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FEW IN ATTENDANCE AT HEARINGS

On Dec. 20 and 21 public hearings on the proposed Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinances for the village of Woodridge were held at the Woodridge School.

Joe McGrath, chairman of the six man board appointed to preside over the hearings, called the hearings to order with two residents of the village, one resident of the adjoining area and this reporter in attendance.

Objections were made about the area proposed as R-3, which would allow multiple family dwellings. The main objection was the possible increase in school taxes which could result from a larger school enrollment because of these dwellings.

The board felt this area would provide a screen for the proposed shopping center. The feasibility of this was questioned by

The hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance was adjourned to Jan. 3 at the village hall.

The Subdivision Control Ordinance hearing was held Dec. 21. Three residents of the village other than the board were the only persons in attendance.

Chairman Joseph McGrath said after the adjournment of the meeting, "I would like to go on record as stating the board and I were very disappointed in the lack of participation at these public hearings. I thank those who did attend. These two ordinances will guide the village of Woodridge for many years to come and should have been of vital concern to all the residents in the area."

Zoning Hearing Adjourned To Jan 3 Here Are The Highlights Of 1961 In Woodridge

1961 was an eventful year in the rapidly growing community of Woodridge. Here are highlights of some of the news stories of the year.

Top news story of January, 1961, was the opening of the new Woodridge school on the 23rd. All eight grades were moved from Goodrich School putting an end to double shifts the students had been attending since the start of the school year.

February found the first candidates filing their petitions for village office. The election to determine village president, clerk, police magistrate, and three trustees was scheduled for April 18.

At a spirited school board caucus held February 15, Ned Hill and Marvin Wiggins were chosen as the favorite candidates to represent Woodridge in the school board election April 8.

Village candidates continued to dominate the news in March vying at an open forum sponsored by the Woodridge Home Owners Association March 27.

Also in March Surety Builders announced an anticipated 100 to 200 new homes were scheduled for construction in the

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TIME OUT FOR COFFEE BREAK



Paul Molloy, (center) enjoys time out for a coffee break following his speech to the

Molloy Rips Increase In TV & Movie Filth

The emphasis on immorality and perversion prevalent in recent motion pictures will increase in coming months and may eventually be found on television.

Paul Molloy, TV critic of the Chicago Sun-Times, advanced this prediction in his talk with members and guests of the District 68 Community Club, Dec. 15, at the Woodridge School gym.

The award winning journalist-author based his view of future entertainment prospects on his knowledge of the attitudes of leaders in the entertainment industry and careful observation of trends.

Molloy recalled how shocking it was considered to be when the late Clark Gable used the word "damn" in his role as Rhett Butler in the screen version of "Gone with the Wind". Molloy contrasted this simpleheginning in 1939 with the fac that last year's major academy awards were swept by movies whose themes were dominated by immorality. Each further step in the direction of immoral entertainment themes is accompanied by public protests which are too small and ineffective, Molloy said.

Molloy reminded his audience that our children are too much exposed to movies and television programs which increasing ly treat marital infidelity as amusing or adventurous; which through sheer repetition make violence seem normal; and which more often than not mock the institutions and virtues which have made our nation great.

Molloy recommended writing to sponsors as the most effective means of reducing undesireable TV programing. He said that sponsors are extremely sensitive to criticism of their TV offerings --that even a handful of critical letters causes sponsor soul searching. Writing to network or local stations has little value, Molloy believes.

A special feature of Molloy's appearance was the "coffee break" period following his speech. Molloy discussed various subjects with those present and autographed copies of his best selling book "And Then There Were Eight", a supply of which was made available by the Community Club.

School Board Certifies Referendum Vote

The Dec. 11 school board meeting was held for the primary purpose of making the official canvas of votes cast at the Dec. 9 special election.

The official results are as follows:

Precinct	I(Goodrich)	Precinct	II(Wood-
65	yes		170
66	no		73
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A total of 381 votes were cast, 374 of which were valid.

