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County seeks school closures

Schools balk at idea of only remote learning from Thanksgiving break until the middle of January

OGLE COUNTY – The Ogle County Health Department has recommended that school districts in the county transition to remote learning for all students from Thanksgiving break to mid-January due to increasing COVID-19 spread within the local community.

“Ogle County is experiencing significant community spread of COVID-19,” the health department recommendations read. “The Ogle County Health Department has recommended a pause to in-person learning between the holidays and into the first two weeks of 2021.”

The increased community spread raises the risk for higher rates of COVID-19 transmission in schools.

PJ Caposey, superintendent of Meridian CUSD 223, said at this time, the district is not moving to remote learning for the period after the Thanksgiving break. But he did say the district is monitoring the situation closely.

“Our data ... seem to indicate

that the virus is not being spread in our schools – so we did not feel as though having schools remain open would amplify the emerging community health crisis,” he said.

Caposey added that the district does offer remote learning for families in the district that choose it. He said about 20 percent of students are using that method.

The Byron CUSD 226 also does not plan to make a switch after Thanksgiving.

“Currently we are not planning on taking a preemptive pause throughout the holidays,” said Superintendent Buster Barton. “Our rationale for still providing in-person instruction to families who wish you take advantage of it is largely due to the educational and mental health benefits associated with having kids in our buildings.”

Barton said Byron also offers remote learning for families that prefer it.

“We have held pretty steady



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across the District with our in-person and remote numbers, which is approximately 85 percent in-person and 15 percent remote,”

he said, adding that the district is roughly 1,500 students.

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Voter turnout in Ogle county sets a record

By Russell Hodges
Staff Writer

ROCHELLE – The 2020 General Election saw more than 145 million registered voters cast ballots for federal, state and local races across the United States.

In Ogle County, voters participated in record numbers this fall, with 82.65 percent of registered voters taking part.

Nearly 32,000 votes in Ogle County cast ballots in the 2020 election, with roughly 5,500 voters registered in Flagg (Rochelle) precincts participating this year. Rochelle's feeder communities also heavily exercised their voting rights this fall, with 87 percent of registered Dement (Creston) precinct voters and 84 percent of White Rock (Kings) precinct voters casting ballots.

Ogle County Clerk and

Recorder Laura J. Cook said she was excited to see the high voter turnout in the county. Cook said that several factors, including early voting, mail-in voting and the secure ballot drop-off box at the Ogle County Courthouse, led to a higher turnout this fall.

"The Nov. 3, 2020 General Election turnout was astounding in Ogle County," Cooks said. "I was very glad to see the turnout was high with people participating in voting with the various options they had to choose from. It showed us that the people want to have their voices heard from during this 'new normal' due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We saw many first-time voters during early voting at the courthouse and in Rochelle. I believe the turnout was high due to how easy it was to vote early or obtain a vote-by-mail ballot. The

ballot drop-off box at the courthouse worked out well for the voters who chose to deposit their ballots in a secure location. I hope voters will continue to participate in elections as much as they did in November."

President Donald Trump received the majority of the support from Ogle County voters, with over 61 percent casting ballots for the Republican Party nominee while about 35 percent selected Democratic Party candidate Joe Biden.

Ogle County voters also showed overwhelming disapproval of the constitutional amendment proposal, also known as the Fair Tax amendment. Over 18,000 Ogle County voters (nearly 71 percent) sided against the proposed amendment. Illinois voters chose not to adopt the constitutional amendment, with 54.5 percent (2,846,380) voting



People wait in line to vote on Nov. 3 in Byron. (Brad Jennings photo)

against and 45.5 percent (2,372,219) voting for the proposal after 99 percent of precincts reported.

Nationally, Biden holds a 290-214 electoral vote lead over Trump in the presidential election, with Biden carrying 50.7 percent of the vote and Trump maintaining 47.6 percent. Final

results won't be expected for a while, as Trump has challenged results in several battleground states.

Democrats are expected to maintain control over the U.S. House of Representatives, while the fight for the U.S. Senate will likely be decided in Georgia, where two seats are expected to

be chosen through runoff elections in January. Republicans, who currently control the U.S. Senate, are projected to win 50 seats in the 2020 election, while Democrats are projected for 48 seats. A 50-50 split in the U.S. Senate would mean the vice president casts any tiebreaking votes.

CLOSURES: Schools are monitoring data

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In Rochelle, Superintendent Jason Harper said the district also prefers to offer in-person learning, "as long as we can do so legally and safely," he wrote in a release.

"We continue to monitor our student and staff COVID-19 data. In the meantime, we continue to urge you to make family plans regarding what remote learning will look like for your child or children and to secure a reliable connection to the internet. Secondly, the OCHD has shifted the responsibility of family/student COVID19-related

communication (quarantine and contact tracing) to school districts as a result of the increase in positive cases across the county. Our nursing staff is aware of this change and will continue to use OCHD/IDPH guidance as we have since the start of the school year. For complicated cases, the schools may require direct communication with the OCHD."

The health department said it is concerned that transmission rates during the holidays will make it difficult for school staff and the health department to keep up with contact tracing.

"The decision to move

to remote learning is ultimately one of the local school board and the district superintendent," the department said in a release. "The Ogle County Health Department is making the above recommendation for local school board consideration due to the increase in local COVID-19 cases, local hospital utilization, the assumption that families will gather with family members outside of their immediate household, most college students will be home during this time; increasing the risk of transmission and the local public health system's limited ability to respond to the rapid growth in the number of cases."



Club honors veterans

The GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club placed a remembrance wreath on the "Cross of the Unknown" to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom at the Fairmont Cemetery in Polo, on Sunday, Nov. 8. Women's Club and American Legion Polo Post 83 members were present. Pictured are James Reynolds, Dan Ford (American Legion Past Post Commander), Pat Kuhn (Polo Women's Club Vice President), Cynthia Reynolds, and Melanie Konecny (American Legion Senior Vice Commander).

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United Church of Byron hosting program on Medicare, Social Security

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning Social Security and Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committees of The United Church of Byron.

The United Church of Byron is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission! Check us out at www.united-churchofbyron.org. Illinois covid-19 guidelines will be followed for this program.

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Crafter's store The Unique Boutique opens in Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS – Opening Oct. 30, The Unique Boutique is a new crafter's store at 7 East Center Street in Mt. Morris.

Open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, the shop presently hosts 18 crafters ranging from hand-painted signs, laser cut wood, jewelry, quilting, items made from vintage linens, stockings, ornaments, shirts, mugs, and even fleece ponchos for the kids. This is a gift store for everyone.

The Unique Boutique is sponsoring a raffle with proceeds (minus the cost of the wall hanging) being donated to Loaves and Fish in Mt. Morris. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and may be purchased at the Boutique.

The drawing will be Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. This beautiful winter red truck scene wall hanging is 35.5" x 43.5". Stop by the store and purchase your tickets and support Loaves and Fish.

County has holiday light recycling

With an unseasonably mild November, people are getting an early start on the holiday decorating.

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

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is again partnering with local fire departments and villages to

again offer several convenient drop-off boxes so those frustrating, nonfunctional holiday light strands can be recycled.

Starting Nov. 16, drop-off boxes will be available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley, and Mt. Morris. They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, and Davis Junction, and Creston. Light strands are also accepted at

the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

Accepted light strands include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, LED lights, and other holiday light strands. Extension cords are also accepted. Material not accepted include rope lights, wreaths, garland, metal stakes or silhouettes, live greens, plastic decorations, timers, and light packaging or boxes.

Obituary

Loretta L. Eden

OREGON – Loretta L. Eden 79, longtime Oregon resident, died suddenly Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 at KSB Hospital, Dixon. Born Nov. 24, 1940 in Chandler-ville, Ill., the daughter of Charles E. and Eula (Masten) Hinrichs.

She was a graduate of V.I.T. High School in central Illinois. Married to Stanley Eden Dec. 10, 1960 in Havana, Ill. Loretta was food service manager at LOMC in Oregon for over 10 years prior to retiring. She was a Den Mother for her sons' Cub Scout troops, Children's Leader for Rockford E.W. Bible Study Fellowship for many years and, with her husband, hosted 12 foreign exchange students. Loretta enjoyed cooking and canning, sewing, and flower gardening, but mostly spending time with



Eden; Rebecca, Michaela, Chelsea and Levi Eden; and Abraham and Maggie Eden; great granddaughter, Scarlett Eden; and sister-in-law, Terry Hinrichs of Petersburg, Ill.

Predeceased by her parents; daughter-in-law, Lisa Eden; infant great grandson, Payton Eden; and brothers, Roland, Russell and James Hinrichs.

family and friends. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon where she was a 1st grade Sunday School teacher over 40 years and assisted with Oregon Vacation Bible School over 25 years.

Survived by her husband, Stan Eden of Oregon; daughter, Janet Eden of Oregon; sons, Stephen (Vicki) Eden of Stockton, Mark Eden of Oregon and Joe (Teresa) Eden of Byron; grandchildren: Jacob (Lindsay), Samuel, Thomas and Elizabeth

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Private Family Services will be held with burial in Riverview Cemetery, Oregon. Pastor Rich Tomlinson of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon will preside. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Loretta's name may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon or Ogle County 4-H Foundation. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

Obituary

Mary Elizabeth Mandzen

BYRON – Mary Elizabeth Mandzen, 82, of Byron, passed away on Nov. 5, 2020. Born on Dec. 8, 1937 in Oustic, Ontario Canada to the parents of James and Loretto (Beechinor) Synnott.

Mary attended Rockwood Fergus Public Highschool Ontario and graduated in 1955. From that point she started her passion by attending and graduating from St. Joseph Nursing School obtaining her bachelor's degree. While Mary worked in British Columbia, she met her soon to be husband Robert Mandzen, who was in the army on a long



weekend visiting Canada from Tacoma, Washington. She started her nursing career at St. Anthony's, then continued her passion to help others at the Goldie B. Floberg Center. Mary

ended her nursing career at Rocvale Children's Home where she retired from. While Mary enjoyed knitting, journaling and playing all sorts of card games, but most of all cherished her time with her friends and family.

Survived by her husband, Robert; children, Michael (Kathleen) and Sarah; grandchildren, Erin, Andrew and Matthew; siblings, Bill (Marg), Thomas, Denise, Fred (Helen), and Sheila (Charlie) MacInnis. Predeceased by her brothers Leo (Lucy) and Barry; and brother-in-law, Henry, husband of Denise.

A walk-through visitation was held from 4-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 220 E. 2nd Street, Byron. A Mass of Christian Burial was held, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent De-paul at St. Mary's Catholic Church or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN, 38105 or Rocvale Children's Home, 4450 N. Rockton Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. To share a memory or condolence, visit olsonfh.com.



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When someone speaks your name.

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Your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed to talk to someone
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When we were all together,
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.

Unknown Author
Caroline J Whaley
October 27, 1941- November 21, 2015
Love Jack Whaley and family



Obituaries

Pamela M. Atchison

ROCKFORD – Pamela M. Atchison, age 72, from Rockford passed away suddenly on Nov. 4, 2020 at her home. She was born on Oct. 7, 1948 in DeKalb the daughter of Clark and Betty (Jay) Atchison.

She graduated from Stillman Valley High School Class of 1966. She worked at various offices including All Rental Garment Company, University of Illinois School of Medicine, and ComEd which she retired from. She then went on to work at the Greater Rockford Auto Auction. Pamela was an active member of Monroe Center Community Church who also participated on the board. She loved shopping, gardening, listening to bands, and her dog. In her spare time, she



loved spending time with her family going to football games and traveling.

Pamela was an involved and loving aunt who enjoyed watching her nieces and nephews in various high school and college sporting events. She will be remembered for her selfless caring of others.

She is survived by her brothers, Allan (Karen)

Atchison of Schaumburg, and Kevin (Kari) Atchison of Tomahawk, Wis.; nieces and nephews, Elizabeth (John) King, John (Brittany) Atchison, Kyle (Jessica) Atchison, and Kory Atchison; great nieces and nephew; Allie, Patrick, Danielle, and Liliana; and special cousin and friend Nota Lichty and her family.

A memorial service was held at Monroe Center Community Church at 1 p.m. on Tuesday Nov. 10, 2020 where social distancing and masks will be required. A burial followed at Monroe Center Cemetery. A celebration of life will also be held in early summer if possible. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Ruth A. Capriola

OREGON – Ruth A. Capriola, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 at Dixon Rehabilitation & Health Care Center. She was born on Sept. 13, 1926 in Rochelle the daughter of Ralph and Ruth Dame.

She married William H. Capriola on June 29, 1957 in Rochelle; he preceded her in death on Aug. 15, 2015. Ruth owned and operated the Café of Conover Square with her husband and was an avid reader. She was a devout

Catholic and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Oregon. Ruth's biggest joy was her family and she will be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great



grandmother.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan McQueen of Marietta, Ga.; granddaughters, Nichole (Jeff) Burfield and Stacy Erisman both of Ashton; great granddaughters, Megan Cheatham, Caitlin Cheatham, and Chey-

anne Cabrera; and great-great grandchild Meadow Zies.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Nancy and siblings Jack Dame and Sally Hubbard.

