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Closure will increase power bills

Study shows that loss of nuke plant would mean job losses, higher electric payments

The closure of the Byron and Dresden nuclear plants in fall 2021 will result in the loss of thousands of good-paying jobs for Illinois workers and significantly increase carbon emissions

In response to Exelon's announcement of the premature closure of two of Illinois' six nuclear plants - Byron and Dresden, the Illinois AFL-CIO recently released an updated version of the Brattle Group's Illinois Nuclear Impacts Report, which highlights the severe economic losses and environmental impacts Illinois' and its local communities will face with the retirement of these plants.

The updated report - which breaks out the consumer and emissions impacts of the recently announced premature retirements of the Byron and Dresden nuclear power plants - found:

* The Byron and Dresden

plants alone prevent more than 20 million metric tons of CO2 each year - like taking nearly 4.5 million cars off the road.

* The shuttering of the Byron and Dresden plants, which are licensed to operate for another 10 years and another 20 years respectively, would cause Illinois consumers and businesses to pay \$313 million more annually for electricity, or \$3.1 billion more over a decade.

Exelon Generation announced on Aug. 27 that it intends to retire its Byron Generating Station and Dresden Generating Station in fall 2021. Byron will close in September 2021.

The two plants also boost Illinois' economy, generate money for local communities and support thousands of family-sustaining jobs in their regions. The Byron and Dresden nuclear power plants employ more than



The Byron Nuclear Plant is slated to be closed by Exelon Generation in September of this year. (Brad Jennings file photo)

1,500 full-time employees and 2,000 supplemental workers during refueling outages, most from local union halls.

"The Illinois AFL-CIO's 900,000 Illinois members are essential workers who

have persisted during the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to provide the crucial services Illinoisans depend on," said Tim Drea, Illinois AFL-CIO President.

"The economic challenges facing industries that have

put thousands of people to work in our state during this unprecedented time, including Illinois' nuclear plants, have only added to the uncertainty.

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Byron sends snow parking reminder

BYRON – The City of Byron would like to remind everyone of the Emergency Parking Restriction ordinance.

This ordinance takes effect after an accumulation of snowfall on the public streets of two inches or more as determined by the U.S. Weather Bureau. The ordinance requires parking on an odd/even system.

Vehicles must be parked on the side of the street where the even numbered buildings or houses are located between the hours of 7 a.m. that day and 7 a.m. the following day on even number calendar days; the same restrictions are in effect for odd number calendar days.

Residents are strongly encouraged to clear their sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians; especially, children walking to school and bus stops.

The City of Byron would also like to remind the public of the snowmobile route and restrictions:

A snowmobile may only be operated on Walnut Street and on Diamond Street between Union Street and Walnut Street. A resident of the city, however, may operate a snowmobile upon other streets, provided they are using the most direct route from their residence to the designated route. Snowmobiles are allowed access to the

municipal lot located on the east side of Walnut Street between Blackhawk Drive and Second Street as well as the parking lot on the east side of Walnut Street between Second Street and Third Street. Such access is for parking only and all snowmobiles must exit back onto Walnut Street.

It is illegal to operate a snowmobile within the City at a speed in excess of 15 MPH or to operate a snowmobile in the City between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m.

- Additionally, State law prohibits:
- * Operating a snowmobile on private property without permission of the owner
 - * On the tracks or right of way of an operating railroad
 - * On the frozen surface of public water of this State
 - * Within 100 feet of a dwelling between midnight and 6 a.m. at a speed greater than the minimum required to maintain forward movement
 - * In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner
 - * Operating a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Please respect all signs and others property and follow the route while leaving and entering Byron.

Pine Rock Township sets meetings

Pine Rock Township regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. The meetings are held in the Pine Rock Township Hall 210 West St., Chan. Additional meetings are also listed and the regular monthly meetings follow.

January, February, November and December meetings start at 6 p.m. All other months, meetings start at 7 p.m.

The meeting schedule for 2021:
 Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9, April 13 – annual Town Hall meeting, 7 p.m. Regular Township Meeting following annual Town Meeting; May 11 –Town & Road District Budget Public hearings, 7 p.m.; Regular meeting following budget hearings; June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14.

For questions, contact Gerald Beck, Supervisor Pine Rock Township 815-732-7387 Email: pinerocktownship@gmail.com

CLOSURE: will affect jobs across state

From page 1

"This new report shows what the Illinois AFL-CIO and countless other organizations have long known: nuclear plants are the backbone of communities throughout Illinois."

Paul Dempsey, Communications Manager of the Byron station, said that the station's 2017 tax bill was more than \$38 million. The taxes went to a variety of taxing bodies, including the Byron School District, Ogle County and the Byron Museum and Library District.

There are also the charitable donations giving by the station, which Dempsey said amount to about \$250,000. Donations have gone to Rock River Center in Oregon, Pinecrest Community in Mount Morris, Hub City Senior Center and many others.

In August 2020, Exelon Generation also announced that the LaSalle and Braidwood nuclear stations in

Illinois, that together employ more than 1,500 skilled workers, are also at high risk for premature closure.

According to the original 2019 report, the four Illinois nuclear plants (Byron, Braidwood, Dresden and LaSalle) that are not covered by the Future Energy Jobs Act of 2016 (FEJA) support local communities and will help the state recover from the pandemic by paying millions in state taxes annually, benefitting local schools, libraries, parks, and public works:

- * Account for over 28,000 in-state jobs
- * Contribute about \$3.5 billion annually to state gross domestic product (GDP)
- * Maintain an estimated \$149 million in annual Illinois state tax revenues, which adds up to \$1.3 billion over 10 years
- * Save consumers \$483 million on their electricity bills every year, which adds up to \$4.2 billion over 10

years
 In 2019, at the request of the Illinois IBEW State Council and the Illinois AFL-CIO, the Brattle Group released an initial report on how the loss of the four Illinois nuclear plants (Braidwood, Byron, Dresden, and LaSalle) that are not covered by FEJA would affect the state's economy and the environment.

In light of the recent announcement of Exelon's plans to retire the Byron and Dresden plants, the firm re-issued the report, combining the content of the 2019 report with additional details focused specifically on the losses the state will incur as a result of losing just the Byron and Dresden plants.

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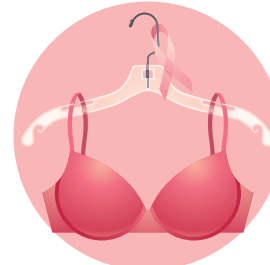
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Mount Morris store will feature local products

MOUNT MORRIS – Two Mount Morris residents decided to invest in their own community in 2021.

Josh Nelson of Nelson Family Farms and Jeff Warren of BerryView Orchard have taken on a new role as owners of the property located at 13 S. Wesley Ave., including the adjacent lot where the Penner building was.

They said couldn't stand the thought of more historical buildings facing a similar fate as the Penner building. So they decided to form Wesley 1895 LLC in order to restore the buildings to their former glory.

The buildings on Wesley Avenue were originally

constructed in 1895 so the name was purposely chosen as Wesley 1895. Nelson and Warren said they will be renovating the historic property and have sought out advice from Gary Anderson, an architect who has been instrumental in many successful community development projects involving historical buildings.

Nelson and Warren intend to complete the renovation of the buildings by September in time for Labor Day. In their country store they will offer an artisan bakery, butcher shop with locally raised meat products, and a general country store with fresh, seasonal produce, and a variety of locally sourced

items. They said the vision for Wesley 1895 will be to create a beautiful, inviting space for people from all over to visit and source locally grown items for their table. The food will be grown and made locally by farmers and bakers who take the time to put care and attention to detail into every bite. These growers, bakers, farmers, and cheese makers will all have space in the store

The second phase has plans to expand to a restaurant with an outdoor patio to enjoy the summer concerts.

They said the Village of Mount Morris has been extremely helpful and supportive.



Foundation names educators who will receive grant funds

The Maggie & Amos Foundation has selected nine area educators as recipients of its December "Elf-Grants."

The Foundation offered grants in the amount of \$250 to local educators to benefit student learning during these trying times. Grants were awarded to:

* Megan Carr, PLUS Teacher for Ogle County Educational Cooperative, to purchase a document camera to better provide instruction for students both in-person and remote learning.

* Melissa Deutsch, Teacher at Central Elementary School in Rochelle, to purchase hands-on manipulatives for early learners in reading and math.

* Debra Cleary, Teacher at Amboy High

School, to purchase art supplies to teach students felting and 3D art.

* Mikayla Hussey, Teacher at Amboy Elementary School, to purchase individual books for students in her classroom to call their own.

* Randi Webb, Teacher at Oregon Elementary School, to purchase a classroom subscription to Kami, a useful tool to make learning more accessible for in-person and remote learners.

* Erin Strouss and Kelly Polz, Counselors for Rochelle Elementary District, to purchase materials to support their district-wide implementation of the social-emotional learning program Conscious Discipline.

* Kelsi Jones, Teacher at Polo Elementary

School, to purchase individual dry erase paddles to improve students' abilities to share their thoughts and increase interaction in their lessons.

* Aubrey Burke, Teacher at Amboy Elementary School, to purchase materials and supplies to create visuals and supports for students with special education needs.

The non-profit Maggie & Amos Foundation was created in memory of Maggie (Rosko) Meyer and her son, Amos, who were killed in October 2016 in their Byron area home. Maggie, a Special Education teacher at Chana Education Center, was passionate about helping students learn to love learning and fostering a positive experience in school. She was also an avid runner and

competed in many local 5k and triathlon events. Originally from Mount Morris, Maggie cared deeply about the White Sox, her friends and family, and her community. She volunteered for many charity activities and promoted helping others in both her classroom and at home with 3-year-old Amos. The foundation raises funds through an annual 5k and family event (currently postponed due to COVID-19 mitigations). Since its initiation in 2017, the foundation has provided over \$26,000 in donations to area libraries, schools and educators, and in college scholarships. The organization currently shares information on its activities and events on their Facebook page: The Maggie & Amos Foundation.

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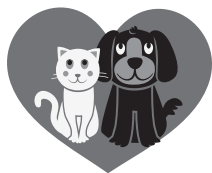
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Obituaries

Bernard John Empen

FORRESTON – Bernard “Bernie” John Empen, 86, of Forreton, passed away, Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 at Manor Court, Freeport. Mr. Empen was born Aug. 23, 1934 in Ashton, the son of Bernard A. and Josephine (Burken) Empen.

He married Iris O’Hare in Polo on June 28, 2008. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves. He worked as a Dairy Farmer for many years. Later he was employed by Swiss Valley Farms, Vet Way, and Eastland Feeds. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Polo, for 77 years, Forreton Lions Club where he served as Past President, Ogle County Farm Bureau, and A.M.P.I. Bernie was also Chairman for Forreton Hometown Days, ran the game clock for 25 years for Forreton football games.



Bernie was an avid Chicago Bears and Cub fan. He was a proud member of the table of knowledge. Above all else Bernie cared deeply about his family.

Surviving are three sons, Jon (Margo) Empen of Dixon, Dan (Lisa) Empen of Lake Villa, and Daryl (Cynthia) Empen of Rock Island; daughter, Laurie Empen of Chicago; three step-sons, Michael (Joni) O’Hare of Stillman Valley, Tim (Lynn) O’Hare of Byron and Jim

(Kelly) O’Hare of Stillman Valley; two brothers, Joe Empen of Forsyth and Ron (Pat) Empen of Winnebago; four sisters, Rosemary, O.P. Empen of Footville, WI., Shirley (Jack) Modjallal of Encino, Calif., Phyliss Gibson of Madison, WI., and Carol Glenn of Milledgeville; also surviving are four grandchildren, Nils and Ian Empen and Cade and Carter, Empen.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services were 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Polo. Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home, Forreton. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in Bernie’s memory. Please sign his guestbook and share a remembrance at www.burketubbs.com

Thomas Rakuc

Thomas “Tom” John Rakuc, 59, of Byron, was born on Oct. 5, 1961, in Rockford, to Walter and Lidia (Litwinchuk) Rakuc. Tom married Lynn Brandon on Sept. 6, 1986 at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Rockford. He passed away on Dec. 26, 2020 surrounded by his family.



Tom was the ultimate craftsman and loved to work with his hands. There was nothing he couldn’t build or fix. He took great pride in his work which was well respected and done to perfection every time.

Never has the phrase “actions speak louder than words” been lived more truly than through the life of Tom Rakuc. Those who knew him best will tell you he was the most reliable and action oriented person they’d ever known. Whether you needed help after a full day of work or at 6am on a Saturday, he was always available to lend a hand.

Tom’s heart belonged

to his family. His love and dedication to his daughters and grandchildren was unmatched. Whether it be all of the dance and cheerleading competitions when his girls were young or the many hours devoted to making their homes “just right,” Tom was always the strong center of his family. He was “Papa Tom” to all the children that Lynn cared for throughout the years. He loved them and was there for all the important moments in their lives just as he was for his own children and grandchildren. He will be missed by many.

Tom is survived by the love of his life and wife of 34 years, Lynn; daughters, Ciara (Jared) Cac-

ciatore and Chelsea (Nate) Breiby; grandchildren, Nash Thomas, Elliette Mae, Cal Thomas, and another on the way; parents, Walter and Lidia Rakuc; siblings Linda Spickler and Jim (Corinne) Rakuc; brother and sister-in-law Bryan (Debi) Trenholm; loyal companion, Maize, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family extends a special thank you to family friend, Cindy Mann, for taking such good care of Tom, and to his employer, Larson and Larson Builders, Inc. for all their help and support.

Tom was preceded in death by his grandparents, Peter and Jadwiga Rakuc, and Anton and Melania Litwinchuk, brother-in-law, Mike Spickler, and father and mother-in-law, Murel and Betty Smith.

All services will be private with a celebration of life to take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to Tom’s family. Share online condolences at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

Barbara Ann Kinner

OREGON – Barbara Ann Kinner, 82, of Oregon, passed away Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021. Born April 8, 1938 in Freeport, the daughter of John and Beverly (Schasker) DeVries. Married Leonard Kinner on Nov. 11, 1985 in Las Vegas, Nev. A member of Baileyville Baptist Church. Barbara enjoyed traveling and most of all taking care of her family.



Survivors include husband, Leonard Kinner; children, Kim (Paul) Hampton, Clark (Tonya) Faris, Craig (Nicole) Faris; grandchildren, Matthew (Jennifer) Hampton, Justin Detrich,

Larry (Laura) DeVries. Predeceased by parents.

Private family funeral service. Burial in Crane’s Grove Cemetery, Baileyville. Service was available to stream on YouTube after 1 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to PAWS Humane Society, 7282 N. Cherryvale Drive, Rockford, IL 61112. Honquest Family Funeral Home with Crematory- Mulford Chapel, 4311 N. Mulford Road, Loves Park was honored to have assisted the family. To share a memory or condolence please visit www.honquestfh.com.

