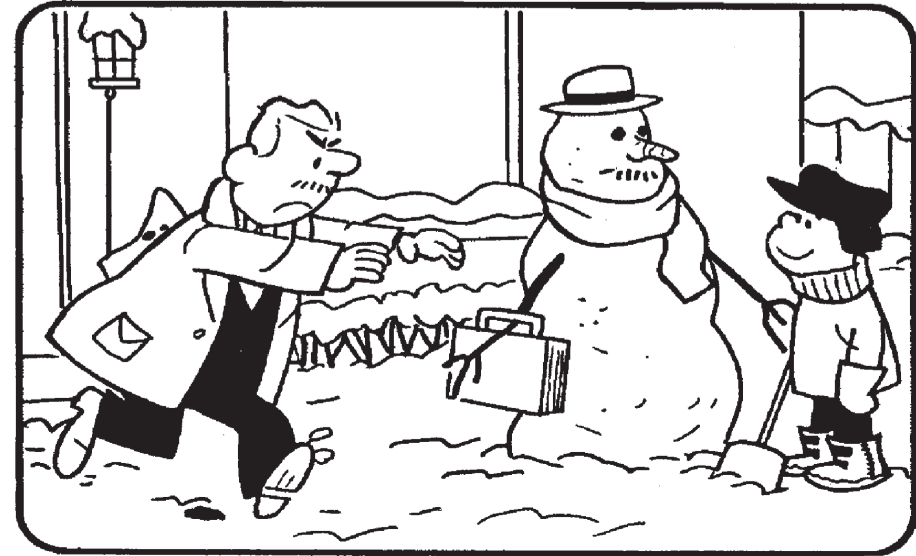
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



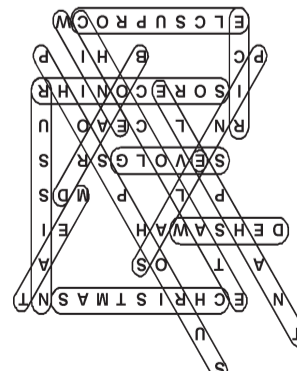
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mustache is added. 2. Glasses are removed. 3. Boots are different. 4. Pocket is added. 5. Parts are different. 6. Button is missing.



Solution time: 24 mins.
 Answers
 — King Crossword —



WHITE

9	6	5	8	7	3	4	2	1
2	3	7	4	1	5	6	8	9
8	4	1	9	6	2	7	5	3
5	2	8	7	3	4	1	9	6
1	7	4	2	9	6	5	3	8
6	9	3	1	5	8	2	7	4
4	8	6	6	2	7	3	1	5
7	5	6	3	8	1	9	4	2
3	1	2	5	4	9	8	6	7