A private family graveside service will be held at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Oregon. The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Dixon Rehabilitation & Health Care Center and at Serenity Hospice for the loving care they provided Ruth during the last few years of her life. In lieu of flowers memorials are established for Serenity Hospice and Home.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Barbara A. Haub

Barbara A Haub, age 84 of Amboy and formerly of West Brooklyn, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 at KSB Hospital in Dixon. She was born June 10, 1936 in Amboy the daughter of Donald and Mabel (Harms) Ackerson.

Barb raised her family and farmed with her husband in the West Brooklyn area. She was a member of St Mary Catholic Church in West Brooklyn, the Alter and Rosary Society and was also a member of the Red Hats. Barb enjoyed many things, some of which were singing in the choir and playing cards with her lady friends.

Barb married Raymond Haub Feb. 23, 1957 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette. He preceded her in death Oct. 15, 1991. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one daugh-



ter Marilyn Haub, one son Michael Haub, one sister Monice Wellman and one brother Raymond Ackerson.

Barb is survived by her children, Lori (George) Kersten of Dixon, Jeff (Michelle) Haub of Sublette, Chuck (Laurie) Haub of Chana, daughter in law Deanne Haub of Creston, 11 grandchildren Angie (Brian) Dallam, Sara (Nathan) Grobe, Janessa (Nick) Dallmann, Amanda (Sue)

Monreal, Jason (Stephanie) Haub, Kayla (Austin Blume) Haub, Josh Haub, Alyson (Drew) Bush, Rachael (Cody) Smith, David Haub, Rachael Haub, and 14 great grandchildren with two on the way. She is also survived by one sister Linda Hansen of Lady Lake, Fla., two sisters in law LaVina Marschang of Amboy, Mary Ann (James) Bryan of Anderson, S.C. and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 from 4-7 p.m. at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A private family Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in West Brooklyn with Rev. Randy Fronek officiating. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in West Brooklyn. A memorial has been established. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com

Lisa A. Eden

OREGON – Lisa A. Eden, age 53, a loving wife, mother, daughter, and sister, died suddenly Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 at her home. She was born June 13, 1967 in DeKalb, the daughter to Roger and Nancy (Montgomery) Buehler.

She graduated from Warren High School in 1986 and then graduated from Highland Community College. Lisa married Mark Eden on Oct. 31, 1992 in DeKalb. For many years she worked at Kable News in Mount Morris. Most recently, she worked as a secretary for the O.C.E.C. at the Chana Education Center. Lisa was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oregon. She was an assistant 4-H leader the past 5 years for



the Carefree 4-H Club. She really enjoyed helping children with their 4-H projects and activities.

Her hobbies included making her own cards, baking, and reading. She was also an avid card player. Lisa will be remembered by her sense of humor, lighting up the room, and her smile. She was predeceased by her

grandparents.

She is survived by her husband Mark of Oregon, 4 children; Rebecca Eden of Park Falls, Wis., Michaela Eden, Chelsea Eden, and Levi Eden of Oregon, her parents Roger and Nancy Buehler of Stockton, Ill., siblings; Tina (Dale) Pierson of Elburn, Rhonda (Alan Kent) Storey of Warren, Ronald (Karla) Buehler of Apple River, Ill., and Diane (John) Cassens of Byron, and many nieces and nephews.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be no visitation. A private graveside service will be held with the Rev. Rich Tomlinson of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiating. A memorial fund is established in Lisa's name.

Marvin G. Birkholz

Marvin G. Birkholz, 92, of Freeport, formerly of Forreton, passed away, Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 at FHN Memorial Hospital. Marvin was born April 20, 1928 in Freeport, the son of Albert and Grace (Viel) Birkholz.

He married Marietta Reet Nov. 4, 1950 at the Baileyville Baptist Church. He was a member of North Grove Evangelical Church. Marvin farmed the Forreton area for many years. He also worked for Polo CO-OP, Stephenson County Service Company, and



drove bus for the Forreton School District.

Surviving are his wife, Marietta Birkholz of Freeport; sons, Jerry (Beth)

Birkholz of Andover, Minn., Darrell (Pam) Birkholz of Freeport and Roger Birkholz of Freeport; 7 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Jennie; two brothers, John, and Harold; and one great-granddaughter, Grace.

Private family services will be held. Pastor Mark Phillips will officiate. A memorial has been established in Marvin's memory. Please sign his guestbook and share a remembrance at www.burketubbs.com.

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Patriot Barber Shop opens

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes The Patriot Barber Shop and wishes Cherie a happy retirement! New owner of The Patriot Barber Shop, Erin Dietrich, is taking the helm at the former Short Cut Barber Shop at 115 N 4th St. in Oregon. Veteran owned and operated, the Patriot Barber Shop is excited to create a place to honor vets. She will be open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays are by appointment only. Walk-ins welcome during the week.

Chana's Family Closet has new hours for winter

CHANA – The Chana United Methodist Church is announcing its winter hours for the Family Closet.

The change is the church's compliance with COVID-19 guidelines and requirements. The Family Closet will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m.-noon through appointments only.

For an appointment, please call the church at 815-732-7683 and speak with an employee. No voice messages will be honored. Masks are required. Many new clothes have been stocked for fall and winter, including coats, boots and accessories. All clothes are free and everyone is welcome with an appointment.

Oregon Police report

Nov. 3

At 10:58 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Diane L. Lee, 52, Byron, for driving while license revoked. Lee was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 900 block of Madison Street.

Nov. 4

At 2:12 p.m., Oregon Police issued Cory L. Lance, 45, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 62 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of N. Daysville Road.

On 11/3/2020 at approximately 5:17 p.m., Oregon Police was notified of criminal damage done to the bathroom and some play equipment. Following a thorough investigation, one 13-year-old female of Oregon, one 12-year-old female of Mt. Morris, and one 13-year-old of Mt. Morris, were taken into limited custody for the offense of criminal damage to property. The juveniles were released into a parent/custodian's custody with referrals to the State's Attorney's Office for review.

Nov. 8

At 4 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Matthew D. Thompson, 36, Rockford, on an outstanding McHenry County warrant for battery. Thompson was transported to the Ogle County jail.

3 verbal warnings issued from 11/02/2020 through 11/08/2020.

General Calls for Service Through dispatch during the week of 11/02/2020 through 11/08/2020:			
Checking a Subject / Vehicle	5	Citizen Complaints	
Battery	4	Citizen Assist / Civil Problem	6
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Churches sponsor basket program

POLO – The Polo Council of Churches will once again sponsor the Christmas Basket program, providing food for persons in need for Christmas. Sign-up sheets to receive a basket are available at the Lifeline Pantry, 113 N Green Ave. The deadline for sign-up will be Monday, Nov. 30 with pickup or delivery Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10-11 a.m. at Faith

Discovery Church, 801 W Oregon Street Polo. 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.

Park District sets upcoming activities

DIY Kit-Holiday Gnome Sign with T+T
Gnomes are the latest decorating craze. Enjoy stenciling a Holiday Gnome Sign on a 10" x 10" canvas. This DIY project is perfect for kids or adults looking for crafty projects. Pick up your kit on Monday, Dec. 14 at Nash. Enjoy creating trendy art pieces with the help of a prepared kit (includes canvas, stencil, and all paint needed) and access to a "HOW TO" video with Charlotte from T+T. Class fee is \$14/Resident or \$17/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is December 7.

this class you will decorate a beautiful winter themed cake with swiss meringue buttercream, sugared cranberries, and rosemary. Brown sugar cake and cookie butter filling will be provided along with a demo of how to make buttercream at home. Not only will you enjoy learning basic decorating tips, you will leave the class with a beautiful and delicious cake. This class will take place on Tuesday, December 8 at 4:30 pm or 7pm. The fee is \$60 for Residents and \$70 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is Nov. 30.

club. New sessions are offered each month on Tuesdays from 2-6 p.m. and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. for ages 3 months and up. Lessons are half hour and limited to 4 students per class. Cost is \$54R/\$59 NR for a 4 week session and \$70R/\$77NR for a 5 week session. Deadline to register for each month's session is the 21st of each month. We are now offering private lessons on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Choose as many lessons as you would like with a cost of \$25 per session R/\$28 NR. Each session can be registered for independently or choose to do several weeks in a row. Give your child one-on-one instructor to work on skills important to your family.

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Lights on First returns Nov. 27

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. Kickoff night will begin at 5 p.m. with Santa and Mrs. Clause treating the kids. There will be social distancing and bring your cameras for photos. Carols will be playing and then at 5:45 p.m. the lights show with well over 100,000 LED lights will kick off. Following the beginning of the light show everyone is invited for light refreshments and we will again be taking cash donations for

the local Loaves and Fish Food Pantry. Especially this year many people need the help from the food pantry so please be as generous as you can and that will help many families enjoy their Christmas as well. 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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Christmas Bazaar is drive through this year

OREGON – St. Mary Church is having its annual Christmas Bazaar this year with a twist: it's completely drive-through.

You can attend the Bazaar without leaving your car! It will be on Saturday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the St. Mary Parish Center in Oregon. The event will include lunch, raffles, and cookies.

Lunch will be available to purchase for \$10. This consists of a jumbo loaded baked potato, a cup of chili, and a supersized brownie. Toppings on the potato include butter, sour cream, cheese sauce, broccoli, and bacon, all served on the side.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be there selling assorted homemade cookies for \$5 a dozen. Pre-orders are appreciated but

not required. Pre-order forms are available at the St. Mary Parish Center office.

There will be several raffles available this year as well. The Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo has generously donated 6 zoo admission tickets with parking and admission to all the attractions, a package worth \$345. Tickets for this raffle are \$10 a piece or 3 for \$25.

Other raffle items include a handmade quilt made and donated by Fran Kaminski, an end table made and donated by Mark Kramer, two gift card packages for Oregon restaurants and stores, and a 50/50 raffle. These tickets go for \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased the day of the Bazaar or ahead of time at the Parish office.

Coats for Hope kicks off its annual drive

The annual Coats For Hope coat drive and fundraiser began on Friday, Nov. 6.

The drive is expanding this year into the southern Wisconsin area. Coats for Hope has begun working with two new shelters in Rock and Walworth counties. This year, the four shelters participating will be the YWCA of Suak Valley (Sterling), the YWCA of Rock County (Janesville, Wis.), Rockford Family Peace Center (Rockford) and The Association for Prevention of Family Violence (Elkhorn, Wis).

This year's goals include collecting more than 3,000

winter wear items to donate to the shelters and \$25,000 – 100 percent of the proceeds will be divided amongst the four participating shelters.

The drive's newest sponsors are Baker Tilly USA, and Rockford Silk Screen Process/Fetch Graphics. They will be helping with the box distribution, donations, and sorting-day event in early December. Keep an eye out for the reveal of our brand-new logo created by Rockford Silk Screen Process/Fetch Graphics, it will be printed on our new boxes, shirts and other items for this upcoming year.

To donate, go to www.coatsforhope.org.

Stillman Valley student earns national honor

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Valley High School student, Nate Youman, has been named a Commended Student for the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students are chosen because of their test score from the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). These students have shown outstanding academic potential and are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants. "Those

being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for MNSC.

Youman has also been identified as a College Board National Recognition Program Scholar for the National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program. These students have scored in the top 2.5 percent OF PSAT/NMSQT test takers who identify

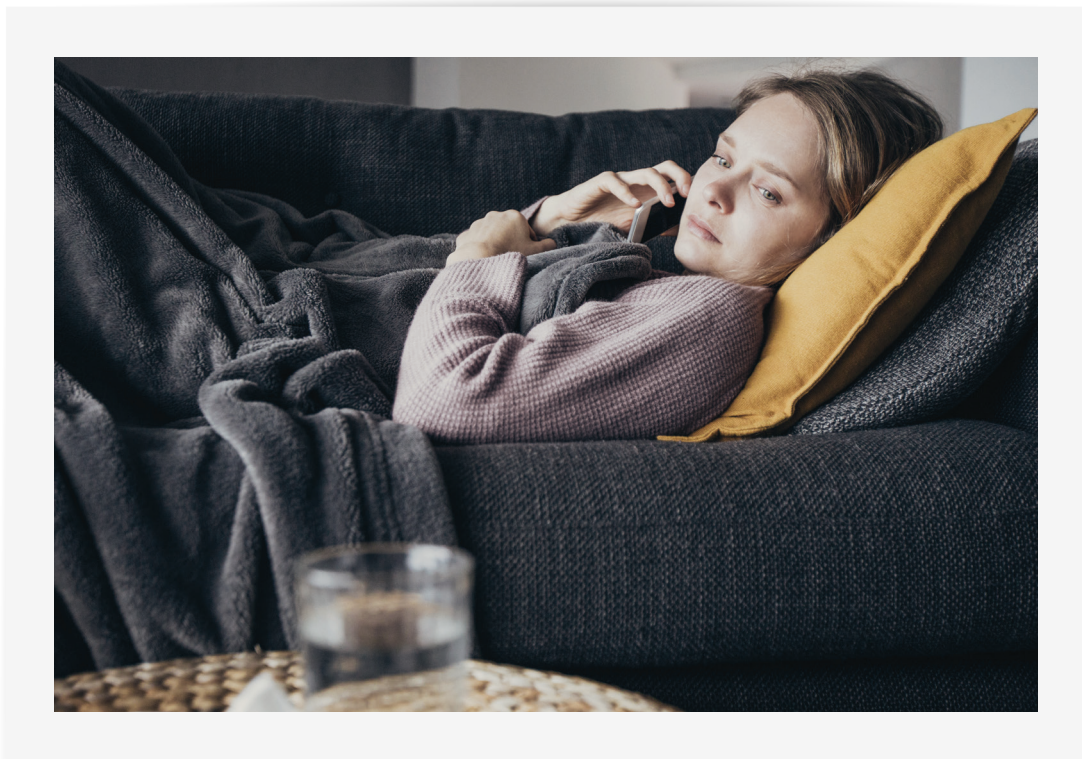
as someone who attends school in a rural area or are from a small town.