Brenda J. Messenger

CHANA – Brenda J. “BJ” Messenger, 66, of Chana and formerly of Oregon, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 in KSB Hospital, Dixon. Born Nov. 29, 1954 in Oregon, the daughter of Kenneth and Shirley (Good) Marth. Married to Lawrence L. “Tim” Messenger Dec. 7, 1974 in Oregon; he died Oct. 15, 2008.



Brenda was a lifelong Oregon area resident, a 1973 graduate of Oregon High School and worked at Ben Franklin and then The Dollar Store in Oregon for

many years. She enjoyed butterflies, birds and taking golf cart rides around Honeycreek.

Survived by sisters: Mary

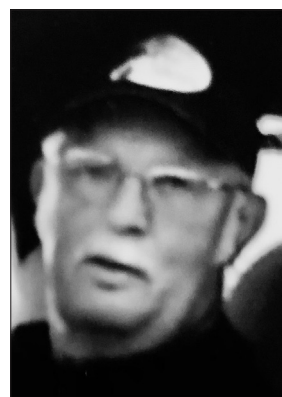
(Ed) Timmerman of Freeport, Eugena (John) Severs of Wisconsin, Tammy (Tom) Smith of Wisconsin and Elizabeth Esterland of Colorado; brother, Gary Marth of Chana; and half-brother, Gene (Hanna) Hodges of Ashton.

Also predeceased by her parents and sister, Phyllis Pike.

In keeping with Brenda’s wishes, cremation rites are to be accorded and no services are scheduled. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family.

Larry Duane Potter

Larry Duane Potter, 78, of Polo, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at CGH Medical Center, Sterling. He was a lifetime farmer in the surrounding area for many years. Larry also worked for Allied Locke for 17 years.



Larry was born, January 9, 1942, in Fort Scott, Kan., the son of Paul and Kathryn (Brown) Potter. He married Millie Wright on Aug. 29, 1965, at Northside Baptist Church in Dixon. He enjoyed fishing, camping and taking care of his yard and pond.

Larry is survived by his wife of 55 years Millie; son, David Potter, and several nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded

in death by his parents and brother Gene Potter. A private graveside service was held on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 with Pastor Jack Briggs, officiating. Burial of cremated remains will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. Memorials may be directed to Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon and Happy Tails Humane Society in Rock Falls.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com

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Obituaries

Harry J. Beauchem

BYRON – Harry J. Beauchem, 83, longtime Byron resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 in Generations at Neighbors, Byron. Born Dec. 26, 1937 in Biggsville, Ill., the son of Eugene and Margaret (Stubb) Beauchem.



and enjoyed fishing.

Survived by his wife, Marilyn Beauchem of Byron; sons, David (Vicky)

Beauchem of Tallahassee, Fla., and Dawayne Beauchem of Byron; daughter, Penny (Doug) Reber of Byron; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren.

Predeceased by his parents and son, Dale Beauchem.

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, a Memorial Service for Harry will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Harry's name may be made to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Byron assisted the family.

Married to Marilyn Noble April 20, 1963 in Loves Park. Harry was a 1956 graduate of Oregon High School and owned and operated Beauchem Alarm & Electrical Company in Byron for 30 years. He was a member of Leaf River Baptist Church

Rodney R. Rapp Sr.

BYRON – Rodney R. Rapp Sr., age 74, lifelong Byron resident, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 10th, 2021. Born Feb. 2, 1946, the son of Russell and Carol (Nelson) Rapp.



Survived by sons; Rod Rap Jr., Bob Rapp, and Tom Rapp; daughter, Jessica Rapp; sisters, Nancy Hillman and Mary Ann Swanson; and great grandchildren Draven Collazo and Fallon Marcoux.

He is predeceased by his parents, and brothers Tom, Steve, and Mike

He was proudly employed with the Local 150 as a heavy equipment operator serving 40 years and retiring in 2005. Rod was a dedicated father, mentor, and friend who enjoyed the outdoors, farming, gardening, fixing things, and drag racing.

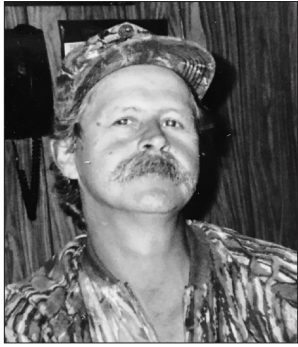
Rapp; sister Pat Scadden and granddaughter Chelsea Rapp.

Rod attended and graduated from Byron Schools.

A graveside service was held at 12 Mile Grove Cemetery in Pecatonica. Memorials are established in his name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Kevin S. Bettner

OREGON – Kevin S. Bettner, 62, lifelong resident of Oregon, passed away in his home the morning of Jan. 8.



Kevin enjoyed the outdoors and everything it had to offer. Every spring he looked forward to mushroom hunting and showing everyone his pot of gold when he returned. Deer hunting and fishing were also among his favorite past times. Through the years he loved his beagles and the simpler things in life like enjoying a beer and taking a break. Later in his life he found enjoyment in bird-

Mt. Morris, Lindsey Ingersoll of Mt. Morris, IL, Jake (Caitlyn) Bettner of Chana; Grandchildren; Madison, Austin and Mya Egyed, Andrew, Chloe, Summer and Noah Bettner, Owen, Tessa and Jolene Ingersoll Siblings; Roy Bettner of Dodgeville, Wis., Bonnie (Mike) O'Connell and Mark (Barb) Bettner of Oregon.

Predeceased by his parents; Sedoris and Hazel Bettner Siblings; Virginia (Ginny) Suter,

Raymond (Pat), Edwin, and Gary Bettner.

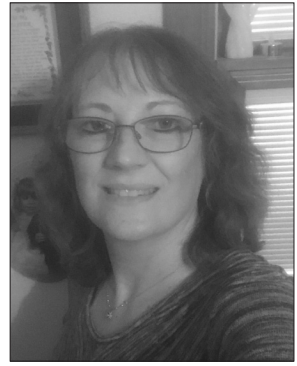
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

watching, Kevin worked for HA International where he was employed for many years.

Survived by his wife Lori of 32 years 4 Children; Tricia (Mike) Egyed of Oregon, Tyler (Felisha) Bettner of

Marina L. Spitzer

STILLMAN VALLEY – Marina L. Spitzer, age 56, passed away at home on Jan. 5, 2021. She was born on July 29, 1964 in Rockford the daughter of Wayne and Dianna Kretzinger.



She married Douglas Spitzer on June 21, 1986. Marina was devout in her faith to God. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, and gigi. Family was always of the utmost importance to her and she would never hesitate to be there for them and took care of anyone who needed her. She will be remembered as a good friend and role model to many. Marina enjoyed traveling to their home in Wisconsin and

She is survived by her husband, Doug Spitzer of Stillman Valley; children, Jessica (Joshua) Johnson of Woodstock and Andrew (Erin) Spitzer of Oregon; sister, Michelle (Jim) Coons of Stillman Valley; grandson, Preston Wayne Spitzer; and several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents.

was an animal lover who enjoyed taking photos of them. She was always the first to volunteer where ever needed. She worked for a while at the Byron library and was the library president in Stillman Valley for 25 years. In her spare time; Marina enjoyed reading and crafting.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions a private family service will take place and burial will be held at Silver Creek Cemetery in Mt. Morris. Memorials may be directed to the family or to Serenity Hospice and Home. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Dawson C. Roland

AMBOY – Dawson C. Roland, 83, of Amboy and formerly of Oregon, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 in his home; his family lost a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Born Nov. 16, 1937 in Haldane, the son of Floyd and Geraldine (Martz) Rowland.



Married to Marie Sanford July 25, 1964 in Oregon. Dawson enjoyed family time, camping at Woodhaven Lakes, going for walks with his dogs (Pixie and Ziggy), traveling with his wife and watching the wildlife. He worked at E.D. Etnyre & Co. in Oregon for 58 1/2 years, retiring in 2014. Dawson is a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Sterling.

slee Isaacs, Zane Isaacs and Aedan Meyers-Newman; and sister, Shirley Hagemann of Mt. Morris.

Preceded in death by his parents and brother, Harrison Rowland.

His love and free spirit will live on through his family and friends. Gone but not forgotten. PS "Keep the fork, the best is yet to come."

4 children: Curtis Rowland of Princeton, Troy Rowland of Rochelle, Starla Clover of Belton, Texas and Brian Rowland of Amboy; 5 grandchildren: Stephanie Rowland of Rochelle, Kaybrei Isaacs of Little River Academy, Texas, (JJ) John Newman of Harker Heights, Texas, Rebekah Rowland of Princeton and Dylann Newman of Temple, Texas; 3 great grandchildren: Kin-

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private family Memorial Service will be held at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon with Pastor Bob Hinkleman of The People Church, Princeton presiding. A public Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Dawson's name may be made to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon.



Donation to firefighters

Stillman Bank President & COO Tom Hughes recently presented the Stillman Valley Firefighter's Association with a \$500 donation. Accepting the donation on behalf of the Firefighter's Association were Chief Chad Hoefle and Matt DeVries. Thank you Stillman Fire Protection District for all you do for our community.

Polo Police report

General Calls for Service for the weeks of 11/16/2020 thru 11/29/2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	13
Juvenile	1
Animal Complaint	2
Fire/Medical Assist	5
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	2
Traffic Stops	10
County Assists	1
DUI	1

Dec. 5
 TIME: 1:44 p.m.
 REPORT: Alisa M. Andrews, 22, Polo, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Andrews was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released to the custody of Ogle County Correctional Officers.

Dec. 9
 TIME: 9:23 a.m.
 REPORT: Frank M. Kowal, 46, Polo, was cited for driving with No Driver's License. Kowal was given a notice to appear.

Dec. 10
 TIME: 12:23 p.m.
 REPORT: Karen S. Hutchison, 62, Milledgeville, was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Hutchison was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 3:18 p.m.
 REPORT: Joseph D. Dawsey, 37, Polo, was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Revoked License and Possession of Cannabis Under 30gm. Dawsey was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 12
 TIME: 1:07 a.m.
 REPORT: Pedro O. Gonzalez, 49, Polo, was arrested for Domestic Battery and Violation of Bail Bond. Gonzalez was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 13
 TIME: 7:20 a.m.
 REPORT: Meghan E. ORorke, 22, Steward, was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. ORorke was released on an I-Bond.

Dec. 13
 TIME: 3:28 p.m.
 REPORT: Isaac James McBride, 17, Polo, was cited for speeding 48 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. McBride was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of November 30 thru December 13, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	16
Animal Complaint	2
Disturbance/Domestic	3
Fire/Medical Assist	4
Lock Out	4
911 Hang Up	3
Traffic Stops	14
County Assists	1
Possession of Cannabis	1

Dec. 15
 TIME: 7:35 a.m.
 REPORT: Lisa A. Rippy, 54, Polo, was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Rippy was released on an I-Bond and given a court date.

TIME: 3:41 p.m.
 REPORT: Angelica Lynn Brockman, 26, Mt. Morris, cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Brockman was released on an I-Bond.

Dec. 16
 TIME: 2:22 p.m.
 REPORT: Benjamin C. Peterson, 21, Polo, was arrested for an Outstanding Warrant. Peterson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 24
 TIME: 6:55 p.m.
 REPORT: Wanda L. Mon, 53, Polo, was cited for speeding 49 MPH in a 30 MPH speed zone. Mon was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of December 14, 2020 thru December 27, 2020

Citizen Complaints/Assist	11
Juvenile	1
Animal Complaint	4
Disturbance/Domestic	2
Fire/Medical Assist	6
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	1
Traffic Stops	8
County Assists	2

Jan. 4
 TIME: 9:40 p.m.
 REPORT: Thomas Mathew, 24, Mount Morris, was arrested on an Outstanding Whiteside County Warrant. Mathew was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of December 28, 2020 thru January 10, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	14
Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	3
Disturbance/Domestic	2
Fire/Medical Assist	12
Lock Out/Motorist Assist	9
Traffic Stops	9
County Assists	4

RRC has upcoming events, meat raffle

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If you've answered "yes" to these questions, then you need to work on your bucket list. A bucket list is simply a list of things you'd like to do in your lifetime.

The point of a bucket list is to help you live your life to the fullest. Learn how to create your own bucket list and set exciting goals to pursue your interests and fulfill your dreams.

Registration required. Seating is limited. Call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

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The Pasture-Raised Meats Bundle will include

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Demmer hosting photo contest

DIXON – Are you a nature lover, architecture fanatic, or simply enjoy taking pictures everywhere you go around northwest Illinois? If so, this contest is for you.

Area residents are invited to submit a photo for entry in the “Rich History of the 90th District Photo Contest” offered by State Representative Tom Demmer (R-Dixon).

Contest participants should submit their photos of historical sites, buildings and landmarks that highlight the rich history of the district and the region. A map of the 90th District can be found at tomdemmer.com.

Participants may submit as many entries as they would like before the deadline of 6 p.m. on Friday, February 12. Participants should include their name, phone number and location where the photo was taken with each entry. Entries should be emailed to photos@tomdemmer.com.

“Our photo contest is a way to celebrate our region’s heritage and recognize the talents of local residents who have a passion for photography,” Demmer said. “I am always impressed by the quality and creativity of the entries. The 90th District is filled with

eye-catching beauty, and contest participants are always able to capture the heart of what makes our communities such a special place to live through the lenses of their cameras.”

Winning photos will be placed on display in Springfield and at Representative Demmer’s Dixon office for the entire 102nd General Assembly (2021-2022), and the winning photographers will receive an official House of Representatives certificate of recognition. For questions or more information, please email the office at tom@tomdemmer.com or visit tomdemmer.com.

The 90th District is located in the northwestern Illinois counties of Ogle, Lee, DeKalb and LaSalle. The District includes all or portions of the following communities: Amboy, Ashton, Byron, Compton, Creston, Davis Junction, DeKalb, Dixon, Earlville, Franklin Grove, Grand Detour, Hillcrest, Lake Holiday, Lee, Leland, Lost Nation, Malta, Mendota, Monroe Center, Nelson, Oregon, Paw Paw, Polo, Rochelle, Sandwich, Shabbona, Somonauk, Steward, Stillman Valley, Sublette, Waterman and West Brooklyn.



Community service

Students in Mrs. Bukoski’s 7th grade SEL/Homeroom at Byron Middle School recently completed a community service project. Students chose a tie-blanket kit in a kid-friendly design and made the blanket on their own or with the help of their classmates. The students chose to have the blankets delivered to children currently in the hospital at Javon Bea Riverside in Rockford. Pictured are Logan Grove and Taylor Henry with the blanket they made. Great job, BMS Tigers!

Nominations being accepted for Ogle Co. SWCD Board

To all people of legal voting age who own or reside on land located within the boundaries of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District, nominations are being accepted for two, 2 year terms as directors of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Nominations can be made at the District’s office, 1213 Pines Road, Suite 3, Oregon,

IL 61061, during the normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the district.

Interested persons must respond by 4 p.m. on Jan. 21, 2021.



