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# New jail set to open

## County officials hold ribbon-cutting event for 41,000 square foot facility

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

OREGON – As Ogle County Board Member Don Griffin cut the ribbon in front of the new Judicial Center Annex on Dec. 3, he brought to a close a 22-year process that led to that moment.

It was in June 1998 that the county's Long Range Planning Committee was established to develop a 25-year capital improvement plan, which focused on the judicial system.

In remarks after the ribbon cutting ceremony, Griffin said all of that planning is what brought the county this new jail.

"We have a very nice facility for the citizens

of Ogle County for many years into the future," he said.

The county broke ground on the new facility in April 2019. It took 20 months to build and came in on time and under budget. The total cost is projected to be about \$23 million.

Sheriff Brian VanVickle said the work on the project really began in June 2015. Since that time, he said the new jail project, "has been our life."

VanVickle also thanked the citizens of Ogle County for their strong support of local law enforcement.

The 154-bed facility will house both male and female inmates and is about 41,000 square feet.



County Board Member Don Griffin gets ready to cut the ribbon officially opening the new Ogle County Judicial Center Annex in Oregon. The project came in on time and under budget. For photos from inside of the new building, please see Page A2. (Brad Jennings photos)

It is located on 6th Street and IL Rt. 64.

The new jail is expected to be up and operational by the middle of this month. After the ribbon cutting ceremony and remarks, officials gave public tours of the new jail.



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# Obituaries

## Ralph R. Stukenberg

PEARL CITY – Ralph R. Stukenberg, 81, of Pearl City and former longtime Leaf River/German Valley resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 in Franklin Grove Living & Rehab Center. Born Sept. 14, 1939 in Adeline, the son of Leonard and Della (Genandt) Stukenberg.



City; son, Curt Stukenberg of German Valley; step-daughter, Jessica (Peter) Guzman-Dunn of Gross Point Park, Mich.; and grandchildren: Oscar Dunn, Agatha Dunn and Logan Stukenberg.

Preceded in death by his parents; son, Keith; and sister, Betty.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no services are scheduled at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ralph's name may be made to Friends Forever Humane Society, Freeport. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family.

Married to Pamela Endress July 19, 1994 in Rapid City, S.D. Ralph was a bindery operator at Quebcor in Mt. Morris for 42 years prior to retiring in 2001. He enjoyed traveling, living full time in his RV since 2007 and spending the past six winters

in Harlingen, Texas. Ralph also enjoyed railroads, both real and model, and taking his dogs for walks. He was a member of Mendota Hills The Rescue in Amboy and Eastgate in Harlingen.

Survived by his wife, Pam Stukenberg of Pearl

## Diane G. Baxter

LEAF RIVER – Diane G. Baxter, 76, of Leaf River, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 at home. She was born on Jan. 21, 1944 in Freeport, to Donald and Jean (Hutmacher) Folgate.

and vacationing at the lakes every summer. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her significant other Lonnie Havens, son Todd (Jodi) Hollis of German Valley, daughters: Teresa Hollis of Rockford, Tonetta (Craig) Lund of Byron, Tari Hollis and son Chuckie Hartwig, both of Leaf River; grandchildren: Brooklynn and Brittni Hollis, Dane Otten, Shaun James, Jacquelyn Schmidt and Brett Alexan-

der, and Carli Hollis; brothers: Richard Folgate and Gary Folgate; and sisters: Katherine Folgate and Susan (Barry) Hartje.

She was preceded in death by her parents Donald and Jean Folgate, husband Kelly Baxter, and grandparents inc. Addie Hutmacher, who lived to be 105.

A private service was held on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be shared at [www.schwarzfh.com](http://www.schwarzfh.com)

## Byron board sets meeting dates for 2021

BYRON – The Byron Fire Protection District Board of Trustees announces their 2021 meeting dates and times.

The Board will meet at the Byron Fire Protection District, 123 N. Franklin, in the Board Room, located on the lower level of the Fire Station, on the fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. with the exception of December, they will meet on the third

Monday at 7 p.m.

In 2021, the Fire Commission will meet quarterly at 7 p.m. as follows: Jan. 18; April 19; July 19 and Oct. 18 in the District's Multi-Purpose Room located on the main level of the Fire Station at 123 N. Franklin Street.

Special Meetings as well as cancellation notices can be found at [www.byronfire.com](http://www.byronfire.com). Call 815-234-4911 with questions.

## Carol Viola Petersen Knutsen Long

Carol Viola Petersen Knutsen Long, Ft. Worth, Texas (formally of Oregon) was promoted to glory on Nov. 28, 2020. She was born Nov. 29, 1929 in Kenosha, Wis., the second of three children of Roy L. and Irene (Boettcher) Petersen. She graduated valedictorian from Central High School in West Allis, Wis., at age 16 in 1946. She later attended St. Olaf College, Northern Illinois University and graduated Sill Scholar from Rockford College in 1968.



Hallelujah Acres, and attended Vision Life. She loved the Lord, her family, coworkers and friends with her whole heart. He prayed with and for many.

She is survived by her children: Vicki Davis (Ft. Worth, Texas); Steve (Ann) Long (Morrison, Illinois); Jonette (Gary) Wood (Henderson, Nevada); Pamela (Kevin) Basham (Santa Clarita, California); and Andrew Long (Colorado Springs, Colorado). She is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Christopher Janssen, Jim Davis, Holly Harvey, David Long, Peggy Tiedemann, Darik Knutsen, Jaryd Knutsen, Raedun de Alba, Caitlin Basham, Kieran Basham, and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Anita, brother Bruce, husband Robert, and her son, Arvid Knutsen, Jr.

Knutsen in 1948 and lived in Norway and Iceland for two years before returning to the United States. He died in 1959. She then married Robert D. Long in 1961, and they were married 51 years until his death.

She was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and briefly served as choir director. Carol also served on the church council and was a member of Dorcas Circle and other prayer groups. She served on the staff of Freedom House Counseling Ministry, Berwyn, Ill. She also completed Theophostic Ministry basic training, certification from John G. Lake Divine Healing Institute, a health minister certificate from

She worked at Metcalfe Hamilton Kansas City Bridge Company in Reykjavik, Iceland and at Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company from 1950 to 1953. She then worked for 38 years (1955-1993) at Wood Brothers Manufacturing Company (Woods Equipment Company) as Assistant to the President, Keith S. Wood, and then as Controller. In addition, she gave speeches for IBM and the American Production and Inventory Control Society. Carol embarked on a second career from 1994 to 2008 as facilitator for Elijah House Prayer Ministry and Counseling Schools.

Carol married Arvid J.

No services will be held at this time due to Covid restrictions. A celebration of life will take place later. Internment at Riverview Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Samaritan's Purse or a charity of your choice. Arrangements through Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home.

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# Obituaries

## Melissa Lamesch

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Melissa Deanne Lamesch, 27, lifelong Mt. Morris resident, died unexpectedly in her home Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 with her unborn son. Born May 10, 1993 in Rockford, the daughter of Gustave Lamesch III and Deanna (Shedd) Lamesch.



Melissa was a 2011 graduate of Oregon High School, attended Roosevelt University in Chicago, Northern Illinois University, Rock Valley College and Elgin Community College. She was a 2020 graduate of the Swedish-American EMS Paramedic class.

Council, Color guard, and Bowling team.

Melissa was employed as an EMT by Trace Ambulance Service in Tinley Park and hosted Trivia Nights for Pub Trivia USA. She was a long-time employee of Sullivan's Foods. Melissa was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon and Faith Lutheran Church of Forreton. Growing up, she was part of Girl Scout Troop 480, Circle M 4-H; as well as the Oregon High School Student

and maternal grandfather, Daniel Shedd. Melissa was obsessed over her cat, Antonio. She was known for her tremendously unique smile, always arriving fashionably late, and her love of eating and napping. Everything was done in her perfectionist ways and always in true "Melissa Fashion." She was unapologetically herself. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private Funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church in Oregon and burial at St. Mary's Cemetery will be held. Visitation is yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for contribution toward the planting a tree in her memory at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle and a donation to Animal House Shelter, where Melissa adopted Antonio. Also, the family is accepting children's toy donations in memory of the unborn baby. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

## Edith Longcor Mitchell

**BYRON**– Edith Longcor Mitchell, 100, of Byron, formerly of Mendota; died on Nov. 28, 2020. Born on Jan. 11, 1920 in Galesburg; daughter of Charles and Jessie (Hoots) Longcor.



United in marriage to Warren Preston Mitchell on Jan. 18, 1941. Formerly employed as a nurses aid at Heritage Health in Mendota, where she worked until the age of 75. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxillary in Mendota. Edith enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, word searches

and playing bingo.

Survived by her son, Allan (Linda) Mitchell; grandchildren, Carrie (Lou) Luttrell, Christopher (Peg Kruger) Head; great-grandchildren, Derek and Kirsten Luttrell, and Brittani and Adam Head;

sister, Eva (Merle) Brown; nieces and nephews, Jennifer, Alvin, Thomas, Charles, Sammantha, Michael, and their families; as well as an extended circle of family.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Warren; daughter, Elizabeth Mitchell and nephew Jeffrey.

Celebration of Edith's long and full life will be held in the future, due to Covid-19. Grace Funeral & Cremation Service is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

## Richard E. Johann

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Richard E. Johann, age 87, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020. He was born Nov. 11, 1933 in Chicago, the son of Evelyn Shilling.



Dick graduated from Polo High School in 1951 and attended both Rock Valley College and Rockford College where he obtained his Associate's degree. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956. After the service Dick returned home to the love of his life and married Shirley Bosecker on Oct. 20, 1956 at the Congregational Christian Church in Stillman Valley.

He retired as the Import and Export Administration Manager in 1995 after a 25-year career with Sundstrand Corporation in Rockford. He was a longtime member of the Congregational Christian

Church in Stillman Valley and recently attended the Valley Evangelical Covenant Church officiating. Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be no visitation at this time. Burial will be at the Stillman Valley cemetery. A memorial can be made in Richard Johann's name to the local church of your choice or the Stillman Valley Fire Protection District and can be mailed to P.O. Box 218, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley is assisting the family.

Dick is survived by his wife of 64 years Shirley Johann of Stillman Valley, daughter Brenda (Jeff) Miller of Callaway, Maryland, son Steve (Lisa) Johann of Cincinnati, Ohio, 4 grandchildren; Nathan Miller of Lexington Park,

Maryland, Erika Miller of Greenville, North Carolina, Ashley Johann of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Alyssa (Terence) Hubbard of Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Delores A. Ludwig

**FORRESTON**–Delores A. Ludwig, 85, of Forreton departed this earthly life on Nov. 16, 2020. She was born May 18, 1935 in Brookville, Ill., the daughter of Donald W. Smith and Mabel V. (Krusey) Smith.



She married Arlyn D. Ludwig on Oct. 25, 1959. Together they had two daughters, Kelly Ludwig Orth and Amy Ludwig Adkins. She enjoyed her four grandchildren, Carson Swalve, Elyse Adkins, Paxton Orth, and Garrett

Adkins. Delores celebrated the birth of her first great grandson, Declan Hartman.

Delores is survived by her children, her grandchildren, her great grandson, her sister, Barbara (Stanley) Toomsen of Shannon, and brother, Harlan Smith of Rockford.

She is predeceased by her husband, Arlyn, her parents, her brother Homer C. F. Smith, and her niece, Lora Mae Smith.

A private service was held at Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Dixon. Please sign Mrs. Ludwig's guestbook at [www.burketubbs.com](http://www.burketubbs.com)

## Alvina Rose Stickels

Alvina Rose Stickels, 93, of Rockford, passed away Monday, Nov. 9, 2020. She was born Nov. 18, 1926, in DeKalb, to Walter and Mary (Miller) McAdams.



Alvina married Colin Stickels in 1952 and they were married until Colin passed away in 1999. She spent over 26 years working at Sears as an Installation Scheduler. Alvina also volunteered many hours at OSF St. Anthony Hospital. She loved to crochet, knit, cross stitch, and enjoyed reading a good book. Alvina was a long-time resident of Stillman Valley and member of Davis Junction United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Our

Masters United Methodist Church in Rockford. She will be missed greatly by her family.

Alvina is survived by her son, Bob (Barb Colborn) Maness of Rockford; daughter, Sheri (Brad) Pearson of Stillman Valley; her 14 grandchildren; her 35

great grandchildren; her 5 great-great grandchildren; and her 100 year old sister, Adaline Beck.

Preceded in death by her husband, Colin; her daughter, Donna Rudzinsky; daughter-in-law, Karen Maness; her parents; brothers, Bill McAdams and Mick McAdams; and great-grandson, Kevin Thompson Jr.

Services for Alvina will take place at a later date and will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Alvina's name may be made to the OSF Hospice, 5501 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61108. Share on-line condolences at [www.fitzgeraldfh.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfh.com).

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## Obituaries

### John B. Roe

John B. Roe, known as Jack, of Grand Detour, and Holmes Beach, Florida, died Nov. 27, 2020, at the age of 78 from a very rare untreatable form of cancer known as Myelofibrosis.

Jack enjoyed horse racing, golf, reading and traveling.

He attended Oregon schools and graduated from Centre College of Kentucky in 1964. He attended American University, George Washington University Political Honors and University of Illinois Law School 1967.

Jack was elected Ogle County State's Attorney in 1968 and was the youngest states attorney in

Illinois history. He taught Criminal Justice at Sauk Valley and Kishwaukee Colleges for five years. He was admitted to practice in the United State's Supreme Court 1969.

Jack served two terms in the Illinois Senate from 1973 to 1979. While in the Senate, he sponsored the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act requiring candidates for public office to disclose their contributors and their expenditures. He sponsored Governor Thompson's Class X anti-crime bills providing for mandatory sentences for crimes of violence such as murder, armed robbery, rape etc. He sponsored the Horse Racing Act of 1976 completely revising the administration of horse racing in Illinois. He also sponsored the No Fault Divorce Act.

Jack was instrumental in obtaining the money necessary to construct the Illinois Route 251 overpass



in Rochelle.

In 1979, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Illinois Court of Claims by Governor Jim Thompson.

Jack was a member of the Rochelle Grade School Board Dist. 231 from 1982 to 1984. He practiced law in Rochelle from 1973 to 1995; first as JOHN B. ROE; then as ROE &

MALLON; then ROE, MALLON & TESS. He was appointed Circuit Judge in 1995 by the Illinois Supreme Court and elected Circuit Judge in 1996.

After retiring as a Judge in 2000 he was a member of the Governor's Commission to Revise and Rewrite the Illinois Criminal Code; a member of The Board of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield; a faculty member of Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida; a certified Adjunct Professor, Florida County, Circuit and Family Mediator; Certified Mediator U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida and U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Illinois. He was also a Florida Bar Association Arbitrator and Mediator; a certified Mediator and Arbitrator 12th

Circuit in Florida and 15th Circuit in Illinois. He was a Manatee County Florida Administration Hearing Officer and Arbitrator for New York and Nasdaq Stock Exchanges.

The Roe family has lived in Ogle County since 1837, his great-grandfather, John B. Roe was the first Doctor of Ogle County.

Jack is survived by his wife, Phyllis, of 47 years, companion, love, best friend, care taker; son John B. "Ben" Roe IV (Irene) Roe, of Grand Detour; step-daughter, Julie (Jim) Watt, of Oregon; grandchildren, John Benjamin Roe V and Mary Margaret Roe, of Grand Detour, Justin Watt and Emma Watt of Chicago; sister, Ruth Roe Arth, of San Francisco, California; and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Preceded in death by his mother, Jane Gilbert Roe; and his father, John B. Roe II.

A private family burial will be held at Lighthouse Church Cemetery in Ogle County. Unger Horner Funeral Home and Cremation services assisted family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, it was Jack's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of

charitable donations to: Foundation for Focus House and Community Programming,

P.O. Box 491, Rochelle, IL 61068; <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/FoundationFocusHouse>

An online guest book is available at [www.UngerHorner.com](http://www.UngerHorner.com).

### Harold Dietrich

LEAF RIVER – Harold Dietrich, 97, passed away at home on 11/30/20 after a 22-year battle from being injured in his livestock trailer. Harold was born Dec. 12, 1922, in Green Castle, Pa., the son of Russell and Cora (Drury) Dietrich.

When he was 5 years old, he moved with his family to Leaf River. He graduated from Byron High School in 1941. He married Lois Richardson, the love of his life, on Sept 5, 1952 in Polo. They spent 68 years together and they loved roller skating in the early days of their marriage. He worked in various factories while helping on the farm and custom baling for many farmers in Leaf River and Byron area. They lived in Leaf River until 1958 when they purchased their farm and spent the rest of his



life doing what he enjoyed doing, raising cattle, hogs, soybeans and corn. He especially enjoyed running the combine in the fall.

Survived by wife, Lois Dietrich of Leaf River, daughters – Beverly (Terry) Olson of Oregon, Kristine (Burns) Mullins of Wytheville, Va., Karen (J.B.) Northrop of Byron, sons – Randy and Mark of Leaf River, 6 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren, 7

step-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews; brother Jason (Betty) Dietrich of St. Valley.