Youman is an incoming senior and is very active in both athletics and activities. Youman also serves on the Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Committee.

"Mister Nate Youman is an exemplary student whose pursuit of excellence in the academic arena is second to none," said SVHS Principal, Leslie Showers. "His ma-



ture approach to academic achievement, service, and leadership is truly impressive and admired by faculty, staff, and peers."



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 16

Share Your Story, Byron Library 11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom, or 1-2 p.m. in-person at library. 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. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to those who opt to attend via Zoom.

Weds., Nov. 18

A free educational and

informational presentation on the Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

Wednesday WhoDunIt with the Bertolet Library in Leaf River, 10:30 a.m. Do you love mysteries with a twist at the end? Then join us for a discussion of Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz. The novel is a mystery story inside another mystery story. Stop at the Bertolet Library Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. The discussion will

be held, socially distanced, in the library meeting room. Masks will be required.

Thurs., Nov. 19

Family Reading Night, 5 p.m. at the Polo Library. Join us live on Facebook (at facebook.com/pololibrary) as Ms. Melanie reads a story for the whole family to enjoy! Swing by the Library between Saturday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 19 to pick up a Family Reading Night bag (1 per child) with a craft and some fun surprises.

Sat., Nov. 21

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

Yoga with Jennifer, 9:30 a.m. at the Oregon Library. Only 5 spots available due to COVID regulations. Registration required 815-732-2724

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

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Group offers wreath program

ROCHELLE – Last year the Rochelle community came together to sponsor wreaths on all 156 known veterans' graves at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

This year the Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution is again coordinating the placement of wreaths as part of the national Wreaths Across America program. In addition to placing wreaths at St. Patrick's Cemetery, we are also accepting grave specific wreath sponsorships at Lawnridge, Trinity and other local cemeteries. Wreaths may be sponsored to decorate graves



at St. Patrick's Cemetery in honor of an active duty service member, a living veteran or a deceased veteran, even if they are interred elsewhere.

Order forms can be picked up at St. Patrick's Catholic

Church or submitted online at wreathsacrossamerica.org/IL0136P. The deadline for us to receive your wreath sponsorship order is Monday, Nov. 30. The ceremony will be held on Dec. 20.

RRC has upcoming activities set

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

It's Medicare open enrollment time
Remember, Medicare Open Enrollment began on Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. Due to COVID, we will be conducting phone appointments to discuss your options for 2021 Med D coverage.

As in previous years, we will use The Medicare Part D Comparison form to collect your Medicare and prescription drug information.

Call us at 815-732-3252 or 800-541-5479, for your forms to be mailed to you.

You can either mail your completed forms back to us, or drop them off at the front desk.

Once we receive your completed forms, we will call you to schedule your phone appointment to discuss your options for 2021 prescription drug coverage.

Thanksgiving holiday hours

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, Rock River Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday Nov. 27.

There will be no activities or transportation on those days. Please plan accordingly. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Support groups

Caregiver support group

The Caregiver Support Group is for those new to caregiving, those who an-

ticipate care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center.

Low Vision group

This is a group for those who have low vision, any form of vision loss, AMD or to caregivers of those with vision loss. Low Vision Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:00 pm at Rock River Center.

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes Support Group offers support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join us for shared discussion and menu options as well. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m.-noon at Rock River Center.

Cancer support group

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Dec. 6, 1884, in Washington, D.C., workers place a 9-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of a monument to the city's namesake and the nation's first president, George Washington.

* On Dec. 4, 1928, "Dapper Dan" Hogan, a St. Paul, Minnesota, saloonkeeper and mob boss, is killed when someone plants a car bomb under the floorboards of his new Paige coupe. The first car bomb was a horse-drawn-wagon bomb that exploded in 1920 outside the J.P. Morgan Company's offices in New York City.

* On Dec. 5, 1933, the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified, bringing an end to the prohibition of alcohol. Prohibition did little more than slow the flow of booze, and bootleggers like Al Capone had built criminal empires out of illegal distribution.

* On Dec. 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks is jailed for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man, a violation of the city's racial segregation laws. Parks' refusal was not merely brought on by her tired feet, as is the popular legend. Local civil-rights leaders had been planning a challenge to Montgomery's racist bus laws for several months.

* On Nov. 30, 1965, lawyer Ralph Nader publishes the muckraking book "Unsafe at Any Speed." The book became a bestseller and prompted the passage of seat-belt laws in 49 states (all but New Hampshire).

* On Dec. 3, 1979, the last AMC Pacer rolls off the assembly line at the American Motors Corporation factory in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It was hailed as the car of the future when it debuted in 1975.

* On Dec. 2, 1997, "Good Will Hunting," a movie that will earn childhood friends Ben Affleck and Matt Damon a Best Screenplay Oscar and propel them to Hollywood stardom, premieres in Los Angeles.

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Activity tips to get your mind off the election

Another election has come and gone. For that, I am thankful.

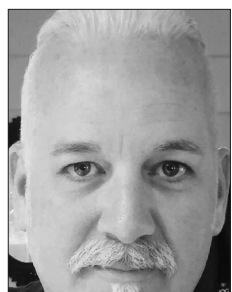
Sure, there will be grouching and threats and finger-pointing, but that happens to varying degrees in almost every election cycle. But this one, which seemed to be particularly nasty and angry to me, is finally (mostly) over.

So now it is time to take down the yard signs – seriously, take them down. I don't think anyone is in the mood to stare at yard signs for any candidate right now – even one they supported. It is time to scrape those stickers off of your car. It is time to start mending fences with friends and family members you cut out of your life because they didn't support "your" candidate.

Actually, I can see a lot of this going on across the country. For some reason, social media like twitter and Facebook have made the divisions in this country feel like Grand Canyons. Me? I just snooze people who post too much political stuff –

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



left, right or center – until after the election.

Of course, the people who post anything that is too out of step with my personal beliefs – like anything racist – I just unfriend. Simple to do, and most probably don't even notice.

Thankfully, we are now getting back to conversations about families and vacations and our dogs. And, of course, this horrifying uptick in Coronavirus cases. It is scary.

For anyone having a hard time decompressing

after the election, either because your candidate or candidates lost, or because yours won, here are some things you can do to take your mind off of politics and put it back in the real world.

* Do Yoga. I know, I know. Yoga sounds so New Age, right? But seriously a lot of people are getting into Yoga as a way to relieve stress and decompress from their hectic days. Yoga is a great way to center your mind and body. For record, there is no way I would do Yoga.

* Paint. Putting your emotions onto the canvass with a splash of color and joy is a wonderful way to be artistic and also take yourself out of the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Explore your inner artist by painting beautiful landscapes or creating unique forms with your brush. Or you could come over and paint my house. It certainly needs a new coat, and it will make me feel calm.

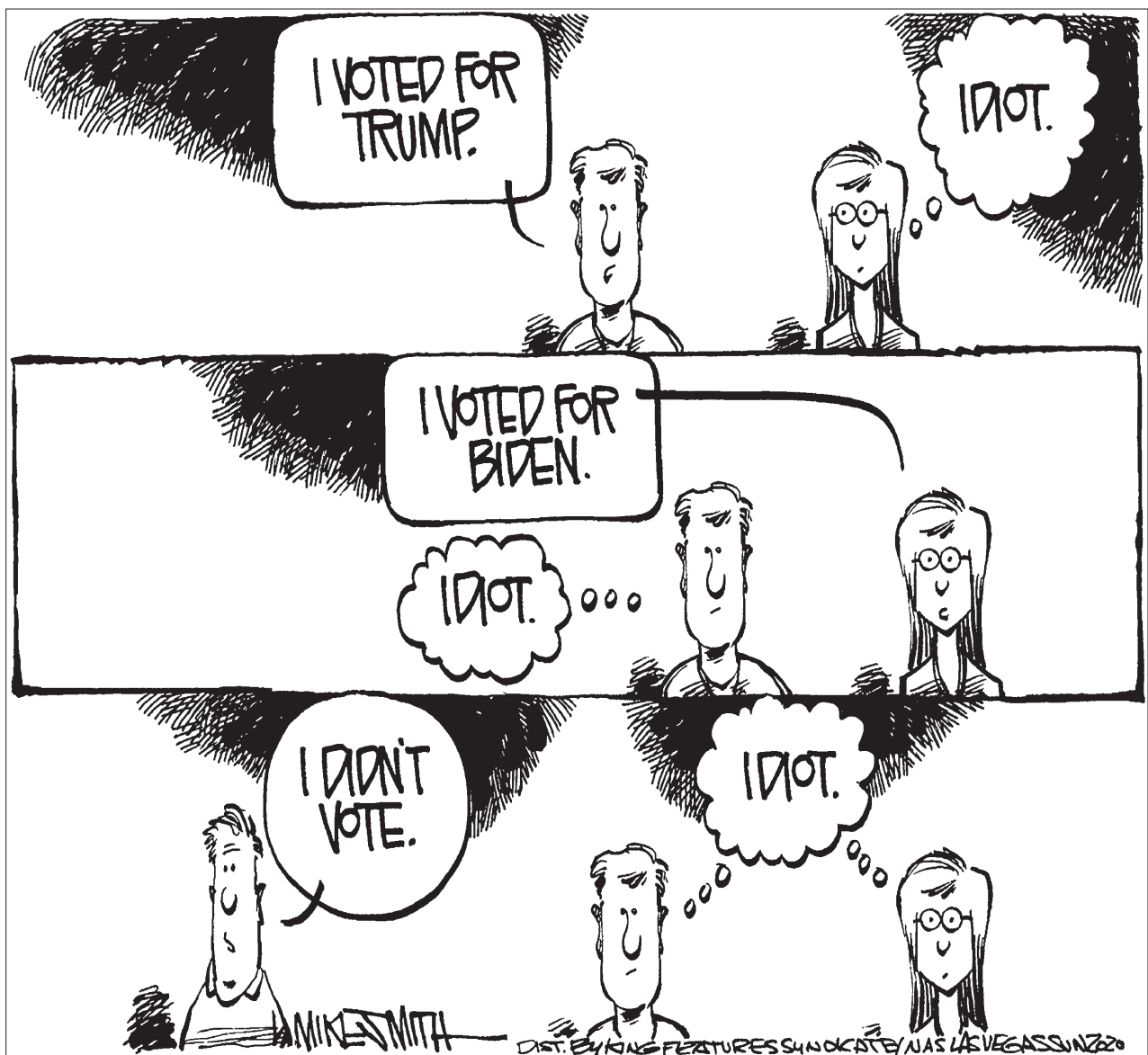
* Spend more time enjoying being around your

family. Share meals and have deep conversations. Take a trip day trip together in the car. Explore the region and enjoy the company of those you are closest to. No, grandpa, we are not going to talk about the election. No... grandpa... we. Can we drop him off at Road Ranger?

* Read a good book. I like to read and read multiple books per month. It is a great way to unwind after a long and stressful day. Books can take you to a world you will never know – world's that don't even exist. A good book can be better than taking a trip. I would encourage you, however, to stay away from modern politics, or books on how to win debates on social media.

Seriously, I just hope we can all move past this election period and get back to just enjoying life and pulling together to beat down this virus. We can do it – and we don't need yoga.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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4-H has been a great way to learn and make friends

Dear Editor,

October (was) National 4-H month. I would like to share with the readers what opportunities 4-H have given me. I have been in 4-H for 5 years. I originally joined 4-H because I am interested in possibly being a veterinarian when I grow up. At the time, our family had no animals and I thought that 4-H would be a great way to be around animals, which it has.