Al Olsen, board member, reported that the custodians had told him of finding both the boys and girls washrooms in extreme disorder on Saturday mornings following the teen dances. Marvin Wiggins also told of meeting two boys quite late one Friday night walking along 75th st. These boys told him they were returning from the teen dance. It had been previously stipulated by the board, and agreed to by the W.A.A., that the school building be left as it was found, and that all children were to be driven home.

Ned Hill spoke in favor of the teen dances and the adults who were chaperones. While the rest of the board agreed with him, and particularly commended the chaperones, it was felt that some remedial action should be taken.

It was recommended by John Dahlberg and seconded by Al Olsen that the use of the school gym for teen dances be denied for one month as a disciplinary measure.

Maurine McMillan, secretary, was instructed to write a letter to the W.A.A. informing them of the board's decision.



Brownie Troop leader, Mrs. Flo Benckendorf and assistant leader, Mrs. Lois Demmin, with their Brownie troop carolling tour in Woodridge.

Neill Resigns as Village Clerk

In a letter dated Dec. 8, 1961, Mary Ann O'Neill resigned as village clerk of Woodridge. She has served in this capacity since April.

Following is the letter addressed to the village board of Woodridge, William T. Roberts, copies of which were sent the trustees and the Woodridge News Review:

This is to notify you of my resignation as Woodridge village clerk, effective immediately.

The services I have had the opportunity of rendering in this capacity have been a source of real satisfaction. My successor will find that we now have an organized business office within the village.

However, recent events make it impossible for me to continue in this office.

I feel strongly that civic responsibility has many facets - that of official to voter, that of voter to official, that of officials toward one another. This seems a morality too long ignored in this village. It is my firm hope that Woodridge will emerge as a community in which the burden of civic responsibility will be shared fairly by all residents." Regretfully,

Mary Ann O'Neill

WAA Suspends Teen Dances

At the Dec. 12 meeting of the Woodridge Athletic Association it was announced by President Robert Arnouil that the Teen Dances would be discontinued until further notice.

Arnouil said this action became necessary because he had been informed by a member of the school board that they (the school board) had decided to cancel the use of the gymnasium during January.

In an agreement entered into with the District 68 school board, the WAA had received permission to use the gym for a \$3.00 fee per dance. The school board required certain conditions; all children attending were to be transported home; they were to act in an orderly manner; the WAA was to be held responsible for the condition of the premises, and adequate adult chaperones were to be present.

A letter outlining this agreement was sent to the parents of the teens who attend the dances.

Richard Lee, board member, said, "However, as in the past the WAA has received little help from the parents. It also became apparent at the last dance that very few parents were picking up their children, even those from outside the Dances - Turn to page 2, col. 1

News Keview

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Lawn Roller Rink - 13 year olds and up - 8:00 pm, for further information call - WO-9-2370

Awana Boys Club - Every Friday Night, Jan, 5,12,19,26

7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Women's Mission Group - January 9 - 8:00 pm

Adult Social - Jan. 13 - 8:00 pm

Pastor Eldridge will be here for the month of January

Woodridge Firemen - regular meeting on January 2, 1962. The rest of the month of January the meetings will be on Mondays.

Brownies **Cub Scouts** Will resume meetings January 9th and 10th

Christmas party Friday night at Woodridge Gym. Committee meeting at Goetz's -7629 Sprucewood - Jan. 12

Meeting Woodridge Gym 4-H

Jan. 9 - 7:00pm

Woodridge Athletic Association village hall

Garden Club

Mothers Club

- Meeting, January ll - Fred Brolin from the Lisle Advertiser will speak on the care and management of roses and show

8 p.m.

colored slides - 3011 Crabtree, Robert Wendt's residence. School Board Dist. 68

Jan. 8 & Jan. 22

Meeting - 18W215 - 77th St., LaLeche League -

Brookhaven Manor

 $Regular\ meeting\ \textbf{-}\ Woodridge\ Gym$

Guest speaker Dr. Constantine will talk on

his trip through Russia

Hot Dog Day - Woodridge School

Jan. 9th

Jan. 8th

Jan. 16th

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Information Classes every Wednesday, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31. Young people's meeting (ages 13 & over) 3 p.m. Organization of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m., Jan. 21 Organizational business meeting 2 p.m. Jan. 21 First Holy Communion Service 9:30 a.m.