Answer

— Weekly SUDOKU —

MARKETPLACE

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY
NORTHWEST)
BANK OF)
ROCKFORD,)
Plaintiff,)Case
VS.)No.
THE)2021
UNKNOWN)CH
HEIRS AT)25
LAW OR)
LEGATEES)
OF MICHAEL)
P. BYCZYNSKI,)
THE)
UNKNOWN)
HEIRS AT)
LAW OR)
PRUDENCE A.)
BYCZYNSKI,)
CLAIMANTS)
AGAINST THE)
ESTATE OF)
MICHAEL P.)
BYCZYNSKI,)
CLAIMANTS)
AGAINST THE)
ESTATE OF)
PRUDENCE A.)
BYCZYNSKI,)
UNKNOWN)
OTHERS,)
NON)
RECORD)
CLAIMANTS)
AND)
UNKNOWN)
TENANTS,)
TIMOTHY)
MILLER)
AS THE)
SPECIAL)
REPRE)
SENTATIVE)
OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
MICHAEL P.)
BYCZYNSKI)
AND)
PRUDENCE A.)
BYCZYNSKI,)
Defendants.)
NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE
THE REQUISITE
Affidavit for Publication
having been filed,
notice is hereby given
to The Unknown Heirs
at Law or Legatees of
Michael P. Byczynski,
The Unknown Heirs
at Law or Legatees of
Prudence A. Byczynski,
Claimants against the
Estate of Michael P.
Byczynski, Claimants
against the Estate of
Prudence A. Byczynski,
Unknown Others, Non
record Claimants and
Unknown Tenants,
Defendants in the
above-entitled suit,
that the said suit has
been commenced in
the Circuit Court of the
15th Judicial Circuit,
Ogle County, Illinois,
against you praying
for a foreclosure upon
the following property:
Lot Three (3)
of Plat of Subdivision
of the Replat of Lots
8 through 12 and Trei
Court in Howard F.
Trei's Re-Subdivision
of part of Blocks 27 and
29 of Illinois Central
Railroad Company's
Second Addition to the
Town, now Village of
Forreston, recorded
in Book B of Plats,
page 74 as document
No.1994-6088; situated
in the Township of
Forreston, the County
of Ogle and State of
Illinois.
Commonly known
as: 103 Phil Parkway
Forreston, Illinois 61030
P.I.N. Number: 02-
28-326-016
And for other relief, that
the action was filed on
or about July 29, 2021
that Summons was duly
issued out of said Court
against you as provided
by law, and that the
said suit is still pending.
The record titleholder
of the real estate is
The Heirs at Law or
Legatees of Michael P.
Byczynski, deceased.
An identification of the
mortgage sought to be
foreclosed is as follows:
Mortgagor -Michael
P. Byczynski and
Prudence A. Byczynski
Mortgagee - Northwest
Bank of Rockford
Date of Mortgage -
January 5, 2012
Date of Recording -
January 23 212
County of Recording -
Ogle
Recording Document
-201201200530
NOW THEREFORE,
unless you The
Unknown Heirs at
Law or Legatees of
Michael P. Byczynski,
The Unknown Heirs
at Law or Legatees of
Prudence A. Byczynski,
Claimants against the
Estate of Michael P.
Byczynski, Claimants

against the Estate of
Prudence A. Byczynski,
Unknown Others, Non
record Claimants and
Unknown Tenants,
Defendants in the
above-entitled suit,
the said Defendants,
file your Answer to the
Complaint in said suit
or otherwise make your
appearance therein in
the said Circuit Court of
the 15th Judicial Circuit,
Ogle County, 106 S.
5th Street Suite 300
Oregon, Illinois 61061
on or before December
31, 2021 which is at
least 30 days after
the date of the first
publication of this
notice, default may be
entered against you at
any time after that date
and a judgment may be
entered in accordance
with the prayer of the
Complaint.
Dated at Rockford,
IL on the 15th day of
November, 2021.
Kimberly A. Stahl
Clerk of the Circuit
Court
Ogle County, Illinois
Plaintiff's Attorney
Timothy F. Horning
MEYER & HORNING,
P.C.
3400 N. Rockton
Avenue
Rockford, IL 61103
815/636-9300
No. 1115 (Nov. 22, 29,
Dec. 6, 13)
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby
given that on November
16, 2021, a certificate
was filed in the Ogle
County Clerk's Office
setting forth the names
and post office address
of all of the persons
owning, conducting
and transacting the
business known as:
Equivalent Exchange,
215 Washington St.
- Suite A, Oregon, IL
61061.
Dated: November 16,
2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle
County Clerk
No. 1119 (Nov. 22, 29,
Dec. 6, 13)
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby
given that on November
18, 2021, a certificate
was filed in the Ogle
County Clerk's Office
setting forth the names
and post office address
of all of the persons
owning, conducting
and transacting the
business known as:
M&K Kids, 133 W. 2nd
St., Byron, IL 61010.
Dated: November 18,
2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle
County Clerk
No. 1124 (Nov. 29, Dec.
6, 13, 20)
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby
given that on November
23, 2021, a certificate
was filed in the Ogle
County Clerk's Office
setting forth the names
and post office address
of all of the persons
owning, conducting
and transacting the
business known as:
Watson Septic, 6621
O'Hare Dr., Stillman
Valley, IL 61084.
Dated: November 23,
2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle
County Clerk
No. 1128 (Nov. 29, Dec.
6, 13, 20)
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Ogle County
E d u c a t i o n a l
Cooperative (OCEC)
maintains temporary
student records on
students with
disabilities who have
received special
education services
while attending the
public schools in Ogle
County. These records
are maintained at the
OCEC central office
in Byron. This notice
is intended only for
those individuals having
birth dates during the
period of 1996, 1997,
1998, and 1999 who
have received special
education services.
OCEC advises
as follows: Any
temporary student
records maintained
regarding your special
education services will
be destroyed effective
January 31, 2022.
These records may be
of assistance to former
students and they may
request the actual