I have learned about many domestic animals through the veterinary science projects. Through that program, I learned how to care for a dog and the cost of having a pet. As of Sept. 8, 2020 I have my first dog which I am applying what I learned and also learning firsthand how much time and care a pet takes.

Besides learning about animals, I have had the opportunity to learn about many other areas. I have enjoyed learning about bikes,

sewing, electricity, outdoor sports, health and cooking. I have learned so many things and understand why things work the way they do through these programs. I have had opportunities to help with local organizations and programs like the Leaf River Lion's Club and the Penny Carnival. Our 4-H group has participated in the Autumn On Parade and Leaf River Daze Parade. I have made many friends along the way. Probably my favorite

part of it all is the fairs, both the local county fair and the state fair. I have been able to share my projects and all I have learned with the judges. I have also had a blast being at the fairs with family and friends.

4-H is a great way to learn new things, participate in a ton of activities and make lots of friends. Thank you for letting me share my 4-H experience.

Lydia Sherburne, Byron

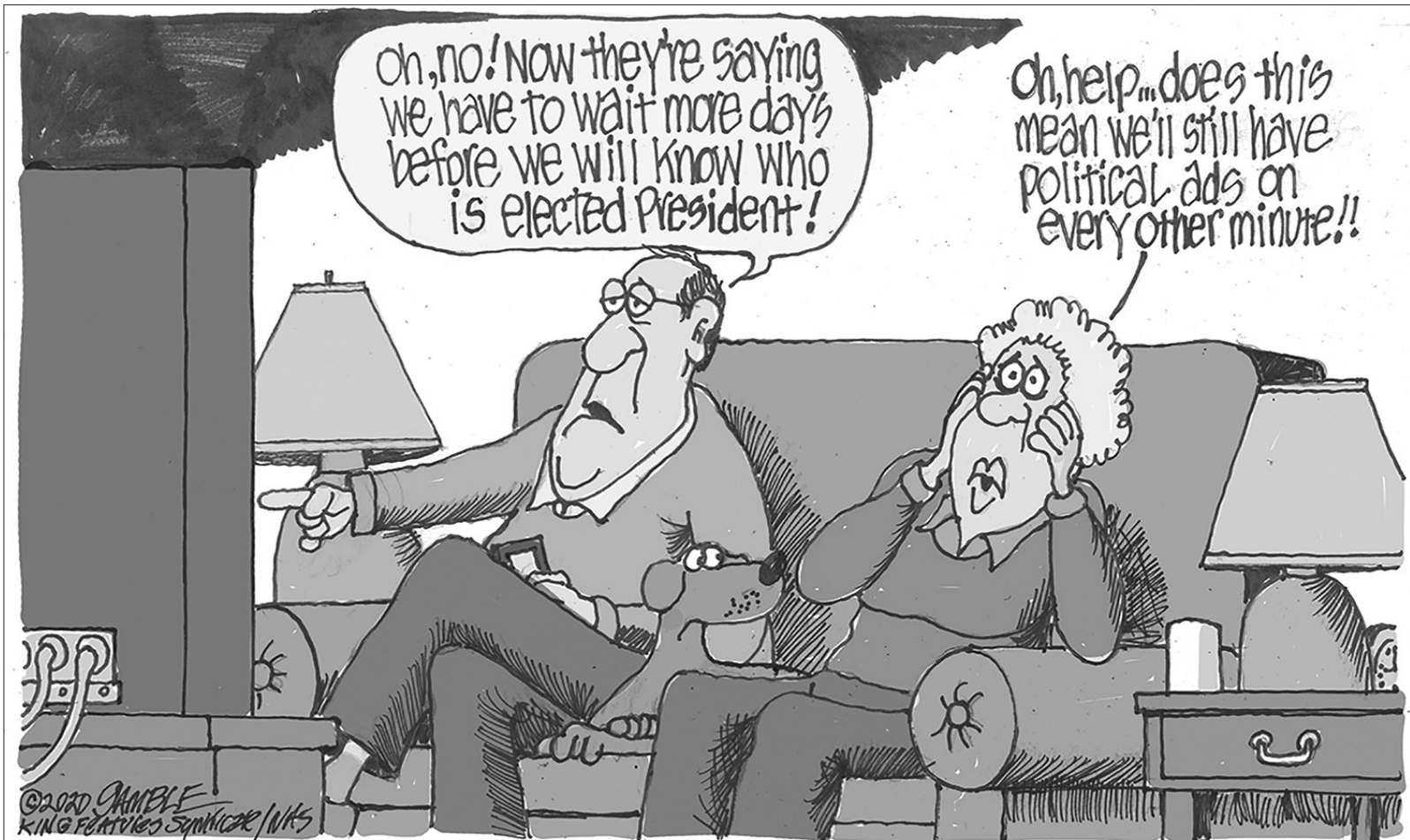
Kiwanis thankful for event success

Dear Editor,

The Kiwanis Club of Byron would like to express our gratitude to the local community for their support of our "Sack Lunch Saturday" held on Saturday, Oct. 31. We had a beautiful day for our event, and we again sold out of our famous butterfly pork chop sandwiches! We were humbled by how many who came through our drive-up location said "Keep the Change." We are deeply grateful for everyone who supported our efforts and we look forward to returning for another Sack Lunch Saturday in the Spring.

Thanks to your generosity, Byron Kiwanis continues to sponsor "K-KIDS" at Mary Morgan Elementary, "Builders Club" at Byron Middle School and "Key Club" at Byron High School. Some of the programs we support include; Mary Morgan Family Reading Night, youth education and sports, high school college scholarships, Byron School PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, Free Breakfast with Santa, benefitting Operation Santa, Crossroads Blues Society, People Helping People Food Pantry, Pegasus Riders, Village of Progress, Neuroscience Research Foundation.

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978-0018

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CUSTOM BUILT 2-STORY PARADE HOME! 3 bed, 2.5 bath home w/too many upgrades to list. Great room w/direct vent gas fireplace. Kitchen w/eat-in area & glass door to patio. Formal Dining Room. Master Suite w/whirlpool tub & walk-in closet. Heated 3 car garage. 725 HAMPTON Drive, Byron
CHRIS SNYDER
815-494-7857

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YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR LIFE ON THE RIVER! 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with updated kitchen & bath. Too many updates to list. Home has a cabin like feel. Well maintained. Enjoy boating, kayaking, and countless wildlife sightings. Byron Schools. 7552 N RIVER Road, Byron
ALISA PATTERSON
815-719-0020

\$164,900 dickersonnieman.com/202004983
LOTS OF CHARACTER! 3 bedroom, 1.5 story home with newer roof (6 years), all appliances stay and are as is. N/W floors, first floor 2 window air conditioners stay. Large lot w/2 car detached garage. Main floor master. Great location. 307 N 6TH Street, Oregon
SHARON BOWERS
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OWN YOUR OWN PRIVATE RETREAT! Stunning 2 story on 3.28 private acres featuring: 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 3 car garage, basketball court, & garden shed w/LL fort. Too many updates to list. Sprawling deck overlooks trails & wildlife. Amenities Sheet Available. Zoned Ag. 8970 N BARKER Road, Byron
TIFFANY CRAVATTA
815-988-4388



Tom Oracki
262-5212



John Orlando
234-7309

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FORMER PARADE HOME! Custom built 4 bed, 3.5 bath sprawling ranch on 3.19 acres in beautiful Wildlife Estates Subdivision. Home features two full kitchens, an open floor plan, finished LL w/wood burning fireplace & large bonus room. A MUST SEE! 8695 GROUSE Run, Stillman Valley
TIFFANY CRAVATTA
815-988-4388

\$525,000 dickersonnieman.com/202004893
66 ACRE FARMETTE W/LOTS OF PRIVACY! This 2 bed, 2.5 bath home is only 14 years old w/large rooms, open floor plan, Ben Franklin fireplace in large LL family room w/lots of storage. FF laundry and outbuilding 36x80. LL is finished. 5600 E IL ROUTE 64, Chana
SHARON BOWERS
815-757-7462

\$152,900 dickersonnieman.com/202004887
TRUE COUNTRY LIVING! In this 3 bedroom ranch sitting on a large wooded lot w/wood burning fireplace & newer furnace. Home features FF laundry & large living room w/large deck off the living room. All appliances stay. 26x15 shed. 598 S RED OAK Lane, Chana
SHARON BOWERS
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\$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



Kelli Wensky
543-7657



Jerre Woodworth
494-2237

\$124,900 dickersonnieman.com/202003765
1.5 STORY IN COUNTRY SETTING! 2 bed, 1.5 bath home on the 75 acre MOL w/mature trees. Newer roof & updated electrical. Open living on the main floor w/half bath. 2 bedrooms & full bath on UL. 2 car deep garage w/additional work space. Close to I-39. 5010 N ARMOUR Road, Stillman Valley
ROBIN HENRY
815-985-1747

\$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

\$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 32 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

\$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

\$135,700 dickersonnieman.com/201906262
BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY! Offers 4 bedrooms, large living room, dining room, crown molding, oak floors, walk-in closets, built-in cabinets, fireplace, window seats, 1st floor master & laundry. Corner lot w/30' flag pole. Pergola/2 car garage. 709 W WASHINGTON Street, Oregon
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LOTS & ACREAGE
OREGON! Stunning 1.7 acre parcel just outside of Oregon. Gorgeous, tranquil setting w/ample privacy. Riding & walking trails. Established subdivision to build your dream home. Large common area in cul-de-sac. A must see! \$34,900 dickersonnieman.com/202000416
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Leaf River church hosting blood drive

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Monday, Nov. 23. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between noon-6 p.m. If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one. Join us in sharing the Gift of Life. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Laura at 815-738-2508 or the Rock River Valley Blood Center at 815-965-8751, toll free at 877-RRVBC-99 or on the web at www.rrvbc.org. For other locations where you can donate, go to www.rrvbc.org/drives-calendar.

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NEW LISTING



401 Scott Court Winnebago \$135,000
Call Rebecca

BETTER MOVE FAST! Charming and updated 3 bedroom/ 1 bathroom home situated on a quiet cul de sac with country views in Winnebago. The kitchen has an eat in area with sliders to your patio. It was also updated with pine counter tops, laminate flooring, new range & microwave. Living room is off of the eat in area giving this home an open concept feel. The bathroom was also updated with vinyl plank flooring. The lower level is finished and offers nearly 500 more additional square feet of living space. New roof on both house, garage & storage shed in 2020. The outside also features a large patio and storage shed that doubles as a playhouse. Move in time to call this house HOME for the holidays!

NEW LISTING



704 Birch Drive Kirkland \$174,900
Call Mark

Looking for the BEST small town living has to offer? This impressive tri-level ranch home in a well maintained subdivision in Kirkland can give it to you! 3bedrooms, 2 full baths with almost all NEW windows in 2018! The lower level family room has a very cozy wood burning fireplace and tons of space. The kitchen is nicely updated and has a gas stove, dishwasher, garbage disposal and 2 year old stainless steel refrigerator. There is also a computer room and laundry room where both washer and dryer stay with the house. The roof is only 5 years old and the furnace with central air are 10 years old. Fresh paint and new carpet in many areas! You'll love the 2 car attached garage with drywalled interior and the brand NEW driveway and sidewalk leading up to it. The deck leads out to a spacious, fully fenced yard that has a firepit and nice shed for even more storage!

NEW LISTING



2918 W Oregon Trail Road Oregon \$159,900
Call Mark

Brand NEW to the market is this 4 bedroom, 3 bath, beautifully maintained country home on 1 acre!! This amazing, raised, walkout ranch home has many upgrades and renovations throughout including newer windows and new gutters. 1/4" oak hardwood floors in several areas with the same oak hardwoods under many carpeted areas. Sparkling clean, white eat-in kitchen with dishwasher, gas stove and refrigerator all staying!! Brand NEW kitchen slider installed only 2 weeks ago! Closets are cedar wrapped and there are new toilets and vanity in the upstairs renovated bathrooms. COZY wood burning fireplace in the lower level family room and tons of space downstairs for guests and storage. Gas furnace with electric furnace option and plenty of insulation will keep you toasty warm this winter! There is a large mudroom and separate laundry room downstairs as well. Outdoor patio areas are amazing with marble firepit and gorgeous pergola!! No need to leave home to relax! Large, low maintenance, wrap around composite decking provides even more outdoor living space for your family! House and detached 2 car garage have vinyl siding. Snow blower stays and mower is negotiable. Don't let this one get away!

NEW LISTING



7878 S Clinton Street Dixon \$249,000
Call Rebecca

GRAND DETOUR HOME WITH MAJOR CURB APPEAL! Rare opportunity to own a stunning, two story home on just shy of a 1 acre lot in Grand Detour. Charming 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home boasts vintage charm with many modern updates. Kitchen features an eat in area, tile backsplash, laminate flooring and slate appliances. Off of the kitchen area you will find a full bath, main floor laundry & inviting sunporch that leads to your over sized 2.5 car heated & air conditioned garage! Back inside the home let the gleaming hardwood floors lead you to your den with walls of windows, formal dining room & inviting living room featuring a fireplace with gas insert. Upstairs you will find 3 bedrooms with new carpet and a full bathroom. The walk out lower level is finished offering additional living space, half bathroom and a garage area for additional storage. Loads of windows lining the back of the house over looking your private yard with an above ground pool & views of the Rock River.