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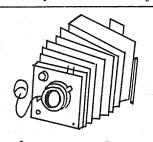
village in the Hobson Road area."

Lee went on to explain, "Several teens are known now to have told the chaperones that their parents were picking them up after the dance, but were later observed by a member of the school board to be walking home. This plus damage done in the washrooms of the school prompted the school board to take action and revoke the use of the gym."

Mrs. John Narducci, co-chairman of the Teen Dances said, "I feel that it has become too big a problem to play babysitter every two weeks for a group of teens without some help from their parents. It seems such a shame that all must now be denied a good time, because of the actions of a few".

Arnouil in further comments said, "Until a genuine interest in the Teen Dances is shown by the parents, the WAA will not attempt to continue this activity".

This matter is to be discussed further at the next WAA meeting Jan. 9. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. Anyone interested may attend.



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TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir.

Greetings for a happy and prosperous new year to the parents and residents of Woodridge Village. Many thanks to all those who have given such fine cooperation and who have in any way contributed to the success of the school during 1961. May we express our gratitude particularly to the Mothers Club, the committee of room mothers and to the high school girls who assisted with the Christmas program and

We feel that the size of the audience on the night of the children's entertainment indicated the interest of the entire village in the school.

The Christmas program is the children's contribution to the Christmas season. and we were proud of every child for his performance.

> Mrs. Elizabeth M. Crane & Staff

O'Neill Explains Road Program

In a statement to the WNR, Superintendent of Public Works Patrick O'Neill said that though salt and cinders were spread through Woodridge, he feels that the effect was not as expected because of insufficient traffic. He further explained it is the traffic moving over the salt and cinders that creates the thawing.

The salt and cinders are being provided by the township road commissioner. As part of the agreement, O'Neill explained, the public works department is salting and cindering the streets in the unincorporated area of Woodridge.

Much of the work of loading the truck has been done by hand. The men are doing this work on a voluntary basis, but O'Neill expects that they will be paid for this work in the near future.

The Woodridge Police Benevolence Association has presented a check for \$25.00 to the WAA.

Ping Pong Progress Told

To date 28 youngsters have registered for the Kids Ping Pong Tournament, which will start Jan 10.

Due to several requests it has been decided to allow nine year old children to enter the tournament. To register call Wo. 8-0081 or Wo. 9-4085, before Jan.5

As of Dec. 16, 30 adults have registered for the Adult Ping Pong Tournament.

Mrs. Lincoln Home From Hospital

Mrs. Lola Lincoln, 7625 Sprucewood, was released from Edwards Hospital, Naperville, Dec. 22.

Mrs. Lincoln was a driver of one of the cars envolved in a head on collision on 75th st. in front of Maple Crest Country Club.

Fatally injured in the accident was the internationally known physicist, Dr. Giocchino Failla, 70. The driver of the other car, Dr. John E. Rose, also a famous physicist was seriously injured.



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Voters in the April elections chose William T. Roberts as village president over Edmund Gilber; ll votes separated the two. Virgil McPherson, Joseph McGrath, and Leon Werch won as trustees over Steve Kvackay and Maurice



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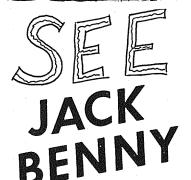




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Hennessey. Mary Ann O'Neill beat incumbent Virginia Radtke 173-143 in the race for village clerk. Unopposed, Douglas Weikel remained as police magistrate. Hill and Wiggins were elected to district 68 school board, and Republicans swept Lisle township offices.

