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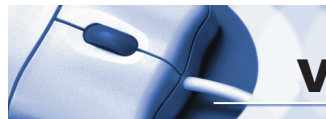
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# Making an impact

## Study shows importance of Byron Generating Station to the region's economy

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

BYRON—The scheduled closing of the Byron Generating Station would certainly hurt Byron and the Byron Community School District #226.

But it would also hurt the economy in all of Ogle County, as well as Lee and Winnebago counties, an economic impact study completed by Northern Illinois University found.

"It's difficult to understand the depth of the impact," said Eric Folk, executive director of the Oregon park District, referring to the Byron Station.

She said it will have an impact in not only Byron, but in Oregon and other townships — they will be

countywide.

"The reach is much farther than people realize," she said.

Exelon Generation has announced that it would be closing the Byron Station in September 2021.

The Byron CUSD #226 paid for the economic impact study, and Buster Barton, superintendent of the district, said that about 74 percent of the district's revenue comes from the Byron Station.

"Right now, our energy is being focused on trying to keep it here," he said of the station.

And that means showing people the wide-ranging positive economic impacts it makes on the region.

There are the direct impacts. That would mean the loss of the 717 people who work at the station daily. The



indirect impacts, like the 891 people who provide services to the station. And there are the induced impacts, which are based off of the spending of the direct and indirect employees at the station. This means the places they

go for lunch, or buy goods, or purchase homes.

These are all impacts that will be felt in Ogle County and beyond. In total, the study shows that 2,305 jobs would be affected by the loss of the station. Those jobs

could come from a number of businesses which would be impacted by the loss of the station, including doctors, restaurants, stores and financial institutions.

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## Business expansion

Because of closures and mitigations, w@sh didn't host a large 2nd Anniversary or Grand Re-Opening party. COVID-19 may have put a damper on 2020, but Oregon's local Chamber director and ambassadors are making sure to give credit where credit is due, and reached out to Meggan to congratulate her efforts and do a ribbon cutting in honor of the w@sh expansion. w@sh has more than doubled in working space and employees! The Chamber recognizes Meggan's hard work and continued dedication and investment in our community. Pictured from left are: Ambassadors Candace Rivera, Joanne Canfield, Chamber Director Liz Vos, w@sh owner, Meggan Dickson-Grennan and Ambassador Hilaree Lombardo.

# IMPACT: Community encouraged to support effort

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The transportation industry would also take a hit in the millions of dollars.

"We want to make sure people are informed of that," Barton said.

The study shows that the Byron Station's direct contribution to the regional economy (GDP) is estimated to be more than \$288 mil-

lion. That is 1.6 percent of the total GDP of the region. For the Ogle County, Byron Station's total contribution to the economy is estimated to be \$338 million; 17 percent of the county's total GDP.

Barton said the Byron Station Response Committee he is a part of has been speaking with area civic organizations and trying to

get the word out on how vital the station is to the region.

Folk, too, said that educating the community is vital.

"We are working to really educate our residents, our taxpayers," she said.

She said the Oregon Park District has been preparing for the eventuality of the station closing, having already trimmed the size of the staff

over the years. But with 78 percent of the district's tax base coming from the Byron Station, she said services would be "significantly cut."

But by getting the word out on the impacts, and working with elected leaders, both Barton and Folk are optimistic.

State Rep. Tom Demmer is one of those mobilizing forces in Springfield to help

save the Byron and Dresden plants. Dresden is scheduled to close in November 2021.

Folk said things are starting to line up for some positive movement in the Spring legislative session. She said school boards, parks and recreation associations and organized labor are all working together to save the stations.

Barton said people who

wish to support saving the station can go to Demmer's website, [www.savebyron.com](http://www.savebyron.com). His committee also has a site, [www.saveinuclearpower.com](http://www.saveinuclearpower.com). The economic impact study can be found at that site.

He also encouraged people to simply put up a yard sign supporting the Byron Station, which can be found on the committee's site.

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# Meridian district moving to remote learning

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Meridian CUSD 223 has decided to follow guidance of Ogle County Health Department and move to remote learning after the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Nov. 3, the Ogle County Health Department recommended that all Ogle County schools transition to remote learning from Nov. 30 through Jan. 18 to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and decrease the strain on our regional health care system. Since receiving the recommendation, MCUSD administration has been in close

contact with the representatives from the OCHD, IEMA, and regional hospitals to understand external community trends. We have also been in communication with the Board of Education, union leadership, parents, and superintendents of other regional districts.

Through all these conversations it is clear: the spread of COVID-19, the strain on our regional healthcare system, our students and COVID-19-related absences, our number of positive cases, and other valuable regional

data points are all increasing. While we have been incredibly fortunate to not experience spread in our schools up to this point, as the conditions have worsened, we are continuing to place an increased risk on our students, staff, and community.

A few key data points we have considered:

- \* Nearly one percent of all in-person learners currently with an active COVID infection.

- \* About 10 percent of all staff and students quarantined presently, including 17 percent of

in-person learners in one building.

- \* As of Nov. 19, the district's zip codes 7-day positivity rate is over 25 percent and 14-day is over 22 percent.

- \* CDC guidance says that any positivity rate over 10 percent leads to the highest risk for possible transmission of the virus in schools.

- \* As of that same date, the district's zip codes number of new cases per 100k is over 1,350.

- \* CDC guidance says that when this number is over 200 it leads to the highest risk for possible trans-

mission of the virus in schools.

- \* The Ogle County Health Department is relying more on the school to track and follow students that present with mild symptoms in order to focus on probable or confirmed cases. This switch has caused significantly more burden on nurses and other school resources.

- \* The inability to continue to operate in a sustainable manner. We have been a single employee absence away from shutting down multiple buildings and/or departments within the past two weeks.

## Judicial Center to close due to COVID-19 outbreak

OREGON – Due to a COVID-19 breakout within the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and the Ogle County Probation Office, Ogle County Health Director Kyle Auman has recommending a two week pause of operation of the Ogle County Judicial Center to ensure we control the spread and that the public is not exposed to the virus by Ogle County/court employees.

All cases falling within that time frame will be notified of a future court date. The Ogle County Judicial Center will reopen on

Monday, Dec. 7, at 8:30 a.m.

Limited staff will be available for criminal bond hearings, emergency matters regarding protection, emergency orders for stalking/no contact, emergency juvenile matters and bonafide emergency child support and parenting time/decision making disputes. Determination of a bonafide emergency child support or parenting time/decision making dispute issue shall be determined by the Judge before whom the case is pending.

## United Way brings library program to Byron

The United Way of Rock River Valley is expanding its successful Dolly Parton Imagination Library program into the City of Byron.

United Way launched the book gifting program in the Meridian CUSD 223 in 2019 and it has been wildly successful. Children from birth to five years of age receive a free age appropriate book in the mail once a month.

"Parents who have signed their children up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library are thrilled with the quality of books their children receive and the kids are excited to get a book in the mail once a month," said Alan Jones,

United Way Ogle County Director. "I've heard from parents who have said their child wants to start reading the new book the minute it arrives."

The joy of receiving a new book every month fosters a love of reading and learning.

"Having their own books at home is a proven way of improving a child's success in school, when the time comes," Jones said. "That's why we're so pleased to expand the program into Byron."

A parent can register their child or children at [unitedwayrrv.org/imaginationlibrary](http://unitedwayrrv.org/imaginationlibrary). The program is free to parents thanks to

the support of OSF Healthcare and St. Anthony Medical Center. Once registered, the child receives their first book, The Little Engine That Could, within 30 to 60 days and then each month, an age appropriate book arrives at their home.

Dolly Parton created the Imagination Library in 1995 to ensure that all children, regardless of social or economic status, can have the opportunity to experience the joy of reading. Currently, the Imagination Library operates in five countries, bringing books to nearly two million children worldwide



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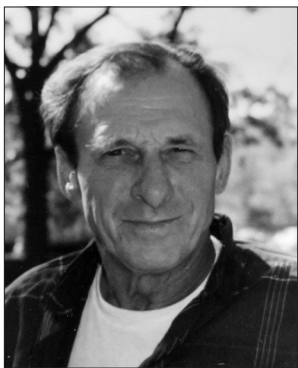
# Obituaries

## Darrell James Bauer

OREGON – Darrell James Bauer, of Oregon, passed away Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 at the age of 88 with his wife by his side. Born Oct. 25, 1932 in Lima, Wis., the son of August and Catherine (Bauer) Bauer.

Darrell and Cleo Scharr met at their favorite dance hall. They were married Aug. 6, 1955 in Lima and celebrated their 65th anniversary this year. Nine children are blessed to have them as parents: Jeff (deceased), Trudy (Mike) Whalen, Todd (Roxanne) Bauer, Cathy Wehmhofer, Suzanne (Steve) Rypkema, James (Wendy) Bauer, Tony (Monette) Bauer, Brent Bauer and Bob (Karen) Palmer. Add 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, their home was always filled with fun, laughter, tears and lots of love. He was as proud of his family as they are of him.

Darrell was a gifted handyman, mechanic, hunter



and jack of all trades. He really enjoyed sharing those gifts with his children and grandchildren. He loved fishing and telling stories about all of his adventures. Some of those adventures happened while he served as a soldier in the US Army. Darrell was a truck driver for many years. His CB radio handle was "Popcorn" because Cleo would make popcorn for his road trips every night. He worked at Quebecor Printing for 17 years before he retired in 1998. Darrell loved to have fun. His sense of humor was

still sharp. But more than that, Darrell was a man of faith, a kind, gentle, do anything for you man. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Oregon.

Darrell is survived by his loving wife Cleo, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother, Glenn (Laura) Bauer; sisters-in-law: Erika Bauer, Darlene C. Bauer, Zeldean Paskiewicz; brother-in-law, Rick (Marie) Scharr; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents; son, Jeff; 4 sisters; and 5 brothers.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private family Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Oregon with Rev. Joseph Naill, pastor, as Celebrant. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon assisted the family with arrangements.

## Terra Kirkpatrick-Kincade

Terra Kirkpatrick-Kincade Passed away on Sunday, Nov. 15th due to complications from diabetes.

Terra was born on Jan. 20th, 1980 to Linda Bouma Bates and William Kirkpatrick. Terra graduated from Stillman Valley high school in 1998.

Terra loved animals, her family and the great outdoors.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Kincade, her mother Linda Bouma



Bates, step-father, Rick Bates, two sisters, Stacey Kirkpatrick Vasquez,

Cassandra Kirkpatrick, and brother in law David Vasquez.

She also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Terra was predeceased by her father William Kirkpatrick and father in law, Jim Kincade Sr.

Terra will be greatly missed by all that knew her. Arrangements by Julian-Poorman-Welte Funeral Home 304 N. 5th St. Rockford, IL. No services are scheduled at this time.

## Dorothy Borgmann

Dorothy Mae Borgmann, age 86, passed away Saturday Nov. 21, 2020 in Mercy Hospital Riverside Blvd. after a short illness.

Dorothy was born on Sept. 12, 1934 in Oregon, The daughter of Leo and Lillian (Davis) Stout.

Dorothy then married Roy Borgmann Oct. 1, 1954 in Oregon. Roy preceded her in death on Oct 6, 1994.

Dorothy was a WONDERFUL wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister.

She worked at Kable Printing in her earlier years, as well as the Tasty Freeze in Leaf River.

She loved to play cards with her sons, she enjoyed her tea with the ladies at the Mini Mart there in Leaf River. From her re-



cliner she really enjoyed the hummingbirds in her window while coloring or reading one of her several novels. She made blankets for her grandchildren and her great grandchildren.

She absolutely Loved her Chicago Bears. We always said she was the number one fan!!

Our Good Lord called her home to continue her greatness as an angel. After

all, it's what she has been all her life! She will be so missed.

Dorothy is survived by her children, William R. Borgmann of Adeline, Joanne K. Danekas (Jim) of Leaf River, Darrell R. Borgmann (Pam) of Adeline, David A. Borgmann (Julie) of Leaf River, Leonard E. Borgmann of Leaf River, and Donna R. Hillman (Steve) of Freeport, and a sister, Ada Burke of Grand Detour.

Dorothy is preceded by her parents, her Husband Roy Borgmann, and a sister Mary Morningstar.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home 405 E Hitt St. Mount Morris, IL.

A Celebration of Life will be decided at a later date!

## Ferdinand S. Fransen

BYRON – Ferdinand S. Fransen, 95, a lifelong resident of Byron, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020. Born November 15, 2020 in Marion Twp., Ogle County, the son of Henry and Alma (Slaggett) Fransen.