student records, rather
than the records being
destroyed. Individuals
wishing to obtain their
temporary records must
request such no later
than January 15, 2022
at the OCEC offices
at 417 N. Colfax St.,
Byron, IL 61010. The
OCEC will continue to
maintain permanent
records of former
students on compact
discs. By Matt Zilm,
Director
No. 1201 (Dec. 6, 8, 13,
15, 20, 22, 27, 29)
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P 94
OF:)
JOHN F.)
KRUSE, deceased.
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN
of the death of JOHN
F. KRUSE of Byron,
Illinois. Letters of
office were issued on
November 9, 2021,
to CHRISTINE L.
ANDERSON of Byron,
Illinois, whose attorney
is David A. Smith,
of Smith, Birkholz &
Morrow, P.C. at 129
South Fourth Street,
P. O. Box 10, Oregon,
Illinois, 61061-0010.
CLAIMS against the
estate may be filed
in the office of the
Clerk of the Court at
Ogle County Judicial
Center, 106 South 5th
Street, Oregon, Illinois,
61061, or with the
representative, or both,
within 6 months from
the first publication of
this Notice, or within
three months from the
date of mailing or
delivery of Notice to
creditors, if mailing or
delivery is required by
Section 18-3 of the
Illinois Probate Act,
1975, as amended,
whichever date is later.
Any claim not filed
within that period 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.
Newspaper
Christine L. Anderson
Independent
Administrator
No. 1212 (Dec. 13,
20, 27)
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
OF NAME CHANGE
(ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
JESSICA MARIE
CALDWELL
CASE NUMBER
2021 MR 56
There will be a court
date on my Request to
change my name from
Jessica Marie Caldwell
to the new name of
Jessica Marie Moser.
The court date will be
held on Jan. 13th 2022
at 9 a.m. at 106 S. 5th
St., Oregon, IL, Ogle
County in Courtroom
#202.
Jessical Caldwell
No. 1216 (Dec. 13, 20,
27)

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business is slow?

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business be in sight and in the
minds of your customers.

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County Plat Books; Oak Bookcase & Ice Box; Early
Christmas Ornaments; Bessie Pease Gutmann
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More!
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Military Auction 2021
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BIDDING OPENS: THURS., DEC. 23rd @ 8 A.M.
BIDDING CLOSES: SUN., JAN. 2nd, 2022 @ 7 P.M.
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age; Smith & Wesson; Sig Sauer; Kimber; Beretta;
Henry 'Bison Tribute & Big Boy Rifles; Ithaca; Weath-
erby; Springfield Armory; Military; U.S. Rifle M1 Gar-
rand; Japanese Arisaka; Trap O/U; Advanced Weap-
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DeAnnual Report of Receipts and Disbursements
Julia Hull District Library
Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021

Receipts:
Real Estate Taxes \$258,303.28,
Donations \$1,197.65,
State Grants \$10,346.25,
Fines & Fees \$937.42,
Non-Resident Fees \$339.74,
E-Rate \$604.80,
Bank Interest \$165.60,
Book Sales \$21.60,
Other \$233.50.

Disbursements:
Salary & Wage Range:
(Under \$25,000): Carol Conderman, Zoey Ferrari, Shannon Fitzgerald, Sarah Loeffelholz, Claire Spahn; (\$24,000-49,999): Kelly Haas; (\$50,000-74,999): Joanna Kluever.