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The benefits of joint bank accounts

Once a couple walks down the aisle and returns home from their honeymoon, various tasks must be performed. Couples should not overlook the importance of tending to their financial futures. One of the first steps is merging and managing bank accounts.

A study from Kansas City University found the number one cause of divorce in the United States is fighting over money and other financial problems. Therefore, being on the same page concerning finances and maintaining financial transparency can help reduce the propensity to clash over cash.

Merging bank accounts can be a good idea for newlyweds for various reasons.

- **Improved efficiency:** Having one account makes it easier to track income and spending and can make keeping track of money less complicated. Also, having only one bank means cutting down on statements or correspondence from multiple institutions.

- **Greater communication:** Some people are natural spenders and others savers. It's easy to gloss over financial indiscretions when there are separate accounts. A joint account makes it easy to talk about spending habits and the flow of money in and out of an account.

- **Creates accountability:** Not being able to hide debt or large expenditures or

withdrawals makes couples accountable to each other. This creates transparency in a relationship and may help couples become closer as a result.

- **Good in emergencies:** According to the financial resource Money Under 30, having a joint bank account can ensure that a surviving spouse has uninterrupted access to funds in the event his or her partner dies. This may not be the case with individual bank accounts until the estate goes through probate.

- **Get better banking:** Certain financial institutions may offer perks like no fees if customers maintain a specific balance or meet the criteria of debit card usage per month. Such requirements may be more easily reached with two people utilizing the account.

- **Combine with ease:** Financial expert Dave Ramsay says it's particularly easy to merge when individuals already were using the same bank or credit union. Simply showing up with identification and transferring the balance of one account into the other and adding a signer is all that's needed. In instances where couples use different banks, select a convenient institution and open up a new account together after closing the individual ones.

Joint accounts are a smart choice for married couples.



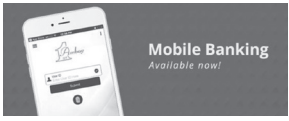
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Things people should know about creating wills

Drafting a last will and testament is an essential component of estate planning. Despite the importance of having a will, a recent survey from AARP found that two out of five Americans over the age of 45 do not have one.

Putting wishes down on paper helps avoid unnecessary work and sometimes heartache upon the death of a loved one. Wills allow heirs to act with the decedent's wishes in mind, and can ensure that assets and possessions will end up in the right hands.

Estate planning can be tricky, which is why many people turn to attorneys to get the job done right. Attorneys who specialize in estate planning will no doubt discuss the following topics with their clients.

- **Assets owned:** Make a list of known assets and figure out which assets are covered by the will and which will have to be passed on according to other estate laws, such as through joint tenancy on a deed or a living trust. For example, life insurance policies or retirement plan proceeds will be distributed to your named beneficiaries. A will also can cover other assets, such as photographs, clothing, cars, and jewelry.
- **Guardianship:** Parents' wills should include a declaration of who they want to become guardians their underage children or dependents.
- **Pets:** Some people prefer to use their will to also dictate guardianship for their pets and to leave money or property to help



care for those pets. However, pets do not have the legal capacity to own property, so one shouldn't gift money directly to pets in a will.

- **Funeral instructions:** Settling probate will not happen until after the funeral. Therefore, funeral wishes in a will often go unnoticed, states the legal advisement resource Find Law.

- **Executor:** An executor is a trusted person who will carry out the terms of the will. This person should be willing to serve and be capable of executing the will.

People who die without a valid will become intestate. This means the estate will be settled based on the laws of where that person lived, and a court-appointed administrator will serve in the capacity to transfer property. This administrator will be bound by laws and may make decisions that go against the decedent's wishes. To avoid this outcome, a will and other estate planning documents are crucial.

Dollars & Sense

There are simple ways to keep a realistic budget

Successful financial plans often begin with the creation of a budget.

A budget is an estimate of income and expenses in a given period of time. Budgets help with long-term goals like paying off a mortgage or sending a child to college as well as short-term goals like financing a dream vacation.

Not all budgets are alike, and when people hear the word "budget," they may get apprehensive. Budgeting may require making some concessions in regard to spending habits, but it doesn't have to put a complete damper on plans. In fact, with a budget in hand, people may be more free to spend because they will have a stronger grasp of their financial situation.

Making a realistic budget does not have to be a chore. Here is how to get started.

• List the necessities. Begin by calculating the costs associated with fixed needs, including rent/mortgage, utilities, food, and any other bills you have to pay each month.

• Add existing debt. Debt includes any routine payments being made to credit card companies, student loan lenders, car payments, or unpaid medical bills.

• Conduct a spending analysis over several months. Budgets are easier with fixed numbers, but unforeseen variables can affect spending every month. These can include the extras for clothing, entertainment and much more. Average the cost of these expenses throughout your analysis period so you can get some idea of how much to allocate for them.

• Use software or apps to help. There are plenty of resources available to

help people calculate their budgets and get a picture of their financial habits. Resources such as Mint, YNAB (You Need a Budget) and various accounting programs can produce spreadsheets, pie charts and bar graphs as you work to create a budget.

• Start trimming gradually. Quitting a certain lifestyle cold turkey can be jarring. Gradually cut back on your spending if your analysis suggests that's the way to go.

• Automate saving. Immediately removing a set amount from your paychecks by having it directly deposited into a separate account can remove the temptation of spending too much from your financial equation.

Budgets are a key part of a financial plan and can help people reach their goals.



Tips for tax-advantaged investing

Investing has always been a means for people to grow their wealth and make their money work for them. Investors know that protecting investment earnings is important, and that often can be achieved through tax-advantaged investments.

Tax-advantaged investing, also called tax-efficient investing, allows investors to maximize the profits they can keep after taxes are filed. Investment selection and asset allocation are important factors affecting returns, but minimizing taxes and other costs is also crucial, according to the Schwab Center for Financial Research.

There are some ways for investors to keep more of their assets. A qualified financial advisor can help navigate the waters of the best tax-advantaged options. When investing on an annual basis, there are some general accounts people can use to their advantage.

• A 401(k) or 403(b): These accounts are an ideal way to get "free" money. Funds in these accounts are put away pre-tax. Because your adjusted gross income is lowered, so is your federally taxable income. In addition, some employers may match contributions up to a certain percentage.

Companies also may offer Roth 401(k) plans, which differ from traditional plans in regard to when you pay taxes. With Roth plans, you pay taxes up front. When the money is eventually withdrawn, those withdrawals are tax-free.

• IRAs: Individual retirement accounts are similar to 401(k) plans in that they're tax-deferred. However, they generally offer greater freedom in investment choices. Roth IRAs, like the Roth 401(k) plans, must be paid with after-tax dollars. But the advantages are higher contribution amounts, withdrawals that are tax-free and no mandatory withdrawals when a person reaches a certain age.

• Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA): Canadian investors can explore TFSAs. These are accounts that do not tax any contributions,

interest earned, dividends, or capital gains, and can be withdrawn tax-free. It is available to individuals ages 18 and older in Canada and can be used for any purpose.

• College savings accounts: Investing in a 529 plan can be wise for parents. While money is invested after tax, it is tax-free when withdrawn for qualified higher education purposes.

• Health savings accounts: To get a tax deduction on health expenses, an HSA is the way to go. HSAs are linked to high-deductible health plans and allow account holders to use the funds for qualified spending.

Working with a financial planner can help investors maximize their investments to be as tax-efficient as possible. Financial experts understand funding limits and the timeline in which to invest for tax advantages.

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Ogle County Sheriff

Dec. 22

At 11:40 a.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Police responded to a truck in the Rock River with one occupant. This was in the 10900 block of North Illinois Route 2. The driver was helped from his truck and later taken to Swedish American Hospital for treatment. The driver was treated as Roger Durham, 65 of Rockford. The Byron Fire Department and Maggios assisted at the scene while Winnebago County Sheriff's Police and Byron Police Assisted with traffic control. The investigation is pending.

At 8:20 p.m. Deputies stopped a 2006 Jeep on I39 mm 109 north bound for speeding. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Donald Johnson 24 of DeKalb II for Driving While License Suspended. Johnson was released on scene and will appear in court on 02-03-21 at 9 a.m.

Dec. 20

At approximately 1:24 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 9500 block of E Illinois Rte 64. Upon further investigation, Deputies arrested Christopher N. Rollin, age 44 of Rochelle, for Driving While License Suspended. Rollins was released on an Individual Bond and set a return court date. Rollin was also cited for Speeding in excess of 35 mph over the speed limit.

At approximately 1:16 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4000 block of S Lowell Park Road. After investigation, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Andrew Stowell, 28 of Dixon, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Stowell was also issued citations for Speeding and Transport Alcohol by Driver. Stowell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

The OCSO arrest Juan Sanchez, 30, of Rockford for Driving While License Suspended. Sanchez was arrested by Deputies on I-39 near Rochelle after being stopped for Speeding. Sanchez was released on an I-Bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

At approximately 11:24 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to stop a vehicle traveling west bound on Illinois Route 72 from Pecatonica Road. The vehicle had also fled from Dixon PD, Oregon City Police, Mount Morris Police, Forreston Police, and Ogle County Deputies earlier in the evening. The vehicle fled into Forreston and stopped at Main St. and 1st Ave where the driver, later identified as Stephen A. Muhleback, 25 of Rockford, exited the vehicle and fled from Deputies on foot. A short time later, Deputies located and arrested Muhleback for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude, Reckless Driving, Resisting or Obstructing a Peace Officer, and Driving While License Suspended. Muhleback was also cited for Speeding, Improper Traffic Lane Usage, Disobeying a Traffic Control Device, No Registration, No Insurance, and Equipment violation. Muhleback was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with No Bond.

Dec. 19

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Johnny Tate, 52 of Rockford, Driving While License Revoked. Tate was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on I-39 near Rte 64 after being stopped for Speeding. Tate was released on an I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

At 3:05 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies, Rochelle Fire Dept and Steward Fire Dept. were dispatched to a single vehicle roll over crash on I-39 at I-88. Investigation by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies revealed that a vehicle driven by Lindsay Monroe, age 33 of Rockford, was exiting I-88 to N/Bnd I-39 when he lost control of the vehicle. As a result the vehicle overturned coming to rest on the North Bound lanes of I-39. Monroe was transported by Rochelle FD ambulance to Rochelle Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Dec. 18

At approximately 1200 hours, Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a black Dodge Neon in the 3,000 block of S. IL Route 251. It was learned the registration on vehicle belonged to a Buick sedan. Upon completing an investigation, Dartayvious Sims, 24 of Rockford was placed under arrest and charged with Unlawful Possession of a

Weapon as a Felon, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in a vehicle, No Foid Card, Driving on a No Valid License and Driving While License Suspended. Sims was also issued additional citations for Expired registration, No Valid Regsitration, Failure to provide a Driver's License, and No Front Registration Plate. Sims was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Dec. 16

At 3:14 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of Walmart in Rochelle on a 2003 Toyota for a lane violation. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Leonardo Galvan 61 of Rochelle for driving while license suspended. Galvan was released on a notice to appear and will appear in court on 1/22/2021 at 0900 hours.

At 5:20 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 100 northbound on a 2000 Honda Accord. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Arnold Horton, 55 of Aurora, for driving while license suspended. Horton was released on a notice to appear and will appear in court on 02/27/2021 at 0900 hours.

Dec. 14

At 5 p.m. Deputies served a search warrant in the 200 block of Hastings Ave, Oregon. As a result of the search warrant Deputies arrested Ryan J T Corson 19 of Oregon for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis a class 4 felony and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the intent to deliver a class 3 felony. Ryan Corson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and will appear in bond court on 12/15/2020. Deputies were assisted by the Oregon Police Department.

Dec. 13

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Andrew PLamb, 29 of Kirkland, when he turned himself in to the Ogle County Jail. Lamb was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Speeding. He posted the 10% of the \$3000.00 bond, was released, and will appear in court on 01/08/21 at 9 a.m..

Dec. 12

At 4:37 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at Big Mound, and after a short investigation arrested Juan Palacios, 52 of Omaha NE, for No Drivers License. Palacios was released on scene and will appear in court on 01/22/20 at 9 a.m.

Dec. 7

Jessica Lewis, 33 of Oregon was arrested for two outstanding Ogle County warrants for Failure To Appear (\$944 full cash bond) and Retail Theft (\$10,000/10%). Lewis was unable to post bond and will appear in court on 12/08/20 at 1 p.m.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Timothy Coleman, 34 of Madison, Wis., for Driving While License Revoked. Coleman was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on I-39 near Rte 72 after being stopped for Speeding. Coleman was released on an I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

Dec. 6

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Latoya McHenry, 25 of Machesney Park, for Driving While License Suspended. McHenry was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on I39 near Rte 64 after being stopped for Speeding. McHenry was released on an I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Munyonge Tembele, 23 of Des Moines Iowa, for Driving While License Suspended. Tembele was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for Speeding. Tembele was released on an I-bond and will appear in court at a later date.

Dec. 5

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jonathan Thurmond, 31 of Lockport, for Driving While License Suspended. Thurmond was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies on I-39 near Rochelle after being stopped for speeding. Thurmond was released on an I bond and will

appear in court at a later date.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jesus Orozco, 29 of Rochelle, for Domestic Battery. Orozco was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Dec. 3

Alexandra Schaefer, 29 of Rochelle, was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County warrant for Aggravated Battery. Schaefer posted the \$5,000/10% bond and was released from the Ogle County Jail. Schaefer will appear in court on 12/18/20 at 9 a.m.

At approximately 7:20 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East IL Rte 38 and South Brooklyn Rd. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Kayla Martin, 30 of Ashton, for Driving While License Suspended. Martin was also issued citations for Expired Registration and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Martin was released from the scene on an I bond with a court date later next month.

At 9:20 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 118 S. 1st Ave in Forreston to assist the Forreston Police Department at the scene of a disturbance. During the Forreston Police Department's initial response to the scene a Forreston Police Officer observed a male standing in the doorway of the residence who was displaying a weapon. The Forreston Police Officer then discharged his firearm and struck a wall near the doorway. The male then put down his weapon and was taken into custody without incident. The Illinois State Police were contacted and responded to the scene to investigate the discharge of the firearm by the Officer. Sheriff's Deputies investigated the original disturbance and as a result of that investigation Jeffery L. Slick, 31 of Forreston, was charged with Aggravated Assault and placed under arrest. Deputies also arrested Colton Moser, 18 of Leaf River, for Domestic Battery. Both Slick and Moser were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in Lieu of Bond.

Dec. 2

At approximately 2:38 p.m., Deputies responded to the report of a Battery at 3890 North IL Rte. 251 with an injured male victim. After investigation, Deputies placed Adam Sherman, 27 of Rockford, under arrest for Aggravated Battery. Sherman was transported to the Ogle County Jail where hes being held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. Stillman EMS also assisted with the incident and transported the victim to Swedish American Hospital.