Ferd, a decorated U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, served in Germany from 1944-1948. He was a Corporal and First Scout of the 393rd Regiment, 99th Division, earning a Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and three Bronze Stars.

Survived by his daughter, Donna (Richard) Van Velzer; grandchildren: Zach Van Velzer, Katie Rose and Todd Fransen; sisters: Marion Reidelberger and Helen Mennenga; and Partner of 20 years, Doris Peterson.

Preceded in death by



his parents; his wife of 50 years, Ruth M. (Maurer) Fransen, married in 1951; son, Dennis Fransen and his wife Melody; granddaughter, Kim Sherman and her husband, Ryan; and siblings: Robert, Henry, Donald, Frank, Stella and Mildred.

He was a noted mechanic in the farming community, called "The Doctor" by farmers for his ability to

bring International Harvesters back to life. In retirement, Ferd enjoyed spending his time gardening and in the company of friends and family. He also enjoyed traveling and the fellowship of the Methodist Church in Davis Junction. Ferd will be remembered as an easy going and humble gentleman. With the squeeze of a hand, he was able to set a strong example of what it means to be a good man.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, services will be held at a later date with burial in Byron Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ferd's name to Davis Junction United Methodist Church. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Byron assisted the family.

## Vivian F. Houpt

BYRON – Vivian F. Houpt, 97, of Byron, died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020 in Generations at Neighbors, Byron. Born April 1, 1923 in Oregon, the daughter of Bert and Mamie (Engelkes) Griswold.

Married to Lester E. Houpt June 6, 1941 in Mt. Morris; he died Nov. 7, 1999. Vivian was a 1940 graduate of Oregon High School and worked with her husband on the family farm

in Rockvale Township for many years prior to moving to Byron.

Survived by her daughter, Betty (Richard) Messer of Byron; grandson, Ron (Paul Williams) Messer of Costa Mesa, Calif.; granddaughter-in-law, Brandie Messer of Stillman Valley; and great grandchildren, Brett Messer and Devan (fiancé Seth Kuss) Messer, both of Stillman Valley.

Also predeceased by her

parents, grandsons, Keven Messer and Steven Messer; and sister Leona Miller.

In keeping with Vivian's wishes, no services are scheduled. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Vivian's name may be made to Village of Progress, Oregon. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Byron assisted the family with arrangements.

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# Obituaries

## Charles N. Currier, Jr.

OREGON – Charles N. Currier, Jr., age 85, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Generations at Neighbor's in Byron.

He was born March 25, 1935 in North Tarrytown, New York the son of Charles N. and Blanche (Richardson) Currier. He graduated from Bolder Colorado High School in 1953. He married Gloria Nelson on March 17, 1962 at the Spring Lake Park Baptist Church in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota. Charles was currently a member of the East Oregon Church of God. He was the pastor of the Conger Street Church of God in Waterloo, Iowa for 11 years. He also



worked for A G Communications in Genoa, Illinois for 10 years in the maintenance department.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Raymond Currier.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Gloria Currier of Oregon, children; Bruce (Kathy) Currier of Supply, North Carolina, Steve Currier of Oregon, Ann VonMutz of Kirksville, Missouri, Michael Currier of Davenport, Iowa, and Kevin (Nicole) Currier of Harmon, his sister Ferolyn Menzel of Granville, Ohio, 12 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Due to covid-19 restrictions, no visitation or service at this time. A memorial fund is established in Charles Currier's name for the East Oregon Church of God. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a memory or condolence.

## Fonda I. Johnson

Fonda I. Johnson, 91, passed away Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, at Franklin Grove Nursing Home.

Fonda was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Canton, Ill., the daughter of Emery and Pearl Peterson. On May 20, 1946 in Canton, she was united in marriage to Raymond Johnson. He preceded her on Oct. 27, 2007. Fonda was a member of the Polo Church of the Brethren. She enjoyed tending to her plants and flowers, crocheting and most of all spending time with her family.



Survivors include daughters Raidene Farster of Dixon; son Dennis (Barbara) Johnson of Kentwood, Mich.; 11 Grand-

children, 21 Great Grandchildren, 9 Great-Great Grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Kelly Orsted; son-in-law Robert Farster; 2 Sisters and 4 Brothers.

All services are private and she will be laid to rest next to her husband at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

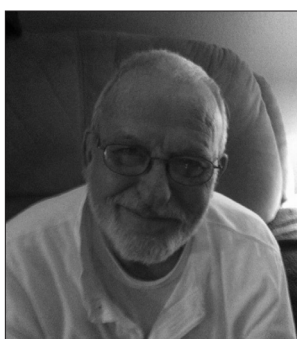
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Polo Church of the Brethren at 401 S. Congress Ave in Polo. Visit [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Michel Allen Deroush

STILLMAN VALLEY – Michel Allen Deroush, age 72, passed away at home on Nov. 18, 2020. He was born on Sept. 11, 1948 in Sikeston, Mo., the son of Frank and Nona (Parks) Deroush.

He is a U.S. Navy veteran and worked for many years at ComEd. He married Marie Belfiore on May 9, 2001. Michel enjoyed woodworking and spending time coaching his sons in soccer. He was a huge Chicago Bears fan. But, more than anything he was a family man who lived for his wife and grandchildren. He would do anything for them.

He is survived by his wife, Marie of Stillman Val-



ley; children, Phillip (Julie) Deroush of Poplar Grove, Kenneth (Jessica) Deroush of Cherry Valley, Heather Deroush of Chicago, Christina (Jeremy) Chavarria of Scottsbluff, Neb., and Robert Grygiel of Princeton; sister, Linda Powell of Rineyville,

Ky.; grandchildren, Brennan, Annelise, Lilah, Joseph, Donovan, Danielle, Caen, Emmali, Baeli, James, Andrew, Cameron, and Jacob; great grandson, Jayce; and siblings in-law, Barb (Howard) Wiemken, Karen (Terry) Houston and Wayne Belfiore.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Nona Deroush and in-laws, Robert and Rosalie Belfiore.

A celebration of Michel's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

## James Tasso

STILLMAN VALLEY – James "Bo" Tasso, age 67, passed away at PA Peterson at the Citadel in Rockford on Nov. 22, 2020. He was born in Elmhurst on Jan. 27, 1953 the son of John and Helen (Talareck) Tasso.

He graduated from Stillman Valley High School class of 1971. Bo married Susan Fruin on May 4, 1973. He owned and operated his own trucking service as an independent contractor for 12 years before starting Tasso Chimney Sweep & Masonry Repair which he ran for almost 30 years. Bo was awarded the President's Award by the NCSG. He served on the board of the Chimney Safety Institute of America where he received the Unsung Hero Award, CSIA Master Sweep Award as well as multiple other



recognitions. He served as an election judge for the Scott Township for many years. In his spare time; Bo was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting. But, more than anything he was a family man who loved spending time with his family and being an involved grandparent.

He is survived by his wife Susan of Stillman Valley; children, Amber (Weslee) McClendon of

Stillman Valley, Thad (Allison) Tasso of Norfolk, Va., and Branden (Leah) Tasso of Richfield, Minn.; siblings, Jon (Heather) Tasso of Calif., Bob Tasso of Ala., Allison (Chuck) Ciaramita of N.C., and Bill Tasso of Ala.; grandchildren, Grant, Kylie, Jackson, Virginia, Braxton, Theo, and one grandson arriving in January 2021; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is predeceased by his parents.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions no services will be held at this time but a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials are established for the Stillman Valley Fire Dept. and Serenity Hospice and Home. To leave an online condolence visit [www.FarrellHollandGale.com](http://www.FarrellHollandGale.com)

## Doris Vogel

HOLCOMB – Doris May Glade Vogel, age 97, passed away on Nov. 16, 2020 at Medina Nursing Center in Durand. She was born on Dec. 31, 1922 near Adair, Iowa the daughter of Walter and Jessie (Coleman) Glade.

She graduated from Creston schools. She married Charles Frances Vogel on Nov. 27, 1941 in Creston, Iowa. He preceded her in death in 1996. Doris was involved in many different things throughout her life including Descendants of the Mayflower Society, National Society of New England Women, Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower Society, National Society Daughters of the War of 1812, American Legion Auxiliary, American Gold Star Mothers, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ogle County Historical Society, Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, National Society of Andersonville, and the Ogle County Genealogical Society. Doris was passionate about genealogy and was a certified genealogical record searcher and had



a registered genealogical research library and office in her home that was free to the public.

She was listed in the "Who's Who's" in genealogy and wrote a column for area newspapers for several years and taught genealogy at Kishwaukee and Rock Valley College. She also spent her time volunteering as a fireman for the Lynn-Scott-Rock fire dept, as an election judge for Scott Township, and Ogle County Hospice.

She is survived by her children, Charlie (Donna) Vogel of Omaha, Neb., and Ronnie Swenson of Pecatonica; grandchildren, Laural, Dustin, and Shane; great grandchildren, Miranda, Mason, Isabella,

Garrett, and Leon; sisters, Betty Griswold of Chariton, IA, Iva (James) Kenagy of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Vi Noerenberg of Antioch, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sons, Donald and Thomas, granddaughters, Andrea and Sarah, and siblings, Raymond, Marinous, Charles, Leanna, and Laverne.

A funeral mass was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron with Father Rich Rosinski officiating. A visitation was held from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Social distancing and mask will be required during the visitation, mass, and burial. The mass will also be live-streamed for those who would prefer to watch from home. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Byron. Memorials are established for St. Mary's Catholic Church, Serenity Hospice & Home, and the Rock River Center. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.FarrellHollandGale.com](http://www.FarrellHollandGale.com)

## Glenn E. Reeder

LEAF RIVER – Glenn E. Reeder, age 73, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 in Liberty Village Manor Court, Freeport. Glenn was born on Aug. 3, 1947 the son of Harry and Hilda (Reader) Reeder. Glenn married Leona Heeren 1967 in Forreton.

Glenn worked for Kable Printing Company, Rockford Blacktop, and Casen Transport, Belvidere before



retiring. Glenn loved to drag race, boat with his family, bowl,

and he loved his dogs.

Glenn is survived by his wife: Leona Reeder, Mt. Morris; son: Tracy Reeder, Mt. Morris; Brother: Brian (Tracy) Reeder, Polo; Sister: Bonnie Bradshaw, Mt. Morris; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morri. A Celebration of life will be held at a later date.



# Obituaries

## Evelyn Marie Poliska

Evelyn Marie Poliska, 90, passed away Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Generations at Neighbors in Byron. Evelyn was born on Nov. 28, 1929 to Alvin and Josephine (Gruben) Detig in Rochelle.

She graduated from Stillman Valley High School, and attended Mount St. Clair College, Clinton, Iowa. On April 7, 1951, Evelyn married Marvin Arthur Poliska at St. Patrick Church in Rochelle. For 33 years, she drove school bus for Lindenwood, Monroe Center and Sycamore school districts.

Evelyn was confirmed at St. Patrick Church in Rochelle and is a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Byron. She thoroughly enjoyed her time as a 4-H leader and surrounding herself with children and teaching them to bake and sew. Evelyn also took great pride serving on the Altar and Rosary Society and other committees at her church. She also enjoyed volunteering her time at Pads and serving the less fortunate on Christmas Eve. Spending time with her family and friends and playing cards with friends or with her



many card clubs brought her the most joy.

Evelyn is survived by her five children: Lynn (Kathy) Poliska of Rochelle, Lisa (Terry) Hardy of Davis Junction, Brian (Laurie) Poliska of Ashton, Bruce (Pam) Poliska of Monroe Center, and Ann (Scott) Wilt of Cherry Valley; 11 grandchildren: Tina (Kory) Allred, Kurt (Caitlin) Poliska, Kelli (Les) Appenzeller, Allen (Kelly) Hardy, Nola (Phil) Eather-ton, Amber (Erik) Bolander, Brenda (Kris) Etchberger, Connie (Jim) Bays, Laura King, Katie Lombardo, Rob Lombardo, Nicole Disch, Keith (Amanda) Rader,

Lindsey (Al) Nelson, Erik (Megan) Zimmerman and Stacy Zimmerman (Devon) Jones; 28 great grandchildren and brother: James Detig.

In addition to her parents, Evelyn is preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Marvin Arthur Poliska, her sisters: Margaret Wills and Dorothy Brennan; brother Robert Detig, and grandson, Brent Poliska.