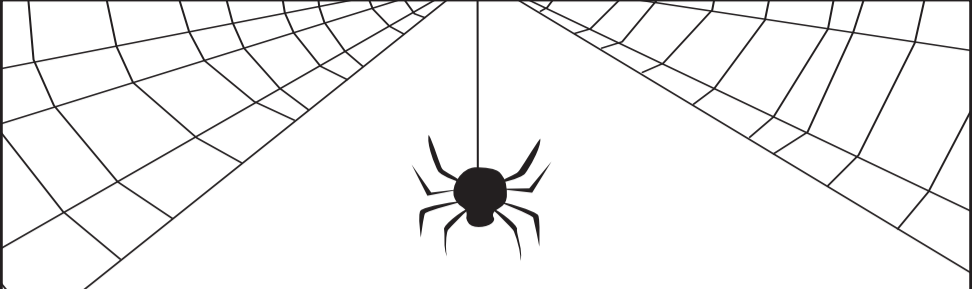
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I, the undersigned, hereby do certify that I am duly qualified and acting Treasurer of the Julia Hull District Library, Stillman Valley, Illinois, and as such official I do further certify that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Jeff Mickey, Treasurer of Julia Hull District Library
December 1, 2021

MARKETPLACE



An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck.

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Part-time hours will include 2-3 evenings/week and rotating Saturdays. High School graduation or equivalent. Minimum 2-years qualified work experience. EOE.

Applications are available to download through the library's website at www.juliahull.org/job-opportunities. Send your letter of interest, resume and completed application to Joanna Kluever, Library Director, at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org, or by mail at 100 Library Lane, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

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Residency within 3 miles of the Village limits is required.

Qualified candidates should complete a Mt. Morris Police application and submit a cover letter and resume for consideration. EOE employment applications can be obtained from Mt. Morris Village Hall, 105 W. Lincoln St., Mt. Morris IL, 61054. Please call 815-734-6425 for additional information.

Closing date for applications is 4:30 PM Friday, January 7, 2021.

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities

Letters to Santa

Do you have a wish list or story to tell Santa Claus? Write a letter to Jolly Old St. Nicholas and tell him about yourself and if you have been naughty or nice. Mail your letter to Santa in the special mailbox which the elves will be installing at Nash Recreation Center (in the lobby) on November 13. Be sure to enclose a postage stamp and your return address! Letters can be mailed through December 13.

Savory Chicken Pot Pie

Join Lynn Kaufman with Lynnies' Kitchen and learn to make a delicious Pot Pie with a Cheddar Cheese crust on January 26th. Class is at Cork & Tap from 6-7:30 p.m. The next day pop your Pot Pie in the oven and dinner is served! All food is included in the class fee, but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Fee for the class is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 19.

Taste of Oregon Pairing at Cork & Tap

Make it a date night or an evening out with friends at Cork & Tap! This new fun pairing on Saturday, January 29 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. can be dinner out as the four food samples will be enough to satisfy your taste buds and your hunger. Choose between wine or beer as your beverage upon registration. Four wine or beer samples will be included in the tasting as well as 4 delicious foods made by local restaurants or caterers. Pairing will include cheese/crackers/fruit (Hazels), Pork Kabobs (Ralfie's BBQ), Italian beef (Father & Son) and Turtle Cheesecake (The Noble Cakery). This pairing is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 22.

Oregon Park District Gift Cards Make Great Holiday Gifts

Give the gift of Recreation! Who wouldn't want more fun and fitness in their lives? Christmas shopping can be very easy. Stop in at Nash Recreation Center and purchase gift cards for any amount. It's fast, it's easy and it's the perfect gift for all ages! Gift cards can be redeemed or used toward Nash Recreation Center memberships, classes, workshops, daily fees and more. Registration for new fun and exciting programs begins in early January. Watch for the new Activity Guide to go live @ www.oregonpark.org in late December!