The following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Jamar D. Baker, 31 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Baker was issued a \$1,000 recognizance bond and will appear in court on 12/23/20 at 9 a.m.

Mark R. Much, 51 of Dixon, for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Much was unable to post the \$5,000/10% bond and will appear in court on 12/03/20 at 1 p.m.

Dec. 1

Megan Tracy, 38, of Davis Junction was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff's Office for a Failure to Appear arrest warrant. Tracy has a bond of \$1853.50 and will go to court on 12/01/2020 at 1 p.m. Tracy remains in the Ogle County jail.

Nov. 30

At approximately 9:40 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a blue Buick Regal in the 13000 block of E. Big Mound Rd for Failure to Display-Vehicle Registration. After conducting an investigation, Brandon Wright, 27 of Holcomb, was arrested for No Valid License. Wright was also cited for No Valid Insurance and No Valid Registration. Wright was issued an I-Bond and released on scene. Wright will appear in court on a later date.

Nov. 29

At approximately 2:14 a.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 1500 block of West Montague Road. After further investigation Elizabeth Bell, 44 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Bell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Weds., Jan. 20

Want to Live Your Bucket List? Come to Rock River Center at 10 a.m. and Karla Belzer will talk you through the steps. Learn how to create your own and set exciting goals to fulfill your dreams. Registration required and seating is limited. Call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

The Afternoon Book Club at the Oregon Library meets at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes.

Thurs., Jan. 21

Evening Support Group

will meet Thursday the 21st at 5:30 p.m. We will meet at the Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. You will need a mask to enter the building. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon on Thursday the 21st to register.

Awaken: Motivating the Unmotivated, virtual program at 4 p.m., hosted by the Oregon Library. Despite the best intentions, staying motivated, positive, and energized during the COVID crisis is challenging. If you struggle to maintain a high level of motivation for yourself and others this presentation will spark a fire. Registration re-

quired 815-732-2724.

Winter Backyard Birding, 7 p.m., live on Zoom with the Polo Library. Join us live on Zoom as we host Gary Gordon of the Northwest Illinois Chapter of the Audubon Society. Gary will be sharing a program on Winter Backyard Birding.

Sat., Jan. 23

Dogwood Inn (Rt. 26/64) Indoor Market, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Virtual Pet Show & Tell with the Mount Morris Library, 11 a.m.. Have some fun showing off our real (or

stuffed) animals. Event will be held via Zoom. Register by emailing dawn.mt-morrislib@gmail.com. The Zoom link will be sent out the Wednesday before the event to the email addresses provided upon registration.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Feb. 1, 1790, the Supreme Court of the United States meets in New York City for the first time, with Chief Justice John Jay presiding. The U.S. Supreme Court was established by Article Three of the U.S. Constitution, which took effect in March 1789.

* On Feb. 7, 1812, the most violent of a series of earthquakes near Missouri causes a so-called fluvial tsunami in the Mississippi River, making the river run backward for several hours. The strongest of the aftershocks, an 8.8-magnitude, caused church bells to ring in Boston, over a thousand miles away.

* On Feb. 4, 1861, delegates from South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana convene to establish the Confederate States of America. Within two months, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee all had joined the Confederacy.

* On Feb. 6, 1891, three members of the Dalton Gang stage an unsuccessful train robbery in California -- an inauspicious beginning to their careers as serious criminals. A year later, the gang botched another robbery, boldly attempting to hit two Kansas banks at the same time.

* On Feb. 3, 1953, French oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau publishes "The Silent World," a memoir about his time exploring the oceans. In 1950, Lord Guinness, a British patron, bought him an old British minesweeper to use for his underwater explorations. Cousteau christened it Calypso.

* On Feb. 2, 1980, details of ABSCAM, an FBI sting operation to uncover political corruption in the government, are released to the public. Thirty-one public officials were targeted. In the operation, FBI agents posed as representatives of a fictional Arab business, offering money in exchange for special favors.

* On Feb. 5, 2003, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell gives a speech to the United Nations justifying an invasion of Iraq that is full of fabrications. Powell later called it a "blot" on his record.

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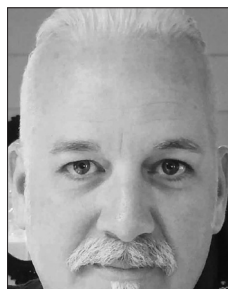
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There is a lot on my mind these days

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I know that we live in incredibly divisive times, and it is taking a toll on all of us.

Recent shocking events have turned family members against each other, turned friends into enemies and have people seriously questioning reality.

I get it, as I have seen the damage caused by this firsthand. But I am here to tell you that you can get past this, that you can heal the wounds and move on.

It just starts by admitting this simple truth: The new Wendy's crispy chicken sandwich is not nearly as good as the one from Pop-eyes. There, I said it. I am not sure if you feel better, but I know I do.

Look, I know that was not the topic you thought I was going to broach. I know where your brain was going, and I understand. We are stuck in a hurricane of negativity these days, and a mixture of disgust, anger and sadness are never far from the surface.

But every now and then we need to take a break from

that and consider whether we are too old to build a blanket fort in our living rooms. Admit it, when you were a kid, you gathered all the blankets you could find, draped them over furniture, anchored weak spots with books (remember those?) and enjoyed hours of solitude with your friends or pets.

I loved making blanket forts and had some pretty elaborate ones. I slept in one I made in my small childhood bedroom for a couple of weeks once, before my mom performed a little

demolition on it. It was a sweet two room place, with a Flintstones blanket separating the "living room" from the sleeping area.

I was about ready to start charging my stuffed animals rent.

Those were certainly simpler times. No yelling, no getting banned from social media -- actually, no social media at all. But we did have to fight for the phone -- the one shared by the entire family. Now THAT is something to riot about.

I could let current events rule and ruin my life, and it would be easy to succumb to the negativity. Instead, I tend to obsess over which show I am going to binge watch next. After a day of work, my wife and I enjoy relaxing to a good show. The problem is always what's next?

We have done all of the ones you would expect -- "Breaking Bad," "The Walking Dead," "Sons of Anarchy," "The Sopranos," "Fargo." Seriously, the list goes on and on.

Eventually, you find

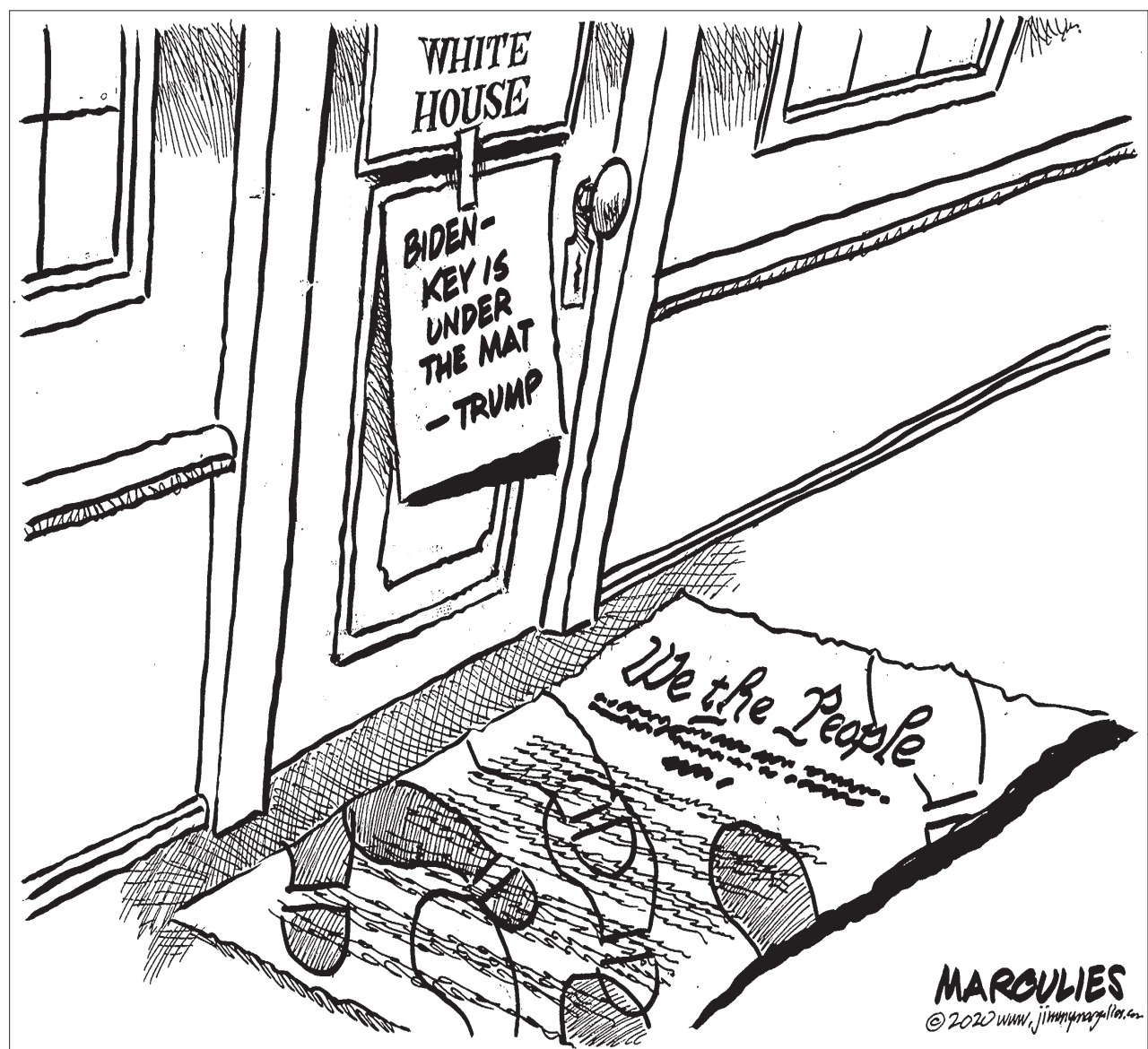
yourself after dinner sitting on the couch wondering what in the world you are going to watch. It's not like we can go out with friends -- thank you, COVID! Just thinking about those dark moments between ending one great show and starting another makes me shudder.

Yes, I am doing my best to give you a few moments of distraction. I could write 1,000 words on what I think of the current climate in the country, but that wouldn't do anyone any good. And I put myself at the top of that list. I don't need it, honestly.

So instead, I will worry about things like people not using their blinkers, that we have seen very little sun the last couple of weeks, the fact that I broke a belt loop on my favorite jeans last week and that while I am letting my hair grow it is in a stage that makes me want to break every mirror in the house.

So yeah, there's a lot on my mind.

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We must restore country's values

Dear Editor,
We have come full circle: Jan. 20, 2017, Trump's "American Carnage" spec to Jan. 6, 2021, Trump's American carnage arrives.

We must restore our values for our beloved country.
Myrna Hart, Oregon

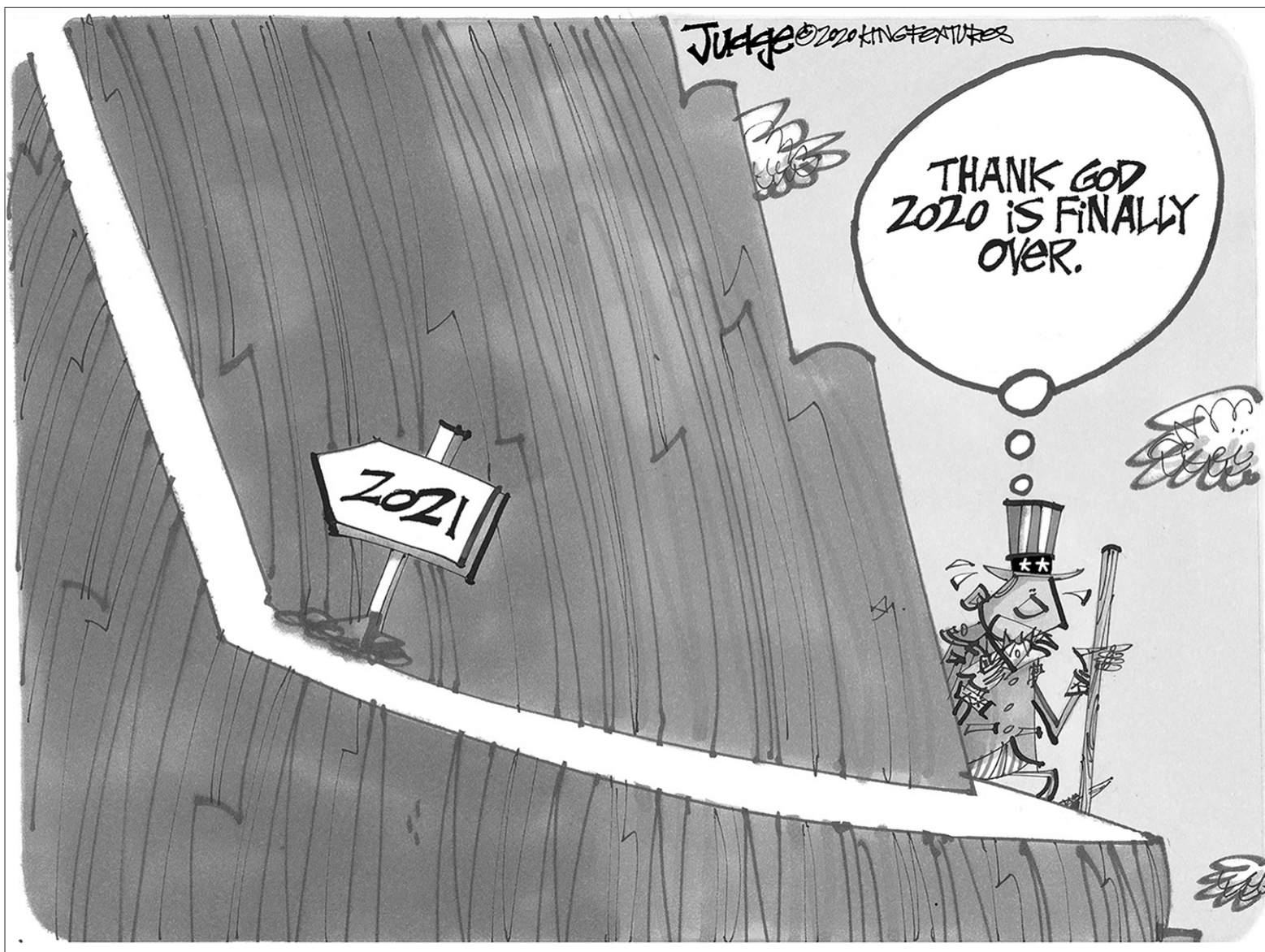
Goodfellows send thanks

Dear Editor,
The Mt. Morris Goodfellows would like to thank the many individuals, organizations, and businesses that chose to support our efforts by making a donation to help those in our community who, for some reason, could use a little assistance.

It is the generous support of our community that allows the work of the Goodfellows to continue. This holiday season we were able to touch the lives of one hundred thirty-two families/households. We thank you for making that possible.