The family would like to thank the staff at Generations at Neighbors for their care and kindness they provided Evelyn.

For the safety of others, we are following the guidelines of the CDC and therefore the visitation and funeral will be private for immediate family only. The funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Byron with Father Richard Rosinski officiating. The mass will be live streamed on the Unger-Horner Funeral Home Facebook page. Burial followed the service at Lindenwood Cemetery in Lindenwood. A Memorial has been established.

## Patricia Ann Mohr

STILLMAN VALLEY – Patricia Ann Mohr, age 84, died suddenly on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at KSB Hospital in Dixon. She was born Dec. 1, 1935 in Dundee, Iowa the daughter to Lewis and Lenore (Schreiber) Mohr.

Patricia previously worked for the Village of Progress in Oregon. She loved putting jigsaw puzzles together. She also loved to go bowling, dance, and participate in the Special Olympics.

She was predeceased by her parents, sister Betty Wiskerchen, and brother



Randall Mohr.

She is survived by her sister Carol (Phil) Huston of Stillman Valley, special nieces Jo Ellen Krueger of Winnebago and Diana

McCullough of Monroe Center, many other nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions a private graveside service will be held at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Byron with the Rev. Janet Wold of the All Saints Lutheran Church officiating. There is no visitation. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is established in Patricia's name for the Village of Progress in Oregon. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a memory or condolence of Patricia

## Florence Wilson

CHANA – Florence Carolyn Sue Wilson, 76, of Chana, passed away on Nov. 21, 2020. Born Aug. 14, 1944 in Essex, Mo., the daughter of Edgar E. and Helen M. (Campbell) Grace. Carolyn was married to Michael Wilson in 1980; he predeceased her in 2016. She was a loving mother, wife, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many. She enjoyed spending time with family, writing poetry, watching birds, listening to music, reading, playing Scrabble and making people smile. She was always there to lend an ear any time you needed someone to talk to.

Survived by her chil-



dren, Alena (Douglas) Abrahamson of Pecatonica, Roger Strouse of Paragould, Ark., Terry (Crystal) Trostel of Doniphan, Mo., Carla Turner of Doniphan, Mo., Tony (Linda) Trostel of Doniphan, Mo., Dora (Kurt) Parker of Winfield, MO., and Michele Aud-

rain of St. Louis, Mo.; grandchildren, Erin (Nick), Emily, Danie (Brandon), Lane, Michael (Amy), Bailie (Jordan), Alexis, Briana, Cassie (Kalan), Dana (John), Cory, Cidney, Alex, Meagan, Katelyn, Mackenzie, Kylee, and Dijana; 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Donna Short of Poplar Bluff, MO; and special caregiver, Kelsey.

Also, predeceased by her grandson, Christopher Abrahamson; siblings, Bill Grace, Bob Grace, Thelma Henderson, and Debra Adkins; and son-in-law, DeWayne Turner.

Family burial will be held in the spring in Doniphan, Mo. with a Celebration of Life to follow.

## Joyce Antonia Wills

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

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

Joyce loved spending time with all four of her grandchildren and was loved



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

She is predeceased by her father Donald and grand-

Joyce will be deeply missed by her survivors:

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

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

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

## Leaf River has positions open

LEAF RIVER – Notice is hereby given that the Clerk's office at the Leaf River Township Building, 12 Main St., Leaf River, will open on Dec. 14 from 6-7:30 p.m. to accept candidate Petitions for the Consolidated Election, April 6, 2021, for the following offices: Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor, Highway Commissioner and

Trustees (4).

Up until the final filing time, a petition can be filed by calling and making an appointment with the Township Clerk, Sandra Theden at 815-979-2325.

Final petition filing time is Dec. 21 at the Leaf River Township Building from 4-5 p.m.

## Village sets times to accept petitions

The office of the Leaf River Village Clerk will be open from on the following dates and times to accept candidate petitions or certificates for the consolidated election to be held on April 6, 2021 for the positions of village president and three village trustees.

Dec. 14 – 4-7 p.m.

Dec. 15 – 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dec. 16 – 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Dec. 17 – 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 – 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dec. 21 – noon-5 p.m.

Petitions can be obtained at the Village Office, 605 Main Street, or by contacting the Village Clerk, Tena Krueger at 815-275-0771 (cell). All information can be provided by Ogle County Clerk's Office.

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



# Byron Police report

Oct. 15  
Erin McGowan, 38 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 54 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Mary Golembeck, 37 of Belvidere, was issued a citation for Speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Darrell Reed, 32 of Byron, was issued citations for No Valid Registration, No Proof of Insurance, Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle, and Improper Use of Registration.

Yhesica Paredes, 25 of Capron, was issued citations for No Proof of Insurance and Speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Oct. 17  
Phillip Mauro, 64 of Rockford, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Oct. 20  
Boushra Alubaidy, 20 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 56 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Ellis Kereven-Roby, 22 of Rockford, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Oct. 21  
Byron Police arrested Geoffrey Connell, 68 of Byron, on a warrant. Connell was

transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Oct. 22  
Brian Dalton, 60 of Machesney Park, was issued a citation for Speeding 54 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Oct. 23  
Daniel Johnson, 28 of Freeport, was issued a citation for Disobeying a Traffic Control Signal.

Michael Young, 27 of Loves Park, was issued a citation for Speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Oct. 24  
Jeanette Larson, 37 of Byron, was issued citations for No Valid Driver's License and No Proof of Insurance.

Oct. 25  
Lorieta Allen, 29 of Dixon, was issued a citation for No Valid Driver's License. Her passenger, Jessica Gil, 26 of Dixon, was arrested on a Lee County warrant. Gil was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Oct. 26  
Ann Marie Kowalczyk, 56 of Stillman Valley, was issued a citation for Speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph Zone.



## Boutique hosting open house

MOUNTMORRIS—The Unique Boutique Crafter's Mall will host a Christmas Open House on Friday and Saturday Dec. 4th and 5th from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days.

The Mall will offer a free gift to all shoppers and a photo backdrop for patrons to take their own photos.

Located at 7 East Center Street in Mount Morris, the boutique hosts crafters of all artistic media including

jewelry, vintage linens and quilt creations, laser wood, cards, masks, wreaths, shirts, pillows, candy, hats, quilting, signs, fleece ponchos, and much more. With a variety of items and a variety of prices there is something for all ages. Bring in the kids to shop.

In conjunction with the town celebration and tree lighting, the Open House is also a part of the 2020 Holiday Shop Hop which

includes six participating stores in Sterling, Dixon, Rock Falls, and Morrison in addition to the Unique Boutique in Mt. Morris. Get your card punched at each shop for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to each of the participating shops.

The Unique Boutique regular hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and offers ordering and curbside pickup by calling 815-677-4302.



## Rockvale Township petitions available

Petitions are available for Rockvale Township for the offices of Supervisor, Road Commissioner, Town Clerk and four Trustees.

This is for the consolidated election to be held April 6, 2021.

Petitions may be obtained by contacting the Rockvale Township Clerk, Karen Wolber at 815-994-0882 or by contacting the Ogle County Clerks office.

Completed petitions must be filed with the Rockvale Township Clerk beginning Dec. 14, from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Rockvale Townhall or by appointment after that.

Filing concludes Dec. 21 at 5 p.m.



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## Oregon FFA to sell Christmas trees with COVID guidelines

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

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

Revised hours are:

Saturdays and Sundays and Friday after Thanksgiving (Opening Day, Nov. 27)

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

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

p.m. – Open to general public

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\* Please wear a mask when checking out with the cashier and at the no-contact con-

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

Students have been working year round with trimming, watering, fertilizing and weed control at the tree farm to give customers one of the best years of selection ever. FFA members will be on site for most of the time to assist with carrying trees, netting them and even securing them to the vehicles. A non-contact concession stand will be open offering individually wrapped apple cider donuts, hot cocoa and coffee. Because of COVID protection guidelines, Santa and Mrs. Claus and wagon rides will not be offered this year.

For more information, go to [www.sinnissippitrees.com](http://www.sinnissippitrees.com) or call 708-710-8354. The annual Ogle Country Christmas tree recycling day will be in the first week of January.

## Church hosting annual Christmas bazaar

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.



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# Christmas in Ogle County



## Mount Morris Goodfellows accepting holiday donations

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

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

Each holiday season, for more than 60 years, the Goodfellows have pro-

vided food assistance and fruit baskets to residents in Mt. Morris.

Donations can be mailed to Mt. Morris Goodfellows, P.O. Box 75, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 or dropped into a Goodfellows donation can located at local businesses. Participating Mt. Morris businesses are Sterling Federal Bank, Union Savings Bank, Rockford Bell Credit Union, Cimino's Pizza, The Idle Hour, Moose Lodge, Peppermill Restaurant, Sharky's, Shell

Express, Sullivan's Grocery, Village Hall, Mobil, Eclips Hair Salon, Home-town Restaurant, Campus Café and Mullarkey's Bar & Grill.

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

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

The Mt. Morris Goodfellows appreciate your support.

## Lights on First runs through Jan. 3

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

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

The show will begin daily at 5 p.m. and

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

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

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

## Sign up for basket program by Nov. 30

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 through.

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

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

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# Miracle on 2nd Street

## Annual holiday celebration set for Dec. 4



Celebrate the holidays in Byron during the 24th Annual Miracle on 2nd Street, presented by Byron Bank, on Friday, Dec. 4.

Our festive local tradition helps ignite the magical feeling of Christmas and kicks off the shopping season. The sights and sounds of the holiday will take place from 6-8:30 p.m.

Highlights of the evening include a Live Nativity by Cornerstone Family Church, Festival of Trees at the Byron Museum of History, visits with Santa sponsored by Stillman Bank and the opportunity to write letters to him. You will find fun around every corner with free hayrides sponsored by Exelon Generations, live animals from Hoo Haven, and affordable Stuff A Bear with Teddy Mountain!

Participate in Grinchmas Bingo! What

is Grinchmas Bingo? Stop by any participating business during this event and pick up a bingo card. Participating businesses will have a Mini Grinch displayed. Get your Bingo Card stamped at each location and turn them into Byron Bank by noon on Dec. 18. Winners will be drawn on Dec. 18 at Byron Bank.

The event also features business and community group treats, fundraisers, entertainment and much more!

Stop by each downtown business and booth to enjoy their Christmas treats and specials!

For more information regarding this event, please contact the Byron Chamber of Commerce office at 815-234-5500, Byron Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page or visit [www.byronchamber.com](http://www.byronchamber.com).

## Sponsors

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# Club, church donate coats

POLO – The Polo Women’s Club partnered with Crossroads Community Church to distribute donated coats and warm weather accessories at no charge to the community on Saturday, Nov. 14, in Polo. The club received more than 300 coats and many warm hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves from kind donors in ours and

neighboring communities. We thank you for your selflessness and generosity. The remaining items were donated to The Caring Center and The Salvation Army in Sterling where they will be distributed at no cost to those in need. We thank and appreciate all those involved in this event.

# RRC hosting free lunch on Dec. 4

OREGON – Rock River Center prepared and distributed more than 115 meals at Free Lunch Friday on Nov. 6 thanks to the generosity of The Etnyre Foundation. The next Free Lunch Friday has an additional sponsor, Heritage Woods of Belvidere. It will be curbside service only

with pre-registration by Dec. 2. Special dietary meals are available when requested at the time of registration. Curbside pickup for lunch on Dec. 4 starts at 11:30 a.m. The Dec. 4 menu is lasagna, garlic bread, salad, Santa surprise dessert bag and a drink.



## Blood drive

The Stillman Valley National Honor Society recently hosted a community blood drive on Sept. 24 at Stillman Valley High School. The drive was a great success. The Rock River Valley Blood Center was able to register 47 people and collect 30 units of life saving blood. That is up to 90 lives saved. Of the 47 registrants, 19 were first time donors. The National Honor Society would like to thank all of those who stopped by to donate. They will be hosting another drive in April.



## Pine Creek Township petitions available

Petitions are available in Pine Creek Township for supervisor, road commissioner, clerk and four trustees for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated election. Completed petitions must be filed with the Pine Creek Township clerk between Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 at 5 p.m.

For information and petitions, call Gloria Newcomer at 815-440-0029 or the Ogle County Clerk’s office. You must be a registered voter and live in Pine Creek Township for at least a year.

Petitions and requirements for multi-township (Eagle Point, Grand Detour, Pine Creek and Woosung) Assessor are also available at the Ogle County Clerk’s office. Filing date is Dec. 14 to Dec. 21.