Predeceased by parents, brothers Lloyd, John, Robert and Russell Dietrich and sisters, Elizabeth, Irene, Pauline and Dorothy.

The family would like to thank Ogle County Hospice and all the workers that assisted with the family. Special thanks to Nicole Molnar and Tina Champlain.

No services are planned at this time due to COVID restrictions.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 S. IL Rt. 2, Oregon or Rockford Rescue Mission in honor of Harold. Arrangements are being handled by Finch Funeral Home, Mt. Morris.

### Margaret Hess

OREGON – Margaret Hess, 84, of Oregon, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 in Allure of Prophetstown. Born Feb. 2, 1936 in Des Plaines, the daughter of Walter and Anna (Reese) Smith.

Married to Sydney Hess March 7, 1970 in Des Plaines; he died Oct. 27, 1987. Margaret was a 1954 graduate of Main East High School in Park Ridge. She had worked as a key punch operator for IBM and Singer Sewing Com-



pany and later assisted her husband in operation of the Oregon Taxi Service for 16

years. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Byron.

Survived by nephews, Rick Kautz and Larry Jacobsen, both of Elgin.

Also preceded in death by her parents; an infant son; and nephews, James Kautz and Scott Kautz. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no services are scheduled. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted with arrangements.

### Dianna L. Kretsinger

LEAF RIVER – Dianna L. Kretsinger, age 74, passed away at Oregon Living and Rehab on Nov. 24, 2020. She was born in Rockford on Oct. 6, 1946 the daughter of Kenneth and Edna (Hastings) Miller.

She married Wayne Kretsinger on Dec. 7, 1963. Dianna loved to work with the public and worked for various locations in the area including Kable Printing, Felker grocery store, and Ben Franklin in Byron. She also worked as a librarian for the Leaf River Local Community Library. She was a member of Leaf River United Methodist Church. In her spare time; Dianna was an



avid crafter who especially loved bead work and flowers but cross stitching was her favorite. She also enjoyed using her artistic abilities to draw and paint. She will be remembered for the love

of her family and her love for dogs.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brothers Marvin and John.

She is survived by her children, Marina (Douglas) Spitzer, Michelle (James) Coons, and Daniel (Florence) Kretsinger; grandchildren, Jessica (Josh), Andrew (Erin), Abigail, and Joshua; and great grandson, Preston Wayne.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic a private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers memorials are established for Serenity Hospice and Home. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Clarence M. Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – Clarence M. Morris, age 83, passed away at St. Margaret Hospital in Spring Valley, on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020. He was born on July 11, 1937 the son of Charles and Viola (Engelkes) Morris.

He graduated from Oregon High School where he was an outstanding track athlete. He then joined the U.S. Army where he continued running track while in Germany. He married Linda Mon on March 27, 1973. Clarence worked various jobs including driving school bus, carpentry, a diecast operator for Quality Metal, and farming. He loved the farm and all of his animals and going to the Chana Sale Barn. He was an avid sports fan and



liked to follow many different sports; but especially enjoyed watching the Cubs, Bears, and Bulls. Clarence loved to eat good food and go mushroom hunting in his spare time. But, the thing that always came first in his life was spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his

wife, Linda of Mt. Morris; children, Brian Morris, Dawn (Michael) Owens of Rockford, Randy (Tanya) Morris of Mt. Morris, Becky Morris of Mt. Morris, Steve (Sara) Morris of Mt. Morris, and Christine Morris of Mt. Morris; his aunt, Martha Schneider of Byron; 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandchildren Eric, Scott, and Nathaniel, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic no services will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers memorials are established in his name. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

# Obituaries

## John H. Klinger

OREGON – John H. Klinger, 82, an Oregon resident since 2002, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 in OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford. Born March 1, 1938 in Chicago, the son of John G. and Mary (Kloc) Klinger.



John was a 1955 graduate of Leyden High School in North Lake, Ill., Bachelors graduate of SIU in Carbondale in 1960 and then in 1969 received his Masters Degree in Science Education from NIU in DeKalb. Married to Barbara Pavlik June 5, 1982 in Worth, Ill. John taught at McClure Junior High in Western Springs, Ill., for 4 years and then was employed in sales for RCA, Honeywell, and lastly for B.W. Berkheimer prior to retiring. He was formerly a Lieutenant for the Western Springs Fire Dept. and also a paramedic. John enjoyed fishing, visiting history museums, a good one-liner and

playing solitaire. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon, Knights of Columbus Council 1092, 4th Degree Assembly 1702 and a Past Grand Knight in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Predeceased by his parents; son, Michael J. Klinger; and grandson, John Rick Wawroski.

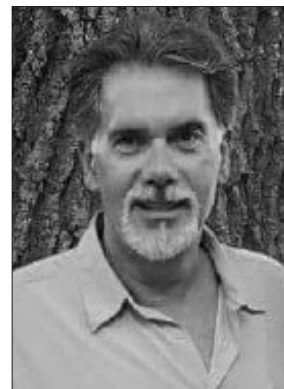
Survived by his wife Barb Klinger of Oregon; sons, William (Lynn) Klinger of Marshfield, Wis., and Sunny (fiancé Karen Larson) Simeone of Lisle; daughters, Laurie (Michael) Gorski of Satsuma, Fla., Susan (Kevin

Burchfield of McHenry and Jolene Vitello of McHenry; grandchildren: Nicole Justes, Wayne “The Grizz” Wawroski, Lauren Rose Wall, Christopher Robinson, Bryan Robinson, Robert J. Gorski, Dominic Donato, and Angela Donato; great grandchildren, Ava Jo Wawroski, Lauralei Rose Wall, and Miles Wawroski; sister, Mary Ann (Robert) Enzweiler of Bloomington; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private family Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon with Rev. Joseph Naill and Rev. Richard Kramer, co-celebrating. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in John’s name may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon or St. Judes Children’s Research Hospital. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

## Gerard James Smith

Gerard James Smith, 62, of Rockford, went to be with his Lord and Savior, on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, at his home with his family by his side. He was born Jan. 29, 1958 in Freeport, the son of Walter James and Eldora Rosemary (Fischer) Smith.



He graduated from Byron High School in 1977. Gerard married the love of his life, Lisa “Memaw” Melinda Kingcade on March 12, 1979 in Rockford.

Gerard worked 15 years as a machinist at Sundstrand Corporation in Rockford and then owned G □ G Construction in Winnebago with his twin brother Gerald Smith. He was a volunteer for Rock House Kids in Rockford and the Five Gates Church in Rockford. Gerard enjoyed working, attending auctions, and

most enjoyed spending time poolside with his family and grandchildren. He was an avid Chicago Bear fan as well as being his grandchildren’s biggest #1 fan at their sporting events.

Gerard is survived by his wife, Lisa Smith of Rockford; son, Jason (Lisa) Smith of Byron; son-in-law, Jamie Armstrong of Rockford; grandchildren, Jayden Smith, Myah Smith; broth-

ers, Donald Smith, Robert (Lizzy) Smith; twin brother, Gerald (Kim) Smith; sisters, Darlene (Sal) Godinez, Linda (Carl) Bengtson, Kathy Smith; several nephews and nieces and many special friends.

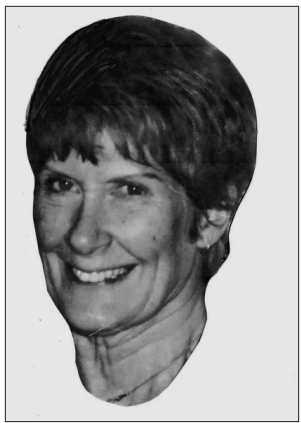
Gerard is predeceased by his daughter, Jazman Marie Armstrong; parents; brother, Roger Smith; brother-in-law, Tom Washington; sister-in-law, Betty Smith.

Private family interment at Middle Creek Cemetery near Winnebago with Pastor John Rodriguez of Redeemer Church in Rockford officiating. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.

Arrangements by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago. For an online obituary and tributes go to [www.genandtfuneralhome.com](http://www.genandtfuneralhome.com).

## Karen Anderson-Plum

BYRON – Karen D. Anderson-Plum, age 80, passed away on Nov. 25, 2020 at Generations at Neighbors in Byron. She was born on Oct. 5, 1940 in Wilmett, Ill., the daughter of Harold and Violet (Christianson) Goettler.



She married David Plumb on May 1, 1988. Karen was driven at her career in social work starting at Marion Joy Children’s Hospital and then the Rockford school system. She had a very kind heart and was drawn to troubled kids who just needed a little extra attention. She was a great listener and truly cared about other people’s feelings. She was a member of St. Mary’s

Catholic Church in Byron. Karen loved travelling the world with her husband.

She is survived by her husband, David of Byron; stepchildren, Christopher Plum,

Rob (Kathleen) Plum, and Randy Plum; brother, Martin (Patricia) Goettler; sisters, Marney (Fred) Bryden, Paula (Fred) Batt, Linda (Bill) Paul, Christine (Michael) Catania; 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions no services will be held at this time but a graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorials are established for Doctors Without Borders. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

## Joyce Antonia Wills

Heaven was gifted a truly special angel on Nov. 20, 2020. Joyce Antonia (Kane) Wills was born on Dec. 17, 1952 in Rockford. The daughter of Donald and Eleanor Kane, Joyce grew up in Davis Junction.



She graduated from Stillman Valley and attended college at Northern Illinois University where she earned a master’s degree in Speech and Language Pathology. She later received a second master’s degree in Educational Leadership. Joyce married her high school sweetheart, Ken Wills, and they spent over 50 years together. They had three daughters Aimee (JR), Julie, and Lesly and later were blessed with four grandchildren. She loved her family more than anything. Joyce enjoyed her profession as a speech and language pathologist for the Stillman Valley School District. She loved helping all of her students and made a lasting impression on many of them. Joyce retired in 2014 when she was promoted to grandma and babysitter.

Joyce was very talented and her family believed she could do anything. Her faith was strong and she was a kind and loving person often giving to others. She was known for sharing many of her wonderful talents including her famous chocolate chip cookies and banana bread, she was an excellent cook and extraordinary self taught seamstress. Joyce was the most amazing and loving mother, grandmother, wife, daughter, sister, cousin, niece, aunt, friend, and role model. She had a positive impact on so many people.

She is predeceased by her father Donald and grandparents.

Joyce will be deeply missed by her survivors: mother Eleanor, husband

Ken, three daughters Aimee (JR), Julie, and Lesly, grandchildren Nolan, Savannah, Kyle, and Kenneth, brother Mike (Barb), many cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephew, and friends.

Joyce was an inspiration to her family on how to live life, love unconditionally and give to others. She had a glow about her that demonstrated her beauty inside and out, and a smile and presence that could light up a room. If you would like to share any stories or memories of Joyce her family would like to hear them. Please mail them to the Wills Family at 6581 Shewmon Dr, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 or email them to [jawills15@yahoo.com](mailto:jawills15@yahoo.com).

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private service will be held at the St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Byron with the Rev. Richard A. Rosinski officiating. There will be no visitation at this time. A Celebration of her life will be held at a later date. A memorial fund will be established made out in Joyce Wills name. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory.

## Sally Jo Mulryan

Sally Jo Hermsmeier-Mulryan, age 65, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. She was born on Dec. 18, 1954 in Freeport, the daughter of William E. II and Joann (Huber) Hermsmeier.



She married Thomas C. Mulryan. Sally worked for over 20 years at Kable News in Mount Morris. She loved flowers and was a very talented floral designer at Glidden Campus Florist in DeKalb, and the Flower Patch in Oregon. Sally and her husband loved spend-

ing time with their many friends, relatives and golden retriever.

Preceded in death by her father, William “Doc” Hermsmeier II, and an infant niece, Maggie Hermsmeier.

Survived by her husband, Thomas Mulryan of Chana,

mother, Joann Hermsmeier of Delavan, Wis.; 3 siblings: William “Billy” Hermsmeier III of Walworth, Wis., Julie (Steve) Kotz of Richfield, Wis., and Robert (Jeanne) Hermsmeier of St. Louis, Mo.; and six nieces and nephews: Dennis and Randy Burke, Danny, Katie, and Joe Hermsmeier, and Joe Kotz.

Cremation care is being provided by the Unger Horner Funeral Home, Rochelle. There will be a celebration of life service at a later date. Guest book at [www.UngerHorner.com](http://www.UngerHorner.com)

E-mail news items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com)  
Please send photos in the jpeg format.

# Byron to increase sewer, water rates

BYRON – The City of Byron operates and maintains the municipal water and sewer utility.

The water system is comprised of three deep wells, three pumping stations, three water towers, 42 miles of watermain, over 500 valves, 250-plus hydrants, and more than 1,800 water meters. The sewer collection system is comprised of 15 miles of sewer main, over 300 manholes, and five wastewater pumping stations. The city also operates and maintains the wastewater treatment plant as mandated by the EPA.

Over the past six months, the City of

Byron has undergone an extensive water and sewer rate study. This study has concluded the utility is underfunded and has been operating by deferring maintenance and depleting reserves. For these reasons water and sewer rates will be adjusted beginning in January 2021 and will be reflected in the February billing.

Water will see a change of \$0.66 per 1,000 gallons (beyond the unchanged base of 2,000 gallons) in 2021 and a \$0.67 increase per 1,000 gallons per year for 3 years for a total increase of \$2.00 beginning in 2023. Sewer rates will see a larger increase of \$2 per

1,000 gallons (beyond the unchanged base of 2,000 gallons) per year for 3 years for a total increase of \$6 per 1,000 gallons. The final rates will be comparable to surrounding communities.

It is important to note that the City of Byron's water and sewer rates have not been increased beyond the CPI in over 16 years. As a result, reserves have been depleted by operations and maintenance. As maintenance is now being deferred, a catastrophic equipment failure will result in the city needing to take out a loan through the EPA. In this scenario the EPA would

mandate that rates be raised substantially immediately. To avoid an exponential increase in your utility bill, the city will be raising rates slowly over time to reduce the impact to our residents.

The goal is to have the utility funded to allow for operations and preventative maintenance without having to borrow from capital funds. Rates will be reviewed annually to ensure we are on target. This review process also allows your elected officials the opportunity to adjust these rates annually. Please contact Public Works Director Aaron Vincer at [avincer@es-il.org](mailto:avincer@es-il.org) with questions.

## RE/MAX seeks people to color holiday pictures for nursing home residents

OREGON – RE/MAX of Rock Valley in Oregon announced that it is looking to spread Christmas cheer this holiday season.

The office is encouraging community members to color pictures or make their own festive artwork and turn it into the RE/MAX of Rock Valley office so that they can be delivered to residents at Oregon Living and Rehabilitation Center and Pine Crest Manor in Mt. Morris.

The ask is simple:

\* Print off the coloring pages we created. Find them on RE/MAX of Rock Valley Facebook or Instagram page. OR, pick-up the pages at RE/MAX's office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.). Or, create your own artwork!

\* Color as many pages as you'd like. The more the merrier!

\* Return the artwork, or mail it to the RE/MAX office by Friday, December 11.

\* RE/MAX of Rock Valley will deliver the beautiful

pieces of art to the nursing homes the week of Dec. 14.

"With the COVID-19 pandemic taking place, many residents are unable to celebrate the holidays with their families in the comfort of their own homes," said RE/MAX of Rock Valley Owner and Managing Broker Rebecca Hazzard. "Encouraging the community and our own family and friends to partake in this small favor is just one simple way we can make their rooms and spaces cozier this Christmas, and hopefully it will put a smile on their face to know much we are thinking of them and all of our frontline workers this holiday season."

RE/MAX of Rock Valley's office address is: 606 E. Washington Street PO Box 242 Oregon, IL 61061

To learn more about RE/MAX of Rock Valley, call 815-732-9100 or visit them on Facebook or Instagram - @remaxrockvalley.



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## Service honored

On Nov. 17, the Byron Park District Board of Commissioners and Executive Director, Paul Zepezauer recognized long time Board Commissioner, Scott Jeffrey for 25 years of service. Commissioner Jeffrey began his tenure with the District in 1995. Over the past 25 years, the District has continued to expand services within the community through the preservation of green space and implementation of recreational programming for its residents. "Commissioner Jeffrey's dedication and passion contribute to the ongoing success of the district," said Board President, Rachel Oracki.

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# Cancelled concert affects local food pantries

MOUNT MORRIS – For the first time since 2004, northwest Illinois musicians will not gather in early December to present a free community Christmas concert.

Concerns about COVID-19 caused the cancellation of this holiday tradition, which showcased vocalists and instrumentalists from throughout the northwest Illinois region. More importantly, the event was a fundraiser for local food pantries, Loaves and Fish in Mt. Morris and Lifeline in Oregon, which had each received approximately \$600 every year since 2010.


Food pantries are experiencing an increase in requests this year, due to the pandemic's strain on the economy. To make up for lost support from the annual Christmas Cantata, the concert committee is asking the public to donate directly to their local food pantries, including Loaves and Fish, 409 W. Brayton Rd., Mt. Morris, IL 61054, 815-734-4573, and Lifeline Food Pantry, 201 N 3rd St #6, Oregon, IL 61061, 815-732-7891.

Music lovers can enjoy a rebroadcast of a Christmas concert at [www.mmchristmascantata.com](http://www.mmchristmascantata.com).