Chief of Police Elmer Messner resigned his office effective May 4. Four special policemen, Charles Hague, Leroy Radtke, Jerome Szczepaniak, and John Russo, who had submitted resignations at the same time, either withdrew them or were assigned to other duties. Village President Roberts announced he was assuming the administrative duties of chief of police.

Virgil McPherson, elected to a 4-year term as village trustee 2 months earlier, resigned effective June 1. Syle Jayne was appointed in McPherson's place.

Newly re-elected Police Magistrate Douglas Weikel resigned his post June 8. He had served for over 2 years. A speciial election to fill the vacancy was set for July 22.

Woodridge School held its first commencement exercises for 22 graduates on June 8. The following day 17 students, the largest class in its history, were graduated from Goodrich.

Walter Larson resigned as Fire Captain on June 12, but stayed in the department as a volunteer.

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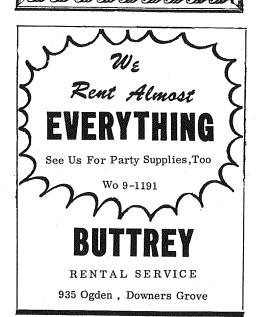
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Woodridge residents frolicked at a July 4 picnic in "Woodridge Woods". The celebration of Independence Day, complete with fireworks, also brought to mind the start of Woodridge's third year.

Jerry Beirau, carpenter foreman for Surety Builders, was elected captain of the volunteer fire department. In July, controversy raged over the proposed renovation of the village barn. Previously used by Surety Builders as a temporary warehouse for construction materials, the barn was to have been wrecked to

make room for three additional homes. Irate residents protested when the barn became housing for a fire truck and advocated that instead of renovating the unsightly structure funds be raised to erect a new building in a more advantageous location.

On July 22, Arthur M. Berg beat his opponents, Horace Thoresen and Richard Marushak, in the race for police magistrate. Total votes cast numbered 175 with Berg receiving 79.

In August, the village board passed auto and traffic code ordinances involving autos, pedestrians, bicycles and vehicle weight limits.

Taxpavers in the area were informed of a proposed educational tax increase of \$12.00 per \$10,000. valuation to be voted on September 23. The referendum later carried 122 to 109.

Woodridge's flooded streets became the subject of a special board meeting September 26. A plan to provide an auxilliary sewer system submitted by Webster Engineering was approved by the village board.

Expansion plans for Woodridge and Goodrich schools were discussed at the October 2 school meeting. An additional bond issue was proposed to finance construction. Committees for the Citizens Advisory Council were formed to study the problem and make recommendations.

Also in October a new squad car was purchased for \$1,785.68.

Woodridge school was officially dedicated November 5. School board Presi-

dent Don Miller presented a plaque to Jack Kaufman, vice-president of Surety Builders, in recognition of the company's contribution of land and \$50,000 to the school district. Kaufman then gave Miller a check for \$2,000 in partial payment of an agreement the builder had made to donate an additional \$200 for each home over 400. The check cov-

The Woodridge News Review celebrated its first anniversary on November

ered homes 401 through 410.

At its November 21 meeting the Mothers Club formally presented a movie projector, table and screen to Woodridge school.

Arthur Berg, police magistrate tendered his resignation effective Novem-

The school bond referendum calling for \$180,000 to finance 8 additional rooms at Woodridge School and 3 at Goodrich. plus added washroom facilities, was voted on December 9 and passed 235 to

Moe Family Improving

Harvey and Pat Moe and two of their three children remain in Hinsdale hospital as the WNR went to press.

Saturday, Dec. 9, their car was in a collision on route 83, one-half mile south of 55th Street.

The Moes were enroute to keep an appointment with a doctor.

Moe, who sustained lacerations and a badly injured knee, is now able to walk. Mrs. Moe is awaiting examination by an oral surgeon to determine extent of damage to her mouth when her jaw was broken.

Kenny, 5, whose condition due to a fractured skull had been so serious at first he had not been expected to live, is now sitting up.

Paul, 7, was in traction and doctors were expected to apply a cast to his broken leg last week.