## The 2021 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

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



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 30

Free DIY holiday wreath take and make from the Oregon Library. Kits will be available for pick up beginning today. Video instructions will be posted to our website using YouTube. Registration for kits are required, only 10 kits available 815-732-2724. Oregon Public Library patrons must present their library card.

Thurs., Dec. 3

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri., Dec. 4

Free Lunch Friday at the Rock River Center. It will be curbside service only with pre-registration by Dec. 2. Special dietary meals are available when requested at the time of registration. Curbside pickup for lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the holidays in Byron during the 24th Annual Miracle on 2nd Street, presented by Byron Bank. The festive local tradition helps ignite the magical feeling of

Christmas and kicks off the shopping season. The sights and sounds of the holiday will take place from 6-8:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 5

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

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, 11 a.m.-

1 p.m., at the St. Mary Parish Center in Oregon. The event will include lunch, raffles, and cookies.

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

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Dec. 18, 1777, the new United States celebrates its first national day of thanksgiving, commemorating the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga after the surrender of Gen. John Burgoyne and 5,000 British troops in October 1777.

\* On Dec. 14, 1909, workers place the last of the 3.2 million 10-pound bricks that pave the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Since then, most of that brick has been buried under asphalt, but 1 yard remains exposed at the start-finish line. Kissing those bricks after a successful race remains a tradition among Indy drivers.

\* On Dec. 19, 1968, Warner Brothers releases the movie "Bullitt," starring Steve McQueen, in Sweden, two months after its debut in U.S. theaters. Many critics consider "Bullitt" to be one of the greatest action movies ever made, because of the seven-minute car chase through the streets of San Francisco.

\* On Dec. 15, 1973, Jean Paul Getty III, the grandson of American billionaire J. Paul Getty, is found alive near Naples, Italy, five months after his kidnapping. Getty had initially refused to pay the ransom, but agreed after the boy's severed right ear was sent to a newspaper in Rome.

\* On Dec. 20, 1989, the United States invades Panama in an attempt to overthrow military dictator Manuel Noriega, who had been indicted in the U.S. on drug trafficking charges. His Panamanian Defense Forces were promptly crushed.

\* On Dec. 16, 1998, President Bill Clinton announces he has ordered air strikes against Iraq because it refused to cooperate with United Nations weapons inspectors. Key members of Congress accused Clinton of using the air strikes to divert attention from ongoing impeachment proceedings against him.

\* On Dec. 17, 2003, "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the final film in the trilogy based on the best-selling fantasy novels by J.R.R. Tolkien, opens in theaters.

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## There is still plenty to be thankful for

Let's just go ahead and say it: 2020 has been a real bummer of a year.

This pandemic has clearly put the clamp down on a lot of things in our lives. For me, it has meant a lot of cancelled band gigs, and not going to see live music – something I absolutely love to do. We have spent less time with friends and basically no time with family. As social people, this has been pretty hard.

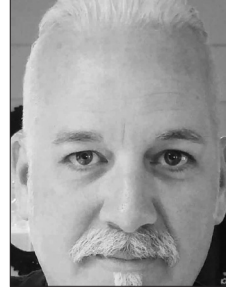
A motorcycle trip I had planned with two friends to New Mexico was put off until next year (finger's crossed) and a planned trip to see my dad is also on hold.

Of course, that meant more time at home to get all of those projects I had been putting off done. Honestly, I have completed about .000001 percent of them.

Thankfully, I like my wife, which is a good thing as we have been working from home together since the end of March. She usually travels a lot for work, but instead she is stuck at home with me

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



day after nearly endless day.

Yes, she is a saint.

But as we reached Thanksgiving last week, I had to stop and realize how fortunate I am. And I am sure you all did much the same. Yes, it has been a difficult year, but there are many, many things to be thankful for.

\* My daughter, Julie, got married this year. She married a great young man, too, so that is double great. Her wedding was a very beautiful affair at a great place in

Duluth, Minn., where they live. We all wore our masks and followed the rules and no one got COVID-19. It was a day I will never forget.

\* I bought a new guitar this year. Is that something to be thankful for, you ask? Well, to me it certainly is. It was 14 years old and in mint condition. It is an electric guitar made by a brand that is getting harder to find and is nearly impossible to find in mint condition. So yes, that is something I am very thankful for!

\* My son, Nick, graduates from college in a couple of weeks. He finished his 6-years enlistment in the Air Force and went right to Florida to go to college after he got out. It took a little more than four years, but the kid I was certain would never graduate from high school is nearly a college graduate. And he got great grades to boot. I am so proud.

\* I did not throw up this year. Hear me out. I have not thrown up since 1983, and every year that I extend

this record is a banner year. I didn't even really come close this year. (I wonder if I just jinxed myself – the year isn't over!)

\* I celebrated another year of marriage to my best friend. This is truly something I cherish and am very, very thankful for. I am not sure where I would be in my life without my wife.

\* I got a chance to continue to write these weekly columns. Sure, some of you might not put this on your thankful list, but I certainly do. I love to get my thoughts down and in print every week. It is such a privilege that I am able to do so, and I never take it for granted. Thanks for reading these columns!

\* Finally, I am thankful for you, the people who still read newspapers. There are fewer of us every year, but we are hanging on. I appreciate your dedication to the newspaper and am honored you choose to read us.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



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## Thanks to volunteers in these new times

Dear Editor,

As the holidays come upon us, there have been many changes for us with the pandemic. As volunteer coordinator, things have changed for Loaves and Fish food pantry also.

We have had to adjust to new ways, and I want to thank my volunteers, past and present. I have many that are dedicated, hard working and are great team members. We have had to limit the numbers of volunteers to a minimum to keep them and the patrons safe. Many thanks to all of them and also to Sullivan's for their donations for us.

So this holiday season, thank you to the patrons, board of directors, and volunteers, and community for their hard work. Everyone please stay safe and happy holidays.

Lori Wolff, Loaves & Fish Mt. Morris





# State agencies encourage people to prepare for winter

SPRINGFIELD – While the official start of winter is not for several weeks, those in Illinois know that winter weather is inevitable.

Knowing what to do before a winter storm strikes can provide peace of mind and ultimately impact how well we respond and recover from any winter storm. To help Illinois residents be prepared for winter weather, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and National Weather Service (NWS) developed a Winter Weather Preparedness Guide to help families prepare for extreme cold, snow and ice.

“Being unprepared for winter weather is not only inconvenient, but it can be dangerous,” said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “We are encouraging all Illinoisans to take a few minutes to put together your home and vehicle emergency supply kits and review the steps you should take to stay safe during hazardous winter weather.”

A study published in 2020 by the University of Illinois Chicago found that nearly 95-percent of temperature related deaths in Illinois were due to cold weather. According to the NWS, the coldest temperature on record occurred on January 31, 2019 when the mercury dropped to negative 38 degrees near Mt. Carroll in Carroll County. The previous record of negative 36 degrees was set in 1999.

Being in the cold too long can cause serious health problems. Hypothermia, or a drop in the body’s core temperature, does not require sub-arctic temperatures and can set in when you are indoors and outdoors. Hypothermia is especially dangerous and can be fatal if not detected promptly and treated properly. Frostbite occurs when your extremities (fingers, toes, nose, and ears) are exposed to cold weather. The skin may become stiff and numb leading to severe tissue damage. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation.

Take precautions when working outside

“Many Illinois workers, such as first-responders, public works crews and construction workers, will have to brave the outdoor elements this winter to do their jobs,” said Illinois Department of Labor Director Michael Kleinik. “It is vital for these workers to prepare ahead for severe conditions. Proper clothing is a must but making sure your body is ready for the added stress is also important.”

Hospital emergency rooms see an increase in cardiac incidents each winter. The frigid cold causes your body to go into protection mode, narrowing blood vessels. That can increase strain on the heart for those doing hard physical labor. Preventative maintenance is a good idea. Medical professionals encourage people who must work outside regularly in the winter weather consider scheduling a physical exam before that winter work begins.

Common sense and self-awareness are the keys to winter weather safety. Workers should know the signs of hypothermia, not push their bodies to an extreme, layer clothing and make sure they have plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

Recognize home heating dangers

Every year, more than 400 people die in the U.S. from accidental carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. CO is found in fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces. CO can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it.

“Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths with half of home heating fires occurring during the months of December, January and February. That is why it’s so important to have your furnace, wood burning stoves, fireplaces and chimneys inspected and cleaned by licensed profession-

als every year. Test all smoke and CO alarms in the homes monthly and replace expired or broken alarms. Having these heating devices checked and serviced will help prevent fires and tragedies from occurring in our communities this winter,” said State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

Ice and snow, take it slow

Preparing for winter also means adjusting your driving habits. Snowy or ice-coated roads and reduced visibility due to fog or blowing snow results in thousands of motor vehicle crashes every year in Illinois. Many of these crashes can be avoided by slowing down on city streets, rural roads and highways. Traffic studies have shown that many times, minor accumulations of snow or ice on roads can be just as dangerous for motorists as major snowstorms.

“As we head into winter, the preparations and planning you do today can save your life in the months ahead,” said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “Pack an emergency kit to store in your vehicle. Build extra time in your schedules if you are driving this winter. Give our plows and workers room to do their jobs. And always be asking yourself when the forecast calls for snow and ice: Is this trip really necessary?”

For the latest road conditions and other travel information, bookmark and follow IDOT’s www.GettingAroundIllinois.com throughout the year.

Keep in mind, being prepared for winter doesn’t have to cost a lot of money or take a lot of time. It could be as simple as making sure your vehicle is in good winter driving condition, adding a winter survival kit to your car, changing your furnace filter at home and stocking or updating your family’s emergency supply kit. Take time now to prepare your family, home, vehicles and driving habits for everything from a dusting of snow to a major winter storm.



## Pastor retires

The Mount Morris Church of the Brethren celebrated the retirement of its pastor, Pastor Ginny Haney, on Aug. 30. After 14 years as spiritual leader of the church, Pastor Ginny led her church for the final time with an outside, drive-in worship service in the church yard. Special church friend, Emmalynn with mother, Stephanie, briefly visited the service. The Haney's were gifted by the congregation with a clock engraved with a Bible verse. During the service, Pastor Ginny was recognized by Loaves and Fish board member, Pastor Bruce McKanna, for her years of serving the food pantry. Haney was instrumental in beginning the food pantry, and getting it housed at the church. That afternoon, Pastor Ginny and husband, Steve, were honored with a drive-by reception.

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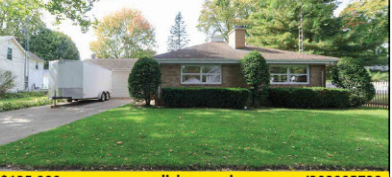
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Here is your opportunity to own a bit of paradise! This 2.24 acre parcel that adjoins Castle Rock State park with over 2000 acres!! This property is zoned AG1 and is buildable. Sitting high with views of the river valley for miles! There is a 48x36 Clearly building for all your toys!! There is also an existing well on the property. Here is your chance to own a parcel adjoining Castle Rock State Park with abundant wildlife and hiking trails for miles! Buy today and build later. Don't delay call today!



**Lots in Svoboda Woods in Oregon**  
Call Rebecca

CHOICE SETTING! Come home to peaceful surroundings with your own lot ranging from .57 acres to nearly 5 acres in town! Buildable lot in Svoboda Woods. This lot is enhanced by beautiful & mature wooded surroundings. Making it an exceptional location for your dream home. You will enjoy having country charm with city convenience with historic, downtown Oregon, schools & parks just blocks away from your front door. City water/sewer available. Buy now so you can enjoy the Spring in your NEW HOME!



**211 W Front Street Mount Morris**  
Call Lori \$85,000

Ready and waiting. Great features in this 2 story home with a 2 car garage. Very large enclosed porch on the front and large deck on the back. New carpet in the living room. Eat-in kitchen plus a dining room with wood laminate flooring. First floor has a half bathroom and the second floor has a large, full bathroom. Living room is huge and has a fireplace. Maintenance free siding on house and garage. This is it. You can quit looking at other houses now!



**4402 S Chana Road Chana**  
Call Stephanie \$229,900

You will love this Modern Farmhouse Style 2 Story home complete with 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms all on 2.74 acres! The wrap around front porch leads you into the open living room and kitchen, which boasts white cabinetry, modern countertops, center island, cedar stained beams and farmhouse lighting. Main floor master and master bath leads to a screened in porch which overlooks the spacious rural setting and surrounding fields. Everything is new including the steel roof, wiring, plumbing, ductwork, a/c unit and so much more. Nothing to do but move in!