Holiday Pickleball Tournament


Come and play in our Holiday Pickleball Tournament on Tuesday December 28th from 4-8pm. This tournament will be a round robin style. Teams will be made up of male, female, or co-ed, and you will have a new partner each round. Players need not sign up as a team, and this round robin style is designed to even the playing field for all! Nash does have a limited number of paddles that are available to play with. Limited number of spots available- so sign up early!
Registration Deadline: 12/17/21. Fee: \$10/person \$12/NR/person

Girls' 6th Grade Competitive Basketball

This competitive league elevates the expectation of both the players and the coaches. Games are scheduled by Oregon School District and will replicate the 7th and 8th grade schedule. All home games will be played at Nash. Transportation to all away games will be provided by OCUSD. Roster size is limited on this team and try-outs may be required. Practices to begin the week of Jan. 3rd. A volunteer coach is needed for this league, please email lesley@oregonpark.org if interested. Registration Deadline Dec. 16th. Fee \$75/\$90NR

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News



Kids participating in this year's Holiday Festival (Julia Hull Library, Stillman Valley) made keepsake ornaments, decorated a life-sized gingerbread person, took a guess at how many peppermints filled our candy jar, and dressed-up for a gingerbread photo booth.

Holiday Storytime: *The Night Before Christmas*
 Join us in your jammies on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. for a special evening full of festive good cheer. We'll read the classic *The Night Before Christmas*, play games, and create a craft sure to make your season merry and bright. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Short & Sweets
 Join Joanna on Zoom for an engaging discussion of Raymond Carver's short story, "Put Yourself In My Shoes" – Wednesday, December 15 at 10 a.m. BYO dessert! Copies of

the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Adults.

Young Critics Book Club
 Join Miss Zoey at the library on Tuesday, December 21 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the graphic novel edition of *The Nutcracker & the Mouse King*, by ETA Hoffman. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program, and reserve your copy of the reading: 815-645-8611. Ages 7-9.

Tween Reads
 Join Zoey at the library on

Thursday, December 23 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Yan Glaser's *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*. Ages 10-12. Stop by, or call the library to register and pick up a copy of the book: 815-645-8611.

Holiday Closures
 The library will be closed Friday, December 24-Saturday, December 25; and Friday, December 31-Saturday, January 1.

Adult Winter Reading Challenge
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Book Club for Adults

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Alexandra Andrew's transfixing new novel, *Who Is Maud Dixon?*. 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, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Tween Scene: Snow Slime
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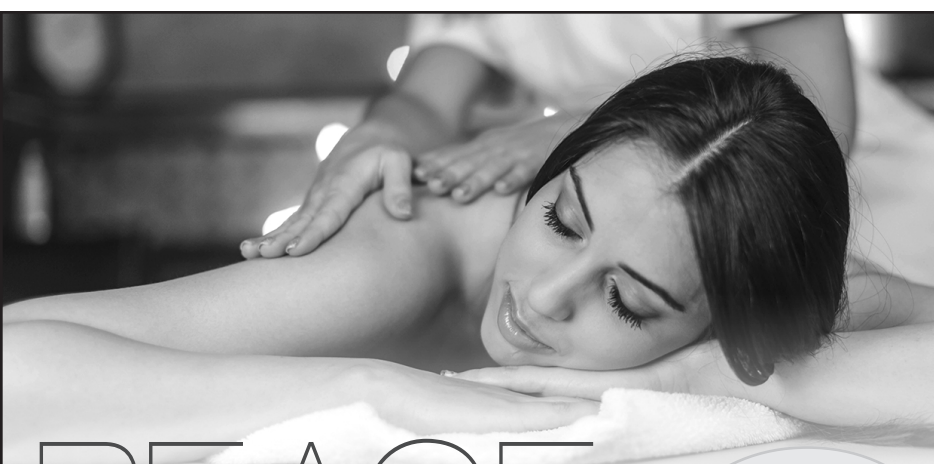
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Miss Merry Christmas 2021

Emma Thurow, Miss Ogle County 2021, from Davis Junction, is the daughter of Ann and Rob Thurow. Emma is a 2020 graduate of Stillman Valley High School and a current sophomore at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., where she studies music. She participated as a member of the National FFA Chorus at the 94th National FFA Convention this October. Emma can also be seen as an ensemble member in Christmas at Belmont which airs on PBS stations Dec. 20th and 25th.