## Candlelight Walk Part 1

The first of the new two-day Candlelight Walk in Oregon held on Nov. 28 was a big success. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited registered homes and businesses in the city limits with Oregon's Fire Department and EMT's. They'll visit again on Dec. 19 beginning at 1 p.m. The second Candlelight Walk – including horse-drawn wagon rides – will be on Dec. 19 from 3-8 p.m.



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# Christmas in Ogle County

## Oregon FFA to sell Christmas trees with COVID guidelines

OREGON – Acres of open space, fresh air and beautiful trees, it's time to come and experience the sights, sounds and smells of the country and select your favorite Christmas tree.

The Oregon FFA Chapter is again partnering with Eagle Bluff at Sinnissippi Farm and Forest to provide a wide selection of Christmas trees, wreaths and garland. COVID protection guidelines set by the state of Illinois and the National Christmas Tree Association will be followed.

Revised hours are:  
Saturdays and Sundays and Friday after Thanksgiving (Opening Day, Nov. 27)

8-9 a.m. – Seniors and individuals with compromised health concerns

9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Open to general public

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

p.m. – Open to general public

\* Curbside pickup available upon request

\* Please wear a mask

when checking out with the cashier and at the no-contact concession stand

\* Hand sanitizing stations will be available for our customers

\* Practice social distancing to be as safe as possible, even though we are outdoors

A wide selection of Fraser Fir, Fir, Douglas Fir, White Pine and Scotch Pine trees will be available, in both Choose & Cut and Fresh Cut options. For more specific information on sizes and pricing of trees, go to our website at [www.sinnissippitrees.com](http://www.sinnissippitrees.com) or our Facebook page.

Students have been working year round with trimming, watering, fertilizing and weed control at the tree farm to give customers one of the best years of selection ever. FFA members will be on site for most of the time to assist with carrying trees, netting them and even securing them to the vehicles.

A non-contact concession stand will be open offering individually wrapped apple



cider donuts, hot cocoa and coffee. Because of COVID protection guidelines, Santa

and Mrs. Claus and wagon rides will not be offered this year. For more information,

go to [www.sinnissippitrees.com](http://www.sinnissippitrees.com) or call 708-710-8354. The annual Ogle County

Christmas tree recycling day will be in the first week of January.

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# Christmas in Ogle County

## Goodfellows accepting holiday donations

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

Donations are greatly appreciated. Jerry Griffin and Charlie Beard, Goodfellows Co-Chairmen, say that the Goodfellows

will once again be able to provide assistance this Christmas thanks to the financial support of the community.

Each holiday season, for more than 60 years, the Goodfellows have provided food assistance and fruit baskets to residents in

Mt. Morris.

Donations can be mailed to Mt. Morris Goodfellows, P.O. Box 75, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 or dropped into a Goodfellows donation can located at local businesses. Participating Mt. Morris businesses are Sterling Federal Bank, Union Sav-

ings Bank, Rockford Bell Credit Union, Cimino's Pizza, The Idle Hour, Moose Lodge, Peppermill Restaurant, Sharky's, Shell Express, Sullivan's Grocery, Village Hall, Mobil, Eclips Hair Salon, Hometown Restaurant, Campus Café and Mullarkey's Bar & Grill.

Please note that some of these businesses may be temporarily closed due to Covid restrictions.

If you have any questions regarding Goodfellows, please call Jerry Griffin at 815-440-4440.

The Mt. Morris Goodfellows appreciate your support.

## Lights on First runs through Jan. 3

MOUNT MORRIS – Here we are again at the time of the year approaching the celebration and beginning of the Christmas season.

It has been a challenging year with the pandemic, but Lights on First animated musical light show will be even bigger and better this year and will surely bring the brightest of smiles to everyone that views the show.

The show will begin

daily at 5 p.m. and run until 10 p.m. starting with the Grand Lighting Kickoff on Friday Nov. 27 and runs thru Jan. 3, 2021.

It all happens at 214 W. First St. in Mt. Morris.

Streets will be blocked off so everyone can enjoy the view on opening night. Please visit the show often you will be able to listen to the music from the comfort of your car on 97.1 FM.



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## Food baskets will be ready on Dec. 12

POLO – Polo Council of Churches Christmas food baskets will be delivered or picked up on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10-11 a.m. at Faith Discovery Church, 801 W Oregon St., Polo.

Anyone who signed up for delivery is asked to have someone available to accept delivery. Those who signed up for pickup should have someone come to Faith Discovery Church from 10-11 a.m.

Due to the Covid epidemic pickup will be a drive thru with baskets being brought out to cars by the volunteers.

Monetary donations may be made to Polo Council of Churches at First State Bank Polo or by contacting local participating churches

For more information call Jan Martin at 815-440-2561.

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# Ukulele Station wins top dealer award

OREGON – Ukulele Station America in Oregon has been named a Top 100 Dealer by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), the global association of music products and music retailers.

The award honors retail music dealers who demonstrate exceptional commitment to their stores, neighborhoods, and customers and share a vision to create a more musical world through their local communities. The award will be presented in January during NAMM's Believe in Music Week, the online global gathering to unify and support the people who bring music to the world.

"It is an honor to have been named a

Top 100 music store for the 5th year in a row" said John Lindhorst, Owner of Ukulele Station America. "I am grateful for the continued support I receive from the local community."

NAMM's Top 100 Dealer Awards spotlight the industry's very best music product retailers. To determine the list, an independent panel of judges reviewed hundreds of submissions rated across categories that include customer service, innovation, music advocacy, store design, marketing, and sales promotions and are scored in accordance to determine the Top 100 list.

As part of the awards submission pro-

cess, Ukulele Station America's entry will be evaluated for one of several awards, including the "Innovation Award," "Best Community Retail Store," and the coveted "Dealer of the Year" Award. Ukulele Station America is encouraging all fans and local community members to vote for the store in the "Top 100 Customers' Choice Award," a special award given to the recipient of the most votes from their community. Vote for the store here: [TopDealer.NAMM.org](http://TopDealer.NAMM.org)

Believe in Music is the online, global gathering to unite and support the people who bring music to the world. Held over the week of Jan. 18, the gathering will feature

a mix of comprehensive programming and professional education at BelieveinMusic.tv, as well as an interactive marketplace to connect buyers and sellers – all designed to elevate the innovation and inspiration found across the industry while offering support for those most deeply affected by COVID. The event will also offer live music, content and product discovery for all who believe in music, helping connect music makers and enthusiasts across the world.

To learn more about Ukulele Station America, please visit [UkuleleStationAmerica.com](http://UkuleleStationAmerica.com) or visit the shop at 1000 Washington Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

## Holiday Train is cancelled for this year

BYRON – Due to COVID-19, the Canadian Pacific Railroad has decided to cancel this year's Holiday Train, a popular local event.

The train has been stopping every other year in Byron and 2020 was supposed to be the scheduled stop. The purpose of the train is to raise awareness for local food pantries that provide food to those in need. During the Train's stop, professional musicians would present a short concert for anyone attending with the only price of admission being a food or monetary donation to the local food pantry.

For the Byron stop, People Helping People food pantry is the beneficiary.

Since the Holiday Train will not be running this year, the Canadian Pacific is scheduling an online concert: "Holiday Train at Home" for Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Serena Ryder and the Trews will highlight the concert.

"For more than two decades, the CP family has supported Canadians and Americans through the CP Holiday Train program," said CP President and CEO Keith Creel. "In a year full of challenges and loss, we will host this concert as a call to action for the train's supporters to donate generously if they can this Christmas season. The spirit of the Holiday Train will come alive even though the train itself will not operate due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

For more information about the Holiday Train and the 2020 concert, please visit [cpr.ca/holidaytrain](http://cpr.ca/holidaytrain) or simply google "holiday train."

In the past, the Holiday train has been a wonderful resource to restock the shelves for the Byron pantry. While the Holiday Train will not be running this year, the need for food and monetary donations continue, as the pantry provides food year-round, not just at the holidays.

Monetary donations can be mailed to People Helping People, 8648 Verde Dr, Byron, IL 61010. Food donations can be placed in containers that will be located outside of People Helping People, 127 N Washington St in Byron, the week of December 12-19, between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Please log in to [cpr.ca/holidaytrain](http://cpr.ca/holidaytrain) to enjoy the on-line concert Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. a star-studded CP 'Holiday Train at Home' concert to raise

## Rotary Club scholarship winners announced

OREGON – The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. announces the names of area students who have been selected as 2020 Oregon Rotary Club Foundation College Scholars.

The recipients of these awards traditionally excel academically, as well as in their many volunteer activities making them each exemplary representatives of the values of Rotary International.

Johnathan Prose and Bailey Montavon have been awarded the extra distinction of being named as the 2020 Oregon Rotary Foundation Club's Andrew and Helen Cirkseena Scholars. Students who maintain their honor roll status with a rigorous class load and extensive community service are given this award for going above and beyond standard accomplishments.

Prose is an Oregon class of 2017 graduate who attended Kishwaukee College first, then went on to further his studies at Iowa State University. He is now a senior who is pursuing a degree in Environmental and Civil Engineering while still shining as an exemplary scholar, active in campus ministry and community service volunteer. Changes in the way people work and volunteer in 2020 look much different than they did in the past. Instead of feeling overwhelmed, this feels exciting to Prose. He has grown to realize that when his passions, interests and volunteering tasks intertwine, responsibilities no longer feel like work.

Montavon is also a senior, but she is studying accountancy at Illinois State University. Despite being on an accelerated path to her degree and the many organizations she is a part of, Montavon still manages to maintain her admirable GPA and volunteer in multiple community events. Her lifestyle displays how she values her commitments and the communities she is a part of.

The additional 2020 recipients of the Oregon Rotary Foundation Club College Scholarships include Ellie Egyed, Addison Kitzmiller, Chloe Klein, and Allyse Ketter. These scholars excel academically and in service. We hope the award of these scholarships will allow these students to

further their opportunities and that they will continue to serve with the high ideals that Rotary International supports.

Ellie Egyed is a junior at Carroll University. She is majoring in elementary education and is planning on attaining a dual certification in special education as well. She is hoping to create a healthy and positive learning environment for children and to be that constant support for them so that they can succeed and thrive in the future.

A 2018 OHS graduate, Addison Kitzmiller is now attending Northern Illinois University where she is studying to become a physical therapist. As a three-sport, high school athlete and a former college basketball player herself, Kitzmiller's goal is to attain her doctorate in this field and work in a college setting with the athletes there. Her many ventures into community service has helped her realize that it is the small things in life make her the happiest. As she strives for excellence in her chosen field, she is also trying to enjoy those moments as well.

At 19 years old, Chloe Klein has already completed her prerequisite classes locally at Sauk Valley Community College and has gone on to transfer to the University of Iowa's Radiologic Technology program. In this three-year course, Klein will not only work toward her main degree, but she will be also be certified in Magnetic Resonance Imaging. After graduation, Klein is planning to work as a radiology technologist in the x-ray or MRI department of a hospital or clinic. Outside of her academic work, Klein is a part of an organization that fundraises, provides emotional and financial support for the pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant patients at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. She feels blessed to be a part of a team when she can make a difference in someone's life and continues to look for other ways to serve in her new community.

In a year that has had many unknowns for us all, Allyse Ketter has worked hard to remain a constant in her leadership roles on the Illinois State University campus. As she prepares to graduate with her Bachelor of

Science for Recreation and Park Administration degree in just eight months, Ketter has forged into this new virtual world we have all found ourselves a part of in 2020. Both in her academic life as well as in her community service, Ketter has strived to have positive impact on her professors, fellow students, and community members now more than ever. Through unique and innovative ways, she has sought out and created virtual alternatives to traditional life, both on and off campus. Understanding that we all face a difficult transitional time, she has sought out and initiated ways to improve classes, programs and protocols for hundreds of students and to lighten the load of professors. Ketter positively reflects on these experiences as factors that have taught her to become more resilient and adaptive than ever before. Instead of resenting the new areas she must now navigate, she positively reflects on these experiences as factors that have taught her to become more resilient and adaptive than ever before.

The Oregon Rotary Club also gave away several High School scholarships this year. The recipients of those awards were Lauren Monavon, Holly Handschuh, Elizabeth Villarreal and Cynthia Nydereck. Our Foundation members are proud of the hard work and the awareness these students show and hope to see more of it in the future.

The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation program has been assisting students on their academic journey for 36 years. The program began in 1984 with one \$500 scholarship being awarded. As of this year 195 scholarships amounting to over \$370,000 have been awarded. Each year, the Oregon Rotary Club Foundation Board selects recipients whom the board feels meets the ideals of Rotary International.

The annual decision process is a very difficult yet rewarding experience because of the large number of outstanding applicants that apply each year. The Oregon community should be very proud of these individuals who are not only excellent students, but participate in activities geared toward helping others, as well.

## Local students earn UW-Whitewater scholarships

WHITEWATER, Wis. – The following local student are among the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater scholarship recipients receiving financial awards for the 2020-21 academic year.

Polo – Lance Pearson, who is studying media arts and game development, won the following

scholarship(s): Max Mallory Scholarship

Byron – Casey Smith, who is studying supply chain and operations management, won the following scholarship(s): Transfer Excellence Scholarship

"Our scholarship winners represent the very best in academic, co-curricular and service excel-

lence across all of our colleges and departments," said Greg Rutzen, president of the UW-Whitewater Foundation. "We're grateful to the many people and organizations - past and present - who have generously donated funds to make these awards a reality. Some of these scholarships were endowed more than 80 years

ago, leaving a lasting legacy that has contributed to the success of generations of Warhawks."

The UW-Whitewater Foundation awarded nearly \$2.2 million in scholarships to students. The application period for next year's scholarships is now open. More information can be found at [uw.edu/scholarships](http://uw.edu/scholarships).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Dec. 8

Bread of Life, a food pantry serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District, has a curbside distribution from 3-5 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of N. Maple Street and Rt. 72 in Stillman Valley.

Pajama Storytime via Zoom with the Julia Hull Library, 6:30 p.m. The whole family is invited to a special evening storytime series. Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Email [khaas@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:khaas@mail.meridian223.org), or FB message the library for a link

to the program.

Weds., Dec. 9

Homemade for the Holidays, 10:30 a.m. on Facebook.com/pololibrary. Ms. Melanie shares a craft for kids (recommended K-5rd Grade) to make for the holidays. This video will air today, but will stay available to watch on Polo Library's Facebook page.

Thurs., Dec. 10

Peppermint Bath Soak, 6-7 p.m. via Zoom with the Byron Library. Join Kelly as

she creates a soothing bath soak using Epsom and Himalayan salt. Kit will include Epsom and Himalayan salt, plastic jar and holiday ribbon. Additional supplies needed include a small funnel and teaspoon. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available for curbside pick-up any time beginning on Monday, Dec. 7. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Fri., Dec. 11

C.A.F.E. 9-10 a.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2. Please use the back park-

ing lot and entrance. There is limited space so please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Dec. 10 to register.

Sat., Dec. 12

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

*Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.*

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Dec. 23, 1620, one week after the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth harbor in present-day Massachusetts, construction of the first permanent European settlement in New England begins. The term "Pilgrim" was derived from a manuscript in which Gov. Bradford spoke of the "saints" who traveled to the New World as "pilgrimes."

\* On Dec. 22, 1808, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67 made its world premiere. The Fifth Symphony is instantly recognizable by its powerful four-note opening motif -- three short Gs followed by a long E-flat.

\* On Dec. 25, 1880, Layne Hall is born in Mississippi. When he died in 1990, Hall was the oldest licensed driver in the U.S. In nearly 75 years on the road, Hall never got a speeding ticket or citation of any kind.

\* On Dec. 26, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson announces the nationalization of a majority of the country's railroads under the Federal Possession and Control Act due to World War I. Two days later, the United States Railroad Administration seized control.

\* On Dec. 24, 1923, President Calvin Coolidge touches a button and lights up the first national Christmas tree to grace the White House grounds. The tree was the first to be decorated with electric lights -- a strand of 2,500 red, white and green bulbs.

\* On Dec. 27, 1932, at the height of the Great Depression, thousands turn out for the opening of Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Designed as a place where ordinary people could see quality entertainment, it remains the largest indoor theater in the world.

\* On Dec. 21, 1975, in Vienna, Austria, Carlos the Jackal leads a raid on a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, killing three people and taking 63 hostages. Carlos evaded capture until 1994, when French agents found him hiding in the Sudan.

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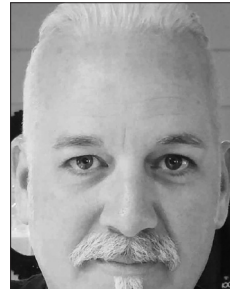
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## I really need to start my Christmas shopping

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



So there I was, just living my life and trying not to get too stir crazy at home as the pandemic continues to rage all around us.

I work and enjoy movies with my wife and play some video games and play some guitar and eat way too much and generally try to stay safe. Like everyone, I am pretty tired of this. But like many, I know this is serious so I do my part.

And everything was fine until I realized last week that it was December. December! How is it December already?

It's not just that this year -- and my life -- is flying by. It is, but the problem is that it is December and I have done zero Christmas shopping. And when I say zero, I mean absolutely no shopping at all.