**415 N State Street Belvidere** \$78,500  
Call Erin

Own a piece of Midwest history! One of the few Lustron homes left in Illinois! Perfect for Buyers looking for their first home or their last! This low to zero maintenance home would be perfect for investors to use for rental income! All steel construction with awesome extras like custom built – ins, retrofitted with traditional heating and central air, and workshop out back. Great location in downtown Belvidere, close to shopping and more! Come and see this one of a kind gem!

### It Pays to Sell with a Real Estate Agent

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**For Sale By Owner (FSBO)** is the process of selling real estate without a broker or real estate agent representing you. Here's why selling as a FSBO is a big mistake.

**You're Likely to Net More Money Working with an Agent**

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**Selling on Your Own Can Be Difficult from a Legal Standpoint**

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**Negotiating the Deal Is Complex**

**Here's who you'll have to negotiate with if you try to sell your house on your own:**

- Buyer
- Buyer's Agent
- Home Inspector
- Appraiser, if there's a question of value
- Buyer's Attorney, in some parts of the country

**Your Safety Is a Priority**

**When you sell on your own, it's very hard to control entry into your home.**

Real estate professionals are experienced in keeping you safe with **proper sanitization measures and COVID-19 guidance.**

They also use technology like **virtual tours** to limit access to your home.

Selling your house on your own leaves you to manage the entire transaction by yourself. Before you decide to take on this challenge, let's connect to make sure you're safe and successful every step of the way.



**Open House**  
Sunday December 7th 11 am - 1 pm  
Hosted by Andrea Baumann

**121 Nancy Street Mt Morris \$155,000**  
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**512 N Division Polo now \$69,900**

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!



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**Carla Benesh**  
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815-440-2145



**Andrea Baumann**  
815-245-7549



# Oregon Library News

## New library procedures

Oregon Public Library has shifted to touch free services due to the Tier 3 mitigations. We will only be offering curbside pick up and appointments for computer use, printing or faxing. If you are interested in curbside pick up or a computer reservation please call 815-732-2724. Holds can be placed three different way:

Online through the catalog: <http://search.prairiecat.info/iii/encore/?lang=eng>

Over the phone with Library staff at 815-732-2724, or through our NEW mobile App - PrairieCat Mobile.

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

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

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

## December Distraction – it's back

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

Yoga with Jennifer no-

time: Yoga is suspended until the mitigations set forth on Nov. 20 are lifted.

## Maker Monday December

Free DIY holiday wreath take and make

Kits will be available for pick up beginning Nov. 30. Video instructions will be posted to our website using YouTube. Registration for kits are required, only 10 kits available 815-732-2724. Oregon Public Library patrons must present their library card.

## Name that Tune and Music

Trivia Night – Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 6 p.m., PRIZES to local shopping venues. This event will be a LIVE virtual event. Musician Dan Fogel will run the interactive fun evening of musical trivia just in time for the Holidays. Registration required (815) 732-2724 and must present Oregon Public Library Card to participate.

## Holiday scavenger hunt

– Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. PRIZES to local shopping venues.

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

Meeting ID: 858 1160 3753  
Passcode: 111976

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

## Ugly sweater contest

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

2nd Prize: \$5 Village Bakery Certificate. MUST be Oregon Public Library District Patron.

## Paint your New Year's Eve glass

Make and Take Kits Available – Dec. 28

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

MUST be Oregon Public Library District Patron.

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

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

The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

Library book clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, December 9 at 1 pm to discuss Mr. Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss A Christmas Blizzard by Garrison Keillor. Books on Tap Book Club meets on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at Cork n Tap, pending COVID mitigation recommendations, to discuss One Day in December by Josie Silver.

## Maker Monday's – Take and Make Kits

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

One Monday a month, the Library will provide a take and make kit. The class will be held



Oregon Public Library is a Red Bow Give-A-Way location...during Tier 3 mitigations the staff will be happy to register you for the drawing when you call the library. Just let them know you are interested in participating.

at 10:30 a.m. on a Monday, and will be recorded for use at any time if you are unable to attend the live virtual class. Please register 815-732-2724.

## Oregon Public Library StoryWalk® – New story now available!

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. The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka begins on the path at the main parking lot.

## New releases

Artists of The Rock River Valley by E. William LeFevre (Non-Fiction 759.1733 LEF)

The Luckiest Man: Life with John McCain by Mark Salter (Biography BIO MCC)

A Promised Land by Barack Obama (Biography BIO OBA)

Eleanor by David Michaelis (Biography BIO ROO)

Consumer Reports Buying Guide 2021 by Consumer Reports (Non-Fiction 640.73 CON 2021)

The Best of Me by David Sedaris (Non-Fiction 818.54 SED)

Little Bird-Book One: The Fight For Elder's Hope by Darcy Van Poelgeest (Non-Fiction Graphic Novel 741.5 VAN)

Waging Peace: One Soldier's Story Of Putting Love First by Diana Oestreich (Biography BIO OES)

Hidden In Plain Sight by Jeffrey Archer (Fiction)

Double Agent by Tom Bradby (Fiction)

The Best American Short Stories edited by Curtis Sittenfeld (Fiction)

The Haunting Of Brynn Wilder by Wendy Webb (Fiction)

Girls of Brackenhill by Kate Moretti (Fiction)

The Blended Quilt by Wanda E. Brunstetter & Jean Brunstetter (Fiction)



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# Byron Library News

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

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

services and for our calendar of events.

**Curbside Delivery**  
 Curbside service is here to stay! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

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

**Hot Chocolate Sticks**  
 Friday, Dec. 4  
 Any time after 9 a.m. on YouTube.  
 Homemade hot chocolate sticks make a warm, yummy Christmas gift. Kits will include chocolate, garnishes, plastic cups, stirring sticks, a cellophane bag, tag, and string. Additional supplies needed include

a microwave-safe bowl, spatula, butter knife, paper towel, cooking spray, scissors, a drinking glass, microwave and refrigerator. The YouTube link will be emailed to registrants. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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

**Share Your Story**  
 Monday, Dec. 21  
 11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom  
 Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories

with the group, if interested. A journal will be provided to each registrant, and will be available for pick up at the library any time after Friday, Dec. 18. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

**Choose a Word for 2021**  
 Tuesday, Dec. 29  
 6-7 p.m., via Zoom  
 Instead of a New Year's Resolution try something new: choose a word to focus on in 2021. Choosing a word with intention can encourage you to discover a life goal and give you direction. Join Beth as you ponder questions to encourage you in choosing your word. After discovering your word, you will create a visual reminder. A list of potential words will be provided. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

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

# Bertolet Library News

Free! your household e-learning? Does your workstation need a new chair? We have several office/computer chairs available for free so everyone has a comfortable chair for their daily learning and working.

Hat and Mitten Tree: Again this year, we are collecting warm hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens. Hang your contribution on our tree by the end of the year. They will be distributed through the New Life Community Center in Forreston in January.

**New Releases**  
 Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction  
 (Im)perfectly Happy by Sharina Harris  
 Deadly Cross by James Patterson  
 The Awakening by Nora Roberts  
 Think Like a Monk by Jay Shetty  
 Someone Else's Secret by Julia Spiro  
 Children's Fiction  
 Merry Christmas Peppa with Peppa Pig  
 The Most Wonderful Gift In the World by Mark Sperring  
 How Do Dinosaurs Say Merry Christ-

mas by Jane Yolen

**Wednesday WhoDunIt**  
 Wednesday WhoDunIt will resume after the holidays. Put a new mystery title on your Christmas wish list!

**Family Story Time**  
 Family Story Time will resume after the holidays. In the meantime, Miss Jana will have weekly take-home crafts available

each Monday, beginning November 30. Stop in to pick a craft for your little one to do over the break.

Reminder: We are unable to collect soft plastics at this time. Also, we regretfully cannot accept book donations right now. We apologize for the inconvenience. We ask that you refrain from depositing your plastics and book donations unattended. Thank you for your cooperation.

E-mail news items to  
 bjennings@oglecountylife.com  
 Please send photos in the jpeg format.

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**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  
**510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle** 562-6976  
**Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499  
**Visiting Nurses Association** 971-3755  
**4223 E State, Rockford**

# 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.

Masks are required for patrons to come into the library. We have disposable masks available to purchase for \$1 if you don't have a mask or if you forgot yours at home.

## **Additional Curbside Services**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Book Subscription Box – Grades 6-12**

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

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

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

## **Pinterest Party at Home**

Stop by the Library, or email library@pololibrary.org, for instructions to make this month's craft.

## **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.

## **A Note on Donations**

Due to the need to quarantine items before they can be checked in and put back in their place, we regretfully do not have the space to receive donated items at this time.

## **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.



# Julia Hull Library News

## Library Services

Due to Statewide COVID-19 mitigations, the library will halt all in-person services, beginning Friday, November 20 until further notice.

Curbside pickup, remote services, and online programming will proceed as normal: Monday 9-3; Tuesday-Thursday 9-8; Friday-Saturday 9-5.

What will this look like? Patrons may still reserve program kits and materials online or by telephone to collect curbside; register and renew library cards via email; and email and drop-off documents for copying, faxing, and scanning. Patrons may also contact library staff to personally shop for them. System-wide interlibrary loan is still available. And, as always, digital materials can be accessed 24/7 on our website. For assistance, please give us a call: 815-645-8611.

## Register for a Library Card

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

## PrairieCat Library App

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

Library."

## A Song & A Story

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

## 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, December 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.

## Teens: Holiday Cards of Hope

This winter season we're partnering with Braid Mission to create holiday cards for children and teens in the foster care system. Teens will pick up a to-go kit of card making supplies and join Kelly on Zoom on Friday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m., to write & craft together. Finished cards can be dropped off at the library by Monday, Dec. 7 for mailing. Call, stop by, or fill out our form online to register: <http://www.julia-hull.org/curbside-pickup-request>. Ages 13-17.

## Pajama Storytime

The whole family is invited to a special evening storytime series! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for



Participants joined Historian-Performer, Leslie Goddard, PhD, on Zoom at Julia Hull Library for a fascinating and nostalgic look back at Mid-Century America and its impact on how we celebrate Christmas today (Stillman Valley).

interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Next up: Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Email [khaas@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:khaas@mail.meridian223.org), or FB message the library for a link to the program.

## Young Critics Book Club

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

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## Short & Sweets

Too busy to read a book? Pick up a copy of this month's short story selection ("The Turkey Season," by Alice Munro), then join us on Zoom Wednesday, December 16 at 10:00 AM for an engaging conversation with a fun and fabulous group of readers! Copies of the reading available electronically, or on good old-fashioned paper. Email Joanna at [jkluver@meridian223.org](mailto:jkluver@meridian223.org)

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

## Holiday Science: Erupting Ornaments

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

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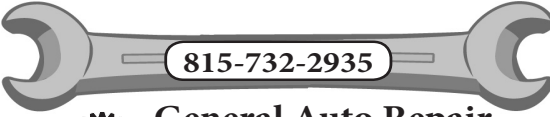

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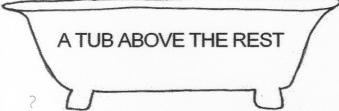
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# Forreston Library News

## Christmas in the Country & Virtual StoryTime with Santa, December 4th and 5th

Due to capacity restrictions, we are not able to host our annual "Cookies and Cocoa with Santa" this year. However, we will be open Friday evening from 4-7 p.m. for children to stop in and pick up a Christmas craft and sign up for our raffle prizes. Then on Saturday at 10:30 am, join Santa on our Facebook page as he reads a fun Christmas story that goes along with the craft.

## 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

Only a few more weeks remain to pick up nominating petitions 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 and also check out our recently updated website at forrestonlibrary.org. 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.

# Northern Illinois University announces 2020 summer graduates

DeKALB, Ill. – Over 550 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in August.

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Oregon – Cortney Parker, Bachelor of Science, Kine-

siology

Northern Illinois University is a student-centered, nationally recognized public research university, with expertise that benefits its region and spans the globe in a wide variety of fields, including the sciences, humanities, arts, business, engineering, education, health and law. Through its main campus in DeKalb, Illinois, and education centers for students and working profession-

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## BYRON

### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website  
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 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](http://www.AllSaintsByron.org) or call the office for details.

### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](http://cornerstonefamilychurch.org)  
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 Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin  
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 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson  
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 Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:  
 Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am  
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## 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](http://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.

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### EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940  
 Pastor Eric Tonjes, [www.kishchurch.org](http://www.kishchurch.org)  
 Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM  
 Gathered Worship 10:00 AM  
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 office.

### VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872  
 Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • [www.valleycov.org](http://www.valleycov.org)  
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 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  
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 2609; e-mail: [middlecreekchurch@gmail.com](mailto:middlecreekchurch@gmail.com)  
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva  
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 Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School  
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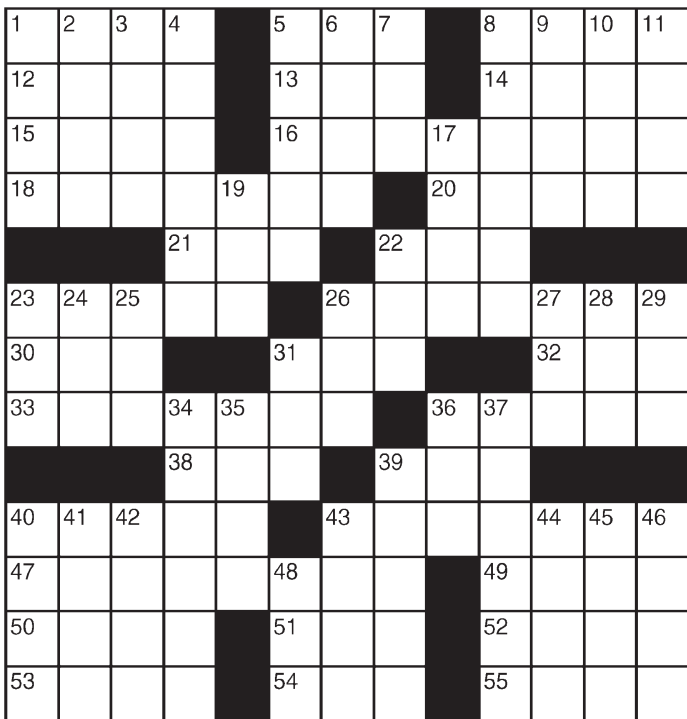


# Weekly Brain Busters

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 "Grand"
- 5 Letterman's network
- 8 Out of control
- 12 Suspend
- 13 Weeding tool
- 14 Wise one
- 15 Killer whale
- 16 Lineage
- 18 Astronauts' descent to Earth
- 20 Locations
- 21 Comic DeLuise
- 22 Satchel
- 23 "Forget it!"
- 26 Nation
- 30 Lawyers' org.
- 31 Sly one
- 32 Nay opponent



- look
- 10 Shrek, for one
- 35 Forum garment
- 33 Racism, e.g.
- 54 Possess
- 11 Jailer's janglers
- 36 Second person
- 36 Aden's land
- 55 Duel tool
- 17 Jacob's brother
- 37 Intertwine
- 39 Adams or Ameche
- 1 Valhalla VIP
- 19 Plaything
- 39 Senior member
- 40 Clean software
- 2 Aesopian also-ran
- 22 Carton
- 40 Soap brand
- 43 Turducken, e.g.
- 3 Formerly
- 24 Japanese sash
- 41 Advantage
- 42 Drill
- 43 Front of a ship
- 44 Snare
- 45 Irritate
- 46 New Haven campus
- 48 Pair
- 49 Met melody
- 6 Skeletal
- 27 Scot's hat
- 51 Trouble
- 7 Moment
- 28 Deli bread
- 52 Ring up
- 9 Delegate
- 29 Longing
- 53 Lecherous
- 8 Delegate
- 31 To and —
- 34 Eye-related

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## MAGIC MAZE ● FOUND BY DIGGING

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

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

- Arrowheads
- Chambers
- Gold
- Rings
- Artifacts
- Coins
- Money
- Time capsule
- Bones
- Diamonds
- Mummy
- Treasure
- Buttons
- Fossils
- Pottery

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 7 | 2 | 5 |   |   |   | 6 |   |
| 5 |   |   |   |   | 8 | 2 |   |   |
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|   | 5 |   | 4 |   |   | 3 |   |   |
| 4 |   |   |   | 9 |   |   | 5 |   |
|   |   | 8 |   |   | 2 | 9 |   | 7 |
|   |   | 4 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 2 |
| 2 |   |   | 9 |   |   | 7 |   | 8 |
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

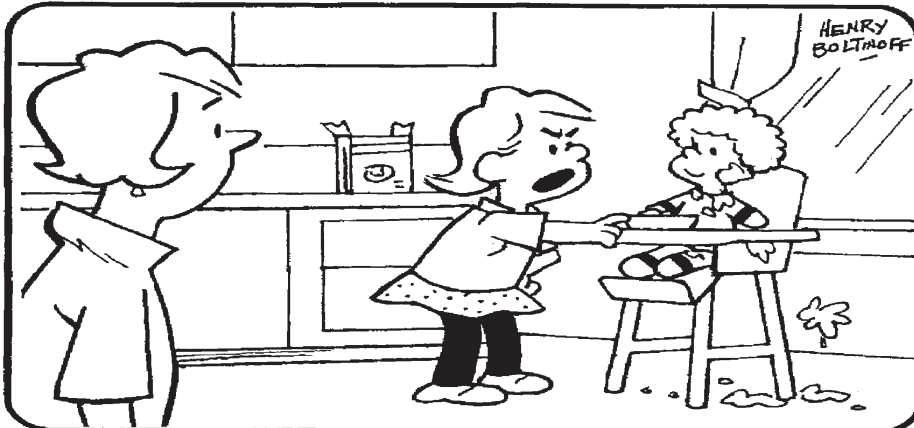
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

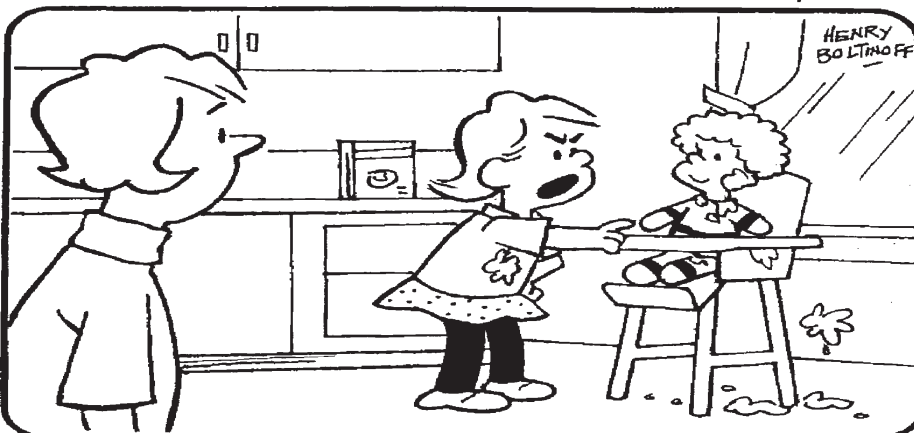
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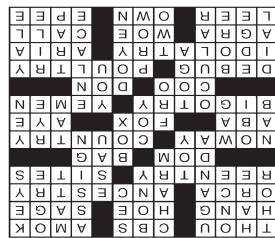
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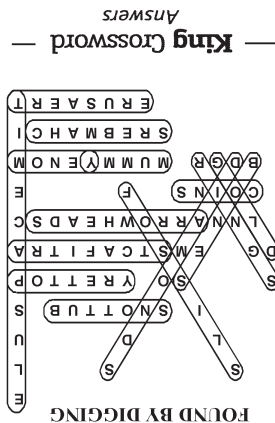
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Earring is missing. 2. Doll's collar is different. 3. Doll's dish is missing. 4. Cabinet handles are added. 5. Mom's shirt is stained. 6. Girl's shirt is stained.



Solution time: 21 mins.



|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
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| 9 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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**BIDDING CLOSSES:** Thurs., Dec. 17 @ 7 P.M.  
**ITEM PICKUP:** Sat., Dec. 19 – 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

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 2476 Lundgren Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
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**BIDDING CLOSSES:**  
 Thursday, December 17 @ 7:00 PM CST  
**ITEM PICKUP:**  
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 Dated: November 16, 2020  
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
 No. 1128 (Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7)

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

In Re the Estate of: DONNA JEAN JONES, 2020P81  
 Notice is hereby given of the death of DONNA JEAN JONES who resided at 811 South 10th St., Oregon, IL and that Letters of Office as Independent Administrator were issued on November 9, 2020 to STEVEN SHELTON whose address is 208 w. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047 and whose attorney of record is Philip J. Bernstein, 180 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3700, Chicago, IL 60601. The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (7555 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, Ogle County Circuit Clerk, 106 S. 5th St., #300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 16, 2021 or, if mailing

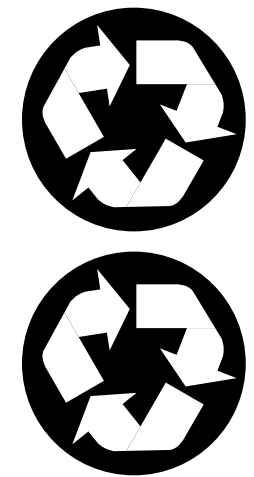
or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the probate Act, the date stated in that notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.  
 Steven Shelton by his attorney, Philip J. Bernstein, 180 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3700, Chicago, IL 60601  
 No. 1129 (Nov. 23, 30 Dec. 7)

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 Publication Notice  
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 Black Hawk Antiques & Fiber Arts  
 302 DN Franklin St. Oregon, IL 61061  
 Dated: November 19, 2020  
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 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
 Publish this notice once a week for three CONSECUTIVE weeks in an Ogle County Newspaper. This must be done within 15 days of the initial filing in the County Clerk's Office.  
 No. 1134 (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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 Dated: November 19, 2020  
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle

County Clerk  
 No. 1135 (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Scott Township Elections Completed petition packets for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2021 for following Scott Township offices: Supervisor, Clerk, Road Commissioner, Trustees (4) may be filed on Monday December 21, 2020 at 6:30 at the Scott Township Building. If you have any questions, contact the Township Clerk at 815-393-4838.  
 No. 1137 (Nov. 30)



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ORDINANCE # 20-5

THE COMBINED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Forest Preserve District, Ogle County, Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and the Secretary of the Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 16th day of November, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the amounts herein set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law and as may be needed, are hereby budgeted and appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Byron Forest Preserve District, Ogle County, Illinois to defray all necessary expenses of said Forest Preserve District, as specified in Section 2 for the year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

SECTION 2: The amounts budgeted and appropriated for each object or purpose are as follows:

I. CORPORATE FUND

|                                 |         |    |           |  |
|---------------------------------|---------|----|-----------|--|
| BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY      |         | \$ | 473,260   |  |
| ESTIMATED REVENUE               |         |    |           |  |
| Property taxes                  | 405,000 |    |           |  |
| Gift Shop Income                | 800     |    |           |  |
| Concessions                     | 1,550   |    |           |  |
| Interest                        | 44,000  |    |           |  |
| Bar Service                     | 10,000  |    |           |  |
| Education Programs Fees         | 133,500 |    |           |  |
| Property Rental/Lease           | 78,000  |    |           |  |
| Blaze Sponsors                  | -       |    |           |  |
| Other Income                    | 20,860  |    |           |  |
| Total Estimated Revenue         |         |    | 693,710   |  |
| Total Estimated Funds Available |         |    | 1,166,970 |  |
| <b>Administrative</b>           |         |    |           |  |
| Personnel                       |         |    |           |  |
| Wages - Salary                  | 93,000  |    |           |  |
| Wages - Part Time               | 15,000  |    |           |  |
| Wages - Seasonal                | 16,000  |    |           |  |
| Health Insurance                | 20,250  |    |           |  |
| Total Personnel                 |         |    | 144,250   |  |
| <b>Supplies</b>                 |         |    |           |  |
| Janitorial Supplies             | 1,000   |    |           |  |
| Office                          | 3,000   |    |           |  |
| Motor Fuel & Lubrication        | 700     |    |           |  |
| Hardware and Small Tools        | 150     |    |           |  |
| Safety Supplies                 | 1,500   |    |           |  |
| Gift Shop                       | 500     |    |           |  |
| Concession                      | 750     |    |           |  |
| Bar Service Supplies            | 3,000   |    |           |  |
| Volunteer Supplies              | 700     |    |           |  |
| Total Supplies                  |         |    | 11,300    |  |
| <b>Contractual Services</b>     |         |    |           |  |
| Public Notices                  | 2,000   |    |           |  |
| Legal                           | 10,000  |    |           |  |
| Other Professional              | 9,000   |    |           |  |
| Communications                  | 21,000  |    |           |  |
| Postage                         | 1,750   |    |           |  |
| Training & Travel               | 5,000   |    |           |  |
| Printing                        | 500     |    |           |  |
| Advertising                     | 20,000  |    |           |  |
| Natural Gas                     | 5,000   |    |           |  |
| Electrical                      | 14,000  |    |           |  |
| Building Repair & Maint.        | 8,500   |    |           |  |
| Equipment Repair & Maint.       | 2,500   |    |           |  |
| Dues & Memberships              | 4,680   |    |           |  |
| Uniforms                        | 1,500   |    |           |  |
| Computer Support & Repairs      | 17,000  |    |           |  |
| Total Contractual Services      |         |    | 122,430   |  |
| Miscellaneous                   |         |    | 11,500    |  |
| Total Administrative            |         |    | 289,480   |  |
| <b>Board of Commissioners</b>   |         |    |           |  |
| Personnel                       |         |    |           |  |
| Supplemental Compensation       | 6,500   |    |           |  |
| <b>Contractual Services</b>     |         |    |           |  |
| Training and Travel             | -       |    |           |  |
| Dues and Membership             | 5,000   |    |           |  |
| Miscellaneous                   | 10,000  |    |           |  |
| Total Contractual Services      |         |    | 15,000    |  |
| Total Board of Commissioners    |         |    | 21,500    |  |
| <b>Heritage Farm</b>            |         |    |           |  |
| Contractual Services            |         |    |           |  |
| Total Contractual Services      |         |    | -         |  |
| Total Heritage Farm             |         |    | -         |  |

|                                    |         |  |           |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|--|-----------|---------|
| <b>Education</b>                   |         |  |           |         |
| Personnel                          |         |  |           |         |
| Wages - Salary                     | 133,300 |  |           |         |
| Wages - Part Time                  | 43,000  |  |           |         |
| Wages - Seasonal                   | 21,000  |  |           |         |
| Health Insurance                   | 20,300  |  |           |         |
| Total Personnel                    |         |  | 217,600   |         |
| <b>Supplies</b>                    |         |  |           |         |
| Office                             | 500     |  |           |         |
| Printing                           | 1,000   |  |           |         |
| Building & Construction            | 750     |  |           |         |
| Grain, Feed, & Game                | 750     |  |           |         |
| Nature Preschool                   | 3,000   |  |           |         |
| Adventure Club                     | 1,600   |  |           |         |
| Earthkeepers                       | 2,000   |  |           |         |
| Children's Concert                 | 425     |  |           |         |
| Birthday Parties                   | -       |  |           |         |
| Field Trips                        | 450     |  |           |         |
| Halloween on the Prairie           | 2,000   |  |           |         |
| Summer Concerts                    | 1,500   |  |           |         |
| Summer Camp                        | 25,000  |  |           |         |
| Outdoor Adventure                  | 5,000   |  |           |         |
| Total Supplies                     |         |  | 43,975    |         |
| <b>Contractual Services</b>        |         |  |           |         |
| Professional Services              | 750     |  |           |         |
| Postage                            | 100     |  |           |         |
| Training and Travel                | 2,250   |  |           |         |
| Equipment Repair & Maint.          | 2,750   |  |           |         |
| Natural Gas                        | 200     |  |           |         |
| Electric                           | 500     |  |           |         |
| Dues and Membership                | 950     |  |           |         |
| Uniforms                           | 1,200   |  |           |         |
| Heritage Farm Operating            | 400     |  |           |         |
| Advertising                        | 200     |  |           |         |
| Computer Repair & Support          | 4,000   |  |           |         |
| Museum Displays                    | 5,000   |  |           |         |
| Total Contractual Services         |         |  | 18,300    |         |
| Total Education                    |         |  | 279,875   |         |
| <b>Restoration/Land Management</b> |         |  |           |         |
| Personnel                          |         |  |           |         |
| Wages - Salary                     | 36,200  |  |           |         |
| Wages - Full Time Hourly           | -       |  |           |         |
| Wages - Seasonal                   | 5,000   |  |           |         |
| Health Insurance                   | 6,100   |  |           |         |
| Total Personnel                    |         |  | 47,300    |         |
| <b>Supplies</b>                    |         |  |           |         |
| Janitorial Supplies                | 750     |  |           |         |
| Office                             | 750     |  |           |         |
| Motor Fuel and Lubrication         | 7,000   |  |           |         |
| Building and Construction          | 1,000   |  |           |         |
| Hardware and Small Tools           | 1,000   |  |           |         |
| Equipment Parts                    | 3,000   |  |           |         |
| Grain, Feed and Game               | -       |  |           |         |
| Safety                             | 1,000   |  |           |         |
| Total Supplies                     |         |  | 14,500    |         |
| <b>Contractual</b>                 |         |  |           |         |
| Other Professional Services        | 6,000   |  |           |         |
| Postage                            | -       |  |           |         |
| Training and Travel                | 1,000   |  |           |         |
| Advertising                        | -       |  |           |         |
| Natural Gas                        | 4,500   |  |           |         |
| Electrical                         | 9,000   |  |           |         |
| Building Repair and Maintenance    | 5,000   |  |           |         |
| Vehicle Repair & Maintenance       | 1,000   |  |           |         |
| Equipment Repair and Maintenance   | 2,500   |  |           |         |
| Dues and Memberships               | 500     |  |           |         |
| Uniforms                           | 500     |  |           |         |
| Computer Support                   | 5,000   |  |           |         |
| Total Contractual                  |         |  | 35,000    |         |
| Total Restoration/Land Management  |         |  | 96,800    |         |
| Total Corporate Expenditures       |         |  | 687,655   |         |
| ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY            |         |  | \$        | 479,315 |
| <b>II. PRAIRIEVIEW GOLF COURSE</b> |         |  |           |         |
| BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY         |         |  | \$        | 37,250  |
| ESTIMATED REVENUE                  |         |  |           |         |
| Golf interest income               | 500     |  |           |         |
| Pro Shop                           | 80,000  |  |           |         |
| Green fees                         | 285,000 |  |           |         |
| Playday green fees                 | 75,000  |  |           |         |
| Assoc. golf fees                   | 2,300   |  |           |         |
| Rental fees (carts, clubs)         | 2,500   |  |           |         |
| Golf lessons                       | 6,000   |  |           |         |
| Concessions                        | 210,000 |  |           |         |
| Playday concessions                | 70,000  |  |           |         |
| Cart rental                        | 185,000 |  |           |         |
| Driving range                      | 13,000  |  |           |         |
| Bay Rental - PrairieFire           | 450,000 |  |           |         |
| Club Rental - PrairieFire          | 20,000  |  |           |         |
| Concessions - PrairieFire          | 550,000 |  |           |         |
| Merchandise - PrairieFire          | 10,000  |  |           |         |
| Lessons - PrairieFire              | 5,000   |  |           |         |
| Other Income                       | 33,000  |  |           |         |
| Total Estimated Revenue            |         |  | 1,997,300 |         |
| Total Estimated Funds Available    |         |  | 2,034,550 |         |



| <b>Golf Clubhouse Expenses</b>   |               |                |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Personnel                        |               |                |
| Wages - Salary                   | 168,500       |                |
| Seasonal - PV concessions        | 30,000        |                |
| Seasonal - PV cart attendant     | 20,000        |                |
| Seasonal - PV shop cashier       | 10,000        |                |
| Health Insurance                 | <u>38,000</u> |                |
| Total Personnel                  |               | 266,500        |
| Supplies                         |               |                |
| Janitorial Supplies              | 2,500         |                |
| Office                           | 1,500         |                |
| Motor Fuel & Lubrication         | -             |                |
| Building & Small Tools           | 500           |                |
| Hardware and Small Tools         | 250           |                |
| Equipment parts                  | 500           |                |
| Golf supplies                    | 1,500         |                |
| Safety Supplies                  | 500           |                |
| Gift Shop                        | 60,000        |                |
| Concession supplies              | 135,000       |                |
| Concession equipment/small wares | 3,000         |                |
| Tournament expenses              | 5,000         |                |
| Driving range                    | <u>4,000</u>  |                |
| Total Supplies                   |               | 214,250        |
| Contractual Services             |               |                |
| Other Professional               | 9,000         |                |
| Communications                   | 8,000         |                |
| Postage                          | 500           |                |
| Training & Travel                | 2,500         |                |
| Printing                         | 500           |                |
| Advertising                      | 10,000        |                |
| Natural Gas                      | 4,500         |                |
| Electrical                       | 15,000        |                |
| Building Repair & Maint.         | 12,000        |                |
| Equipment Repair & Maint.        | 7,500         |                |
| Equipment Rental                 | -             |                |
| Dues & Memberships               | 3,500         |                |
| Taxes & license fees             | 3,500         |                |
| Computer Support & Repairs       | 8,000         |                |
| Uniforms                         | 2,500         |                |
| Miscellaneous/other              | <u>15,000</u> |                |
| Total Contractual Services       |               | <u>102,000</u> |
| Total Clubhouse Expenses         |               | 582,750        |

| <b>PrairieFire Expenses</b>      |               |                  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Personnel                        |               |                  |
| Wages - Salary                   | 175,200       |                  |
| Wages - Part-Time                | -             |                  |
| Wages - Seasonal                 | 80,000        |                  |
| Health Insurance                 | <u>38,500</u> |                  |
| Total Personnel                  |               | 293,700          |
| Supplies                         |               |                  |
| Janitorial Supplies              | 10,000        |                  |
| Office                           | 4,500         |                  |
| Building & Small Tools           | 5,000         |                  |
| Hardware and Small Tools         | 1,500         |                  |
| Equipment parts                  | 1,500         |                  |
| Golf supplies                    | 40,000        |                  |
| Safety Supplies                  | 1,500         |                  |
| Gift Shop                        | 8,000         |                  |
| Concession supplies              | 225,000       |                  |
| Concession equipment/small wares | 15,000        |                  |
| TopTracer Fees                   | <u>23,000</u> |                  |
| Total Supplies                   |               | 335,000          |
| Contractual Services             |               |                  |
| Other Professional               | 10,000        |                  |
| Communications                   | 7,000         |                  |
| Training & Travel                | 5,000         |                  |
| Printing                         | 3,000         |                  |
| Advertising                      | 30,000        |                  |
| Natural Gas                      | 10,000        |                  |
| Electrical                       | 20,000        |                  |
| Building Repair & Maint.         | 7,500         |                  |
| Equipment Repair & Maint.        | 5,000         |                  |
| Dues & Memberships               | 3,500         |                  |
| Taxes & license fees             | 2,500         |                  |
| Computer Support & Repairs       | 8,000         |                  |
| Uniforms                         | 5,000         |                  |
| Miscellaneous/other              | <u>25,000</u> |                  |
| Total Contractual Services       |               | <u>141,500</u>   |
| Total Clubhouse Expenses         |               | 770,200          |
| Total Golf Course Expenditures   |               | <u>1,789,000</u> |

| <b>Golf Administrative Expenses</b> |               |              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Personnel                           |               |              |
| Wages - Salary                      | 80,000        |              |
| Health Insurance                    | <u>14,750</u> |              |
| Total Golf Administration           |               | 94,750       |
| Board of Comm.                      |               |              |
| Supplemental Compensation           | <u>8,000</u>  |              |
| Total Board Expenses                |               | <u>8,000</u> |
|                                     |               | 102,750      |