NEW LISTING



313 W Main \$111,000
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!

NEW LISTING



973 Devil's Backbone \$279,900
Call Carla

Welcome to the Country! You'll Fall In Love with this 3 Br, 2 Bth Raised Ranch on nearly 10 acres adjoining Castle Rock State Park! Large kitchen with loads of cabinets with all appliances staying. Nice open floor plan! Fpl in Family Room Electric fenced pastures, Horse barn with stalls, and so much more! Nice open floor plan with fantastic views for miles! Oregon schools. Don't delay call today.

PRICE DROP



128 Century Hill Drive Oregon now \$229,900 Call Carla

This custom all brick ranch home offers vaulted ceilings, nice open floor plan, exceptional gourmet kitchen with 2 sinks, center island and loads of cabinets. Sun room, private office, phenomenal master suite with granite gas fireplace, French doors to the deck, master bath with Jacuzzi and shower. 3.5 bathes, finished lower level with 2 added bedrooms and huge Rec room.

PRICE DROP



1873 Wildcat Court Dixon now \$23,000 Call Lori

Just off Palmyra road in Dixon, this 1.78-acre lot is located on the back end of Wildcat Ct. with an open field to the South and plenty of room to build your dream house. Being just 3 miles from downtown Dixon, you get the benefit of being in a low traffic area while having quick access to all the amenities living in town has to offer. With 1.78 acres and being set back as far as it is, there will be plenty of room for kids to play without having to worry about busy roads or prying eyes, and the field to the South means no neighbors on one side! Trees already line the South and West sides of the property providing a partial visual block and could be filled in to add even more privacy.


PRICE DROP



508 S 3rd Street Oregon now \$79,900 Call Boone

Great opportunity! This 4 bedroom 1 bathroom home is situated on a quiet corner lot. Newer flooring, A/C, furnace and hot water heater. Possibility to add another bathroom in the lower level. HOUSE SOLD "AS IS"

PRICE DROP



512 N Division Street Polo now \$75,000 Call Rebecca

Looking for move in ready, you have found your new home! 2 bed/1.5 bathroom home in Polo featuring many updates! In the last ten years the owner has updated the following: laminate flooring in the kitchen and baths, new carpet throughout the living space and bedrooms, 200 amp service, water softener, roof, window, furnace, central air, dry wall & deck. The main floor features an over sized living room and dining room. There is also a main floor laundry room and large mudroom. Detached 1 car garage and plenty of off street parking. Beautiful lot with plenty of green space and an expansive deck! Call for your showing today!

PRICE DROP



6209 S Woodlawn Road Creston now \$549,900 Call Rebecca

LUXURY RETREAT! Here is your chance to own a custom built home, seven years young, with no expense spared! From the moment you enter this home, you will be in awe at the custom craftsmanship & high end finishes. The main living space is grand & open with tall ceilings, mahogany kitchen cabinets, quartz counter tops, gas fireplace and stunning woodwork. On the main floor there is also a large office, laundry room, den and 3 bedrooms. One of which is the over sized master boasting tons of windows, closet space & an en suite with a tile shower and Jacuzzi tub. Also on the main floor, there are windows throughout the sun-room with wet bar over looking the patio & pool. Finished lower level offering additional living space with a wet bar and two additional bedrooms with a full bathroom. Professional landscaped by Crimson Valley Landscaping with a paver brick driveway & patio, irrigation system, custom pool and brick pool house with two bathrooms. Perfectly situated on 2.94 acres with a back up generator, call today to make this property your magical oasis! Furnishing negotiable.

PRICE DROP



705 Richardson Avenue Ashton now \$105,000 Call Rebecca

4 BEDROOM RANCH! Perfectly situated on a large lot with country views, this home is bigger than it appears with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms & a finished lower level. Hardwood floors are believed to be under the carpet of the original portion of the house. The kitchen is large with a spacious eat in area and plenty of cabinets. Main floor master has an en suite bathroom. In the basement you will find another 700 sq ft of finished space for you to enjoy! Spend your time relaxing on the 3 season porch admiring your large yard with mature trees. Appliances are included and the electrical was recently updated.



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Students of the Month

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



Rockford U names Distinguished Scholars

ROCKFORD – The following students attending Rockford University were named Distinguished Scholars for the spring 2020 semester, earning at least a 3.75 GPA with no grades below “C” and having completed all requirements for the semester.

Paige Lockard of Stillman Valley
Taylor Mundt of Byron
Breanna Rose of Byron
Rockford University is a private four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1847 offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in traditional liberal arts and professional fields. The University offers more than 80 majors, minors and concentrations, including the bachelor’s degree completion program for a B.S. in Management Studies. Through its Graduate Studies department, degrees are extended to include the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT),

and Master of Education in Urban Education, (M.Ed.). Rockford University is home to one of only 11 Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) chapters in Illinois, the most prestigious honor society in the United States. Named by The Princeton Review as a Best Midwestern College and is a U.S. News & World Report Best Midwest Regional University, Rockford University currently serves approximately 1,250 full-and part-time students.

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Oregon Library News

Family Reading Night (Nov. 19) & Mickey/Minnie Mouse's birthday (Nov. 18) celebration

Help us celebrate Family Reading Night and Mickey & Minnie Mouse's Birthday... send us a picture anytime from Nov. 2 through Nov. 20, via email oregonlibrary@yahoo.com of you and your family reading your favorite Mickey/Minnie or Disney story and be entered to win stuffed Mickey and Minnie characters & books. This is open to Oregon Public Library patrons only. Include name, date and phone number with your email. For more info contact the Library at 815-732-2724.

Author event: Madame President by William Hazelgrove

Virtual Program with the Author: Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. Registration required: (815) 732-2724.

After President Woodrow Wilson suffered a paralyzing stroke in the fall of 1919, his wife, First Lady Edith Wilson, began to handle the day-to-day responsibilities of the Executive Office. Mrs. Wilson had had little formal education and had only been married to President Wilson for four years; yet, in the tenuous peace following the end of World War I, Mrs. Wilson dedicated herself to managing the office of the President, reading all correspondence intended for her bedridden husband. Though her Oval Office authority was acknowledged in Washington, D.C. circles at the time—one senator called her “the Presidentess who had fulfilled the dream of suffragettes by changing her title from First Lady to Acting First Man”—her legacy as “First Woman President” is now largely forgotten.

William Hazelgrove's Madam President is a vivid, engaging portrait of the woman who became the acting President of the United States in 1919, months before women officially won the right to vote. Join him in this informative author presentation and discussion virtually. Zoom information will be given out at the time of registration.

Sensory friendly Santa at the library – Nov. 27th and 28th by appointment

We are offering a Sensory Friendly environment for Santa. Do you have a child with sensory needs? A child that can't wait in line? We are scheduling Santa Claus in our library from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., by appointment, Friday and Saturday. This quiet environment will allow one-to-one time with the jolly man in front of our fireplace (COVID regulations must be followed). Bring a camera for pictures!

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. The dates are: Nov. 19 and Dec.17. Look forward to seeing everyone!

Video story time

Visit our Facebook page on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and see where Story Time is coming from this week...

Library book clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Ginny Moon by Benjamin Ludwig. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. to discuss Mr. Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap 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. November will be no sew, DIY hand warmers. The class will be held at 10:30am on Monday, November 16th and will be recorded for use at any time if you are unable to attend the live virtual class. Please register (815) 732-2724. Kits will be available beginning November 9th.

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Take it Tuesday's during COVID!

Craft kits will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Nov. 24 (4th Tuesday of the month). Kits vary and are first come, first serve.

New library APP!

You can now check your library account, search for items, place holds, see library events all from your mobile device! Download the PrairieCat Mobile app today! Search for PrairieCat Mobile on your device's app store, connect with your Oregon Public Library card and you are all set!

Oregon Public Library Storywalk®

The Oregon Public Library StoryWalk® at Oregon Park West is now open! StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Thank you to the Etnyre Foundation and the Oregon Park District for helping the Oregon Public Library present this unique reading experience. Scary, Scary Halloween by Eve Bunting begins on the path at the main parking lot.

Brainfuse

Brainfuse is one of the nation's leading online tutoring providers serving a diversified client base of libraries, school districts and colleges/universities and is found throughout the country including Dallas, Houston, Seattle, Suffolk, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Sacramento, and San Diego. Brainfuse users receive personalized tutoring via a versatile and user-friendly online classroom. Brainfuse HelpNow offers a personalized homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) including SAT preparation. The Adult Learning Center is included in the HelpNow suite. Brainfuse is available to all library patrons from the public computers at the library or from any computer with internet connection simply by going to the Oregon Public Library website and logging in with your library card.

New releases

Gigantosaurus: Season One Volume One (DVD Rated Children)
Blue's Clues & You: Caring For Blue DVD (Rated Children)
The Secret Garden (DVD Rated PG)
The Secret: Dare To Dream DVD (Rated PG)
The Outpost (DVD Rated R)
John Lewis: Good Trouble (DVD Rated Biography BIO LEW)
The Meaning Of Mariah Carey by Mariah Carey (Biography BIO CAR)
House of Correction by Nicci French (Fiction)
The Forgotten Daughter by Joanna Goodman (Fiction)
The Cold Millions by Jess Walter (Fiction)
You Betrayed Me by Lisa Jackson (Fiction)
The Sentinel by Lee Child & Andrew Child (Fiction)
The Wonder Boy Of Whistle Stop by Fannie Flagg (Fiction)
Shakeup by Stuart Woods (Fiction)
Love Your Life by Sophie Kinsella (Fiction)
Truly, Madly, Deeply by Karen Kingsbury (Fiction)

Mount Morris Library News

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 (815-734-4927) for more information.

To-Go Craft Kits!

Kids Craft (ages 3-9): "Pom Turkey" available while supplies last. We will provide everything except glue. Call the library (815-734-4927) or email dawn.mtmorrislib@gmail.com to reserve / pick up yours.

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 a free book, 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}

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.

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, Interlibrary 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 set up an appointment to renew or receive new library cards. Please bring a photo id and a second form of id with current address. Contact the library at 815-734-4927 or mmlib@mtmorris-il.org.

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.

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline 800-452-7990
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon 732-3157
Rochelle 562-3801

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

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

Education

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

Low Income Housing

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

Mental Health

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

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center 562-5050
Mt Morris Senior Center 734-6335
Polo Senior Center 946-3818
Rock River Center 732-3252
Oregon, IL 800-541-5479
Visiting Nurses Assoc. 971-3755
4223 E State, Rockford

Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

Veterans' Services

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

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
907 Pines Rd, Oregon 562-6976
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Julia Hull Library News

Public Computer Access

Public computers will be available in 45-minute time-slots, by appointment only. To reserve a computer, please call 815-645-8611.

Library Hours

Grab & Go at the library, Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Curbside until 8PM); and Friday/Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Curbside Pickup service is available anytime, upon request. Please continue to abide all safety measures: masks and social distancing required; sanitize your hands before browsing the collection; and please limit your visit to 15 minutes or less.

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.

Short & Sweets

No time for a book? Read a short story instead! Join fellow readers on Zoom, Wednesday, November 18 at 10 AM, for a lively discussion of Ron Rash's, "L'Homme Blesse." Copies of the reading available via e-mail, or paper at the library. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register.

Teen Game Time

Teens, it's time to get your game on in cyberspace! Hop onto Zoom with your friends on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. for virtual versions of classic games, all hosted by Kelly. Get comfy, grab some snacks, and get ready to show your skills. Ages 13-18. Please email khaas@mail.meridian223.org for the Zoom link.

A Midcentury Christmas

Christmas in America from the 1940s through the 1960s meant aluminum trees, department store Santas, and cartoon specials on TV. Every kid in the suburbs had to have an Easy-Bake Oven, a G.I. Joe, or a Slinky. The coolest houses had rotating color wheels for their trees. On Monday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m., historian Leslie Goddard will explore this optimistic era in a new illustrated lecture, using photographs, advertisements, greeting cards, and catalogs to explore why this era was a turning point for how we celebrate the holidays. Via Zoom. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register.

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Tween Reads: Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone

Join us for a special two-part Tween Reads series! On Nov. 24 at 6 p.m., young tween wizards are invited to meet with Zoey on Zoom to discuss PART 1 (Chapters 1-9) of the special illustrated edition of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by JK Rowling. Then, on Dec. 24, we'll discuss PART 2 (Chapters 10-17). Each month we will chat about what we've read with our wizarding world classmates, and do some magical activities and crafts! Call, stop by the library, or use our online form to pick up your book copy and a craft kit each month: <https://www.juliahull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 10-12. Registration required.