Their daughter, Sherry, was released from the hospital on the 16th. She will stay with Moe's brother in Mundelein.

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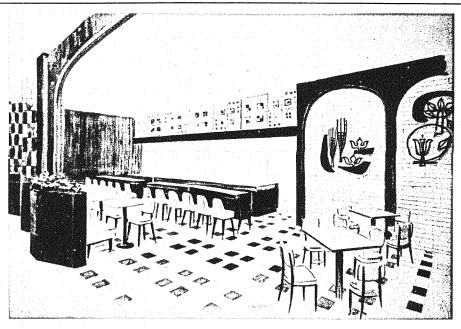
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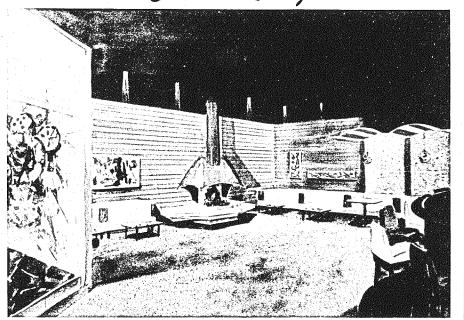
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Everyone sends best wishes to the Moe family for a lovely Christmas and a Happier New Year. Pat and the two boys Kenny and Paul will still be hospitalized over Christmas, but with the help of their neighbors and the Garden Club, they should be well supplied with gifts.

Friends and neighbors of Lola Lincoln want to wish her a happy Holiday Season

Mrs. Lincoln was to be released Dec. 22, so she will be spending Christmas at home with her family.

The Stelling's, of 7647 Catalpa, held the "office Christmas party" in their home this year. They entertained several couples from Clark Oil Co. where Mr. Stelling is employed.

The teachers from Woodridge School held their Christmas party at White Fence Farm on Dec. 13. Besides the Woodridge teachers, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. McMahon, and Mrs. Werch were present. They enjoyed a lovely dinner and exchanged gifts.

Guess that's all this time. Everyone is too busy shopping and cleaning to be doing anything else. It's comforting to think that by the time you read this, all the excitement will be over.

Personal to Joanne!

See! I don't always tell everything!

STORK NOTES:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Swierbinski, 2934 Forest Glen pkwy. have a new baby girl, born Dec. 3.

Robin Lynn arrived at St. Charles Hospital in Aurora and weighed in at 9lbs. and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Robin has two brothers, Edward, 5, and Mark, 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory J. Boyna, 7641 Sprucewood Ave., Downers Grove, welcomed the arrival of their first child, Nadine Marie(6 lb. 14 oz.), on Dec. 8 at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Prell of Oak Park and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boyna, 7641 Sprucewood, Downers Grove.

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High School Referendum Set

A \$125,000 bond issue of the purchase of a second site for a high school in the southern section of the Downers Grove High School district will be submitted to voters Saturday, Feb. 17.

The amount of the issue and the date were officially authorized Dec. 18 by the board of education, District 99.

In setting a \$125,000 figure, the board noted that this should cover land purchase and some site improvement. Supt. Glenn E. Pickrel was directed to check the local real estate board for appointment of one of its members as a broker to represent the district in negotiations with the property owner. If a satisfactory arrangement is not reached, a condemnation suit will be instituted.

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Court News

Saturday, Dec. 9, Justice of the Peace Lester Reiff, held court for the village of Woodridge.

Four cases were heard by Reiff at the Woodridge village hall. A total of \$11.00 in fines and \$15.00 court costs was

One village resident was fined for lack of a Woodridge vehicle sticker. A village resident was fined for a stop sign violation and two cases pertaining to dogs were

A \$5.00 fine and \$5.00 court cost was levied by Reiff in a "dog at large" case.

Judge Reiff said that hereafter Woodridge cases to be heard by him will be heard at the Township offices in Lisle.

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School Christmas Program Packs Gym

"Christmas is for Children" was the theme of the program presented at Woodridge School, December 19.

Mrs. Joan Mason, music director and accompanist, planned and staged the entertainment with all eight grades participating.