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| ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY              |   | <u>\$ 245,550</u> |
| <b>III. INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE</b>     |   |                   |
| BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY           |   | \$ -              |
| ESTIMATED REVENUE                    |   |                   |
| Interest Income                      | - |                   |
| Transfers from Prairie View          | - |                   |
| Total Estimated Revenue              |   | <u>-</u>          |
| CONTRACTED EXPENDITURES              |   |                   |
| Contractual Services - Employer cost |   | <u>-</u>          |
| ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY              |   | <u>\$ -</u>       |

| <b>Golf Maintenance Expenses</b> |               |         |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Personnel                        |               |         |
| Wages - Salary                   | 130,750       |         |
| Wages - Part Time                | -             |         |
| Wages - seasonal                 | 55,000        |         |
| Health Insurance                 | <u>17,000</u> |         |
| Total Personnel                  |               | 202,750 |
| Supplies                         |               |         |
| Chemicals                        | 38,000        |         |
| Janitorial                       | 800           |         |
| Office                           | 750           |         |
| Motor fuel & lubricant           | 15,000        |         |
| Grass & landscaping              | 4,500         |         |
| Golf supplies                    | 3,000         |         |
| Safety supplies                  | 500           |         |
| Top dressing / bunker sand       | <u>9,000</u>  |         |
| Total Supplies                   |               | 71,550  |
| Contractual Services             |               |         |
| Public notices                   | -             |         |
| Other Professional               | 800           |         |
| Postage                          | -             |         |
| Training & Travel                | 2,000         |         |
| Natural Gas                      | 2,000         |         |
| Electrical                       | 14,000        |         |
| Building Repair & Maint.         | 5,500         |         |
| Equipment Repair & Maint.        | 25,000        |         |
| Equipment Rental                 | 1,500         |         |
| Dues & Memberships               | 1,200         |         |
| Computer Support & Repairs       | 5,000         |         |
| Uniforms                         | <u>2,000</u>  |         |
| Total Contractual Services       |               | 59,000  |
| Total Golf Maintenance Expenses  |               | 333,300 |

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| <b>IV. ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND</b> |              |                   |
| BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY                    |              | \$ 127,350        |
| ESTIMATED REVENUE                             |              |                   |
| Property Tax                                  | 120,000      |                   |
| Interest                                      | <u>1,200</u> |                   |
| Total Estimated Revenue                       |              | <u>121,200</u>    |
| Total Estimated Funds Available               |              | 248,550           |
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                        |              |                   |
| Contractual Services - Employer Share         |              | <u>105,000</u>    |
| ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY                       |              | <u>\$ 143,550</u> |
| <b>V. LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND</b>            |              |                   |
| BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY                    |              | \$ 136,600        |
| ESTIMATED REVENUE                             |              |                   |
| Property Taxes                                | 133,000      |                   |
| Insurance Claims                              | 5,000        |                   |
| Interest                                      | <u>1,000</u> |                   |
| Total Estimated Revenue                       |              | <u>139,000</u>    |
| Total Estimated Funds Available               |              | 275,600           |



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| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>          |               |                          |
| Personnel                              |               |                          |
| Wages - Salary                         | 71,000        |                          |
| Health Insurance                       | <u>13,000</u> |                          |
| Total Personnel                        |               | 84,000                   |
| Contractual Services                   |               |                          |
| Camera Phones                          | 9,120         |                          |
| Drug Tests                             | 2,000         |                          |
| Insurance Premium                      | 32,000        |                          |
| Miscellaneous, Safety Supplies         | <u>7,500</u>  |                          |
| Total Liability Insurance Expenditures |               | <u>134,620</u>           |
| <b>ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>         |               | <b>\$ <u>140,980</u></b> |

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| <b>VI. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND</b>        |            |                         |
| <b>BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>             |            | <b>\$ 85,925</b>        |
| <b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>                      |            |                         |
| Property Tax                                  | 10,000     |                         |
| Interest                                      | <u>800</u> |                         |
| Total Estimated Revenues                      |            | <u>10,800</u>           |
| Total Estimated Funds Available               |            | 96,725                  |
| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>                 |            |                         |
| Contractual Services - Unemployment Insurance |            | <u>10,000</u>           |
| <b>ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>                |            | <b>\$ <u>86,725</u></b> |

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| <b>VII. WORKER'S COMPENSATION FUND</b>                 |            |                         |
| <b>BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>                      |            | <b>\$ 41,000</b>        |
| <b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>                               |            |                         |
| Property Tax   | 32,000     |                         |
| Interest   | <u>350</u> |                         |
| Total Estimated Revenues                               |            | <u>32,350</u>           |
| Total Estimated Funds Available                        |            | 73,350                  |
| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>                          |            |                         |
| Contractual Services - Worker's Compensation Insurance |            | <u>32,000</u>           |
| <b>ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>                         |            | <b>\$ <u>41,350</u></b> |

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| <b>VIII. SOCIAL SECURITY FUND</b>        |            |                         |
| <b>BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>        |            | <b>61,100</b>           |
| <b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>                 |            |                         |
| Property Tax                             | 100,000    |                         |
| Interest                                 | <u>450</u> |                         |
| Total Estimated Revenues                 |            | <u>100,450</u>          |
| Total Estimated Funds Available          |            | 161,550                 |
| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>            |            |                         |
| Contractual Services - FICA and Medicare |            | <u>100,000</u>          |
| <b>ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>           |            | <b>\$ <u>61,550</u></b> |

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| <b>IX. AUDIT</b>                  |            |                         |
| <b>BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b> |            | <b>\$ 12,325</b>        |
| <b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>          |            |                         |
| Property Tax                      | 15,000     |                         |
| Interest                          | <u>100</u> |                         |
| Total Estimated Revenues          |            | <u>15,100</u>           |
| Total Estimated Funds Available   |            | 27,425                  |
| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>     |            |                         |
| Contractual Services - Audit      |            | <u>15,000</u>           |
| <b>ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>    |            | <b>\$ <u>12,425</u></b> |

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| <b>X. DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>       |                |                          |
| <b>BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b> |                | <b>\$ 456,425</b>        |
| <b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>          |                |                          |
| Property Tax                      | 2,390,000      |                          |
| Interest                          | <u>3,000</u>   |                          |
| Total Estimated Revenues          |                | <u>2,393,000</u>         |
| Total Estimated Funds Available   |                | 2,849,425                |
| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>     |                |                          |
| Other Professional Services       | 850            |                          |
| G.O. Bond principal               | 2,187,000      |                          |
| G.O. Bond interest                | <u>203,000</u> |                          |
| Total Debt Service Expenditures   |                | <u>2,390,850</u>         |
| <b>ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>    |                | <b>\$ <u>458,575</u></b> |

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| <b>XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>       |                |                         |
| <b>BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>      |                | <b>\$ 15,000</b>        |
| <b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>               |                |                         |
| Bond Proceeds                          | 1,850,000      |                         |
| BAB Refund                             | -              |                         |
| Other Income                           | 25,000         |                         |
| Interest                               | 10,000         |                         |
| Transfers                              | <u>-</u>       |                         |
| Total Estimated Revenue                |                | <u>1,885,000</u>        |
| Total Estimated Available Funds        |                | 1,900,000               |
| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>          |                |                         |
| Capital Projects                       |                |                         |
| Administrative Capital                 | 116,400        |                         |
| Restoration                            | 379,500        |                         |
| Golf / Maintenance                     | <u>860,900</u> |                         |
| Total Capital Projects                 |                | 1,356,800               |
| <b>Capital Construction Department</b> |                |                         |
| Personnel                              |                |                         |
| Wages - Salary                         | 344,750        |                         |
| Wages - Full Time Hourly               | -              |                         |
| Wages - Part-time                      | -              |                         |
| Wages - Seasonal                       | 33,000         |                         |
| Health Insurance                       | <u>67,750</u>  |                         |
| Total Personnel                        |                | 445,500                 |
| Supplies                               |                |                         |
| Motor Fuel and Lubrication             | 22,000         |                         |
| Building and Construction              | 5,000          |                         |
| Equipment Parts                        | 15,000         |                         |
| Safety                                 | <u>4,000</u>   |                         |
| Total Supplies                         |                | 46,000                  |
| Contractual                            |                |                         |
| Natural Gas                            | 2,000          |                         |
| Electric                               | 6,000          |                         |
| Building Repair                        | 2,000          |                         |
| Vehicle Repair                         | 4,000          |                         |
| Equipment Repair & Rent                | 11,000         |                         |
| Uniforms                               | 1,500          |                         |
| Computer Repair & Support              | 5,000          |                         |
| Training and Travel                    | 2,000          |                         |
| Total Contractual                      |                | <u>33,500</u>           |
| Total Capital Construction Department  |                | 525,000                 |
| Total Capital Projects Expenditures    |                | <u>1,881,800</u>        |
| <b>ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>         |                | <b>\$ <u>18,200</u></b> |

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| <b>XII. LAND ACQUISITION FUND</b>   |            |                      |
| <b>BEGINNING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>   |            | <b>\$ 19,075</b>     |
| <b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>            |            |                      |
| Bond Proceeds                       | -          |                      |
| Land/Property Rental                | 15,000     |                      |
| Interest                            | <u>125</u> |                      |
| Total Estimated Revenue             |            | <u>15,125</u>        |
| Total Estimated Available Funds     |            | 34,200               |
| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>       |            |                      |
| Legal                               | 5,000      |                      |
| Other Professional Service          | 2,500      |                      |
| Restoration/Maintenance Complex     | <u>-</u>   |                      |
| Total Land Acquisition Expenditures |            | <u>7,500</u>         |
| <b>ENDING CASH/FUND EQUITY</b>      |            | <b><u>26,700</u></b> |

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| <b>SUMMARY OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2020</b> |  |                            |
| Corporate Fund                                       |  | \$ 687,655                 |
| PrairieView Golf Course                              |  | 1,789,000                  |
| Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund                   |  | 105,000                    |
| Liability Insurance Fund                             |  | 134,620                    |
| Unemployment Insurance Fund                          |  | 10,000                     |
| Worker's Compensation Fund                           |  | 32,000                     |
| Social Security Fund                                 |  | 100,000                    |
| Audit Fund   |  | 15,000                     |
| Debt Service Fund                                    |  | 2,390,850                  |
| Capital Projects Fund                                |  | 1,881,800                  |
| Land Acquisition                                     |  | <u>7,500</u>               |
| <b>Total Appropriations All Funds</b>                |  | <b>\$ <u>7,153,425</u></b> |

SECTION 3: That all sums of money not needed for immediate specific purposes may be invested in interest bearing obligations of the United States or savings certificates of deposit of any State or National Bank, provided that they are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as prescribed by law. Within 10 working days after adoption hereof, this ordinance shall be published once in the Ogle County Life, the same being a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the district. Following publication hereof, the Secretary of the Board is directed to file a certified copy hereof with the Ogle County Clerk no later than 30 days following adoption hereof.

SECTION 5: That all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewithin be



and the same are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Forest Preserve District, Ogle County, Illinois.

AYES: Gramer  
Ludwig  
Patterson  
Vincer


NAYS: -none-

ABSENT: Baker

APPROVED this 16th day of November, 2020.


  
 Aaron Vincer, President  
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

ATTEST:

  
 Andy Gramer, Secretary  
 Byron Forest Preserve District

Published in pamphlet form by order of the Board of Commissioners on November 16th, 2020

Published in the Ogle County Life by order of the Board of Commissioners on November 23rd, 2020.

  
 Andy Gramer, Secretary

**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

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**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

**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 it's care.

**203 HELP WANTED**

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

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

Local Trucking Company Seeks experienced Class A-CDL Driver for Full time year round employment hauling grain 815-938-3644 Please leave message

**301 ANTIQUES**

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

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

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| 2016 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT, AWD, REMOTE START, HEAT SEATS, QUAD SEATS .....      | \$20,827    |
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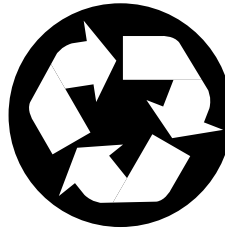
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2020

|                          |    |                      |
|--------------------------|----|----------------------|
| New Orleans Saints       | at | Atlanta Falcons      |
| Detroit Lions            | at | Chicago Bears        |
| Indianapolis Colts       | at | Houston Texans       |
| Cincinnati Bengals       | at | Miami Dolphins       |
| Jacksonville Jaguars     | at | Minnesota Vikings    |
| Las Vegas Raiders        | at | New York Jets        |
| Washington Football Team | at | Pittsburgh Steelers  |
| Cleveland Browns         | at | Tennessee Titans     |
| Los Angeles Rams         | at | Arizona Cardinals    |
| New York Giants          | at | Seattle Seahawks     |
| Philadelphia Eagles      | at | Green Bay Packers    |
| New England Patriots     | at | Los Angeles Chargers |
| Denver Broncos           | at | Kansas City Chiefs   |

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2020

|               |    |                     |
|---------------|----|---------------------|
| Buffalo Bills | at | San Francisco 49ers |
|---------------|----|---------------------|

#### TIE BREAKER #1

Total Combined Score

Buffalo Bills at San Francisco 49ers

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

#### TIE BREAKER #2

Total Combined Score

Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs

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

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