Thanksgiving Closures

The library will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and remain closed for Thanksgiving and Black Friday. The library will reopen Saturday, Nov. 28.

Tween Scene: Gift Tags

The holidays are just around the corner, and this month, tweens (ages 10-12) will meet with Zoey on Zoom to create some unique clay gift tags for their family and friends. Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.. Contact the library to register for a link to the program, and pick up your program kit: 815-645-8611.

Kids' Holiday Festival

Crafts, games, friendly competition and prizes. Our library's annual Kids' Holiday Festival tradition will continue this year... at home! How will it work? You'll PRE-ORDER your Holiday Festival Party-To-Go by Monday, Nov. 23 using our special designated online form: <https://www.juliahull.org/holiday-festival-at-home>. We'll call to schedule a block of time for you to pick up your kits on the day of our festival, Saturday, Dec. 5, so you can take a family photo in front of our seasonal photo booth, and Guess How Many Gumdrops for a chance to win an Oreo Chocolate Village Kit! One day only. While supplies last! Prefer curbside pickup? No problem: just let us know when we call to schedule. Recommended ages: 2-10.

Modern Farmhouse Flannel Wreath

Ring in the holiday season with a modern farmhouse style wreath that would make Chip & Jo proud! Monday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Supply kits available at the library, upon registration. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register. Adults only.

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Forreston Library News

Library Hours

The library is now open with the following hours: Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are required for everyone over the age of 2 and children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible party. Curbside pickup is still

available for anyone who wishes to use it.

Library Board Positions

Nominating petitions are currently available for anyone interested in running for the Forreston Public Library Board. There will be three positions open and they are each 6 year terms. Please call the library at 815-938-2624 or stop in for more information.

Preschool Activities

Looking for fun, engaging activities for your preschooler? Our Grab n Go packets include a Scholastic story paper with a different theme each month, accompanying worksheets/coloring pages, and a code to access online stories and activities. Call to reserve yours or stop in and pick one up for your favorite little person.

Library Updates

Please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the most current information on our plans and activities. Also, if you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us by phone at (815)938-2624, email at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging.

Polo Library News

Polo Public Library Information

Polo Library is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, and closed Sunday.

The library building will be open for patrons to come in, browse, and check out items. We will continue to have Curbside Delivery available if you prefer to not enter the building or are unable to wear a mask. You can place an order by calling 815-946-2713, emailing library@pololibrary.org, or through your PrairieCat/Encore account.

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.

Byron Nuclear Plant Virtual Program – Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7-8 p.m.

Join Polo Public Library for an informative program as we host representatives of the Exelon Byron Nuclear Plant. This program will be live via Zoom. The meeting link will be available on facebook.com/polopublic or by emailing library@pololibrary.org.

Family Reading Night – Thursday, Nov. 19, 5 p.m.
Join us live on Facebook (at facebook.com/pololibrary)

as Ms. Melanie reads a story for the whole family to enjoy! Swing by the Library between Saturday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 19 to pick up a Family Reading Night bag (1 per child) with a craft and some fun surprises!

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 facebook.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

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.

Online Resources

Download Axis 360, OMNI/Overdrive, Libby, and Biblioboard for books and audiobooks. Links to these resources are available at pololibrary.org

Wi-Fi Access

Wi-Fi is available 24/7 outside of the library building, even outside of library hours. You can access the Wi-Fi by joining the Polo Public Library Guest Access network, you do not need a password.

Questions?

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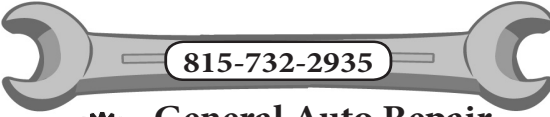

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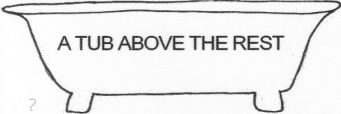
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Bertolet Library News

Holiday Hours: Bertolet Memorial Library will be closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and will be closed all day Thursday, Nov. 26. We will resume normal hours on Saturday, Nov. 28. Happy Thanksgiving!

New Releases

- Adult Fiction
- The Crow's Call by Wanda Brunstetter
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- Fortune and Glory:Tantalizing Twenty-Seven by Janet Evanovich
- A Single Spark by Judith Miller
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- Sheep Go To Sleep by Nancy Shaw
- Juvenile Fiction & Non-Fiction
- The Torchbearers by Ally Condie
- Nixie Ness, Cooking Star by Claudia Mills

Wednesday WhoDunIt

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.: Do you love mysteries with a twist at the end? Then join us for a discussion of Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz on Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m. The novel is a mystery story inside another mystery story. Stop at the Bertolet Library Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. The discussion will be held, socially distanced, in the library meeting room. Masks will be required...and bring a friend. No registration is required. This will be the last Wednesday WhoDunIt until after the

holidays.

Family Story Time

You only have a couple more weeks to enjoy Family Story Time this fall! November 19th will be the last day for in person Family Story Time until after the holidays. Sign up through our Sign Up Genius link at www.bertolet-memoriamlibrary.org or by calling 815-738-2742 before 5 p.m. each Wednesday!

- * Masks will be required for everyone three and older who is medically able to wear one, and when you show up for your session, we will do a quick temperature check.
- * Please dress your kids in clothes that can get messy.
- * Please have a family member 16 years or older available to assist kids under the age of six with their project.

Byron Library News

The Library is Open!

The Byron Library is open! Patrons are welcome to browse our collections on both floors and to use our public computers on the first floor. Materials can be checked out by a staff member or at our self-check stations on either floor, or delivered to patrons outside with our curbside service. Masks are required for entry and must be worn at all times while in the building.

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 con-

tinue this program while following the new guidelines. Watch the library's Facebook page for any updates.

Library Playgroup

Wednesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 9 - Dec. 17; 9:30-11 a.m., or 1-2:30 p.m.
Miss playing at the library? You can arrange your own playgroup with the library toys. Program takes place in our enclosed meeting room. Library staff will set up the toys and sanitize after use. One adult should register and can invite friends and family members to the playgroup. Please note: Only 9 people total (nonmobile babies do not count towards your total) can

attend. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register your group.

Share Your Story

Monday, Nov. 16
11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom, or 1-2 p.m. in-person @ the Byron Library
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. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants

who opt to attend via Zoom.

Dementia Conversations Webinar with Joe Landmichl from the Alzheimer's Association

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 schedule has changed to one gathering at 9:00 am. A recording of each
 Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website
 following our in-person service. Communion is served every Sunday.
 Sunday School will be held at 9:00 am from September through May. Adult
 Sunday School will be held at 10:00 am. Confirmation studies for 7th and
 8th grade students will be held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am via Zoom.
 Wednesday afternoon Bible study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Book club
 and quilts meet in-person monthly. Please visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the office for details.

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamily.church • Sr.
 Pastor: Randy Snider, Associate Pastor: Dirk Miller, Children's Ministry
 Director: Kim Miller • **Worship Services** on Saturdays at 5pm and
 Sundays at 10am. **Children's Worship Services** on Sundays
 at 10am. Nursery Available for both Saturday and Sunday Services. •
 Jr. and Sr. High Underground Youth Group Small Groups on Sundays
 at 6:30pm. • Wednesday Night Family Nights with Dinner at 5:30pm.
 Children's Programs run from 6:15-7:30pm on Wednesdays and the
 Underground Jr./Sr High Youth Group meets from 6:30-8:00pm and
 there is an Adult Small Group also on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.
 • Numerous Adult Small Groups Available throughout the week.
 Please call our Church Office or visit our Website for more details.
 Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
 701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
 Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
 Interim Minister: Rev. Tyler Spellhaus
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
 Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high
 school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & Fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am
 Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
 Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
 Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
 Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
 For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or
 Facebook page or contact the church office.
 Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

FORRESTON REFORMED CHURCH

501 Third Ave. Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2424 Pastor Lyle Zumdahl.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.
 "Seeking to Live by Faith, to be Known by Love, and to be a Voice of Hope."

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.)
 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049
 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org
Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @
 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn
 Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: office@goelimchurch.org
 Website: www.goelimchurch.org
 Sunday morning worship 10:30 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All are welcome here!
 "By God's grace in Christ, we Live, Love, & Serve"
 9:30 am - Sunday Worship (nursery provided), with social hour following
 10:45 am - Sunday School (children, youth, adults)
www.disciplesumc.org (815) 734-4853
 102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
 Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL Phone 734-4573
 Pastor-Ginny Honey. 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (nursery provided)
 Fellowship time Following worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School-Nursery
 through adult.

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OREGON

CROSSWALK MINISTRIES

"Building relationships through Christ"
 The corner of Rt 64 and 9th St, Oregon, il
 Sunday Worship Service 10 am

Ebenezer Reformed Church

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

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PAYNES POINT

764 Stillman Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 • (815) 732-2424
 Pastor Andrew Kayes • "Sharing God's Love" Service 9 AM • Sunday School
 10:15, Bell Choir Tues 6:30 PM Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays • Women's
 Circles, Hand Bell Choir, Quilting Group, Kids Club

FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Pastor Karyn Kost • (815) 661-6315
 Website: <http://www.freedomlutheran.org>
 Sunday Evening Worship at 5:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 S 5th
 St to 200 S 4th St in Oregon. Coffee and Fellowship following the service.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 N. Fourth St., Oregon Office: 881 N. Mongan Dr., Oregon, IL • www.st-mary-parish.com • Fr. Joseph P. Nail • Office Phone: 815-732-7383
 Office Fax: 815-732-4742

Masses: Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday-Friday 8:00am; 3rd
 Wednesday of the month 3:00pm at Pincrest
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-4:00 or any time by appointment
Baptisms: by appointment, **Wedding Arrangements:** 6 months in
 advance, Anointing of the Sick: Call 815-732-7383

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
 Pastor: Rick Tomlinsom
 Website: www.stpaul13.com Email: stpaul13@frontier.com
 Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 am; Coffee And... Fellowship 10:00 am; Sunday
 School 10:15 am Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Other Activities: Men's
 and Women's Groups, Confirmation Class, School Youth Group, For more
 information, call the church office.

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 9AM & 10:45AM
 205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsn.com
 We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through
 engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee,
 snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~
 during 9AM service
 Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM, .
 Visit our website: www.crossroadsn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872
 Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • www.valleycov.org
 Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Children and Families
 Sunday Mornings: 9am traditional service, 10:30am contemporary service
 and Kids' Club
 We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and
 stay home if ill.
 Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.
 Please call or visit the website more info about Bible study groups, Youth
 Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Valley Covenant Preschool. Also the
 home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
 12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
 Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-
 2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended
 Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School
 Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service
 Groups; Kindred Heart Stitchers: For more information call the church office
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Byron 815-234-5626	Oregon 815-732-7956	<i>Your Local, Independent Community Bank Since 1882</i>  Member FDIC
Rochelle 815-562-7071	Rockford 815-332-8100	
Roscoe/Rockton 815-623-1800	Stillman Valley 815-645-2266	



311 W. Washington St.
 Oregon, IL 61061
 Ph: 815-732-2156
 Fax: 815-732-6154

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

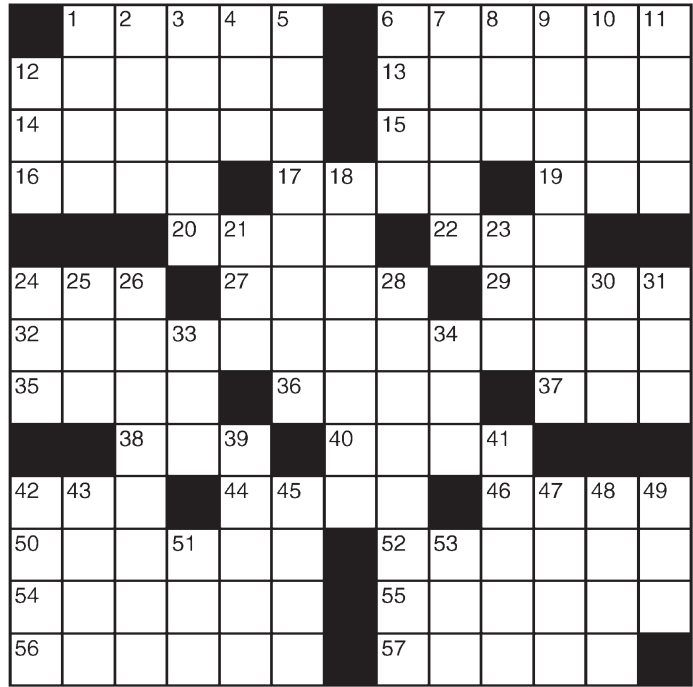
MAY WORDS

MAGIC MAZE

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: HEAD OF A CITY GOVERNMENT

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|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Cape May | Mayan | Mayenne | Mayhem |
| Dismay | Mayapple | Mayfish | Mayonnaise |
| Karamay | Maybe | Mayflower | Maypole |
| LeMay | Mayday | Mayfly | |