Best wishes in 2021 from the Mt. Morris Goodfellows.
Sincerely,
Charlie Beard and Jerry Griffin

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From left are: Rande Mennenga (R.F.M. Creations), Monica Putnam (Hidden Timber Gardens), Sharon Wallace (co-President Lifeline), Meggan Dickson-Grennan (w@sh)

New Oregon group all about female entrepreneurs

OREGON – w@sh salon owner and Oregon native, Meggan Dickson-Grennan, recently found Oregon did not have a group dedicated to female entrepreneurs.

“I’ve taken it upon myself to connect the strong womxn business owners in our area,” she said. “Why ‘Womxn? This is a female group for Womxn of all kinds.”

Womxn in Business (Oregon area) is for serious business owners. The group is creating a network of hard-working entrepreneurs to have space to connect, find support and build relationships with other people who recognize the hard work it takes to gain success.

Recently, member Rande Mennenga, of R.F.M. Creations, suggested a holiday gift basket. This idea morphed into the Womxn in Business Christmas Raffle 2020. Nine group members generously donated to the raffle, which ran Dec. 3-21. Participants included Hilltop Wildflowers, w@sh, R.F.M. Creations, Blackhawk Nutrition, Hidden Timber Gardens, O’s Bakery, Creative Designs, Long

Shots Photography, Linda Young Bennett/Arbonne.

Knowing so many organizations benefit from donations, Dickson-Grennan chooses to use her business’s position in the public eye as a way to involve the community and give to those organizations in a bigger way than a single person might be able to. w@sh hosted the Womxn in Business Christmas Raffle, which raised \$425. All proceeds from ticket sales were donated to the Lifeline Food & Self-Help Project.

Located inside historic Conover Square Mall you’ll find Lifeline Food & Self-Help Project (201 N. 3rd St., Oregon). The Lifeline Food & Self-Help Project began in 1982. The project began as a food pantry; with clothing following a few short months later. Lifeline is run on clothing and monetary donations. Clothing sales fund the food pantry and utility bills. Their store is open Tuesday-Saturday.

For more info on Lifeline, call 815-732-7891. For more information on Womxn in Business, email washalon815@gmail.com.

Bread of Life has dates in February, March

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food Pantry serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District. We provide groceries to our neighbors in need.

We meet at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S Maple, in Stillman Valley on the second Tuesday of each month. Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

Upcoming dates are Feb. 9 and March 9. Distribution is curbside from 3-5 p.m. When Meridian schools close for weather we do, too. If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8872

County has grant funds available

The Ogle County Emergency Food and Shelter Program has received a federal appropriation from The Department of Homeland Security, EFSP National Board Program in the amount of \$23,217 for phase 38, and is accepting federal grant letters of application from agencies in Ogle County that provide emergency food and shelter.

Eligible agencies must meet the following criteria; have the capability to provide emergency food and/or shelter services; propose to use the funds to supplement or expand an existing program and services; is a private nonprofit with a voluntary board or an agency of government; have an accounting system, and practices non-discrimination, have FEIN# and DUNNs #.

Letters of application for funds should be made to Ogle County Emergency Food and Shelter, and emailed to HOPE of Ogle County, Attn: Ruth Carter, hopeogle.admin@hopedv.org

The application letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Jan. 22.

The local board is to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area.



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A MUST SEE! Newly remodeled ranch home on nice shady lot. 2 car garage, new metal roof, 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, large kitchen/dining room. Out buildings, central vac, central air, and patio. 711 MONROE Street, Oregon
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815-622-4619/ 815-440-2835

\$110,900 dickersonnieman.com/202003435
AMAZING RIVER VIEWS! 2 bed, 1 bath ranch situated on the Rock River. Great place to bring your water toys and enjoy river living. Approximately 300 ft of riverfront. Laundry room could be turned into third bedroom. Freshly painted in 2017. 7632 RIVER Road, Byron
TANYA VINCE
815-234-5133

\$265,000 dickersonnieman.com/202000579
OREGON! Byron schools. Riverfront, split floor ranch with 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car attached & 2 car detached garages, garden shed. 4005 N IL. RT. 2, Oregon
MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB
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Tanya Vincor
703-6118



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BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! Offers 4 bedrooms, large living room, dining room, crown molding, oak floors, walk-in closets, built-in cabinets, fireplace, window seats, 1st floor master & laundry. Corner lot w/30' flag pole. Pergola/2 car garage. 709 W WASHINGTON Street, Oregon
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Mobile Food Pantry will be Jan. 29

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Friday, Jan. 29, from 1-2:30 p.m. The truck will be located at Mount Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris. This mobile pantry is open anyone in Ogle County. This is an "extra" food distribution. Loaves & Fish Pantry clients are still eligible to receive their normal monthly food allotment. The pantry is open on the first and third Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and Second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone in the Mt. Morris/Leaf River area experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. The 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 815-734-4250 or 815-734-4573 and leave a message.

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Homes Sold: 433
Average Sale Price: \$159,188; 12.8%
New Listings: 281
Monthly Inventory: Down 53% (Extremely low)

Sales Pending: 480; +22.8%
Average Days on Market: 27
Interest Rates (30-year fixed): 2.68%



845 Market Update

*Numbers are based on a year over year comparison from Boone, Ogle, & Winnebago Counties



NEW LISTING



3356 Gunflint Trail Rockford \$185,900
Call Erin

Do you need space for your family? This amazingly maintained 5 bed, 2 bath ranch in the established, private Blackhawk Crest neighborhood will check all the boxes! The attention to detail with the gorgeous hardwood floors and oak 6 panel doors & trim speaks to the quality of this home. Kids can play in the wooded back yard of this half acre lot while parents watch from the open kitchen and dining area with large back deck that can be accessed through the dining or master bedroom! Finished lower level has 2 bed rooms and additional family room. The big ticket items are taken care of too - new roof (2018), gutters & soffit (2013), water Heater (2015), new attic insulation (2018). All you have to do is move in! Call today for an showing

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532 W Blackhawk Drive Byron \$899,999 Call Carla

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NEW LISTING



1623 Carney Avenue Rockford \$74,900
Call Erin

Charming 2 bed, 1 bath all brick bungalow, on a spacious corner lot in a quiet neighborhood. Cozy fireplace in the front living room, spacious dining room leads to kitchen in the rear with updated SS appliances and breakfast nook. Breezeway leads to detached garage to protect you on snowy days! Interior has been newly painted, newer floors, new water heater (2019), furnace just replaced (2021) and A/C will be installed this spring - all warranties transfer! Attic space is just begging to be finished and the basement is clean and dry with plumbing for another bathroom! Come see it today before you miss your opportunity for homeowner happiness!

PRICE DROP



1011 S Third Street Oregon now \$124,900
Call Stephanie

Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home on a large corner lot with fenced in backyard. You will love the open kitchen / living room layout. Large dining room, first floor laundry, spacious 2.5 car garage with new steel roof. Don't miss out!

PRICE DROP



1506 13th Ave Rock Falls now \$52,000 Call JD

Move in ready! This charming home on the north side of town features a large main living space and kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Both bedrooms are very spacious. You are sure to appreciate the main floor laundry in this ranch home as well. The bathroom has also been recently remodeled with a very modern touch! Make this your new home today.

PRICE DROP



411 Mix Street Oregon now \$149,500
Call Lori

Cottage is currently rented as a home for \$500 a month. Cottage is perfect for a school room or home office just a 25 foot commute from home. Main house has 4 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms plus a finished family room in the walk-out basement! This house has a second floor laundry, 2 fireplaces, newer roof and siding. Double pane windows. Unique location with plenty of wooded privacy at the back of the house. Covered porch, big back deck, fire pit outside along with a patio and hot tub. This house will fit everybody!

PRICE DROP



104 N Etnyre Oregon now \$68,000 Call Mark

1333 Sq Ft Ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 car garage on an oversized privacy fenced-in yard, custom decks & cement patio. Updates in the last 10 years include: furnace, central air, roof, siding, windows and hot water heater. First floor laundry. Bank owned. Being sold AS IS.

PRICE DROP



1176 S Daysville Road Oregon now \$119,900 Call Carla

Super cute two bedroom, one bath ranch home on the outskirts of town. Newer family room addition with vaulted ceiling, loads of light and fantastic views from every window! Large kitchen with dining areas. Newly updated bathroom, nice sized living room and main floor laundry room with additional cabinet and counter space. All this and more on a nice wooded lot! Call today to view this special offering just outside of Oregon.



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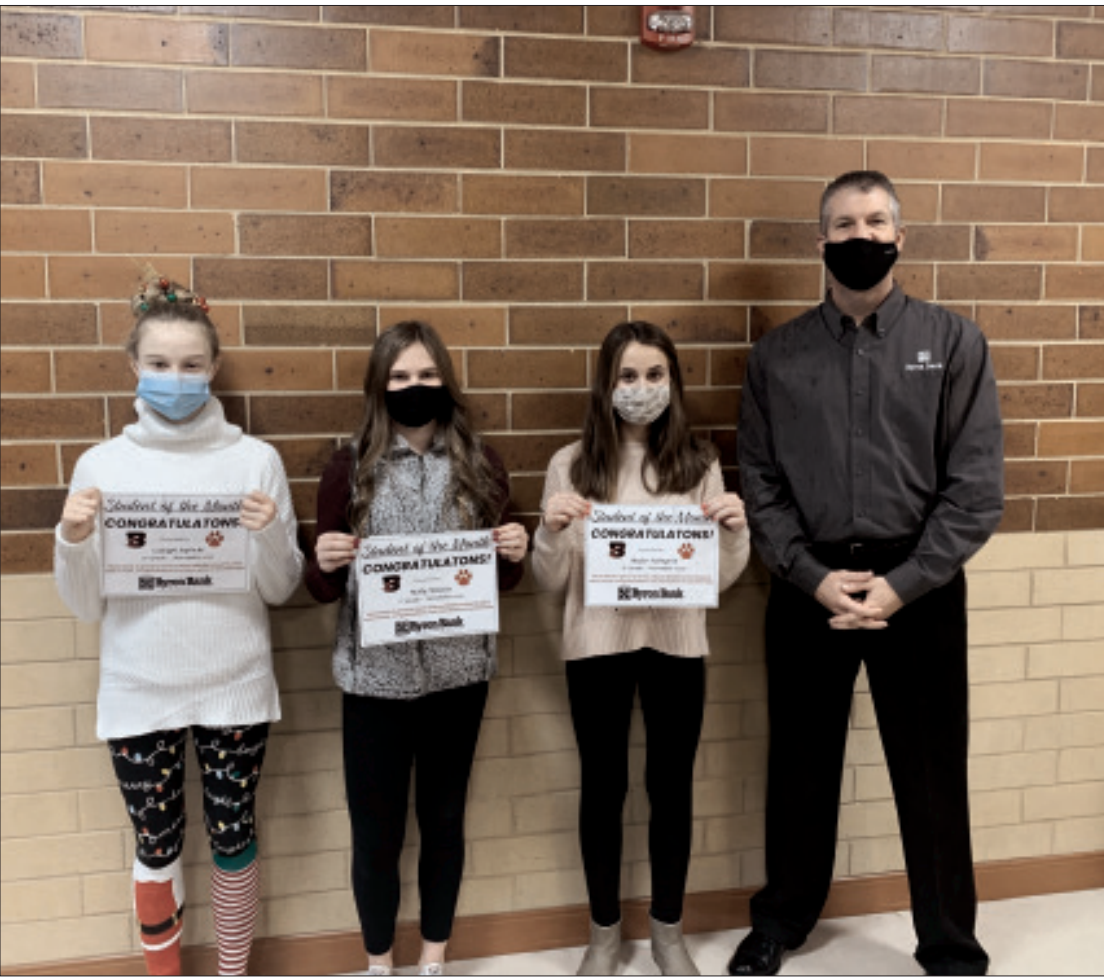
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Students of the Month

Byron Bank, located at 200 N Walnut St. in Byron, is proud to announce the Byron Middle School Students of the Month for November. Students are selected by teachers based on criteria of: work habits, positive attitude, good manners, cooperation with faculty and peers, and a good role model for other students. Byron Bank presents the students with a cash prize and a certificate of award. The November 2020 Students of the Month are (from left): 6th Grade – Caleigh Rybicki; 7th grade – Molly Wheeler, 8th Grade – Skylar Palmgren – and from Byron Bank-Mr. Brent Baker.

Birth



Russell-Brown's welcome son

OREGON – Lee and Dana Russell-Brown of Oregon are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kieran Drozd Russell-Brown. Kieran was born on Nov. 30, 2020, at 8:10 p.m. in Swedish American Hospital, Rockford. He weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. Kieran was welcomed home by big brother Asher.

Kieran's maternal grandparents are Dan and Kathy Drozd of Oregon. Paternal grandparents are Ross Priestman and Anne Russell-Brown of Dunsborough, Australia and Ian Russell-Brown and Kathy Lamb of Waikiki, Australia.

E-mail news items to
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Wright earns Dean's List honor

MILWAUKEE – The following student received academic honors from Milwaukee School of Engineering for the 2020 Fall Quarter:

Polo – Patrick Wright, Honors List, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

Undergraduate students on the Honors List have earned a GPA of at least 3.20 (out of 4.0) for this quarter and are not on the Dean's List.

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Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County 562-8890 or 732-7796
Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 732-2191

Low Income Housing

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

Mental Health

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

Senior Citizens Services

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

Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

Veterans' Services

Rock River Center 732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499
Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co. 255-9181
Medical Transportation 677-6515

Wellness Services

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

Byron Library News

Curbside Delivery

Curbside service is here to stay! 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. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

Winter Reading Challenge!

Jan. 1-Feb. 28
 Beat the winter boredom by registering for our all-ages online Winter Reading Challenge! Participating readers can earn chances to win prizes for reading, just like in the summer! Prizes include Beanie Babies, play kits, several gift cards (adults & teens), or a gift card of your choice (older children). There will also be a grand prize drawing for the finishers in each category! The more you read, the more chances you have to win! Register online at byron.beanstack.org or via the Beanstack Tracker App. If you participated in our summer reading club, you can use the same login.

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Wednesday, Feb. 3
 6:30-7:30 p.m via Zoom
 Join the Great Backyard Bird Count this year that runs from February 12 – 15. We will meet on Zoom to go over how to participate, and create two bird feeders. Kit

will include toilet paper rolls, shortening, birdseed, a plastic knife, and twine. The Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Saturday, Jan. 30. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Macrame Keychain

Thursday, Feb. 11
 6-7 p.m. via Zoom

Join Kelly as she creates a stylish macrame keychain. Perfect for beginners! Kit will include one keychain toggle and macrame rope. Additional supplies needed include scissors. The Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Monday, Feb. 8. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Share Your Story

Monday, Feb 15
 11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom

Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories with the group, if interested. A journal will be provided to new registrants and will be available for pick up at the library any time after Friday, Feb. 12. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Polo Library News

Polo Public Library is Open for Curbside Pickup

Mondays – 2-6 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesdays 2-6 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Step 1 - Log in to your PrairieCat/Encore account and request items for pickup. You can also call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org at least one business day in advance of preferred pickup day with a list of items you would like to check out.