In the best of years, I am not a great Christmas shopper. I mean well, but my execution can really stink at times. I tend to wait too long and then desperation shop. And let me tell you, desper-

ation shopping is never good. You end up buying things people in your life don't want, need or even like.

Now I feel like I am really behind, so I take action by, well, doing nothing. I have Christmas shopping paralysis.

It's not like the holiday is a big deal at our house. We keep gift giving and expense at a minimum. And we don't really decorate either. It is just the two of us, so throughout the year if we really want or need

something, we just buy it.

But Christmas is Christmas, and that means gift buying.

My wife, of course, is pretty much done. She does all of the shopping for family members as well, so the UPS, FedEx, USPS and Amazon drivers all know our house very, very well. In fact, between our house and my next-door neighbor we probably account for 60 percent of all deliveries in Rockford in any given week.

I have a stack of empty boxes that things were shipped to us in taking up a lot of space in the sunroom. When I say I need to break them down, my wife tells me she might need them to ship presents in. Meanwhile, the cardboard tower continues to grow.

Honestly, I have never been a great shopper. I am wonderful when buying things for myself, but I fumble when it comes to other people.

It's not that I don't try. I love giving people gifts. I

even enjoy shopping for others, especially my wife. But when I am left to make my own choices, I don't always make the best ones. A weird picture, an ugly shirt, some piece of electronics that no one needs -- I have purchased all of them.

So now I just ask my wife what she wants. The surprise might be lost but I save myself and her plenty of embarrassment.

This year I probably won't be doing a lot of in-person shopping thanks to COVID-19. That might be another plus. No more wandering around aimlessly looking for something on a list. Now I can belly up to the computer, pull out my debit card and get all of my shopping done while "Life Below Zero" plays in the background.

And I promise I will get on it... sometime in the next week or so. Hey, that's why there is overnight shipping.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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## When elections fail to represent the people

This year's presidential election has once again produced a spectacle seen nowhere else in the democratic world: a nation on edge for days as the outcome hinged on the tiniest of margins in state elections around the nation. Hanging in the balance was the chance that, for the third time in the last six presidential elections, the candidate who lost the popular vote would occupy the White House.

In no other democratic country can this happen, a consequence of the disproportionate power that small states enjoy in the Electoral College that chooses our Presidents. Small states hold a similar advantage in the Senate. Wyoming is the most extreme example: Its 579,000 inhabitants elect as many Senators as Califor-

**Guest Opinion**  
By Lowell Harp



nia's 39,500,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Critics as well as defenders of these inequalities can look back to what happened 200 years ago in England for clues as to how this might play out in the future.

English voting districts in the early 1800's had long ago ceased to represent vot-

ers on an equal basis in their legislature, or Parliament. Once-large cities that now contained as few as seven voters sent the same number of representatives as ever to Parliament. These hollowed out districts, known as rotten boroughs, tended to be under the control of powerful landlords in elections with no secret ballot. Meanwhile, cities that had grown or sprung up over the years were underserved by only a few representatives – or none at all.

Politicians who tried to correct these abuses during the 1760's and afterwards were always defeated by those who were empowered by them. Meanwhile, public pressure was growing. In 1819 government forces killed eleven people and injured several hundred

others at a pro-reform rally.

In 1831, reformers in Parliament's House of Commons were finally able to pass a bill, only to be overruled by the House of Lords. Public frustration erupted in riots and mob actions across the country. Rioters took control of the city of Bristol for three days. Under threat from the House of Commons to pack the House of Lords, and fearing revolution from an agitated public, the Lords finally gave in.

The resulting Reform Act of 1832 did away with most of the rotten boroughs, but it wasn't until 1867 that Parliament completely eliminated unequal voting districts.

America isn't the England of 200 years ago, but our voting inequalities are growing in a similar man-

ner as people relentlessly move away from lightly populated rural communities into urban ones in large states. Twenty years from now, according to political scientist David Birdsell, 70 percent of Americans will live in 15 states, but their Senators will occupy only 30 percent of the seats in the U.S. Senate. The Electoral College will likewise diverge ever more from the popular vote.

Those against reforming our system insist that these inequalities somehow bind the nation together, or that they protect us from the tyranny of the majority. As voting disparities become increasingly extreme, these arguments will, as did similar ones in England, become less and less persuasive to most citizens.

It took a hundred years for England to do away with its rotten boroughs. It was accompanied by civil unrest and violence from people who believed they had no alternative. We Americans have a path to a better way.

It's a path that starts with the founding American principle of Consent of the Governed, and ends with Constitutional amendments that abolish the Electoral College and end the Senate's geographic lopsidedness.

*Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.*

## Will this be a death blow to the United States?

Dear Editor,  
I have been attempting to make sense of the political environment over the last 5 years now. I cannot!

The rhetoric that has been used (in both parties), has been to divide.

These tactics have been employed many times before in history, in post WWI eastern Europe and post WWII around the world by our CIA to overthrow third world governments (in the name of spreading democracy).

Are these tactics being deployed in the U.S.A. today?

A current example here at home is in having the media declare a President elect when they do not have the authority to do so. Only the electoral college or the state legislature can certify an election in their respective states.

Listening to pre-election rhetoric and predictions by political personalities and multiple media outlets, I have to ask myself, was this scenario scripted ahead of time?

Is this another example of a pre-planned strategy to disenfranchise and divide the masses?

With this current scenario playing out just as it was described prior to the election, roughly 50 percent of the population will be "disappointed" (to say the least) no matter which way this scenario plays out.

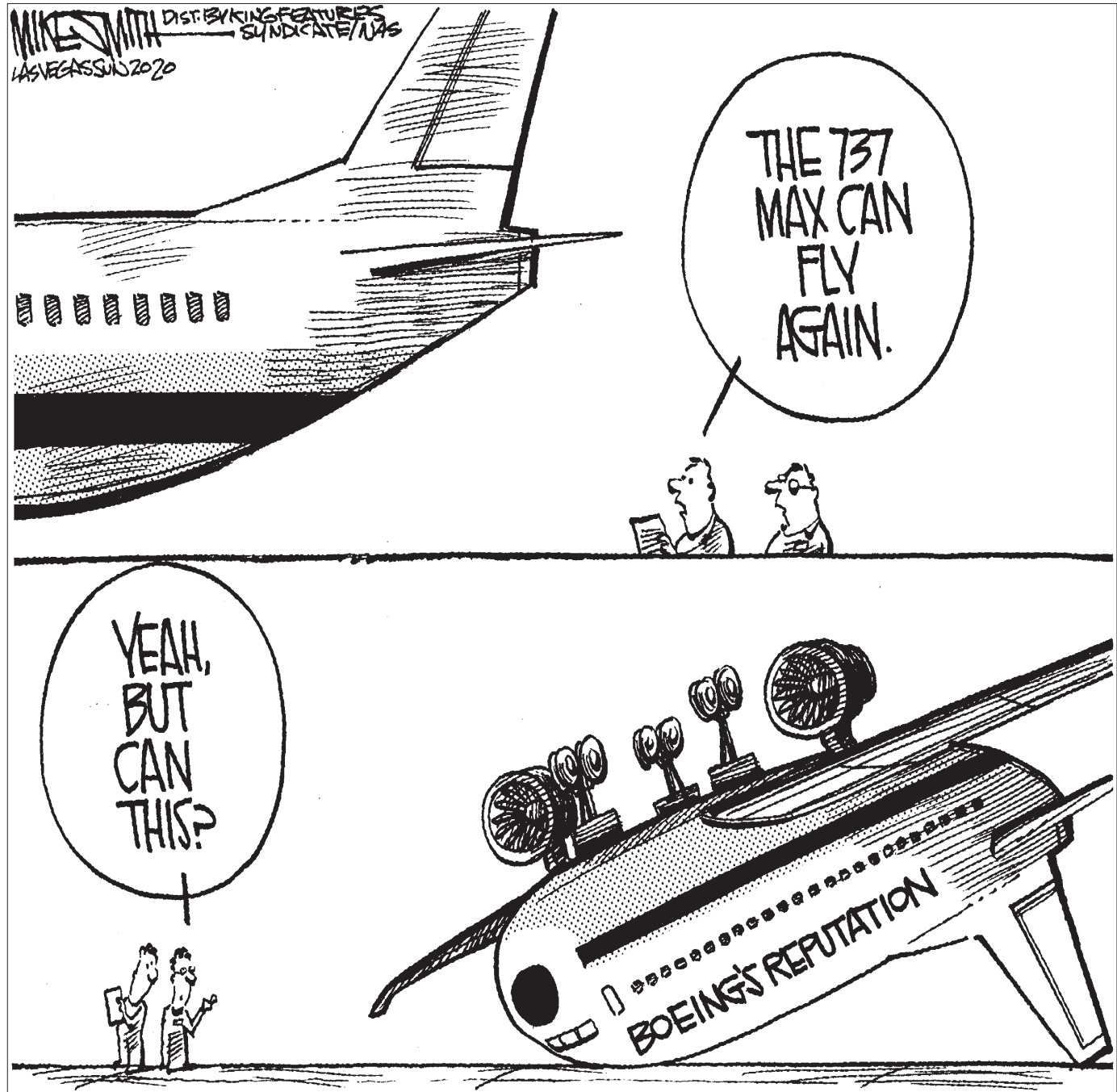
Will this result in the coup that globalists see as necessary to deal a death blow to the U.S.A.?

Was this another example of a set up to divide and to conquer?

I pray not! I pray the American people will return to our senses!

We the people have to have belief and faith in our election processes, and that our vote counts.

And this scenario does just the opposite.  
Bill Pirnat, Byron



# Former Byron teacher DeVries wins award

Jacqueline DeVries, retired Byron Middle School teacher and Rockford University adjunct professor, received the National Association for Gifted Children's 2020 Community Service Award in a virtual Celebration of Excellence awards ceremony during the NAGC 67th Annual Convention held in Washington, D.C. on Nov.15.

Before retiring, DeVries worked as a mathematics teacher and taught math and reading for the academically talented program at Byron Middle School, as well as an adjunct professor in the Master of Arts in Teaching Program at Rockford University. She received several teaching awards. DeVries coached mathletes, helped start and coached academic bowl for middle school students, and developed and lead an academically talented advisory board. After receiving her master's degree, she developed two classes at Rockford University about gifted children and education for teachers getting their master's degrees.

DeVries has received the Byron Middle School Educator of the Year award and was recognized by the ISPE Rock River Chapter for her 29 years of dedication to the MathCounts program. She previously received the ISPE Joint Honors Award for Illinois and the Rock River Chapter. While at Rockford University, Jackie received the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award and was chosen to represent the university in a national Celebrating Service campaign.



The National Association for Gifted Children annually presents the Community Service Award to an individual or group that has made a contribution that benefits the development of gifts and talents in young people. This contribution must affect the larger community, state, or nation and has made a significant contribution to education in a way that benefits the development of gifts and talents in young people.



## New banners

The Oregon Chamber of Commerce's old winter banners needed replacing so several member businesses stepped up and showed their town pride with new town banners. Thank you to the Street Department with the City of Oregon for always being there for us to hang up the new banners and taking such great care of our little town. Thank you to our members who take such great pride in decorating for Christmas. You have probably noticed when you come to town that our businesses have decorated with garland and bows. Thank you to HA International for hanging and taking down the town's garland every year. Every year during Thanksgiving week, they are the cheery volunteer team who hangs the beautiful garland around town in partnership with the Oregon Chamber and Merlin's Greenhouse & Flowers and The Other Side Boutique. The new bows donated by Merlin's are beautiful and match our winter banners.



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**Tom Oracki**  
262-5212

**John Orlando**  
234-7309

**Chris Snyder**  
494-7857

**Tanya Vincir**  
703-6118

**\$77,900** dickersonnieman.com/202004508

**DOWNTOWN BYRON!** Nice deep lot with alley access. This home has a newer roof (2015) and newer windows (2016). The home is conveniently located for downtown shopping and easy access to school system. FF laundry. Large deck 12 x 16. HSA Warranty included. 421 W 3RD Street, Byron

**CHRIS SNYDER/ TOM ORACKI**  
815-494-7857 / 815-262-5212

**\$119,900** dickersonnieman.com/202004103

**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

**MAYDELL LESSEN/ DANA DAUB**  
815-622-4619 / 815-440-2835

**\$119,900** dickersonnieman.com/202003765

**1.5 STORY IN COUNTRY SETTING!** 2 bed, 1.5 bath home on .75 acre MOL w/mature trees. Newer roof & updated electrical. Open flow on the main floor w/half bath. 2 bedrooms & full bath on UL. 2 car detached garage w/additional work space. Close to I-39. 5010 N ARMOUR Road, Stillman Valley

**ROBIN HENRY**  
815-985-1747

**\$91,900** dickersonnieman.com/202003596

**MOVE IN READY!** Completely remodeled 2 bedroom home, all appliances stay. Freshly painted, hardwood floors. Close to town & schools. Newer roof. Furnace & C/A newer. Seller offering home warranty. 311 S 3rd Street, Oregon

**SHARON BOWERS**  
815-757-7462

**Kelli Wensky**  
543-7657

**Jerre Woodworth**  
494-2237

**\$115,900** 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**  
815-703-6118

**\$171,900** dickersonnieman.com/202002984

**COUNTRY LIVING WITH THE CONVENIENCE OF TOWN!** 4 bed, 3 bath ranch features 3 wood fireplaces & a beautifully finished LL. The lower level has a walk out into the fully fenced back yard. All appliances stay. Garden shed and generator stays. Home warranty. 817 TOMAHAWK Drive, Oregon

**SHARON BOWERS**  
815-757-7462

**\$129,900** dickersonnieman.com/202002887

**NEW PRICE! COZY 2-STORY!** Interesting architecture abounds in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Open front porch with columns and swing. Large living room, formal dining room, well planned kitchen, & screened in porch. FF laundry. 2 car detached garage. 406 N 4TH Street, Oregon

**JOHANNA HAHNE**  
815-978-1847

**\$575,000** dickersonnieman.com/202001611

**BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY!** 3 bed, 2.5 bath restored stone home nestled in the woods outside of Oregon on over 3.2 acres. Property is zoned ag with 2 barns and a pond. Home has tons of old character with updated amenities. A true must see! 4972 W HENRY Road, Oregon

**ROBIN HENRY**  
815-985-1747

**\$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**  
815-622-4619 / 815-440-2835

**\$639,900** dickersonnieman.com/201906894

**HOME ON 14 ACRES!** 4 bedroom ranch with open floor plan. Oak floors, custom built hickory cabinets, 2 fireplaces, finished LL, a 100 foot pond off of deck, hot tub, and 3 car detached garage. Property also contains a guest house. Zoned Ag 1. 6820 W SPRING Road, Oregon

**SHARON BOWERS**  
815-757-7462

**\$79,900** dickersonnieman.com/201906406

**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** This 4 bedroom 2-story sits on a cul-de-sac in great area! Sunroom looks over fenced in backyard with mature landscaping! All 4 bedrooms are upstairs, with a full bath. Hardwood floors, great neighbors and close to everything. 704 LARKFIELD Circle, Rockford

**ROBIN HENRY**  
815-985-1747

**LOTS & ACREAGE**

**BUILDABLE WOODED LOT!** Still time to build your dream home on this 0.89 acre lot with lots of trees in the Oregon School District. Well & Septic is required. No restrictions on size of home. County taxes. \$21,900. dickersonnieman.com/202004886

Sharon Bowers 815-757-7462

**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME!** On the last available lot in the Chase Meadows Subdivision! So many possibilities with this 1+ acre lot that is surrounded by nice homes, NOT builder restricted. Beautiful views & great neighborhood. Stillman Valley (Meridian) School District. \$39,000. dickersonnieman.com/202005309

Robin Henry 815-985-1747



# Bread of Life has upcoming distributions

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food pantry and soup kitchen serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District. It provides groceries to those in need.

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

Upcoming dates are Dec. 8 and Jan. 12. Distribution will be curbside only from 3-5 pm. When Meridian schools close for weather, we close. If you are new to Bread of Life, please call 815-645-8872 to make an appointment.

# RE/MAX of Rock Valley



606 E Washington St, Oregon, IL  
**815-732-9100**

RockValleyProperties.com

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NEW LISTING



310 Deer Paint Drive Dixon \$155,000  
Call Rebecca

Escape to Lost Lake! Spacious home with 4 bedrooms/ 2 bathrooms situated on nearly 1.5 acres of woods! Lots of windows and natural light make this open floor plan warm and welcoming. Main floor laundry. Lower level is finished with a family room complete with a wood burning fireplace. Attached 2 car garage. Large deck off of the back of the house over looking your large backyard. A short drive from Chicago and the suburbs, enjoy the amenities of Lost Lake- fishing, swimming and enjoying nature!