- ACROSS**
- 1 Flourish
 - 6 "Rabbit, Run" author
 - 12 Tearjerker
 - 13 Construction piece
 - 14 "Anna Christie" playwright
 - 15 Coats
 - 16 Lima's place
 - 17 Father of Thor
 - 19 Away from WSW
 - 20 Style
 - 22 LummoX
 - 24 Most Wanted List org.
 - 27 Elite alternative
 - 29 Bart's sister
 - 32 Lincoln's election year
 - 35 Region
 - 36 Location
 - 37 Storm center
 - 38 Inseparable
 - 40 Osso buco base
 - 42 A cont.
 - 44 Level
 - 46 Apiece
 - 50 Boardroom props
 - 52 Prophet
 - 54 Half a story-book duo
 - 55 "My heavens!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Part of N.B.
 - 2 Lecherous look
 - 3 Poppy drug
 - 4 Lubricate
 - 5 Tunes
 - 6 Wrinkly fruit
 - 7 Challenge for Laurel and Hardy in "The Music Box"
 - 8 Saharan
 - 9 Obsession
 - 10 "Show Boat"
 - 11 Gaelic
 - 12 Doo- — music
 - 18 Fool
 - 21 Make a choice, with "for"
 - 23 "The Greatest"
 - 24 Shriner's capeau
 - 25 Life story, for short
 - 26 Unknowing
 - 28 Waiting area
 - 30 Pigpen
 - 31 Nay canceler
 - 33 Coop denizen
 - 34 Multitude
 - 39 Old anesthetic
 - 41 Starts
 - 42 Turkish potentate
 - 43 "Animal House" group
 - 45 Capri or Wight
 - 47 Dogfight participants
 - 48 23-Down's old name
 - 49 The lady after 53-Down
 - 53 See 51-Down

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



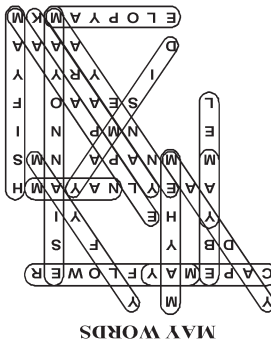
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is taller. 2. Picture is vertical. 3. Chair back is different. 4. Fewer papers on floor. 5. Boy's collar is different. 6. Two checks on book.



Solution time: 24 mins.
 Answers
 King Crossword



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

Answer
 Weekly SUDOKU

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020											
2												
3	The summary must be published in the local newspaper.											
4												
5	Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:											
6	Byron C.U.S.D. #226			696 N Colfax Street, Byron IL 61010-1439			815-234-5491			8 am - 4 pm		
7	School District/Joint Agreement Name			Address			Telephone			Office Hours		
8	Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 , will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net .											
9												
10	SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.											
11												
12	Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020											
13			Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety	
14	Local Sources	1000	10,074,315	1,664,035	2,004,749	778,796	492,074	0	194,124	919,523	187,012	
15	Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	State Sources	3000	1,138,187	50,000	0	325,069	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Federal Sources	4000	669,393	0	60,843	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		11,881,895	1,714,035	2,065,592	1,103,865	492,074	0	194,124	919,523	187,012	
19	Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		18,052,712	3,018,698	3,737,494	2,928,348	756,284	0		920,511	0	
20	Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	105,268	1,903,715	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		16,653,219	4,372,862	1,713,487	3,926,198	1,528,075	0	808,612	1,865,920	(934,849)	
22	Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020		10,482,402	3,068,199	146,853	4,005,430	1,263,865	0	1,002,736	1,864,932	(747,837)	

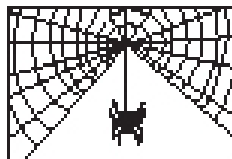
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL					
2						
3	This listing must be published in the local newspaper, sent to ISBE, and retained within your district/joint agreement administrative office for public inspection.					
4						
5						
6	Byron C.U.S.D. #226					
7	47-071-2260-26					
8						
9	GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIDE PERSONNEL					
10						
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12	<u>Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000</u>	<u>Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999</u>	<u>Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999</u>	<u>Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999</u>	<u>Salary Range: \$90,000 and over</u>	
13	Casey Olson	Elise McNeff	Emily Love, Nick Elsbury, Ben Reibel, Thomas Hayley, Madison Armstrong, Jefferey Jett, Jessica Wolf, Adam Head, Joslynn Lindsey, Daphne Snodgrass, Jill Smith, Anne Busser, Jenni Peterson, Brooke Kamp, Michelle LeBlanc, Cortni Little	Susan Prusator, Allison Free, Kate Messer, Audra Smith, Rikki Knutti, Allison Free, Becky Berkeley, Renie Dessing, James Jackson, Andy Stavnem, Dana Franchi, Emily Hoppe, Stacy Kilmer, Katelin Serna, Darcy Spence, Ken Franchi, Joan Darnell, Matt Maurizio, Ashley McGarry, Maggie Morehead, Ann Johnson, Becky King, Carl Setterstrom, Meagan Burris, Lea Bierman, Shelley Marchini, Kathy Driscoll, Kerry Hedrick, Andy Donaldson, Natalie Gordon, Cammie Henkel, Ashley Hillis, Meghan Skidmore, Lauren Gura, Eric Tryggstad, Lynn Mulvaney, Laura Mutchler, Amber Swanson, Maggie Folk, Nicole Yerly, Natalie Haas, Jeff Boyer, Dave Norris, Bridy Springer, Kelly Hilliker, Russ Konstans, Adam Gura, Eric Yerly, Michelle Smith, Carrie Lemke, Jennifer Wygant, Melissa Polltsch, Julie Gentry, Kari Ebens, Minda McKinley, Jean Mongan, Shelly Rosecke, Andrea Barrett, Angie McHale, Sheri Morris, Deanna Walsh, Lynn Love, Tracey Brown, Ryan Dannhorn, Pauline Dunk, Jake Rankin, Amy Bukoski, Julie Roush, Jean Sanders, Nicole Volles, Sara Wheeler, Martha Fletcher, Ryan Nestler, Traci Schilling, Jaclynn Bastler-Heather, Evan Burris, Amy Harn, Susan Hedlund, Laura Jackson, Erin Mumma, Scott Spahr, W/ll Reidner, Jen Reints, Dawn Glassburn, Mike McHale	Dirk Palmer, Tina Cone, Susan Freyer, Mike Elsbury, Becky Hull, Melissa Reeher, Kris Bielskis, Patrick Kirk, Chris Chodoronek, Pam Myers, Duane Prax, Martha Reilly, Meggan Franklin, Sherril Baker, Robert Baker, Dale Hartman, Mary Adams, Patti Ludwig, Laura McMullen, Craig Deets, Scott McMullen, Sarah Hogan, Zachary Eitelbrick, James Kann, Petrece Klein, Michael Mandzen, Jason Mullens, Steven Stewart, Janelle Smith, Buster Barton	
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37	Tammy Allen, Mary Ashworth, Patricia Bauer, Stephanie Bond, Marianne Burriesci, Deanne Clay, Nate Clow, Charlene Davies, Cindy Drake, Deana Faworski, Emily Gerdes, Karol Hanes, Michelle Harrington, Caryn Hoover, Christina Johnson, Susana Karnitz, Jaclyn Lambert, Stephanie Lange, Patricia Long, Nichole Mayborne, Michelle Munoz, Dana Palmgren, Valorie Robertson, Diane Rocke, Rochelle Salo, Adrienne Scullion, Julie Sholes, Amanda Taylor, Penni Welte, Joanna Whitmore, Jaime Wrasse, Diane Kruse, Kendra Booker, Tina Champlain, Linda Eisele, Sheila Hartman, Jennifer Hinshaw, Donna Krumm, Lisa Perket, Pamela Reeverts, Anne Scullion, Jan Sloan, Victoria Spanbauer, Colleen Svoboda, Diane Wheeler, Sharalyn Wilson, Joanne Hoerneck, Katelyn Jones, Michelle Lane, Diana Snodgrass, Jody Swiech, Zandra Northrup, Amber Hedberg, Jasmin Prose, Jill White, Sarah Johnson, Terri Lynn Diltmars, Vanessa Emery, Sue French, Jeannine Ingram, Megan Lawver, Mariesa O'Brien, Kristi Oleson, Kristina Richards, Connie Smith, Karen Wallin, Alison Walter, Mary Tracy Conerton, Galen Bennett, Dean Carlson, Loren Colloton, Joseph Cox, Janice Fish, Jim Rowland, Susan Henderson, Richard Johnson, Amber Keinfeldt, Melissa Messling, Amy Penrod, Robin Ratliff, Ingo Reinbolz, Victoria Spanbauer, Sharon Tyler, Greg Willis, Karen Willis	Sharon Kohlstedt, Stacie McCallen, Bridget Reibel, Martha Scudder, Debra Oracki, Tania Vanbriesen, Katie Bull, Christi LaFontaine, Mary Rasmussen, Amy Ewald, Jeanne Ferencak, Kristy Groharing, Terijo Johnson, Susan Mavly, Catherine Maronde, Mary Anne Bookman, Stephanie Harvey, Mark Biletto, Janet Blumeyer, Jodi Shepard, Matthew Corkran, Greg Corkran, Leonard Ferguson, Mary Fetherston, Melanie Gipson, Heriberto Santiago, Marsha Southard, Marvin Sweger, Carolyn Wylie,	Deanna Groves, Rebecca Little, Betty Borgmann, Linda Buttel, Fred Carter, Rich Halstead, Daniel Wilmarth, Barbara Rundle, Amy Adkins, Pamela Sweger	Heather Rigden, Donna Dyal, Greg Gugliuzza, Mark Kleckler, Terry Wilken, Brent Hall, Christian Kerr		
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5	Byron C.U.S.D. #226						
6	47-071-2260-26						
7	<u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount</u>	<u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount</u>	<u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount</u>
8	1000 Bulbs	4,159.94	Center For Psychological Services	4,800.00	FLINN SCIENTIFIC	4,808.78	
9	2080 Media, Inc. DBA Playon! Sports	4,000.00	CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN LODGE	3,916.00	FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	13,248.12	
10	Aim Distribution	4,113.02	CINTAS CORPORATION	8,345.98	FORECASTS	12,770.00	
11	Airbnb	2,820.75	CITY OF BYRON	20,109.67	Four Corners Wellness	2,600.00	
12	ALPHA BAKING CO, INC	4,660.62	COLLEGE BOARD PUBLICATIONS	6,620.10	FRONTIER	20,486.66	
13	Amazon	15,491.95	COMCAST	9,680.00	Frontline Technologies	7,935.37	
14	AMERICAN TIME & SIGNAL CO	4,629.12	Compass Minerals America	10,309.53	Getz Fire Equipment	4,592.55	
15	ARC DESIGN RESOURCES INC	8,591.91	Cornerstone Sports	4,512.75	Gold Medal Snacks, Smiles & Success	3,459.90	
16	Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management	7,740.00	County Market	3,621.93	Great Lakes Coca-Cola Dis. Lic	10,166.23	
17	AssetGenie, Inc.	2,845.20	CuraLinc, LLC	4,466.88	Green Keeper Turf Solutions	4,324.72	
18	Aurora Educational Technology	7,040.00	Custom Playgrounds Inc	5,500.00	Greg Wolcott	2,500.00	
19	Behm Pavement Maintenance	23,500.00	D&J Sports	3,282.00	HALOGEN SUPPLY COMPANY, INC	6,189.55	
20	Big John Portable Toilets	2,689.03	DEMCO	6,968.29	Harder Corp	17,656.36	
21	BLICK ART MATERIALS	6,775.23	Dollamur Sport Surfaces	11,595.00	Hayden Construction	17,516.00	
22	BMO CORPORATE MASTERCARD	17,794.42	Dude Solutions, Inc	3,658.10	HINCKLEY SPRING WATER COMPANY	4,124.18	
23	BRAIN POP	4,845.00	EASYPERMIT POSTAGE	4,588.64	HOME DEPOT	5,647.86	
24	BRAUN THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	8,736.50	ECRA GROUP INCORPORATED	20,000.00	HOWARD LEE & SONS, INC	11,908.58	
25	BW TEAM GEAR & ATHLETIC EQUIP	7,769.86	Edgenuity INC	13,095.50	Hudl	6,799.00	
26	BYRON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	3,416.05	Edlio	4,860.00	HYATT HOTELS	4,711.62	