Need a suggestion? Library staff are happy to select several books for you to try.

Step 2 - Call 815-946-2713 to schedule a date and time for your contactless pickup. Please remain in your car and allow library staff to place your items in your trunk or back seat.

Step 3 - Drop items off as you are finished with them. Our book drop, located to the left of the Congress Street door, will continue to be open 24/7. As always, Polo Library is a Fine Free Library.

Additional Curbside Services

We are still offering copy/print (.25/Black and White .50/Color) and fax (\$1/page). We also offer home delivery at no extra charge for patrons who are unable to use curbside pickup. Please call 815-946-2713 for more information and to schedule an appointment or home delivery.

Weather Closure Information

Polo Library does not follow Polo School District weather closures. Please check Facebook.com/pololibrary, WREX (TV), WLLT (107.7 fm - Radio), or call 815-946-2713 before heading to the Li-

brary in questionable weather.

Winter Reading Programs, all ages – Jan. 4-Feb. 28

This winter, travel through reading! There is a “Passport to Reading” program, recommended for kids and students ages 0 - 6th Grade, or the “Travel the World through Reading” program for everyone else, 7th grade and up! For more information about the programs and to register, visit pololibrary.readsquared.com. If you have any questions, or are unable to register online, please call 815-946-2713.

Winter Backyard Birding – Thursday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., Live on Zoom

Join us live on Zoom as we host Gary Gordon of the Northwest Illinois Chapter of the Audubon Society. Gary will be sharing a program on Winter Backyard Birding. This program will be great for anyone to attend, whether you consider yourself an amateur ornithologist or if you are just looking to pick up a new hobby in the cold winter months while you're stuck at home.

Book Subscription Box – Grades 6-12

The book subscription box contains one book to read and some goodies. You pick the genre, we supply the book! Email library@pololibrary.org and ask for a Book Subscription Box form, fill it out, and we'll call you to set up a pickup time when your box is ready! Read the book while you enjoy some treats, then return the book in the book drop.

Yoga on Facebook – Third Monday of the Month, 6 p.m., Facebook.com/pololibrary

Oregon Library News

Current library procedures

Oregon Public Library has shifted to touch free services due to the Tier 3 mitigations. We will only be offering curbside pick-up and appointments for computer use, printing or faxing. Please call 815-732-2724 to schedule pick-ups or appointments. Holds can be placed three different ways:

Online through the catalog: <http://search.prairiecat.info/iii/encore/?lang=eng>
Over the phone with Library staff at (815)732-2724, or through our NEW mobile App - PrairieCat Mobile.

Log into your library account with your library card number and PIN (last four digits of the library card number).

Once your requested items are available for pick up you will receive the automated notification from PrairieCat. Please call us at (815)-732-2724 after you receive this notice to schedule your curbside pick up.

Remember to check our Facebook posts or the local papers for new releases! You can also talk to the librarians for book recommendations and to place items on hold!

Book bundles at the library

Don't know what to read or check out for curbside?! Look no further! We have librarian created book bundles! Each bundle has 3-4 books, we have bundles of mysteries, holiday books, fiction, non fiction, assorted and even a trilogy from a local author!

Where in the world is Video Story Time?

We're back and with something new! Let us know in the comments where you think the video was filmed. Oregon Public Library cardholders have 4 days from the posting to guess and then your guess will be eligible to be entered in a drawing for a children's book from our free book selections!

Take and make crafts for kids – Ages 3 years and up

Beginning Monday, Jan. 11, a variety of craft kits will be available for patrons to pick up curbside and take home. For

more information contact the Library at 815-732-2724. Kits will be first come, first serve while supplies last.

Maker Monday January – Registration required 815-732-2724, Ages 18 and up.

DIY Watercolor notecards
Kits will be available for pick up beginning Jan. 18. Video instruction will be posted to our website. Registration deadline is January 11th. Kit includes all materials to make Watercolor Notecards. Registration for kits required, only 10 kits available 815-732-2724. Oregon Public Library patrons must present their library card.

Try it Tuesday during COVID

Craft kits will be available for pick up on 2nd Tuesday of the month. Kits vary and are first come, first serve.

Library book clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. to discuss *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate.

Oregon writer's 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.

Awaken: Motivating the Unmotivated – Thursday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m.

Virtual Program
Despite the best intentions, staying motivated, positive, and energized during the COVID crisis is challenging. Similarly, trying to keep children, family, friends, or colleagues motivated is exhausting and regardless of the reward offered, the result is often less than desired. If you struggle to maintain a high level of motivation for yourself and others, especially now, this

presentation will spark a fire and offer an opportunity to explore:

* The mystery of the peaks and valleys of motivation.

* One barrier that stands in the way of motivating others.

* How listening closely to your intuition can spark motivation.

* An ideal environment where self-motivation thrives, even during COVID.

* Simple strategies to awaken self-motivation right now.

Registration required (815) 732-2724

In the Belly of the Best: King in Chicago – Monday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. Virtual Program

On his way to the Mountaintop, Dr. Martin Luther King trod many miles and visited many cities

including Chicago. The extraordinary work he did here is largely forgotten by those who were there or unknown to those too young. To learn more about this remarkable man and this remarkable time, please join musician/historian Clarence Goodman for "In the Belly of the Beast: King in Chicago." Registration required 815-732-2724.

Museum of Bad Art 101 – Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m. Virtual Program

The world's only museum dedicated to the collection, preservation, exhibition, and celebration of bad art in all its forms. The growing collection of works of bad art awaits your discerning eye. Join Louise Reilly Sacco, founding member of the Museum Of Bad Art in 1993, as she shares this introduction to the collection. Starting as the Director of Financial Enablement, she has risen to Permanent Acting Interim Executive Director. Louise retired from a career in marketing and now works summers as a Fenway Park usher. Registration required 815-732-2724.

New Library APP!

You can now check your library account, search for items, place holds, see library events all from your mobile device! Download the PrairieCat Mobile app to

day! Search for PrairieCat Mobile on your device's app store, connect with your Oregon Public Library card and you are all set!

Friends of the Library grab bag book sale

Friends Annual Book Sale... The Grab Bag Book Sale continues! This is an ongoing sale and the bags are in the library labeled by genre. You can purchase a bag for \$5. There are approximately 8-10 books in each bag. Don't miss out on this awesome deal! Please call the Library at 815-732-2724 if you have any questions.

Two new online resources! Brainfuse and Scholastic teachables

Brainfuse HelpNow offers a personalized homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) including SAT preparation. The Adult Learning Center is included in the HelpNow suite. Brainfuse is available to all library patrons from the public computers at the library or from any computer with internet connection simply by going to the Oregon Public Library website and logging in with your library card.

Scholastic Teachables provides educator-created & expert-vetted teaching materials. Unlimited online access to the best classroom-tested printables. It has a wide variety of free printable worksheets for grade Pre-K through 8 that span over many different skills! Go to the Library website and log in with your library card number. website and log in with your library card number.

New DVD releases

The Secrets She Keeps (Rated R)
Tenet (Rated PG-13)
Human Nature (Rated Non-Fiction 611 HUM)
Ava (Rated R)
After We Collided (Rated R)
Cobra Kai-Season 1 (Rated PG-13)
Cobra Kai-Season 2 (Rated PG-13)
Honest Thief (Rated PG-13)
Mulan (Rated PG-13)
Love And Monsters (Rated PG-13)
The War With Grandpa (Rated PG)

Mount Morris Library News

Closed Monday, 1/18/21

We will be closed Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr day.

Space! The Cosmos for Kids: The Sun, The Earth, the Moon and Revolution & Rotation

Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 4-4:30 p.m. via Zoom. This techno-space-dance-party for kids is designed to help them learn and have fun at the same time. Each song in Space! The Cosmos for Kids includes dancing, music technology, and information about our universe delivered with a thumping beat. Meet aliens from outer space, sing about the solar system, participate in a rap battle with the sun, and learn the difference between revolution and rotation ... and still be home in time for dinner. Registration Required. Contact the Mount Morris Public Library (815.734.4927) or dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to register. You will need to provide an email address where the Zoom link can be sent.

Healthy Kids Out of School

New Program for 3rd - 5th graders. Healthy Kids Out of School, with the U of I extension office. This program focuses on how to be healthy and active. We will have a

discussion, an art project and a fun way to be physically active. Thursday evenings from 6-6:30 via Zoom. Email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com for the link to join.

Virtual Pet Show & Tell

Let's have some fun showing off our real (or stuffed) animals! All ages allowed! Saturday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. Event will be held via Zoom. Register by emailing dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com. The Zoom link will be sent out the Wednesday before the event to the email addresses provided upon registration.

To-Go Craft Kits for All Ages

We have the following to-go craft kits available: Kids: Cardboard Gnome; Teens: Jolly Rancher Lollipops; Adults: Mini Yarn Hat. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to get yours!

Going Fine Free!

As of Jan. 2, 2021, the Mount Morris Public Library will officially be FINE FREE! Replacement and damage charges will still apply. Contact the library (815-734-4927) with any questions.

Digital Network Access of Illinois Libraries Grant

We were the recipients of a Digital Network Access of Illinois Libraries Grant which allows wifi access 24 hours a day. Simply find MMPL Guest, agree to the Terms & Conditions on the login page and enjoy access for up to 8 hours! Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Adult Book Club

Adult Book Club will be the 4th Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. starting Jan. 25. (Currently via Zoom.) Copies of the January book News of the World by Paulette Jiles are available from the library. Or feel free to grab a copy digitally! Please email Dawn Winters at dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to sign up (Zoom link will be sent via email). Looking ahead: Our February book will be: A Higher Call by Adam Makos.

Virtual Storytime

Virtual Storytime will be at 11:15 a.m. via Facebook Live every Wednesday.



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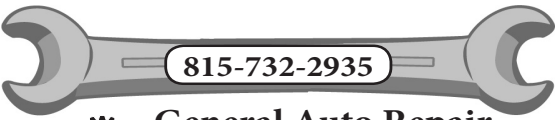

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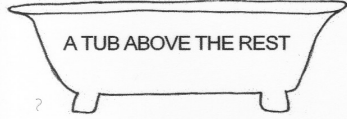
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A Song & A Story

Join us for a virtual thematic song, story, and craft on Facebook Live. It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Call the library to schedule a curbside pickup for the weekly craft, or use the form on our website: <https://juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. January kits now available. While supplies last.

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Tween Reads

Join Zoey on Zoom, Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Kwame Alexander's novel *Booked*. Contact the library to register, and receive your copy and activity kit: 815-645-

Adult Book Club

Pick up a book, then join Joanna on Zoom for a lively discussion of Katherine May's new memoir, *Wintering*. Monday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Adults only. Copies of the reading available for curbside pickup. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register.

Tween Scene: Friendship Fortunes

February marks the season of love and fortune! Join us on Zoom, Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m., to create some beautiful paper fortune cookies with your own personal message; then share with all your friends! Ages 10-12. Registration required. To register, contact the library or email zferrari@mail.meridian223.org to reserve a craft kit and receive a link to the class.

Bertolet Library News

Wednesday WhoDunIt

What does a man do when he receives a mysterious email from his deceased wife? That is the premise of Harlan Coben's novel *Tell No One*, Wednesday WhoDunIt's book pick for January. Join us Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss this terrific thriller. The discussion will be held in the Bertolet Library meeting room. No registration is necessary. Copies of the

book will be available for loan at the library circulation desk. Come to one or all of our discussions...and bring a friend.

Family Story Time

Family Story Time resumes Thursday, Jan. 21. Call to register for your family time slot or follow the SignUpGenius link found on our Facebook page. Miss Jana

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New Releases

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Pastor: Rick Tomlinsom
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass
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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.
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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
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WINNEBAGO

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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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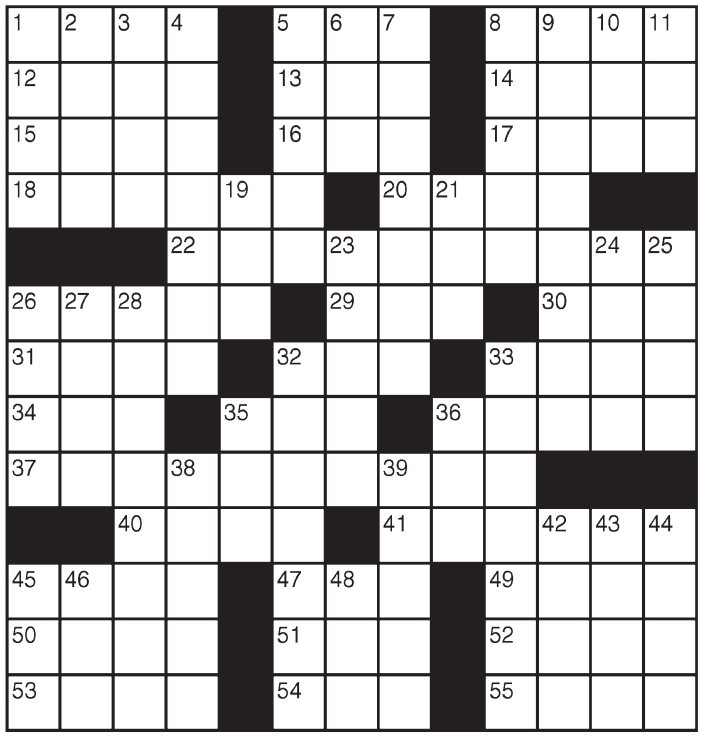
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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

MAGIC MAZE ● ADD-ONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wordsworth work
 - 5 Spasm
 - 8 Billie — King
 - 12 Against
 - 13 Granada gold
 - 14 Sea eagle
 - 15 500 sheets
 - 16 Chess piece
 - 17 Right on the map?
 - 18 On an angle
 - 20 Dines
 - 22 Donald Duck's outfit
 - 26 Birth-related
 - 29 "Exodus" hero
 - 30 Vitamin stat
 - 31 Prior nights
 - 32 Pvt.'s superior
 - 33 Grant basis, at times
 - 34 Seminary subj.
 - 35 Take to court
 - 36 Smartens (up)
 - 37 Produce aisle display
 - 40 Pan handler?
 - 41 Rookie
 - 45 Boyfriend
 - 47 Business mag
 - 49 Press
 - 50 Formerly, once
 - 51 French vineyard



- 52 Bandleader Puente
 - 53 Makes lace
 - 54 "Dig in!"
 - 55 Salty septet
- DOWN**
- 1 Law firm aide, for short
 - 2 Till bills
 - 3 List-ending abbr.
 - 4 Brunch cocktails
 - 5 "Only Love" actress Marisa
 - 6 Lyricist Gershwin
 - 7 Monarch's spouse
 - 8 Army vehicles
 - 9 Test-paper smudges
 - 10 Reply (Abbr.)
 - 11 Court divider
 - 19 Chum
 - 21 Swiss canton
 - 23 Beer type
 - 24 Nantes notion
 - 25 Tiny amounts
 - 26 Soft ball?
 - 27 Say it's so
 - 28 Put on the air
 - 32 Be enough
 - 33 Blockheads
 - 35 That lady
 - 36 Golfer Michelle
 - 38 Closes
 - 39 Full-length
 - 42 Party cheese
 - 43 Greek vowel
 - 44 Seth's son
 - 45 Wager
 - 46 Historic period
 - 48 Big D.C. lobby

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 L H C T **A P P E N D I X** J H E
 C A Y X V T R I P N B L D P E
 J H F R D B Y L R O X I V U G
 T P E R O C N E N C V R P E A
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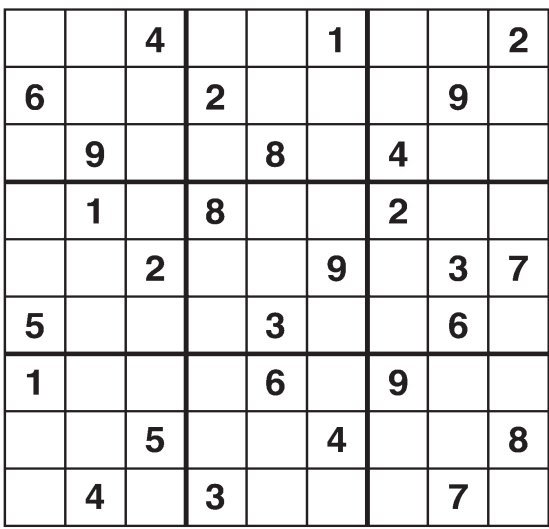
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Extra Income From your Employer**

- Accessory
- Appendix
- Makeup
- Premium
- Addendum
- Dividend
- Patch
- Sequel
- Addition
- Encore
- Plug-in
- Supplement
- Appendage
- Extra
- Postscript

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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.