November  
Top Listings  
Mark True



November  
Top Closings  
Carla Benesh



November  
Top Producer  
Carla Benesh



Rebecca Hazzard  
Manager Broker/ Owner  
815-509-8432



Carla Benesh  
815-985-6235

NEW PRICE



104 N Etnyre Avenue Oregon now \$72,000  
Call Mark

1333 Sq Ft Ranch with 3-4 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.

NEW PRICE



313 W Main Street Mt Morris now \$104,900  
Call Lori

Move right on in! So many updates!! Modern kitchen with granite countertops. Master bedroom suite with a full, private bathroom plus a space to be either a home office or fabulous walk in closet. Second full bathroom is on the main floor. First floor laundry room. Huge deck on the back of the house. Roof, bamboo floors, concrete driveway, granite countertops, dishwasher all 6 years old. Water heater and conditioner 5 years old. Master shower, washer dryer and furnace are 8 years old. Get it while it's hot!



Mark True  
815-631-1699



Lori Peterson  
815-973-2180

NEW PRICE



704 12th Avenue Sterling now \$69,999  
Call JD

Move in ready! This 3 bedroom 1 bathroom home in the heart of Sterling offers large living space, alley access, plenty of storage, and tons of opportunity. Priced to sell, it will not last long... schedule a showing today! \*Property tax does not reflect any exemptions\*



304 N. Mason Road in Amboy \$136,900  
Call Andrea

4 bedrooms, 1 bath. Main floor master. 3 car garage, loft and heated shop. Newer roof on house and garage. Many updates inside. Large yard, covered front porch and large wrap around deck overlooking mature trees. Schedule your private showing today! Call/text 815.245.7549!



JD Gieson  
815-677-1873



Stephanie Wendt  
815-985-2055

## COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES!



502 Franklin Street Oregon \$85,000 Call Carla  
Prime office in great location in Oregon. This 1800+ sq ft, one story offers 8 separate office areas with 3 separate entry's, 2 bathrooms and so much more. Ready to move your business right in? This property is ready to go, call today!



Kim Behn  
815-520-8810



Boone Lockard  
815-970-3506



408 E Washington Street Oregon \$250,000 Call Rebecca  
THE HUNT CLUB is being offered for sale! Rare opportunity to own a successful small town bar. A true turn key operation, this sale includes all equipment, furnishings and decor- it does not include real estate. Walk in cooler, draft equipment, 36 in griddle with fryer and vent hood are a few of the many items included in the sale. Customers love the unique "outdoors" atmosphere offering spirits, food and slots. Open daily, this establishment has a large following and excellent reputation. With a 4.5 Star rating on google, Patrons have said "The service was outstanding and the burgers were delicious.", "The Hunt Club is popular with the locals and you won't be disappointed", "THE BEST burgers in Oregon right here!" Contact the listing agent for more information and to set up a private showing!



16 S Wesley Avenue Mt Morris \$199,000 Call Mark  
Investment Opportunity! Income producing timeless beauty sits on the corner lot of the town square central business district in a lovely park setting. Existing leasing tenants with rental contracts in place with owner lease back. Ogle county historic building with 3 stories of approx. 17,500 sq. ft. of office space. Building has a common inside corridor with multi-tenant areas, separate utilities for renters, central air, private and public restrooms, pre-wired PC network, basement with additional storage and provides 50+ off street parking options.



Ashley Patterson  
815-291-6308



Erin Spence  
815-262-5555



124 S Wesley Avenue Mt Morris Space for Rent Call Lori  
Quiet & Affordable Space in Mt. Morris, IL. First and Second floor spaces available for \$200-400/month +\$150 security deposit. Perfect for Artists, Designers, Writers, or anyone who needs a quiet space to focus. Month-to-Month lease - stay for the winter or escape your home office during COVID with no long-term commitment. Shorter terms for projects & events negotiable. Common bathrooms, utilities, and wifi included. Spaces on the first floor range from 200-250 sqft. Second floor spaces are slightly larger. Located central downtown Mt. Morris. Walking distance from restaurants, bars, banks, and grocery store.



124 E Mason Street Polo \$325,000 Call Lori  
This is your opportunity to own a long standing and successful business. The Pinecricket Cafe is a staple in the community and region with a strong reputation for a quality dining experience. Since 2002, the owners have continued to expand and maintain a beautiful facility. The dining room and kitchen were a new construction addition in 2005. Most recently the outdoor terrace adds a new dimension with outdoor fire pit for dining & drinking experience. Second floor has 2 apartments. The larger, luxury apartment, completely remodeled in 2011 includes a fireplace. Owners have been diligent in maintaining the building including a new roof within the past few years. Come make some money, and make new friends in this charming community.



Carrie Rowland  
815-677-8656



Jenny Kirchner  
815-440-2145



102 E Hitt Street Mt Morris \$119,900 Call Carla  
Nice Commercial Opportunity! High traffic corner on Illinois State Highway 64 (North Avenue) Centrally located in Mt Morris. High daily traffic count of 5,500. Zoned Commercial. Spacious open main room w/kitchen & office area. Drive through at side and rear of building. Many improvements- electric, parking area for 15 cars. Ideal for future business. Located in Enterprise Zone & TIF District.



110 N 4th Street Oregon \$59,900 Call Rebecca  
OWN A PIECE OF OREGON'S HISTORY! Offered for sale is the "Oregon Theater" which has been Bob's TV for over 30 years. A daily traffic count of over 9,000 vehicles per day, this property is located in a high visibility area. Over 5,000 square feet of open space on the main floor including a reception area, men's/women's bathrooms and a storage area with a loading dock. Upstairs there is additional square footage that could be transformed into more office or retail space. Next door to the theater is an office space occupied by a long term tenant. Off street parking and municipal parking lot conveniently located in the rear building. If you are looking for a over sized building to start your business downtown Oregon- look no further!



Andrea Baumann  
815-245-7549

# Meridian Junior High School Honor Rolls

2020-2021  
8th Grade A Honor Roll  
1st Quarter

Gwendolyn L. Baker  
Jaxon D. Barrett  
Anna G. Bogner  
Megan R. Bowen  
Lucas R. Cheeseman  
Taylor Q. Davidson  
Makayla R. Dodrill  
Aidan M. Dundas  
Connor B. Dundas  
Cynthia Estrada-Rodriguez  
Elizabeth P. Henderson  
Elizabeth Hernandez  
Aurora R. Lagerhausen  
Elizabeth J. Larson  
Brooklyn T. Lee  
Elise M. Lundine  
Alec J. Medford

Trevor D. Miller  
Jackson A. Musial  
Amanda E. Nicklaus  
Michael V. Orlando  
Landon J. Paff  
Helen A. Pfeiffer  
Gavin E. Sweat  
Ethan M. Szarkowicz  
Hannah A. Wilson  
Emily E. Wythe  
Katherine P. Youman

Meridian Junior High School  
2020-2021  
7th Grade A Honor Roll  
1st Quarter

Avery E. Britnell  
Abigail J. Dennis  
Gavin L. Evenson

Dawson L. Johannsen  
Colin J. Metcalf  
Cole A. Montavon  
Madison L. Moore  
Joslyn M. Nanni  
Audrey G. Payne  
Kelsie J. Protano  
Zaiah E. Reed  
Raegan L. Reynolds  
Catalina L. Smalley  
Jack P. Sparrow  
Charles E. Steele  
Brady M. Stewart  
Isabella G. Sugden

Meridian Junior High School  
2020-2021  
6th Grade A Honor Roll  
1st Quarter

Samantha R. Denton  
Melinda K. Goldstick  
Jessie M. Hagemann  
Alexandria L. Hoff  
Mylee H. Hulstedt  
Addison G. Meyer  
Joshua D. Miller  
Quinn D. O Connor  
Alexander Paw  
Guillermo S. Salas Godinez  
Mackenzi M. Shere  
Brinna M. Sutliff  
Ethan D. Waugh  
Tristin M. Williams

Meridian Junior High School  
2020-2021  
8th Grade A/B Honor Roll  
1st Quarter

Sandra J. Brodersen  
Holly Marie C. Cain  
Kiera A. Carow  
Ameris H. Correa  
Carter P. Denton  
Amelia P. Dunseth  
Dilana L. Esposito  
Callan L. Farris  
Andrew T. Gibbs  
Abigail D. Gilliam  
Gwendolyn B. Hall  
Henry C. Hildreth  
Nola R. Ivy-Friberg  
Brooke A. Jordal  
Kendall M. Knoll  
Logan H. Lalor  
Vanessa P. Lauritzen  
Chloe N. Lewis  
Kelcie L. McCullough

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# CHRISTMAS *services*

## Celebrate Christmas 2020 with your local United Methodist Churches!

Whether you plan to celebrate Christmas online, in-person, on the radio, on Youtube, or Facebook the 10 Hub Cluster United Methodist Churches welcome you and your family to join us for Christmas Services. Check out [www.UMCHub.org/Christmas](http://www.UMCHub.org/Christmas) or the listed webpage or Facebook page listed for the most up to date info for service or streaming options.

- Ashton United Methodist Church**  
Facebook search Ashton UMC, Ashton IL
- Chana United Methodist Church**  
[www.ChanaChurch.org](http://www.ChanaChurch.org)
- Creston United Methodist Church**  
[www.facebook.com/CrestonUMCIL](http://www.facebook.com/CrestonUMCIL)
- Esmond United Methodist Church**  
Facebook search Esmond United Methodist Church, Esmond IL
- Franklin Grove United Methodist Church**  
Facebook search Franklin Grove UMC, Franklin Grove IL
- Lighthouse United Methodist Church**  
[www.facebook.com/LighthouseUMCIL](http://www.facebook.com/LighthouseUMCIL)

- Malta United Methodist Church**  
Facebook search Malta United Methodist Church, Malta IL
- Reynolds United Methodist Church**  
[www.ReynoldsUMC.net](http://www.ReynoldsUMC.net)
- Rochelle United Methodist Church**  
[www.RochelleUMC.com](http://www.RochelleUMC.com)
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**YOU**  
THIS CHRISTMAS

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YouTube search HUB Cluster

**HUB Cluster  
Christmas  
Carol Cruise**

Ready to get in the holiday spirit? Checkout the Hub Cluster Christmas Carol Cruise. Dec 4-6. Drive by each of the Hub City area churches to sing along and learn the history of 10 different Christmas Carols. Scan this code to learn more.



# Meridian Junior High School Honor Rolls

Nathalia A. Molina  
Aidan L. Oates  
Emma S. Overton  
Kenaddie A. Parson  
Ella A. Pollock  
Alyssa C. Purvis  
Ian R. Seper  
Julia G. Sievert  
Allison M. Spires  
Olivia L. Voltz  
Emily E. Wythe

Alyvia G. Bagg  
Dawson E. Boyd  
Gage S. Broski  
Cannyn E. Carlson  
Alexis L. Davis  
Dayanara Flores  
Josephine R. Gibson  
Taylor R. Grobe  
Taylor J. Haymes  
Grace L. Jacobson  
Avalyn G. Janssen  
Evan D. Jones  
Asher J. Shiroda  
Jett A. Shook  
Caitlin M. Staat  
Colbie M. Terviel  
Dathyn R. Vera  
Lauren K. Young

Presley J. Zilm  
Johanna K. Zinke  
Meridian Junior High School  
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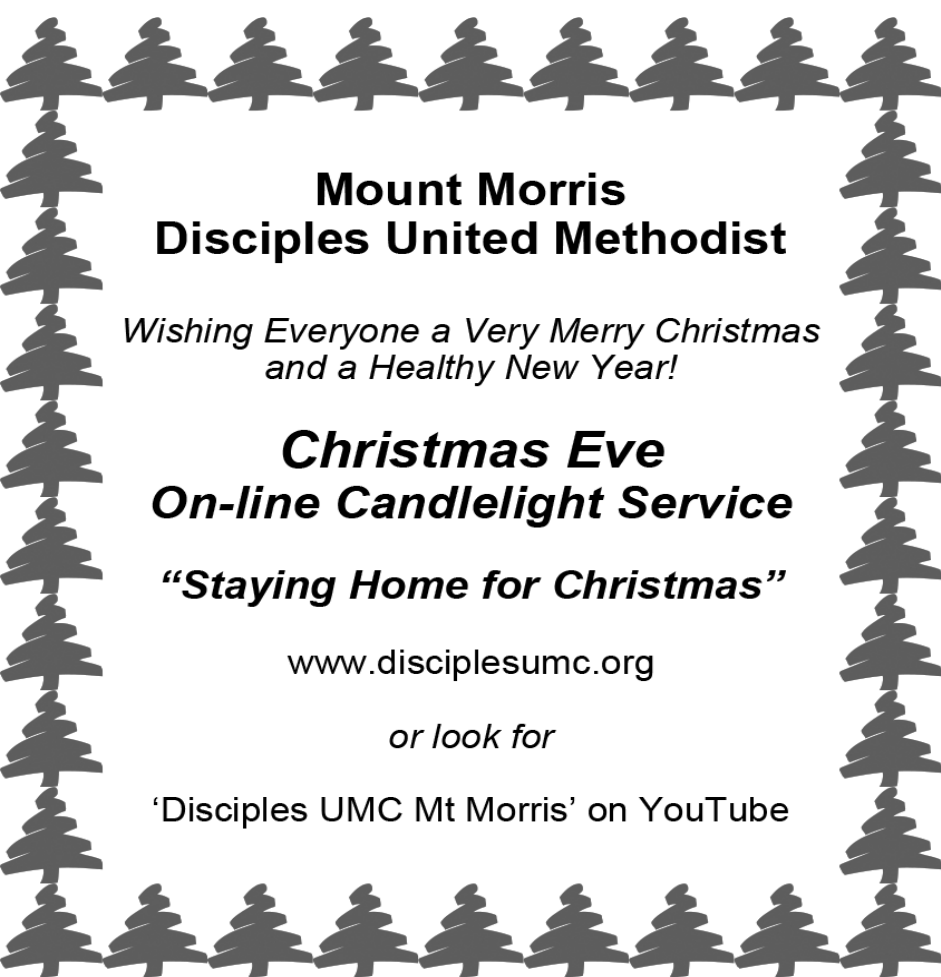
Madison M. Bross  
Kate L. Costello  
Izabella R. Cowen  
Sydney E. Frantz  
Yanelli A. Garcia  
Olivia J. Halbreiter  
Carson E. Huber  
Karmen G. Knoll  
Brayden M. Lauritzen  
Kaera R. Lundine

Ryne J. Lundquist  
Grace R. Manning  
Sydney L. Musial  
Madelynn E. Nelson  
Carla A. Pineda  
Hudson L. Pollock  
McKynlee M. Powless  
Vaughn M. Schamper  
Andrew J. Slupianek  
Ryan J. Spangler  
Boyd M. Spoon  
Makenzie L. Syfert  
Sydney V. Tompkins  
Jade M. Williams  
Maya K. Wilson  
Emma M. Withers  
Sadie L. Zabinski  
Bernice M. Zandonai

Meridian Junior High School  
2020-2021  
7th Grade A/B Honor Roll  
1st Quarter



# CHRISTMAS *services*



**Mount Morris  
Disciples United Methodist**

*Wishing Everyone a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Healthy New Year!*

**Christmas Eve  
On-line Candlelight Service**

**“Staying Home for Christmas”**

[www.disciplesumc.org](http://www.disciplesumc.org)

*or look for*

‘Disciples UMC Mt Morris’ on YouTube



**St. Paul  
Lutheran Church**

**Join us on  
Christmas Eve!**  
December 24th  
5:30 pm  
Family Christmas  
10:30 pm  
Candlelight Christmas

114 S. 5th Street, Oregon  
815-732-2367



# Oregon Library News

## New 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. If you are interested in curbside pick up or a computer reservation please call 815-732-2724. Holds can be placed three different way:

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!

## December Distraction – it's back

This year is very different...so December Distraction is different! Tuesday, December 1, through Saturday, Dec. 19, when Oregon Public Library District cardholders check out reading material, they may receive a scratch-off ticket for every 3 reading material items checked out for a chance to win some readable prizes. Scratch off your ticket and see if you win! Winning ticket holders may select one of the prize packages that are now on display at the Library. Ask one of our librarians for more info.

## Red Bow Give-A-Way location

Oregon Public Library is a Candlelight Walk Red Bow Give-A-Way location... during Tier 3 mitigations the staff will be

happy to register you for the drawing when you call the library. Just let them know you are interested in participating.

## Zoom story time

Once a month we will have a Zoom Story Time on Thursday at 10 a.m. Register at least a week before in order to receive your craft kit and the Zoom link. December 17 is the next scheduled Zoom Story Time. Look forward to seeing everyone!

## Video story time – in December, take home kits with a free book !

Visit our Facebook page on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and see where Story Time is coming from this week. There will be take home craft kits with free picture book available during December for each Story Time. Please call to schedule a pick-up.

## Name that Tune and Music Trivia Night – Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

PRIZES to local shopping venues. This event will be a LIVE virtual event. Musician Dan Fogel will run the interactive fun evening of musical trivia just in time for the Holidays. Registration required 815-732-2724 and must present Oregon Public Library Card to participate.

## Holiday scavenger hunt – Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. PRIZES to local shopping venues.

This program will be virtual. Have fun scavenging around your house for various holiday items. Be the fastest and/or have the most items in your home and win! Go to ZOOM.com and enter the following:

Meeting ID: 858 1160 3753 Passcode: 111976

Participation is open to everyone, but MUST show Oregon Library Card to receive prizes. Call for more information.

ceive prizes. Call for more information.