27	BYRON HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR	5,369.40
28	BYRON PTA	5,040.00
29	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	3,847.85
30	CDI Computer Dealers Inc.	5,054.00
31	CEANCI	11,832.00
32	CENGAGE LEARNING	7,932.89
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34	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
35	ILLINOIS STATE POLICE	2,940.00
36	INTEGRATED SYSTEMS CORPORATION	9,100.00
37	Itslearning, Inc	16,195.00
38	IWM CORPORATION	7,112.60
39	J.W. Pepper & Son Inc.	3,037.57
40	JOHNSON CONTROLS	3,750.00
41	KnowBe4	4,978.80
42	LA QUINTA INN	4,079.84
43	LEGO Education	7,990.59
44	Lincoln Prairie BHC	2,950.00
45	Marco Technologies LLC	4,858.15
46	MARRIOTT	5,868.66
47	Midwest Computer Products, Inc	7,580.00
48	Midwest Glass Tinters, Inc.	15,879.00
49	Mobile Beacon	3,720.00
50	Mobile Electronics	2,626.60
51	NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	2,675.00
52	Navance, Inc.	4,799.95
53	New Creation Media, Inc.	2,510.00
54	Newsela	6,000.00
55	NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	4,800.00
56	NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSOCIATION	13,062.50
57	OGLE COUNTY LIFE	4,955.84
58	OGLE COUNTY PHYSICAL THERAPY	5,000.00
59	OMBUDSMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	20,642.00
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61	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
62	WORLD BOOK, INC	2,641.67
63	XYLEM, LTD	4,694.50
64	Zoro	9,894.03
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EduTek Solutions LLC	5,190.00
Elkhorn Chemical & Packaging	2,860.00
FAIRCORN	20,000.00
FELKER GROCERY	4,943.69
FHN	3,238.00
Firefly Computers	7,027.50
Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
OREGON HIGH SCHOOL	2,880.00
PAPER 101	16,224.13
Pds	5,447.08
PEARSON ASSESSMENTS	9,091.25
PEARSON EDUCATION	3,033.45
Pest Control Consultants	2,520.00
PITNEY BOWES	6,842.96
POLAR HEART RATE	4,029.00
Positive Coaching Alliance	3,457.61
PRO COM SYSTEMS	16,258.50
PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP	3,418.99
Purchase Power	4,819.98
R&R Auto & Diesel Repair	4,726.47
RADIANT LEARNING, INC	3,739.59
Regional Office Of Edu. #47	7,807.00
REINDERS, INC	5,101.87
RENAISSANCE LEARNING	13,351.11
Residence Inn	3,796.45
Riddell/All American Sports	18,157.53
ROCHELLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ASSOC	5,940.00
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING, LLC	8,349.65
ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL	5,000.45
SAM'S CLUB	16,879.12
SCHOLASTIC INC	6,549.07
SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC	21,228.12

HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO	5,535.74
IDEAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, IN	8,729.76
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOAR	9,890.80
Illinois Fiber Resources Group	8,400.00
ILLINOIS PRINCIPALS ASSN	2,688.00
ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	3,183.00
Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO	4,010.86
SOLUTION TREE	9,146.75
SPECIALTY FLOORS	5,681.00
STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT	4,453.90
Stoneware, Inc	2,874.00
SUBWAY	3,362.60
SynaTek	5,500.00
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	12,250.80
Taylor Associates Communication Inc	3,250.00
Team Fitz Graphics	3,140.00
TEAM REIL INC	4,373.00
TitanHQ	20,000.00
Tower Sound	22,433.22
Turf Rx of Illinois	16,846.65
Tyler Technologies, Inc	6,670.47
U.S. Cellular	4,184.77
Uptown Lanes/Back Alley Bar & Grill	6,015.54
VERIZON WIRELESS	3,023.35
Vision Service Plan	14,234.35
WALMART STORE	2,734.06
Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.	13,000.00
Webstaurant Store	4,083.88
Wevideo	2,723.25
Wex Bank	23,857.90
Winnebago Home Improvements	4,246.60



An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY
PROBATE DIVISION
IN TH)
MATTER)
OF THE)Case
ESTATE)No.
OF)2020
CARLENE)P79
F.)
ANDERSON,)
Deceased)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the
death of CARLENE
F. ANDERSON, who
died on September 27,
2020. Letters of Office
were issued on October
22, 2020 to Jennifer K.
Harris, 2619 18th Avenue,
Rockford, IL 61108, who is
the legal representative of
the estate. The attorney
for the estate is Douglas
R. Henry, of Barrick,
Switzer, Long, Balsley
& Van Evera, LLP, 6833
Stalter Drive, Rockford,
Illinois 61108.

Claims against
the Estate may be filed
in the Office of the Ogle
County Circuit Clerk,
Probate Division at the
Ogle County Courthouse,
106 S. 5th Street, Ste
300, Oregon, Illinois,
or with the Estate legal
representative, or both.
Copies of claims filed with
the Circuit Clerk's Office,
Probate Division, must
be mailed or delivered
to the Estate legal
representative and to her
attorney within ten (10)
days after it has been
filed.
Dated: October 23, 2020
No. 1104 (Nov. 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(MINOR CHILDREN)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
CASE NUMBER
2020-MP-63
REQUEST OF:
KASEN ANDREW
NOBLEZA
TO CHANGE NAMES OF
MINOR CHILDREN
There will be a court date
on a Request for Name
Change (Minor Children)
for these children:
Kasen Andrew Nobleza to
Kasen Preston Johnson.
Court Date Information
Dec. 4th, 2020 at 10:30
a.m., 106 S. 5th Street,
Oregon, IL, Ogle County,
Courtroom 304.
/s/ Heather Johnson
No. 1112 (Nov. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
In Re)
Matter of:)No.
Zachary)2020
David)MR66
Wright)
NOTICE
In the 15th Judicial Circuit,
Ogle County, Illinois,
public notice is given
that on January 7, 2021,
at 9:00 a.m., or as soon
thereafter as counsel may
be heard, I shall appear
before the Honorable
Judge Redington, or
any Judge sitting in his
stead, at the Ogle County
Courthouse, 106 S. 5th
Street, Oregon, IL 61061,
and present a Petition
for Name Change in this
Court praying for the
change of my name from
Zachary David Wright
to that of Zachary David
Stull, pursuant to Illinois
statute.
/s/ Zachary David
Wright
Elizabeth J. Klahn -
ARDC 6293704
WARD, MURRAY, PACE
& JOHNSON, P.C.
Attorney for Petitioner
202 E. 5th Street | P.O.
Box 400
Sterling, IL 61081
P: 815.625.8200
klahn@wmpj.com
No. 1114 (Nov. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE
K & P Self Storage
1563 Kysor Dr.
Byron, IL 61010
Pursuant to the
Landlord's Lien Provision,
in paragraph #11 in the
rental agreement

between KCH Enterprises
DBA K & P Self Storage,
Landlord, and Geno
Jurasek - unit # 80 .
These items will be held
in possession for ten (10)
days, at which time they
will be disposed of unless
tenant pays the landlord
in full, in accordance with
the Self Storage Facilities
Act. Must be paid in full by
11/20/2020.
No. 1116 (Nov. 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed quotes will
be received by the

Ogle County Highway
Department, Oregon,
Illinois until 2:00 P.M.
December 4, 2020 for:
2021 County Aggregate.
Proposals are available at
the Ogle County Highway
Department, 1989 South
IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL
between the hours of
7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.
Monday - Friday.
The Road and Bridge
Committee reserves the
right to accept or reject
any or all quotes.
No. 1121 (Nov. 16 & 23)



NEW MILFORD REFRIGERATION

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
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1 bedroom apt upstairs
downtown Oregon
Appliances included
Utilities Included excluding electricity
References requested and lease
485.00 per month plus deposit
no smoking NO PETS
Call 815-677-4565
or 815-732-6857

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

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

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

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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

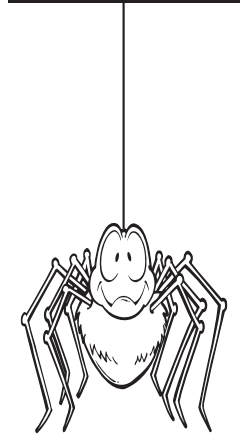
119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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123 MOVING & STORAGE

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

ADVERTISE WITH US



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 advertisement 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 its care.

203 HELP WANTED

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

Local Trucking Company Seeks experienced Class A-CDL Driver for Full time year round employment hauling grain **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 dick-harms@hotmail.com

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

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

1999 Arctic Cat Z440, Great Suspension, Garage Kept, Well Maintained. 1660 Miles. \$1250. 815-245-7391. (11-18-20)

ASHTON - Schiller Ideal Player Piano. Works Great. Comes With 34 Rolls of Music. Manufactured Chicago/Oregon. \$1,000 OBO - Bring Muscle as it is Heavy. Call 815-751-7289. Serious Inquiries Only. (11-15-20)

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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.

1999 Arctic Cat Z440, great suspension, garage kept, well maintained. 1660 miles. \$1250(offers accepted) 815-245-7391

309 PETS AND SUPPLIES

FREE Kittens looking for a Good Home. Very Friendly. Good Mousers. Call 815-993-2234. (11-15-20) FOR SALE: Mixed Jack

Russell Terrier Puppies Call 815-501-2718.

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

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Pick It Fence Estate Sale this weekend for a well know Stillman Valley Family Estate Sale.
329 S. Walnut St. Stillman Valley
November 12, 13 & 14th
9:00-4:00 With a sign up sheet all 3 mornings at 8:00am
Lots of Antiques, vintage, Mid Century Modern and lots of new.

Estate/Tag Sale
Friday November 20, 10:00-4:00
Saturday November 21, 10:00-3:00
11627 Rt 72 Forreston, IL
Sale Is Indoors and Outdoors.
CDC GUIDELINES REQUIRE A MASK FOR INDOOR SHOPPING
Plus, we will practice social distancing for your safety & others.
Furniture, Bar Stools, Gun Cabinets, China and Lighted Curio Cabinets, Chairs, Night Stands, Floor Lamps, Single Bed Frame, Vacuum, Kenmore Gas Dryer, Tupperware, Collectibles, Cigarette Lighter Collection, Beanie Babies, JD Pedal Tractor, Pump Organ, Vintage Cash Register, Longaberger, Treadle Sewing Machine, Fleece Blankets, Pet Bed Pillows, Wash Tubs, Kenwood One Bottom Plow, Horse Hames, Implement Seats, Steel Wheels, 10-7 Foot Sections White Picket Fence, Mechanics and Garden Tools, 6 ft Step Ladder, Air Compressor and Hoses, Paint Supplies, Torch Hose, 60 Gal Gas Water Heater, Camping, Hunting and Fishing Equipment, Antlers, Fish Net, New 60X60 Pop Up Blind, Camp Stove, Coleman Lanterns, Water Jugs, Coolers, Binoculars, Lawn Chairs, 3 Sets Golf Clubs, Barbie and Barbie Cars, Vintage Toys.
Many more items to numerous to mention!

103 AUCTIONS

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION
Hacksauction.hibid.com
Don & Geraldine Love Auction
BIDDING OPENS: Sun., Nov. 15th @ 8 A.M.
1915 Apple Tree Lane, Rockford, IL 61108
Antiques & Collectibles; Mid-Century Furniture; Loads of Vintage Collectibles; Vintage Toys; Dolls; Costume Jewelry; Fish Mounts; Appliances; Electronics; Fine China & Glassware; Lighting; Quilts; Musical; Records; Books; Furs; Good Bedroom Sets; Spoons; Household Furnishings; Tools; Lawn & Garden; **Much More!**
BIDDING OPENS: Sun., Nov. 15 @ 8 A.M.
BIDDING CLOSES: Thurs., Nov. 19 @ 7 P.M.
PREVIEW: Sun., Nov. 15 - 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.
ITEM PICKUP: Sat., Nov. 21 - 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.
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Tuesday, December 1st, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.
Sale to be held at: Via Tele-Conference Auction
*call 815-946-4120 on November 30th between 1pm-4pm to register and receive a bidders number**
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Parcel 2 Sect 23 & 24 of Buffalo Twp 98.631 Acres
Parcel 3 of Pine Creek Twp 79.985 Acres
Parcel 4 of Pine Creek Twp 73.83 Acres
Parcel 5 of Pine Creek Twp 90 Acres
Parcel 6 of Eagle Point Twp 50.29 Acres
Parcel 7 of Eagle Point Twp 50.13 Acres
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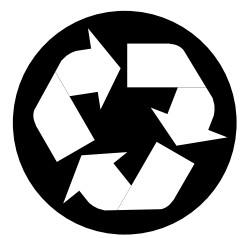
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Possession of CDL and snow removal experience preferred, but not required.

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Philadelphia Eagles	at	Cleveland Browns
New England Patriots	at	Houston Texans
Green Bay Packers	at	Indianapolis Colts
Pittsburgh Steelers	at	Jacksonville Jaguars
Atlanta Falcons	at	New Orleans Saints
Cincinnati Bengals	at	Washington Football Team
Los Angeles Chargers	at	Denver Broncos
Dallas Cowboys	at	Minnesota Vikings
Kansas City Chiefs	at	Las Vegas Raiders

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020

Los Angeles Rams	at	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
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TIE BREAKER #1

Total Combined Score

Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Total Score _____

TIE BREAKER #2

Total Combined Score

Kansas City Chiefs at Las Vegas Raiders

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