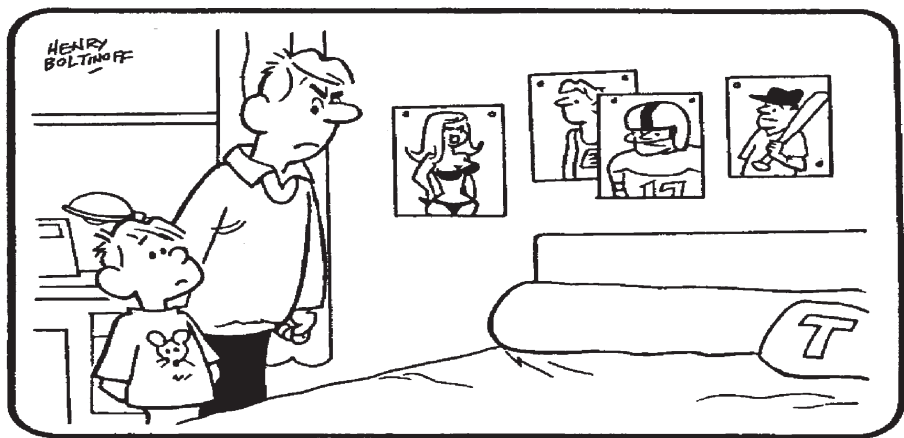
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

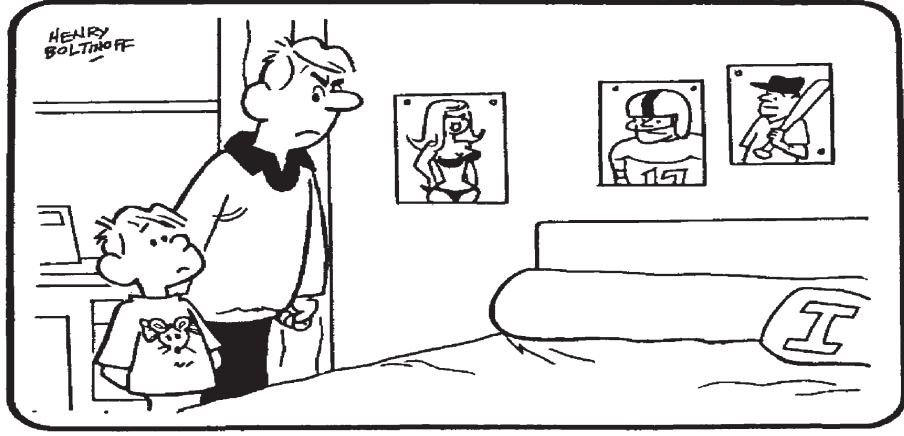
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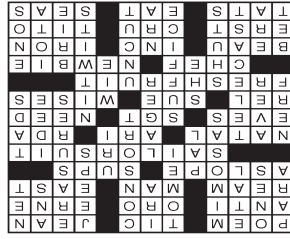
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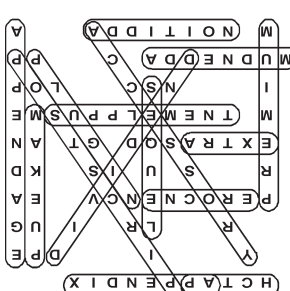
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Letter on pillow is different. 2. Man's shirt is black. 3. Mouse design is different. 4. Lamp is missing. 5. Picture on wall is missing. 6. Curtain is longer.



Solution time: 25 mins.
 Answers
 — King Crossword —



ADD-ONS

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIBU EP ZPV HFU XIFO ZPV DSPTT

B IBNNPDL BOE B EPH?

B SPDLFS TQBOJFM.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

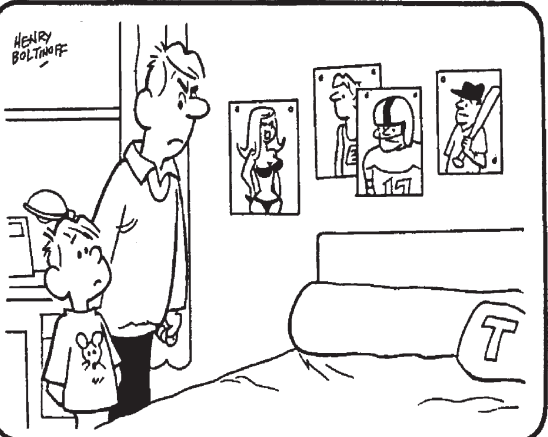
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Bullwinkle, e.g. | ___ S ___ | Mary Tyler-___ | ___ R ___ |
| 2. Light rainfall | ___ H ___ | More sluggish | ___ L ___ |
| 3. Texas capital | A ___ | Bieber or Timberlake | J ___ |
| 4. Witch's spell | ___ S ___ | Road sign | ___ V ___ |
| 5. Mealtime blessing | ___ R ___ | Baseball participant | ___ L ___ |
| 6. Trench | ___ I ___ | From Holland | ___ U ___ |
| 7. Gumption | ___ P ___ | Little stinker | ___ K ___ |
| 8. Interweave | ___ S ___ | Put upside down | ___ V ___ |
| 9. Compassion | ___ C ___ | ___-go-round | ___ R ___ |
| 10. Linger | ___ A ___ | Thirsty cloth | ___ E ___ |

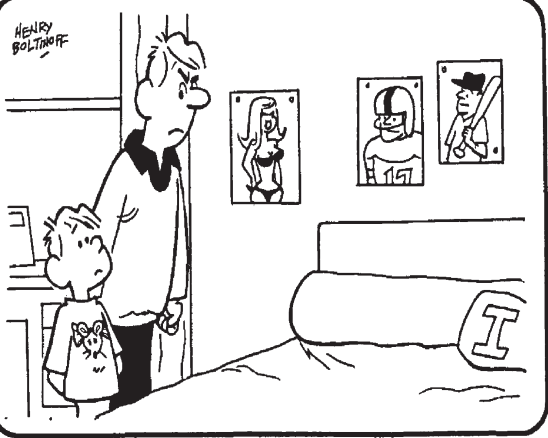
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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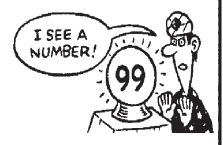


AUNT FLO'S FLAMINGO FRENZY! See if you can add up all of the pink flamingoes that Aunt Flo has put in her front yard. (Count them with a friend and see if you both get the same total.)

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MESMERIZING MATH!

The swami has discovered that if you multiply 99 by any number from 1 to 100, the product will always contain digits that total 18. Try it out: (99 x 9 = 891; 8 + 9 + 1 = 18), (99 x 4 = 396; 3 + 9 + 6 = 18).



LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right column.

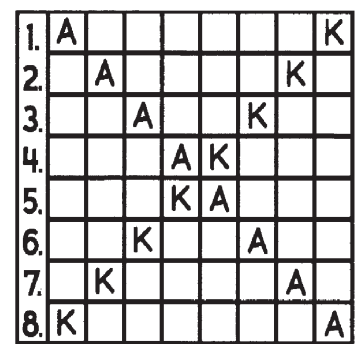
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|---------|------|
| 1. LEG | LACE |
| 2. MALE | ATE |
| 3. NEED | ION |
| 4. REP | LED |
| 5. NONE | MUTE |
| 6. PAL | VENT |

Answers: Legion, malmute, needed, replace, nonevent, palate.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

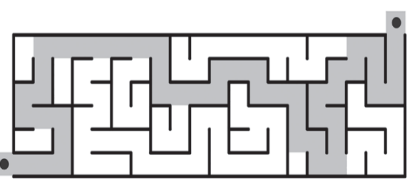
DEFINITIONS:

1. A footnote reference.
2. Narrow, elevated walkways.
3. A wine container.
4. What waves become.
5. Christmas post office headache.
6. Lacking in conviction.
7. A small head covering.
8. A Polish treat.

ANAGRAM:

- skit + ears
talk + caws
oink + tags
reek + bars
cake + gasp
wale + murk
pull + sack
sail + bake

Answers: 1. Asterisk. 2. Catwalks. 3. Goatskin. 4. Breakers. 5. Packages. 6. Lukewarm. 7. Skullicap. 8. Kiebasa.



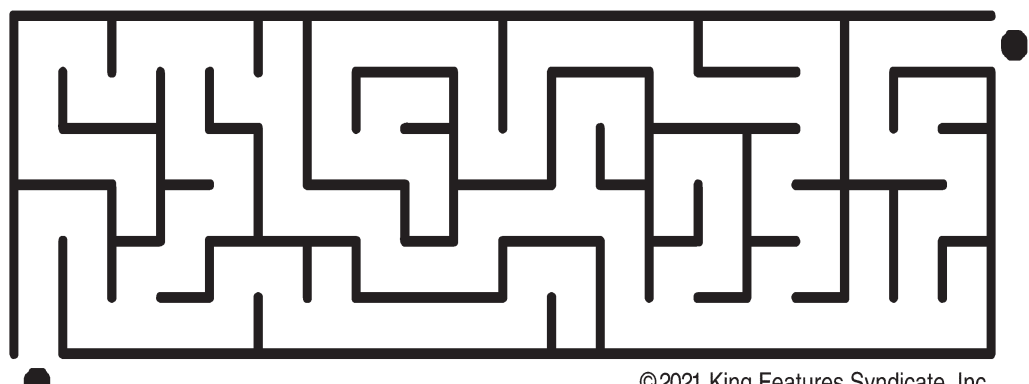
Kids' Maze Solution

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Moose, Moore | 6. Ditch, Dutch |
| 2. Shower, Slower | 7. Spunk, Skunk |
| 3. Austin, Justin | 8. Insert, Invert |
| 4. Curse, Curve | 9. Mercy, Merry |
| 5. Prayer, Player | 10. Tarry, Terry |

Answer
What do you get if you cross a hammock and a dog?
A rocker spaniel.

Puzzles4Kids

Kids' Maze



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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Is the new “Equalizer” starring Queen Latifah a new version of the old TV show by the same name? -- C.B.

A: Yes, the original action crime drama “The Equalizer” from the 1980s is returning with a modern-day spin. Sadly, it won’t star Edward Woodward, who passed away in 2009, but the new cast is a strong one with Queen Latifah (“Single Ladies”), Chris Noth (“Law & Order”) and Adam Goldberg (“God Friended Me”).

The “The Equalizer” producing team is from the duo behind “Castle,” but even better, Richard Lindheim, who co-created the original series, is an executive producer. Look for the 2021 version of “The Equalizer” to premiere Sunday, Feb. 7, on CBS right after the Super Bowl.

Q: Is Mindy Kaling still acting? I really loved her as Kelly in “The Office,” and I also enjoyed her autobiography. I heard she had a second child recently. Will she return to TV soon? -- J.S.

A: Mindy Kaling started out in a dual role of writer and actor on “The Office,” the NBC comedy series that has since gained a huge following on Netflix, and more recently, on the new NBC streaming service Peacock. Kaling then created and starred in “The Mindy Project” and wrote and starred in the film “Late Night” opposite Emma Thompson.

Her most recent projects include creating the coming-of-age series “Never Have I Ever” on Netflix, which was inspired by Kaling’s own upbringing as an Indian-American. She’s also welcomed her second child into the world during the pandemic and is co-writing the screenplay,

along with Dan Goor (“Brooklyn Nine-Nine”), for “Legally Blonde 3,” starring Reese Witherspoon as the iconic character Elle Woods, who will be turning 40 in the new sequel.

Q: I was sad to see that soap actor John Reilly died. Most remember him from “General Hospital,” but I seem to recall him being in a number of films in the 1970s, including one with Barbra Streisand. Am I remembering correctly? -- G.F.

A: Yes, John Reilly, best known as Sean Donely on “GH” off and on for more than a decade beginning in the mid-1980s, recently passed away at the age of 84. I don’t know if you remember the brief prime-time spinoff “General Hospital: Night Shift,” but he reprised the role of Sean for that serial as well, which aired on SOAPNet for 13 episodes. His other daytime credits included “As the World Turns,” “Passions” and “Sunset Beach.”

Reilly (not to be confused with actor John C. Reilly) was a highly employable guest star on dozens of classic television shows during the 1970s and ‘80s, including “Dallas” and “Dynasty,” “Simon & Simon” and “Hart to Hart.” You name it, he probably appeared on it. The film you’re recalling with Barbra Streisand is the romantic comedy “The Main Event,” which also starred Ryan O’Neal as a boxer.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

Many jokes have been made at the year 2020’s expense. We could all have done without the fear and anxiety of a global pandemic that’s still all too real today, but being homebound has had some benefits. Maybe you learned to bake bread or tend a potted garden, mastered homeschooling or finally fixed that leaky toilet. It wasn’t all bad. Here are five films that were released for home viewing in 2020 that prove my point.