## Ugly sweater contest

Send pictures of you in your Ugly Christmas Sweater to be entered into our giveaway. Entries must be received by Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. and the winner will be announced December 19th during Candlelight Walk. Send to cbergoply@gmail.com. 1st Prize: \$10 SuperValue Gift Certificate, 2nd Prize: \$5 Village Bakery Certificate. MUST be Oregon Public Library District Patron.

## Paint you New Year's Eve glass

Make and Take Kits Available – Dec. 28 Pick up your FREE kit to paint your wine glass and toast the New Year in style. Kits include wine glass, two paint markers, and stencils. Instructional video available on our website. Registration for kits required, 815-732-2724.

MUST be Oregon Public Library District Patron.

## Oregon Writer's Group – 2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.

Meeting notice: meeting will occur on Zoom. Contact the Library for the Zoom link.

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.

## Library book clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, December 9 at 1 pm to discuss Mr. Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec.

16 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss A Christmas Blizzard by Garrison Keillor. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap, pending COVID mitigation recommendations, to discuss One Day in December by Josie Silver.

## Maker Monday's – Take and Make Kits

Registration required 815-732-2724 Ages 18 and up.

One Monday a month, the Library will provide a take and make kit. The class will be held at 10:30 a.m. on a Monday, and will be recorded for use at any time if you are unable to attend the live virtual class. Please register 815-732-2724.

## Take it Tuesday during COVID

Craft kits will be available for pick up on 4th Tuesday of the month. Kits vary and are first come, first serve.

## New releases

- Blackbird (Rated R)
- Schitt's Creek-The Complete Season One (Rated PG-13)
- Schitt's Creek-The Complete Season Two (Rated PG-13)
- Schitt's Creek-The Complete Season Three (Rated PG-13)
- Schitt's Creek-The Complete Season Four (Rated PG-13)
- Schitt's Creek-The Complete Season Five (Rated PG-13)
- Schitt's Creek-The Complete Season Six (Rated PG-13)
- Little House On The Prairie-Season One & The Pilot Movie (Rated G)
- Better Call Saul-Season Five (Rated R)
- The Plant Kitchen: 100 Easy Recipes For Vegan Beginners by Jordan & Jessica Bourke (Non-Fiction 641.563 BOU)

**Tails PET OF THE WEEK**  
Humane Society  
**815.758.2457**  
[www.tailshumanesociety.org](http://www.tailshumanesociety.org)



## Sir Didymus

Hello! They call me Sir Didymus, quite the important name for someone like me who isn't even a year old yet. If you spend a little time with me you'll discover that I have a lovely, soft coat and that I like people very, very much. I tend to jump up a bit, but pretty gently. However, for that reason I shouldn't go home with young kids as I might knock them over. Hey, I'm still a young guy...more of a teenager really. When I can't be with those I love, I enjoy chewing on Kongs and bones or any other sort of chew toy. Tails doesn't know anything about my past, but they've quickly discovered that I'm smart! I know how to sit and keep my kennel pretty clean. And with a treat in hand, I'll happily learn whatever you'd like! Stop by Tails and get to know me!

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**5 Tips for a Pet-Safe Christmas Tree**

1. Securely anchor your tree to keep curious pets from knocking it over!
2. Sweep up pine needles frequently to avoid ingestion
3. Keep glass, breakable or any edible ornaments up high, out of pets reach!
4. Keep pets from drinking tree stand water & don't add toxie tree preservatives to it!
5. Avoid using tinsel, string or ribbons - they an cause sever damage

**Now is a great time to adopt a pet! Call Tails today!**

# Byron Library News

## Return to Curbside Only

Due to Covid-19 mitigations, book browsing will no longer be available at the Byron Library until further notice. Library staff will be available by email and telephone to answer questions or help you choose items to place on hold for curbside pickup. Virtual programming will continue, and supply kits can be picked up curbside. Our hours will remain the same and the book drop is always open. If you wish to use the computers, please call ahead to make an appointment. In addition, we can provide notary services and help with your printing needs. For more information, make sure you check out our website at [byronlibrary.org](http://byronlibrary.org) for our

wide array of online services and for our calendar of events.

## Byron Public Library is Fine Free!

Read more and worry less, for the Byron Library has gone fine free! How does it work? There will still be a due date for items checked out and returned to the Byron Library, but patrons will no longer be charged a fee for bringing materials back late. Just remember to bring your materials back, because you will receive a bill for items that are overdue by 21 days or more. As a bonus, we've also waived all of those old late fees. Start a new chapter at the Byron Library!

Curbside Delivery Curbside service is here to stay! Place your holds

online at [byronlibrary.org](http://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.

## Friday Trivia

Due to tighter COVID crowd restrictions, Friday Trivia at the Byron Museum has been put on hold. We appreciate your patience as we work to find a way to continue this program while following the new guidelines. Watch the library's Facebook page for any updates.

## Peppermint Bath Soak

Thursday, Dec. 10  
6-7 p.m. via Zoom  
Join Kelly as she creates a soothing bath soak using Epsom and Himalayan salt. Treat yourself or gift to a friend! Kit will include Epsom and Himalayan salt, plastic jar and holiday ribbon. Additional supplies needed include a small funnel and teaspoon. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available for curbside pick up any time beginning on Monday, Dec. 7. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

## Share Your Story Monday, Dec. 21

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 each registrant and will be available for pick up at the library any time after Friday, Dec. 18. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

## Choose a Word for 2021

Tuesday, Dec. 29  
6-7 p.m., via Zoom  
Instead of a New Year's Resolution try something new: choose a word to focus on in 2021.

Choosing a word with intention can encourage you to discover a life goal and give you direction. Join Beth as you ponder questions to encourage you in choosing your word. After discovering your word, you will create a visual reminder. A list of potential words will be provided. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

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

## Pine Rock filing period starts on Dec. 14

Notarized and completed petitions and forms for Pine Rock Township offices for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated election will be accepted at the home of the Clerk at 4794 S. Prairie Rd. Chana.

List of offices to be voted upon are: Supervisor, Road Commissioner, Township Clerk, and Township Trustees. Candidates may file from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020. The filing period continues until 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, 2020.

Petitions may be filed after Dec. 14 and through the deadline of Dec. 21 by calling the township clerk at 815-631-4263.

Deadlines the weeks of Dec. 21 and Dec. 28 will be 3 p.m. Monday.

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**Oregon** 732-3157  
**Rochelle** 562-3801

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**HOPE of Ogle County** 562-8890 or 732-7796  
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**Oregon** 732-3157  
**Rochelle** 562-3801  
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**Mt Morris Senior Center** 734-6335  
**Polo Senior Center** 946-3818  
**Rock River Center** 732-3252  
**Oregon, IL** 800-541-5479  
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**Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499  
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# 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.

## **Homemade for the Holidays – Wednesday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. On Facebook.com/pololibrary**

Ms. Melanie shares a craft for kids (recommended K-5rd Grade) to make for the holidays! This video will air on Wednesday the 9th, but will stay available to watch on Polo Library's Facebook page.

## **Teen Trivia Night - Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m.**

Get on Zoom with other teens to play trivia games on Kahoot! The trivia subjects we will play are holiday, books, and movies. First place winner gets a candy bar of their choosing! To register, join the "Teen Trivia Night" event on facebook.com/pololibrary

## **Ghosts of Christmas Past Zoom Program – Thursday, Dec. 17, 7p.m.**

Join us as local author Kathi Kresol shares some of the strange stories she has found in her research that shows sometimes the "holiday spirit" can be more than we bargain for!

Visit pololibrary.org for more information.

## **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**

Just because we're taking a break from doing yoga together doesn't mean your yoga practice needs to suffer! On the third Monday of every month at 6pm on face-

book.com/pololibrary we will post a yoga video to get you stretching and moving.

## **Virtual Storytime – Saturdays 10:30 a.m., Facebook.com/pololibrary**

Every Saturday morning head over to Polo Library's Facebook page to watch Ms. Melanie read a children's story. They air each Saturday at 10:30 a.m., but you can watch them any time! Stop by the Library to pick up a bag with a fun craft to go along with the book that was read. If you have a book you'd like to hear read for Saturday Storytime, email Ms. Melanie at melaniew@pololibrary.org

## **Pinterest Party at Home**

Check out the Library's Facebook page (Facebook.com/pololibrary), or email library@pololibrary.org, for instructions to make this month's craft.

## **Did you know that if you live in the Polo School District and are under the age of 18 you qualify for a free library card?**

Any person of student age (4-18 years old) living in the Polo School District qualifies for a free Polo Library card, whether you attend Polo Schools, private school, or are homeschooled. Family cards, which parents can use too, are only \$20 a year if you live outside of Buffalo Township and have a student living in your household. As always, if you live in Buffalo Township, you are able to get a Polo Library card for free. Stop by the library today to sign up for a card or, if you've lost your card, pick up a new card. Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org with questions.

## **Library Petitions Available**

Nominating petitions for four board positions at Polo Public Library District are available at the library.

Current board members are Dan Baker, Donna Baumann, Josh Faivre, Marie Monaco, Sarah Rowland, Julie Sanders, and Susan Zook.

Four of the seven positions will be open for election to four-year terms. The election will be held on April 6, 2021.

Library board members must be, on the date of the election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, a resident of the State of Illinois and must have resided in the library district (Buffalo Township) at least one year at the time he or she files nomination papers.

To be considered for election, candidates must file a petition with 13 signatures of qualified voters who live within the library district. The candidates must complete a statement of candidacy, a statement of economic interests, and may complete an optional notarized loyalty oath. All necessary forms are included in the candidate's election packet available at the library.

The filing period is December 14th through December 21st. Packets returned after December 21 will not be considered for candidacy.

Packets may be obtained and filed during library hours: Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This information is provided as a public service. For further information call Ellen Finfrock, Library Director, at 815-946-2713.

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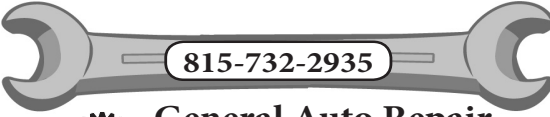

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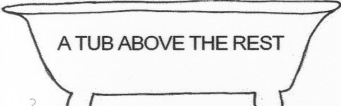
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# Julia Hull Library News

## Library Services

Due to Statewide COVID-19 mitigations, the library will halt all in-person services, beginning Friday, November 20 until further notice. Curbside pickup, remote services, and online programming will proceed as normal: Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. What will this look like? Patrons may still reserve program kits and materials online or by telephone to collect curbside; register and renew library cards via email; and email and drop-off documents for copying, faxing, and scanning. Patrons may also contact library staff to personally shop for them. System-wide interlibrary loan is still available. And, as always, digital materials can be accessed 24/7 on our website. For assistance, please give us a call: 815-645-8611.

## Register for a Library Card

Do you, or someone you know, live in our District and need a library card? Apply online in 4 easy steps: 1) Take a selfie; 2) Take a picture of your Driver's License; 3) Take a picture of a current utility bill (name and address must match DL); and 4) Email everything, along with a telephone number, to [librarycurbside@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:librarycurbside@mail.meridian223.org).

## PrairieCat Library App

Introducing the PrairieCat app! Manage your library account, search our catalog, discover upcoming programs, and more...all from the palm of your hand! Just visit your favorite app store, search for "PrairieCat," then select "Julia Hull District Library."

## 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>. December kits now available. While supplies last.

## Pajama Storytime

The whole family is invited to a special evening storytime series! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pj's, and bring a cuddle buddy. Next up: Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Email [khaas@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:khaas@mail.meridian223.org), or FB message the library for a link to the program.

## Young Critics Book Club

Join Miss Sarah for a fun conversation and project, all about Neil Gaiman's *Odd and the Frost Giants* on Zoom, Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. Book and kit available at the library upon registration. Call, stop by, or use our online order form: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 7-9. Registration required.

## Short & Sweets

Too busy to read a book? Pick up a copy of this month's short story selection ("The Turkey Season," by Alice Munro), then join us on Zoom Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. for an engaging conversation with a fun and fabulous group of readers! Copies of the reading available electronically, or on good old-fashioned paper. Email Joanna at

[jkluver@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluver@mail.meridian223.org) to register or inquire.

## Holiday Science: Erupting Ornaments

We're getting into the holiday spirit with a festive science experiment! On Saturday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m., Miss Kelly will talk and walk your kids through the process of creating an eruption out of an ornament on Facebook Live. Call, stop by, or fill out our online form to register and receive your supply kit: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 4-9.

## Tween Reads, Part 2

This month, young tween wizards are invited to read PART 2 (Chapters 10-17) of the special illustrated edition of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by JK Rowling. We'll discuss what we've read with our wizarding world classmates and do some magical activities and crafts! Contact the library to pick up your book copy and the December craft! Ages 10-12. Registration required.

## 2021 Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Read books, and complete fun challenges and activities for a chance to win prizes! Use the Beanstack App to register and track your reading and badge progress. Prefer paper and pen? No problem. Ask us for a paper review form. Drawings held weekly. Complete 10 review forms, or earn 10 badges by Feb. 28, and be entered to win our Grand Prize: a gift certificate to Lino's Pizza in Rockford! Jan. 2-Feb. 28. Pre-registration available now through the Beanstack app.



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# Mount Morris Library News

## Santa Countdown Fun

We have a "Santa Countdown" sheet available as a fun way to count down daily to Christmas. Call 815-734-4927 or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com.

## {Virtual} CATCH Club

CATCH Club (with the U of I Extension) is moving to virtual starting Thursday, December 3rd from 6-6:30 p.m. This is suggested for grades 3-5. It will run Thursday the 3rd, 10th and 17th. Contact the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to get the Zoom link. There \*WILL\* be a craft kit that you can pick up ahead of time from the library.

## To-Go Craft Kits for All Ages

Starting Saturday, December 5th we will have the following to-go craft kits available: Kids: Bead Ornaments; Teens: Book Page Ornament; Adults: Red Napkin Poinsettia. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to get yours!

## FREE Library Cards for ALL OCUSD 220 Students

Mount Morris Public Library and Oregon Public Library, in conjunction with OCUSD 220,

are partnering for a pilot program where ALL students qualify for a FREE library card! Information and forms will be sent home from the school. Contact the library for more information.

## Virtual Storytime & To-Go Kits

Virtual Storytime will be at 11:15am via Facebook Live every Wednesday. Weekly Storytime themed kits will be available and will include things like a craft, a letter book, stickers and tracing page. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to pick up yours!

## Family Storytime

In-person family storytime is available on Fridays by appointment and for one family at a time. It will last approximately 30 minutes and will include books, rhymes and a craft. Masks will be required for ages 3 and up and you will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entry to the library. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to register.

## Browsing & Computer Use By Appointment

We are open for browsing and



computer use by appointment; call the library to schedule a time. Masks are required and you will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the library. No unaccompanied children are allowed in the library at this time (please do not bring your children if you will be using the computer). Browsing is limited to 30 minutes and computer use to one hour.

## Curbside Pickup, Interli-

## brary Loans, Library Cards

Curbside Service and Interlibrary Loans are available during regular business hours. Mt. Morris Patrons can place holds through the catalog, by calling or emailing. Library staff is quarantining all returned items for a period of time. Recently returned materials may remain on your account longer than usual. No overdue fines will be charged. New library cards: Patrons can call or email the library to

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## Open Trustee Positions

We have two Trustee positions expiring. If you are interested in being in the Spring elections, packets are available for pickup from Village Hall.

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Submissions will be accepted until Dec. 15. Voting starts on Dec 16 and runs through Dec. 31.