The program presented to a' standing room only crowd' consisted of three parts.

First was the "trimming the tree" session with grades one through three. Each room marched onto the stage, added an ornament (made by them earlier in the week) and grouped together to sing a Christmas song.

Second, Coming of the Carolers, was presented jointly by the 4th and 5th grades. Eight selections were sung by the young people in front of the stage. On stage was a typical family scene on Christmas Eve. Two small children in pajamas and a'mother and father" in night dress.

As the onstage scene unfolded, the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders harmonized with a variety of Christmas Carols, in the third section of the program entitled The Night Before Christmas.

The Mothers Club participated with decorations and assistance in the seating.

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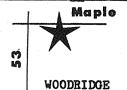
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Mrs.Krejci assisted in the choral reading.

Santa Claus was on hand to pass out candy canes to the very young. Obviously everyone participating and attending had



come in, it's too late to play safe then.

R. Schavey*

When the truck pulls up and the firemen

Friday the 15th, the Sanchezs had a party. It was sort of a spur of the moment party but to see the crowd you wouldnot believe it.

Pat Barkauski had a birthday party and I think it was held at Cheryl's house.

I guess everyone has been having a good time lately -- Two weeks of vacation-- who wouldn't?

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PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE NEWS







Top left: Tom Przybylski waiting to be dunked in the VFW booth at the 4th of July picnic.

Top center: Phil Amoruso playing the clown at the same picnic. This was the 2nd year that Phil played this role much to the delight of the kids. Top right: Barb Cooling and Maggie Vandeleur at the St. Joan of Arc bazaar.

Above: Leon Werch, at that time village president, and Ed Pionke, school board member at the Woodridge School inspection.

Center right: Sept. 5, flood waters reached a spread of 45 feet at the corner of Forest Glen and Walnut.



center, congratulating Sergeants Ed Arndt, left, and John Russo, right, on becoming probationary sergeants.

Bottom right: Village President William Roberts.

Often pictures are taken but not used for lack of space. The above pictures are from a random selection of some of these. All were taken during the year 1961.

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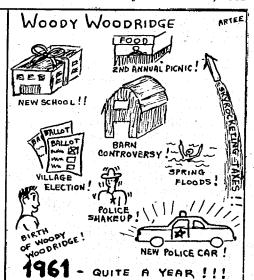
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Ralph H. Kennell was appointed to the village plan and zoning commission and Albert J. Zettler, Jr. was appointed purchasing agent. The reverse was reported in the Dec. 14. issue of the WNR.

CHURCH NEWS

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH 7654 Woodview, Woodridge, - the Rev. Guest Pastor for January Eldridge Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning worship service-ll:00 AM

Sunday evening worship service-7:00 PM Nursery for all services. Wednesday night prayer service-7:30 p.m.

ST. JOAN OF ARC - LISLE Division & Columbia Streets Rev. Frederic J. Beller, pastor Rectory - WO-8-8066, school, WO-9-1732 Convent, WO-8-7082. Masses: Sunday: 6:30, 7:45, 8:45, 10, 11,

& 12 - Church hall, 10 & 11. Holydays, 6,7,8,9,10 - Evening, 6:30 & 8 p.m. -Church hall, 6:30 p.m. Weekdays, 6:30, 8:30 &11 - Saturdays 6:30 & 8:15.

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PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Woodridge School Pastor - John E. Swanson 2735 75th St., Wo 9-1268

Worship Services - Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Woodridge School & Church School at Woodridge School at 10:45 a.m.

FAITH METHODIST CHURCH Maple & Westview, Lisle, Illinois Rev. C. Calvin Ryan, WO-9-5657 Sunday School - 9:30 A.M. Divine Worship - 11:00 A.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Hummer Park Field House--4833 Fairview Ave. Downers Grove, Ill. Sunday School--10:00 a.m. Morning service -- 11:00 a.m. Evening Service--6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study at the village hall, downstairs at 7:30 p.m.



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