“Jumanji: The Next Level” (PG-13) -- Spencer Gilpin, home on a college break, jumps right back into Jumanji -- forcing his gang (Bethany, Fridge and Martha) to follow suit. For good measure, Spencer’s grandpa Eddie (Danny DeVito) and Eddie’s estranged business partner Milo (Danny Glover) are sucked into the game, too. With mixed-up avatars and some fun new additions (Awkwafina joins as a new avatar, Ming Fleetfoot), this fantasy comedy delivers a racing pace, some rollicking good laughs and a surprisingly sweet ending.

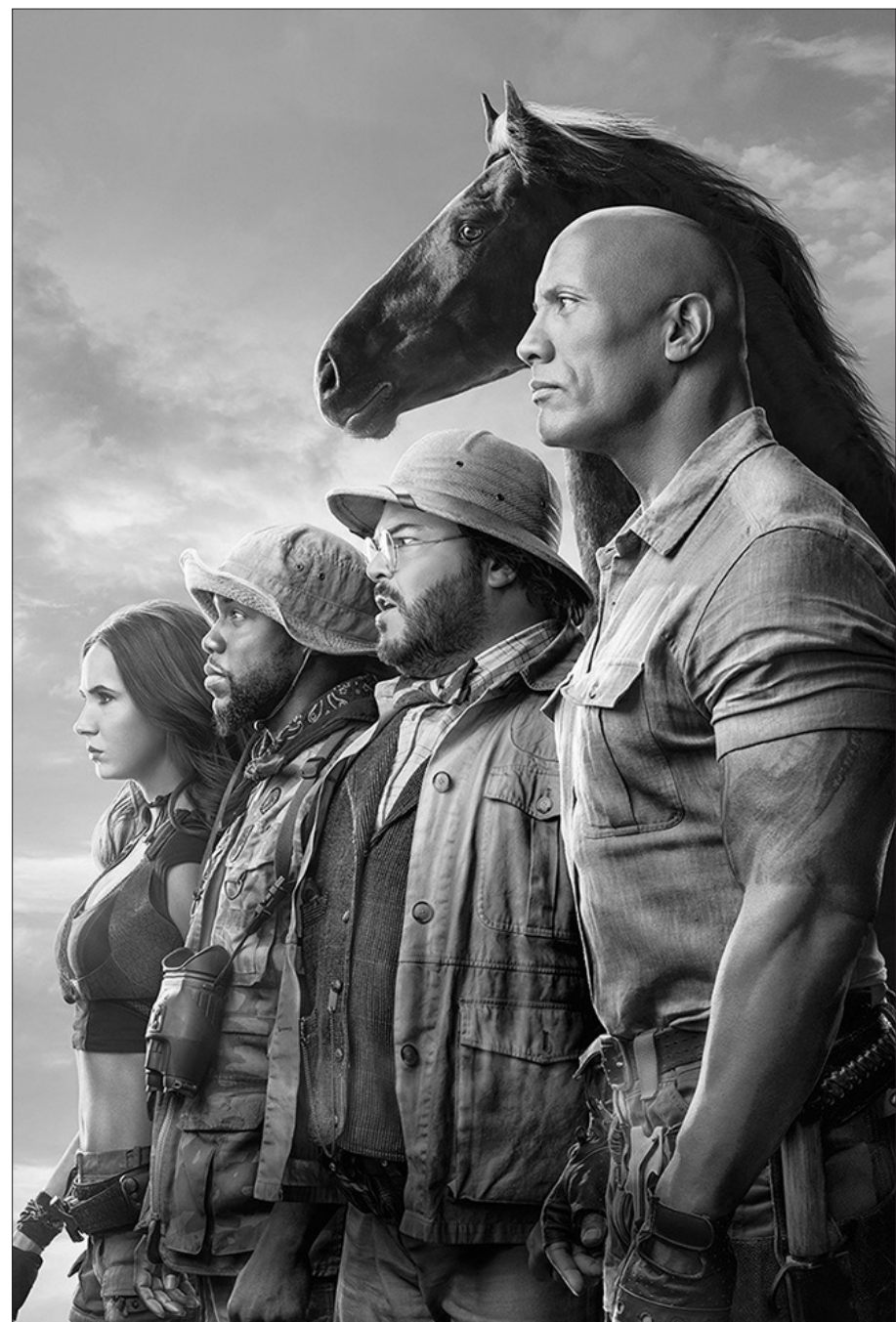
“Jojo Rabbit” (PG-13) -- Young Jojo is a Hitler Youth believer. He believes so hard that Adolf Hitler is his imaginary friend (played hilariously by Taika Waititi, who also writes and directs), the one who gives him a bucking up when the boys at camp come down on him. He has a perennially positive and optimistic single mother (Scarlett Johansson) with a secret. Its discovery leads Jojo to reflect on his own nationalistic beliefs and racism while the makeshift family confronts the final days of World War II.

“Parasite” (R) -- South Korea’s sleeper hit is a black comedy that effortlessly tackles social aspirations and class conflict. The Kim family lives in a squalid basement of a basement, with no prospects and no resources. Son Ki-woo fakes some credentials and takes a job as a tutor to the daughter of the filthy rich Park family, living the good life by association. Getting there was only part of the battle, though. The ends inevitably begin to unravel, with macabre consequences. Written and directed by acclaimed director Bong Joon Ho.

“Just Mercy” (PG-13) -- Michael B. Jordan plays a young, morally ambitious Harvard law graduate who goes to Alabama to seek justice on behalf of poverty- and racism-stricken death row inmates. He starts with Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx), wrongfully convicted of murder and overcome by hopelessness. It’s uplifting and tugs at your heartstrings, plus it’s filled with top-notch actors and is based on a true story.

“1917” (R) -- A riveting first-person war story by celebrated director Sam Mendes, “1917” centers around two British lance corporals, Blake (Dean-Charles Chapman) and Schofield (George MacKay), who are sent across enemy territory to stop a division of British soldiers from advancing into a deadly German ambush. In the thick of war, through the dead of night and with almost no time in which to complete this impossible feat, the two soldiers set out with singular, unwavering focus.

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 NO. 2020 P 91

CLAIM NOTICE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Andrew P. Jackson, Jr. of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 9, 2020 to Betsy A. Young of Rockford, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC. at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Ogle County Clerk of the Circuit Court at 106 S. 5th Street, #300, 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.

BETSY A. YOUNG,
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 No. 0103 (Jan. 4, 11, 18, 2021)

PUBLICATION NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Rock It DJ, 508 W. Locust St., Polo, IL 61064.
 Dated: December 21, 2020
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
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 Dated: December 29, 2020
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0105 (Jan. 11, 18, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given this date February 1, 2021 the Village of Mt. Morris Planning Commission will hold at its regular meeting a public hearing for the purpose of discussion, change to the Village Code as outlined in Title 10, Chapter 12, Section 10-12-3 (No Parking on Residential Lots) Additional information is available in the Village Clerks Office, 105 W Lincoln St., Mt. Morris, IL. The public hearing will be held February 1, 2021 at 6:45 PM in the Village of Mt. Morris, Village Hall meeting room at 105 W Lincoln St., Mt. Morris, IL 61054.
 No. 0109 (Jan. 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on December 29, 2020, 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: Han Picked Thrifts, 7238 S. Lost Nation Rd., Dixon, IL 61021.
 Dated: December 29, 2020
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0110 (Jan. 11, 18, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on December 2, 2020, 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: C and A tire service 416 N. Peru Street Byron, IL 61010
 Dated: December 2, 2020
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0111 (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1)

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE
 (MINOR CHILDREN)
 STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY
 REQUEST OF:
 NICHOLAS ALLEN ANT CZAK
 TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN
 CASE NUMBER 2020MR74

I ask the court to enter change the names of the minor children listed below, and state:
 1. Current Names
 Christopher Michael Rojas-Kirmse to the new name of Christopher Michael Kirmse Antczak.
 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO COME TO COURT DATE AND OBJECT TO YOUR NAME CHANGE.
 1. Court Date Information
 a. February 18, 2021 as 9:00 am
 b. 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL, Ogle County,

Courtroom: 2020
 Kimberly A. Stahl
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 No. 0112 (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 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: Top End Products, 701 Oaks Ln., Byron, IL 61010.
 Dated: January 12, 2021
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0115 (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Ogle County Housing Authority has developed paperwork related to its Annual Agency Plan process and Five-year Capital Fund Program budgets for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 in compliance with current HUD regulations. They are available for review at the Authority's Office located at 200 Washington Street, Suite 100, Oregon, IL. The office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00AM and 4:30PM. A public hearing will be held on March 10, 2021 at 12:00 PM. To join in the Public Hearing call (844)-855-4444, enter access code - 347330#.
 No. 0116 (Jan. 18, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Sealed bids will be received for the following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. February 5, 2021 for:
 1. 21-XX000-00-GM Furnish and Spread 2021 Township MFT Aggregate
 2. 21-XX000-00-GM Furnish and Apply 2021 Township MFT Calcium Chloride
 3. 21-XX000-00-GM Furnish and deliver 2021 Township MFT Pipe Supply
 4. 2021 County Pipe
 5. 21-00000-04-GM County Crack Sealing Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.
 No. 0117 (Jan. 18, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE IN PROBATE
 IN THE)
 MATTER)
 OF THE)NO.
 ESTATE)2020
 OF)P 95
 DELORES)

A.)
 PRINTZ,)
 Deceased)
 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMS
 Notice is given of the death of Delores A. Printz of Forreston. Letters of office were issued on December 30, 2020, to Amy Adkins, 50 Camling Road, Oregon, IL 61061 whose attorney is Edward J. Mitchell, 110 N. Broad St., Lanark, IL 61046.
 Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of issuance of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
 Dated: December 30, 2020
 /s/ Amy Adkins, Representative
 By: /s/ Edward J. Mitchell, Attorneys
 No. 0118 (Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.



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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a childcare service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements

203 HELP WANTED

Dental Assistant Needed
 Experience preferred but willing to train the right individual.
 Apply in person.
 Crisham Family Dental
 101 S 4th St
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Byron CUSD #226 has the following openings:
Special Education Paraprofessional
High School 3 hour per day
Kitchen Worker
Elementary school 3 hour per day
Kitchen/Data Entry worker
Middle School
Assistant Boys Track Coach
 Interested Individuals should apply online at www.byron226.org
 Under the "About Us" tab in the Employment Opportunities Section
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of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

203 HELP WANTED

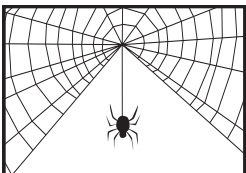
NEWSPAPER CARRIERS Wanted. (Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

Local Trucking Company
 Seeks experienced Class A-CDL Driver for Full time year round employment hauling grain
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 Please leave message

203 HELP WANTED

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

NEW MILFORD REFRIGERATION
NEW, USED SCRATCH & DENT
 • Refrigerators • Freezers
 • Washers/Dryers • Stoves
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6331 11th Street, Rockford
815-874-2257 11222020



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. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

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Stillman Bank Human Resources
101 E. Main Street, Stillman Valley, IL 61084
Fax 815-645-2025
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Life newspaper carriers wanted in Oregon, Byron & Mt. Morris
 The Ogle County Life is updating its list of individuals interested in a carrier route in Oregon, Byron & Mt. Morris

- Deliver just once per week on Sunday afternoons
- No collecting
- Good extra cash for kids or adults

Anyone 10 years or older who would like to earn some extra money by delivering the Ogle County Life should call **815-732-2156** and leave your name and phone number, and you may be contacted in the future when a route becomes available.

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301 ANTIQUES

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dick-harms@hotmail.com

ANTIQUES WANTED: I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Craftman Table Saw 10" Direct Drive, \$100. Black & Decker Mi-

ter Saw 9", \$25. Call 815-539-6942. (01-20-21)

BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll-Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rochelle News-Leader.

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are

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Home for sale in Byron. 4 bd, 3 bath, all new inside. 3941 E. Whippoorwill Lane. \$249,000. www.firstchoicerentals.net

501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1&2-BEDROOM Apts. Clean, Quiet. Available Now. Some Utilities Included. Call For Showing 815-762-6650 or 815-761-3968. (02-03-21) ROCHELLE: 2-BED-

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Parkside Apartments
NOW RENTING 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments. 415 South Ogle Avenue, Mt. Morris, IL. Rent may be 30% of adjusted gross income to those who qualify. Call Allegiant Property Management, LLC at **Rosie Nilles: 815-734-6106 608-784-1381** for more information. Equal Housing opportunity. 07272020

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LAND FOR SALE
3.7 Acres - Corner of Pines & Rt. 2 Oregon, IL - Zoned Commercial \$250,000
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45.4 Acres South of Pines Road Between the Railroads. 19.4 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial. \$6,535 Per Acre
Daniel J. Boehle, Managing Broker 510 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL 815-732-6050 815-751-0037

601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

Studio Apt in Byron. \$430+deposit. Call 815-234-8199.

511 STORAGE UNITS

K&P SELF STORAGE
1563 Kysor Drive, Byron (next to D&W Garage) 815-247-8518
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2017 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS, 2 DR., LOADED, ONLY 21K MILES.....	SOLD
2017 DODGE DURANGO GT, AWD, HEAT SEATS, STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START.....	\$27,846
2017 NISSAN ROGUE SV AWD, REMOTE START, NAV, HEAT SEATS, PANORAMIC ROOF.....	SOLD
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER.....	\$17,966
2017 CHEVY VOLT, HYBRID, ONE OWNER, FUN TO DRIVE	\$13,959
2017 CHEVY BOLT PREMIER, LEATHER, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START	SOLD
2017 CHEVY BOLT LT, ALLOY WHEELS, REMOTE START, ONE OWNER	SOLD
2017 FORD ESCAPE SE, ECO BOOST, ONE OWNER, FACTORY WARRANTY.....	SOLD
2017 FORD EDGE AWD, ECO BOOST, ONE OWNER, X-CLEAN	SOLD
2017 FORD ESCAPE SE, ECO BOOST, ALLOY WHEELS, POWER LIFT GATE	\$15,470
2016 FORD F150 CREW CAB XLT SPORT 4X4, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START	SOLD
2016 JEEP WRANGLER, 4 DR., OSCAR MIKE FREEDOM EDITION, LOADED.....	\$27,990
2016 JEEP WRANGLER 4 DR., OCSCAR MIKE, FREEDOM EDITION, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START	\$27,990
2016 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, QUAD SEATS	\$20,827
2016 BUICK VERANO PREFERRED, 4 DR., REMOTE START, PEARL WHITE.....	\$12,936
2015 JEEP WRANGLER WILLYS 4X4, LOADED LOCAL OWNER, ONLY 18K	SOLD
2013 BUICK LACROSSE, LEATHER HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, LOCAL TRADE	SOLD
2012 CHEVY EQUINOX LS, CLEAN, LOCAL TRADE	SOLD
2002 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE, PREMIUM, LEATHER, ONLY 55K MI	\$14,243
2000 FORD RANGER SPORT S BOX 4X4, LOW MILES, VERY CLEAN	SOLD

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