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- Local businesses sell a wide range of great products** at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.
- Shopping Local saves you money and time!** Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items more.
- Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
- Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.
- Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Ogle County's diversity, charm and appeal; which in turn, attracts new community members.
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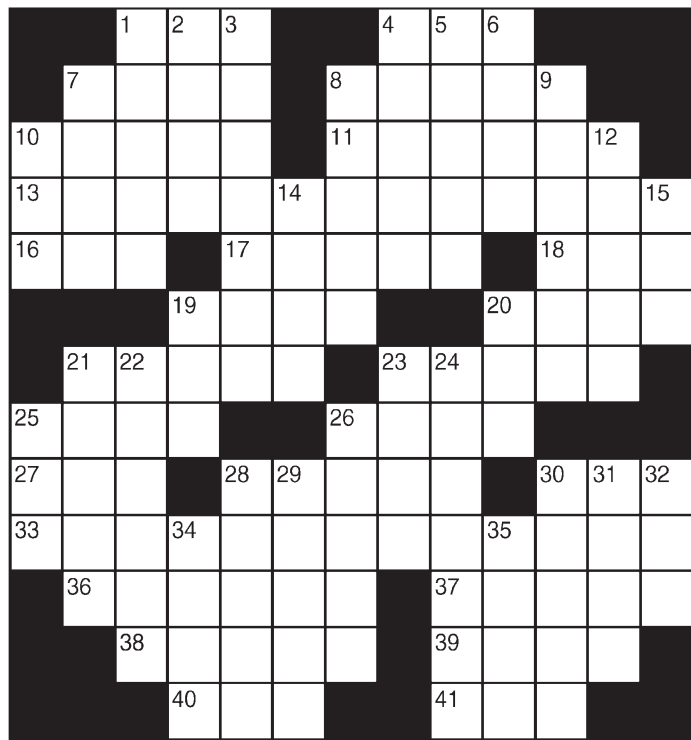
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# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Vagrant
  - 4 Poke
  - 7 Femur or fibula
  - 8 Elaine's last name on "Seinfeld"
  - 10 Cook by direct heat
  - 11 Silvery
  - 13 Smooth-coated pooch
  - 16 1/20 ton (Abbr.)
  - 17 Humdinger
  - 18 Moving truck
  - 19 Narnia's Aslan, e.g.
  - 20 Antitoxins
  - 21 Munchie
  - 23 Enthusiasts' emotions
  - 25 Roe provider
  - 26 Group of quail
  - 27 Debtor's letters
  - 28 Muslim maiden
  - 30 Thee
  - 33 High-backed chairs
  - 36 Earthling, in sci-fi
  - 37 Flavor
  - 38 Go over the books

- 39 Spud's buds
- 40 Always, in verse
- 41 Two, in Tijuana
- DOWN**
- 1 Give a leg up
- 2 One
- 3 Tuneful
- 4 Spanish wine
- 5 Mad
- 6 Tavern offering
- 7 Forehead
- 8 Conductor's wand
- 9 Whine
- 10 English channel?
- 12 Signs of sorrow
- 14 Kindle competitor
- 15 Genetic stuff
- 19 Young fellow
- 20 Put into words
- 21 Try for a two-pointer
- 22 Queasiness
- 23 Nil
- 24 Ousted
- 25 Bro or sis
- 26 Beyond well-done
- 28 Throng
- 29 Where the elated walk
- 30 Affirmatives
- 31 Uneaten morsels
- 32 Work with
- 34 Verifiable
- 35 Boxer's successful blow

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## MAGIC MAZE

## DRONE TERMINOLOGY

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: NO FLY —

- |           |            |            |          |
|-----------|------------|------------|----------|
| Autopilot | Controller | Gyroscope  | Roll     |
| Axis      | Fly away   | Octocopter | Throttle |
| Bind      | Gimbal     | Payload    | Waypoint |
| Camera    | GoPro      | Pitch      |          |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

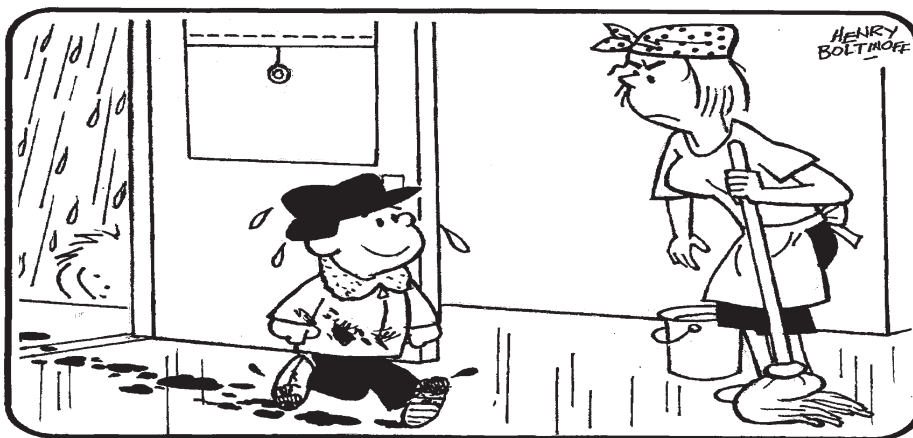
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

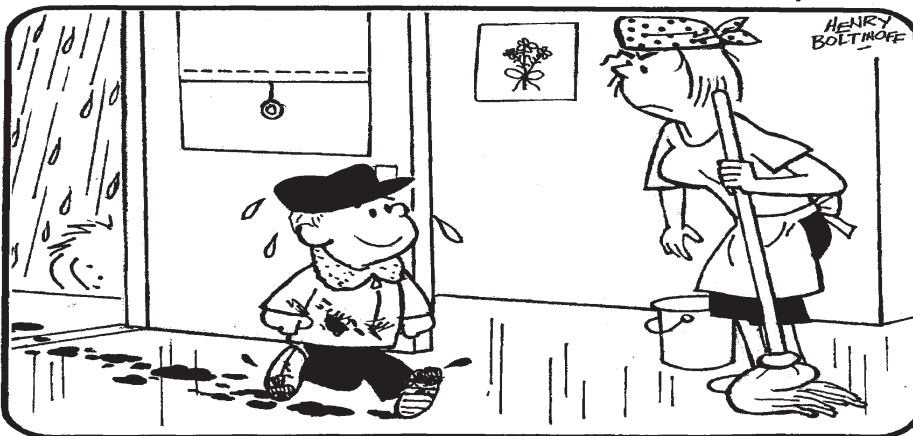
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

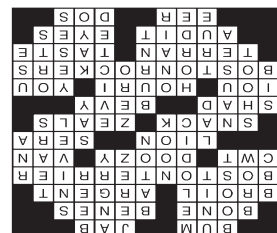
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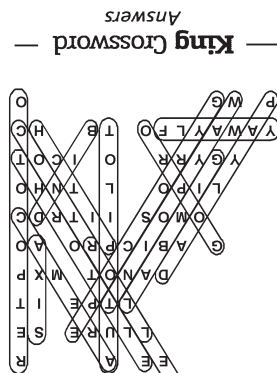
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bandanna is backward. 2. Picture has been added. 3. Shade is lower. 4. Bucket has no water. 5. Boy's hat is different. 6. Broom handle is taller.



Solution time: 25 mins.



DRONE TERMINOLOGY

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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# Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

## RIDDLE SEARCH – STOCKING STUFFERS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?**

CANDY	S	C	I	E	N	C	E	K	I	T
DOLL	T	M	A	P	A	S	T	E	S	E
GAME	I	T	E	N	G	A	M	Y	E	P
GLOVES	C	A	D	N	L	S	Y	R	N	P
GLUE	K	Y	F	T	O	L	K	I	I	U
KEY RING	E	L	R	P	V	I	N	N	Z	P
MAGAZINE	R	L	A	A	E	C	I	G	A	G
MAGNET	S	O	C	K	S	N	L	O	G	L
MAP	P	D	S	A	W	E	S	S	A	U
PASTE	E	L	Z	Z	U	P	G	A	M	E
PENCILS										
PENS										
PUPPET										
PUZZLE										
SCARF										
SCIENCE KIT										
SLINKY										
SOAP										
SOCKS										
STICKERS										

Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

- |                           |           |                   |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Mini car               | ___ O ___ | Wiring material   | ___ P ___ |
| 2. Underage               | ___ R     | No. Dakota city   | ___ T     |
| 3. Fruit of the vine      | ___ P     | Student's mark    | ___ D     |
| 4. Nervous                | T ___     | Thick             | D ___     |
| 5. Mindful of             | ___ R     | No longer napping | ___ K     |
| 6. Hinge sound            | ___ K     | Cry like a pig    | ___ L     |
| 7. "Soul Provider" singer | ___ L     | Bean Town         | ___ S     |
| 8. Long-necked bird       | ___ N     | Wooden box        | ___ T     |
| 9. Smallest amount        | ___ T     | Dog lead          | ___ H     |
| 10. Jump over             | ___ R     | Football meeting  | ___ D     |

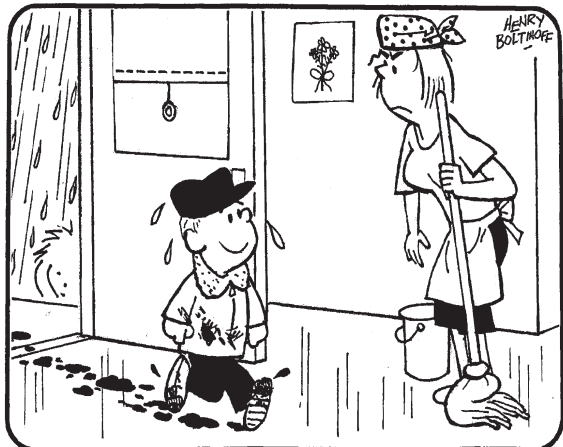
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bandanna is backward. 2. Picture has been added. 3. Shade is lower. 4. Bucket has no water. 5. Boy's hat is taller. 6. Broom handle is taller. 7. Girl's hat is different. 8. Broom handle is taller.



**THE NEARSIGHTED NINJA!** One out of four is pretty bad. Can you guess which throw hit the target?

Answer: Number one.

**TIME TO HIT THE ROAD!** Write the number "11030" on a piece of paper, hand it to a friend, and challenge him to change the number to a homeless man by adding two lines to it.

Answer: A line between the '1's and another in front of the '3 gives us the word "HOBO."



by Charles Barry Townsend

WORD BRIDGE

	C					H			
	D	B			G	I			
E			A	F				J	

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. Great self-esteem.
2. Disagreeably humid.
3. Type of TV transmission.
4. Refuse to go on.
5. Expression of surprise.
6. A Mediterranean cap.
7. A valley
8. What ghosts do.
9. Where travelers stay.
10. Preserved fruit.

Answers: 1. Ego. 2. Dank. 3. Cable. 4. Balk. 5. Aha. 6. Fez. 7. Glen. 8. Haunt. 9. Inns. 10. Jam.

**LINK-UPS!** Here's a list of 12 one-syllable 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.

1. CAR	NEST
2. HERE	LED
3. EAR	ROT
4. DORM	TIC
5. GAB	ART
6. IMP	ANT

Answers: Carrot, heretic, earnest, dormant, gabled, impart



Kids' Maze Solution

1. Cooper, Copper
2. Milnor, Minot
3. Grape, Grade
4. Tense, Dense
5. Aware, Awake
6. Squeak, Squeal
7. Bolton, Boston
8. Crane, Crate
9. Least, Leash
10. Hurdle, Huddle

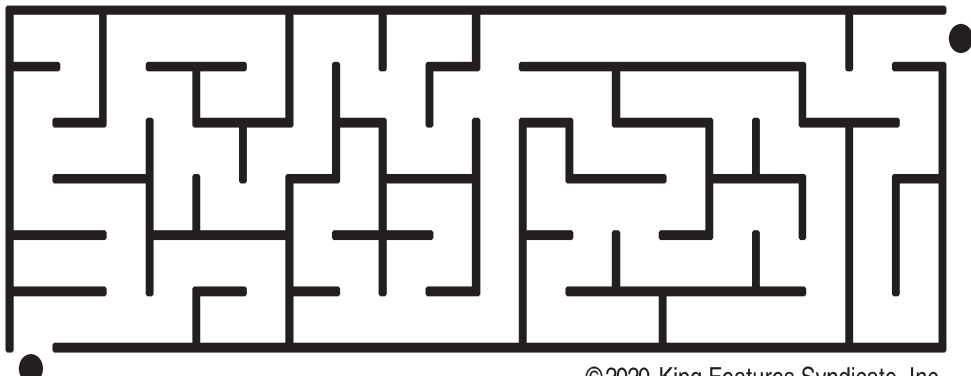
## Even Exchange

Riddle Answer: Santa Paws.

S	C	I	E	N	C	E	K	I	T
T	M	A	P	A	S	T	E	S	E
I	T	E	N	G	A	M	Y	E	P
C	A	D	N	L	S	Y	R	N	P
K	Y	F	T	O	L	K	I	I	U
E	L	R	P	V	I	N	N	Z	P
R	L	A	A	E	C	I	G	A	G
S	O	C	K	S	N	L	O	G	L
P	D	S	A	W	E	S	S	A	U
E	L	Z	Z	U	P	G	A	M	E

## Puzzles4Kids

# Kids' Maze



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# Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** I recently started watching the show “Good Girls.” A lot of it is hard to believe, but the three lead actresses are so good, I’m willing to overlook the details. I recognize Christina Hendricks and Mae Whitman from “Mad Men” and “Parenthood,” but what has Retta been in? Also, what’s her full name? -- F.L.

**A:** Retta, who plays Ruby, one of a trio of felonious housewives on the NBC-Netflix series “Good Girls,” was born Marietta Sirleaf. She had planned on becoming a doctor, but took a detour after college at Duke University into the stand-up comedy world. She had the blessing of her parents when she decided to drop her surname while she led the wild and crazy life of a stand-up comedian.

Before “Good Girls,” Retta played Donna on the NBC comedy “Parks and Recreation.” She was hilarious, but playing Ruby has allowed her to showcase her fantastic dramatic chops as an actress.

Meanwhile, Jonathan Silverman (“No Good Nick”) will join the fourth season of “Good Girls” as a member of the Secret Service.

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**Q:** I was a big fan of the show “Veep,” starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus. In the final episode, the character playing the role of President Meyer’s husband was spotted twice, despite having (supposedly) been killed off, and none of the characters appeared to notice. What’s the story on that? -- D.C.

**A:** “Veep” was a political-satire comedy series that aired on HBO from 2012 to 2019. Julia Louis-Dreyfus won many deserved Emmy Awards for her performance as vice president -- and eventual president -- Selina Meyer.

David Pasquesi recurred as Selina’s philandering ex-husband Andrew. He was killed off -- until his surprise appearance in the series finale revealed he was alive all along. According to an article in the “Washington Post,” the character “faked his own death to avoid prison time for shenanigans related to her (Selina’s) charitable foundation.”

Next up for Pasquesi, who is known for “Groundhog Day” and “Angels & Demons,” is the thriller “Last Looks” starring Charlie Hunnam (“Sons of Anarchy”) and Morena Baccarin (“Gotham”).

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**Q:** Many years ago there was a series on PBS called “The Forsyte Saga” that followed an upper-middle-class British family from the 1870s forward. It reminded me somewhat of “Downton Abbey.” Is there any chance it might be rebroadcast? -- B.B.

**A:** The original “The Forsyte Saga” series ran for one season in 1967 and starred Eric Porter as Soames Forsyte. A 10-episode remake ran in 2002-03 and starred Damian Lewis as the lead. This second installment can be seen on the streaming service the PBS Masterpiece Channel. If you have Amazon Prime Video, you can purchase Masterpiece as an add-on for just \$5.99 a month, and you’d have access to much more wonderful British program-



ming. If you’d rather not subscribe, you can purchase the DVD collection of the 2002 “The Forsyte Saga” through Amazon.com as well. Also, don’t forget to contact your local library. Many have entire TV series in addition to film collections on DVD that are available to check out.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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# Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

The night skies have been crisp and clear lately, so I’ve been doing some star-gazing. There above us lies an infinite land of possibility, just out of mere mortal touch -- for now. I’m not alone in wanting to unlock the secrets of the stars, but since I’m more of a space travel dreamer than an actual astronaut hopeful, I’ll just stay here cozy on my couch watching movies about rocket ships and planets, and leave the science of space to the experts. Come with me!

“October Sky” -- The Soviet satellite Sputnik 1 sparks an interest in rockets for Homer (Jake Gyllenhaal), the younger son of a West Virginia coal miner who expects his boys to follow in his footsteps. With the help of an inspirational local teacher (Laura Dern), Homer and his pals set their sights on space instead.

“Hidden Figures” -- Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae play a trio of highly influential Black women in the early space program at NASA, who help to create the science, mathematics and engineering necessary to launch astronaut John Glenn into space and bring him home again, all while breaking past racial barriers.

“Interstellar” -- An Earthwide drought and overpopulation spark a scientist’s (Michael Caine) plan to rehome our planet’s inhabitants on a new Earth, but first a brave crew -- including a brilliant NASA pilot (Matthew McConaughey) -- must travel through a wormhole to test the path forward, a move that could pay great rewards but at a tremendous personal cost.

“The Right Stuff” -- A Tom Wolfe novel adapted by director Philip Kaufman that stars Sam Shepard, Scott Glenn, Ed Harris, Dennis Quaid and Fred Ward as astronauts of the Mercury space program? Yes, please. NASA’s earliest days are explored through the professional and personal lives of these space pioneers.

“Apollo 13” -- Ron Howard directs an A-list crew both in the shuttle and on the ground, including Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Kevin Bacon, Gary Sinise and Ed Harris, in an intimate look at the Apollo 13 lunar mission’s successes and difficulties. Houston, I did not have a problem with this drama.

“Gravity” -- Sandra Bullock and George Clooney star in this space thriller as astronauts who are left stranded aboard a damaged shuttle. The pair must use all of their wits as they leapfrog from disaster to disaster with the peril of empty space surrounding them.

“First Man” -- This controversial biopic does a commendable job of putting the viewer inside the rocket while it takes a deep dive into the personal life of astronaut Neil Armstrong, played stoic and restrained by Ryan Gosling. It’s a film that is worthwhile if only for the NASA history lessons that it imparts.

**FUN FACT:** Actor Ed Harris appears in three of the above films. As astronaut John Glenn in “The Right Stuff” (1983), as flight director Gene Kranz in “Apollo 13” (1995) and as the voice of mission control in “Gravity” (2013).

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Publication Notice  
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 16, 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:  
Inspo Art Studio  
5699 N. US Hwy 251  
Davis Junction, IL 61020  
Dated: November 16, 2020  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 1128 (Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7)

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE  
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CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS**  
In Re the Estate of: DONNA JEAN JONES, 2020P81  
Notice is hereby given of the death of DONNA JEAN JONES who resided at 811 South 10th St., Oregon, IL and that Letters of Office as Independent Administrator were issued on November 9, 2020 to STEVEN SHELTON whose address is 208

w. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047 and whose attorney of record is Philip J. Bernstein, 180 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3700, Chicago, IL 60601. The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (7555 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, Ogle County Circuit Clerk, 106 S. 5th St., #300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 16, 2021 or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the probate Act, the date stated in that notice 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 is filed. Steven Shelton by his attorney, Philip J. Bernstein, 180 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3700, Chicago, IL 60601  
No. 1129 (Nov. 23, 30 Dec. 7)

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Public Notice is hereby given that on November 19, 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:  
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Oregon, IL 61061  
Dated: November 19, 2020  
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Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
Publish this notice once a week for three CONSECUTIVE weeks in an Ogle County Newspaper.  
This must be done within 15 days of the initial filing in the County Clerk's Office.  
No. 1134 (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 19, 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: The Tackle Box, 10796 E. Lindenwood Rd., Chana, IL 61015.  
Dated: November 19, 2020  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 1135 (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pursuant to the Landlord's lien provisions in rental agreement between Jay Johnson Unit 16 at White Eagle Storage, Forresteron, IL, this storage unit 16 containing personal property will be sold or otherwise disposed of on or after January 10th, 2021 at White Eagle Storage, 11627 Rt 72, Forresteron, IL 61030. Payment must be made by December 20th, 2020, to prevent this sale.  
No. 1204 (Dec. 7, 14)



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**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING, JUNE 30, 2020**

**REVENUE**

Balance at the beginning of year July 1, 2019	\$61,228.21
Property Taxes	56,980.28
Rent	6,360.00
Book fines, etc	394.05
Interest Income	127.14
Memorials	50.00
USPO & Stamps	2,743.40
Trusts	11,015.92
Per Capita	2,676.25
Grants	4,500.00
Union Savings	15,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	573.53
<b>Totals Revenues</b>	<b>\$100,420.57</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Salaries under \$25,000.00	\$53,882.69
Union Savings Bank, Payroll taxes	2,952.74
Fifth Third Bank Credit Cards, books, supplies, etc	8,112.89
Cover One	1,294.92
Dixon Glass	1,215.00
Country Financial Ins Co., Insurance	4,593.69
Nicor, natural gas	2,712.36
Com Ed, electric	4,295.84
Fischer's Inc	6,045.56
IL Department of Revenue	2,958.86
Baker & Taylor	2,211.27
LR Communications	1,410.11
Edward Mitchell	1,242.00
Nick Heiderreich	1,530.00
Village of Leaf River	1,479.50
Prairie Cat	4,193.68
Quality Carpeting	1,146.75
Others not exceeding \$1,000.	14,293.14
<b>Totals Expenditures</b>	<b>\$115,571.00</b>
Balance at the end of the year, June 30, 2020	<b>\$46,077.78</b>

ARDIS KUMP, TREASURER

**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
Hacksauction.hibid.com  
**Martha & Robert Remmers Estate Auction**  
**BIDDING OPENS: SUN., DEC. 13th @ 8 A.M.**  
2476 Lundgren Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
**Featuring 1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible Classic Car; 1993 Mercury Grand Marquis LS Automobile; John Deere 455 Lawn Tractor; Tools & Equipment; Lawn & Garden; Household Furnishings; Antiques & Collectibles; (100+) Character Head Vase Collection; Jewelry Collection Incl. Gold, Silver, Costume; Furniture; Apple I-Pad; Electronics; Fine China & Glassware; Christmas; Cookbooks; Figurines; Lighting; More!**  
**ITEM PREVIEW:** Sun., Dec. 13 – NOON to 3 P.M.  
**BIDDING OPENS:** Sun., Dec. 13 @ 8 A.M.  
**BIDDING CLOSES:** Thurs., Dec. 17 @ 7 P.M.  
**ITEM PICKUP:** Sat., Dec. 19 – 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Hack's Auction & Realty Service  
Greg & Swan Hachmeister, Auctioneers  
Pecatonica, IL 815-239-1436  
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**105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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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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**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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**H.O.P.E**

For Free Help or Information Call 815-562-8890 24 Hours

All Calls Are Confidential.

Support, Advocacy, Referral Services, Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.

**HOPE of Ogle County**



P.O. Box 131  
Rochelle, IL 61068  
Public Service Announcement

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**Lenny Bryson**  
Sales Of All Kinds  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

WHERE: 707 N. 4TH Street, Ashton, IL 61006  
WHEN: Saturday, Dec 12, 2020 @ 10 AM

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** The Johnson's have downsized and moved to a smaller home leaving many good and clean household, garage, and antiques for sale.

**HOUSEHOLD:** Wood dining room set with six padded chairs, hutch, rocker recliner, wicker furniture, game table with four chairs, kitchen table with four chairs, futon couch that folds into a bed, Reed parlor organ, two spring rockers, lawn furniture, misc. tables and shelves, queen size bed with like new mattress, misc. lamps, assorted mirrors and chairs, 2 desks, computer desk, sewing machine, wall quilt rack, drop leaf table, corner cabinet, fans, Christmas tree with lights, round coffee table, seasonal decorations, set of 3 Christmas trees, cargo carrier, 2 chest of drawers, Oak entertainment center, round oak coffee table, painted hand saw, TV

**GARAGE:** Troy Built riding mower, Honda gas trimming mower, outdoor tools, garden tools, ladders, power washer, propane grill, lawn decorations, and more.

**ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES:** Antique high chair, large collection of milk glass, antique tools, old trunk full of antiques and misc., assortment of stuffed bears, and many more items too numerous to mention

**REMMER SCHUETZ AUCTION SERVICE**  
Ashton, IL. License #441000247  
Phone 847-878-1491

**TERMS:** Cash or check with proper ID. Neither Remmer Schuetz Auction Service nor any of its employees are responsible for accidents or for any merchandise left unattended once it has been sold. NO BUYERS PREMIUM  
**COVID 19 REGULATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED**

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**123  
MOVING & STORAGE**

Large shop and storage space available in Oregon.  
**815-980-8642**

**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.

**201  
DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertise-

ment soliciting a child care 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 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**

SNOW PLOW Sub Contractor With Truck Needed in Rochelle 815-748-3782. (12-09-20)

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  
**815-938-3644**  
Please leave message

**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 dickharms@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**

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.

**309  
PETS AND SUPPLIES**

FOR SALE: Mixed Jack Russell Terrier Puppies Call 815-501-2718.

**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 hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Home for sale in Byron. 4 bd, 3 bath, all new inside. 3941 E. Whippoorwill Lane. \$249,000.  
[www.firstchoicereals.net](http://www.firstchoicereals.net)

**501  
APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

1&2-BEDROOM Apartments. Clean, Quiet Avail-

able Now. Some Utilities Included. Call For Showing 815-762-6650 or 815-761-3968. (12-20-20)

**OREGON/  
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Newer 1, 2 & 3 BR APTS. Water, sewer, garbage inc. w/most units. HOUSES some w/garages, all in like new condition. Starting at \$295/mo. 815-734-4348 or 815-590-2302

1 bedroom apt. upstairs downtown Oregon. Appl. Included. Utilities Included excluding electricity. References requested and lease \$485.00 per mo. + deposit. No smoking. NO PETS. Call 815-677-4565 or 815-732-6857

**501  
APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

**Village Green  
Apartments**  
100 Blanchard Ct.  
Byron, IL  
815-234-2620

Now accepting applications for one bedroom apartments. Must be 62 yrs or older; disabled regardless of age

Interested parties please call  
**815-234-2620**  
Contact us today to receive an application



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**VILLAGE GREEN  
APARTMENTS**  
502-506 Barbara St.  
Mount Morris, IL

Immediate opening for 1 bedroom Apartment Homes. Must be 62 years of age or older; disabled regardless of age. Included in rent: water, sewer & trash. All units have washer-dryer, range, refrigerator & a/c units. Family pet welcome with deposit.

Interested parties please contact:  
**815-234-2620**  
Contact us today to receive an application for your new home.  
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**Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements  
Julia Hull District Library  
Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020**

**Receipts:**

- Real Estate Taxes \$246,194.34,
- Donations \$2,291.01,
- State Grants \$10,346.25,
- Fines & Fees \$2,866.47,
- Non-Resident Fees \$242.98,
- E-Rate \$1,187.81,
- Bank Interest \$385.24,
- Book Sales \$666.00,
- Other \$76.26.

**Disbursements:**

**Salary & Wage Range:**

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

**Disbursements to Vendors or Individuals (\$2,500 minimum):**

Baker & Taylor \$23,761.81; Cincinnati Insurance Company \$2,874.00; Cornerstone Bookkeeping & Tax \$4,578.38; Illinois Department of Revenue—Payroll Taxes \$4,132.97; Internal Revenue Service—Payroll Taxes \$17,913.00; Junior Library Guild \$5,243.50; Meridian C.U.S.D. 223 (Reimbursed Wages, TRS, Medicare, Health & Medical Insurance, & Building Occupations & Operations) \$65,072.35; PrairieCat \$8,779.45; Query Insurance Agency \$3,440.00; Stillman Bancorp (VISA) \$14,026.66; US Bank (Copier Lease) \$2,760.00; Zoobean, Inc \$2,469.85.

**Disbursements by Category:**

TRS \$5,631.33; Health & Medical Insurance \$4,269.63; Insurance \$5,007.00; Library Supplies \$10,307.22; Programs-Child \$1,355.56; Programs-General \$2,936.47; Programs-Summer Reading \$2,936.47; Journals \$507.97; Wi-Fi \$148.28; Telephone \$2,019.81; Publicity \$2,227.97; Postage \$306.48; Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment & Repair \$3,257.89; Technology (Licensing Fees) \$8,779.45; Reserve Fund \$8,500.00; Miscellaneous \$47.00; Travel & Mileage \$164.27; Professional Memberships \$235.00; Legal Fees \$512.50; eRead Illinois (eBooks) \$1,000.00; Adult Materials \$10,000.00; Audio Books \$1,443.68; A/V Materials \$6,842.32; Children's Materials \$3,470.82; Software \$51.99; Periodicals \$2,273.13; Young Adult Materials \$1,000.00; Other Materials \$800.00; Social Security (Employer Portion) \$6,869.19; FY2019 Per Capita Grant \$7,534.00; Friends of the Library Award Books Donation \$119.60; Char Wills' Large Print Materials Donation \$700.00; Replacement Materials Paid for In Fines \$882.07; Other \$1,429.32.

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

Jeff Mickey, Treasurer of Julia Hull District Library  
December 2, 2020

**OREGON,**  
2BR apt. on site  
laundry, off street  
parking, water/  
trash provided.  
Avl. Dec. 1st.  
\$550 per mo. 1  
mo. Sec. Deposit  
& min. 1 yr. lease.  
**815-652-4757**

Oregon. 2bd apt, 2  
bath, washer/dryer/dw.  
No pets. \$600 mo/sec.  
call Richie  
**815-501-1663.**  
Avl. Now.  
PIA#69

**507**  
**FARM AND FARM**  
**LAND**

PASTURE WANTED  
to Rent for 2021  
Beef Cattle. John Na-  
dig Rochelle, 815-  
748-3782. (12-09-20)

**509**  
**HOUSES FOR RENT**

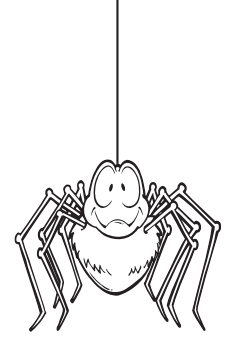
ROCHELLE: 3-BED-  
ROOM. 2-Bath. All Ap-  
pliances, Near School.  
2-Car Garage. \$1250/  
Month 815-761-6635 af-  
ter 6:30pm. (12-06-20)

**511**  
**STORAGE UNITS**

**K&P SELF STORAGE**  
1563 Kysor Drive, Byron  
(next to D&W Garage)  
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**OUTSIDE STORAGE NOW AVAILABLE**  
Storage Unit Sizes:  
5' x 10' 10' x 10'  
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*Reasonable Rates*  
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**ADVERTISE WITH US**



**409**  
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**LAND FOR SALE**  
3.7 Acres - Corner of Pines & Rt. 2  
Oregon, IL - Zoned Commercial  
\$250,000

**NEW ACREAGE**  
South Edge of Oregon

33.7 - Acres South of Railroad and West of Rt. 2.  
33 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial  
\$9,500 Per Acre

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**501**  
**APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

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NOW RENTING 1, 2, 3  
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who qualify.  
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**Rosie Nilles:**  
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**608-784-1381**  
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Equal Housing opportunity.

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**SELL! SELL! SELL!**

**WANTED**

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Convenient. Certified  
Professionals.  
Call 312-598-1758 or visit  
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**303**  
**APPLIANCES**

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**NEW, USED SCRATCH & DENT**  
• Refrigerators • Freezers • Washers/Dryers • Stoves  
**AIR CONDITIONERS**  
30,000; 28,000; 25,000; 23,000; 20,000; 18,000;  
15,000; 12,000; 10,000; 8,000; 5,000; BTU  
**DEHUMIDIFIERS \$99 & UP**

We also carry a large selection of refurbished appliances with a warranty.

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**601**  
**VEHICLES FOR SALE**

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**SPECIALS OF THE WEEK**

**2020 Year-End Clearance**

**FINANCING AVAILABLE - Rates as low as 3.95% APR to well qualified buyers**

- 2019 BUICK ENCORE AWD, LEATHER, MOON, HEAT SEATS, ONE OWNER ..... \$18,785
- 2019 CHEVY CRUZE RALLY SPORT, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, ONLY 3,500 MI..... \$16,721
- 2019 GMC SIERRA SLE, 4 DR., 4X4, REMOTE START, LOADED, ONE OWNER ..... \$33,861
- 2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT, HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, POWER LIFT GATE ..... \$18,642
- 2017 NISSAN ROGUE SV AWD, REMOTE START, NAV, HEAT SEATS, PANORAMIC ROOF ..... \$18,782
- 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 ..... \$15,929
- 2017 CHEVY BOLT LT, ALLOY WHEELS, REMOTE START, ONE OWNER ..... \$15,316
- 2017 FORD ESCAPE SE, ECO BOOST, ONE OWNER, FACTORY WARRANTY ..... \$12,975
- 2017 FORD EDGE AWD, ECO BOOST, ONE OWNER, X-CLEAN ..... \$19,825
- 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 ..... \$27,424
- 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 6' POWER ANGLE PLOW ONLY 18K..... \$29,299
- 2013 BUICK LACROSSE, LEATHER HEAT SEATS, REMOTE START, LOCAL TRADE ..... \$9,848
- 2012 CHEVY EQUINOX LS, CLEAN, LOCAL TRADE ..... \$7,647
- 2000 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE, PREMIUM, LEATHER, ONLY 55K MI ..... \$14,243

**301 N. Walnut Ave. • 815-938-2000 • Forresteron, IL 61030**

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**601**  
**VEHICLES FOR SALE**

**TNT MOTOR SALES**

**Winter SALE**  
**50% OFF DOWN PAYMENTS**  
Buy Here Pay Here  
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GREAT GAS  
MILEAGE,  
AUTOMATIC,  
CLEAN  
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Friday & Saturday, 5-9pm

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**Grubsteakers**

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Bar Open Daily 8am -9pm



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## WEEK #14 NFL GAMES

Circle your choice for the winner of each game on the schedule.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

Denver Broncos	at	Carolina Panthers
Houston Texans	at	Chicago Bears
Dallas Cowboys	at	Cincinnati Bengals
Green Bay Packers	at	Detroit Lions
Tennessee Titans	at	Jacksonville Jaguars
Kansas City Chiefs	at	Miami Dolphins
Arizona Cardinals	at	New York Giants
Minnesota Vikings	at	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Indianapolis Colts	at	Las Vegas Raiders
New York Jets	at	Seattle Seahawks
Atlanta Falcons	at	Los Angeles Chargers
New Orleans Saints	at	Philadelphia Eagles
Washington Football Team	at	San Francisco 49ers
Pittsburgh Steelers	at	Buffalo Bills

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

Baltimore Ravens	at	Cleveland Browns
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#### TIE BREAKER #1

Total Combined Score

Baltimore Ravens at Cleveland Browns

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

#### TIE BREAKER #2

Total Combined Score

Pittsburgh Steelers at Buffalo Bills

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

DROP YOUR ENTRY TO: Ogle County Life Drop Box @ Conover Square Merchant Mall, 201 N 3rd St #236, Oregon, IL 61061  
MAIL YOUR ENTRY: Ogle Co. Life, PO Box 378, Oregon, IL 61061 CONTEST RULES: Contestants must be at least 21 years or older to enter each week. 1 entry per person. The winner will be the entrant who selects the most correct winners. In case of a tie, the tiebreaker will be determined by the total score of the tie breaker game, second tie breaker will be combined score of Sunday night game. Entries must be received at the Ogle County Life drop box by noon the Friday before the games. Winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate to one of the participating businesses!



## WEEK #12 WINNER

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