

with a yard sale on September 15 on the parking lot of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 612 North State Street. The sale will be held in conjunction with the Community Yard Sale.

For the past several years, the club has used this event to help fund the Belize Children's Project.

In 1977, the members of Rotary District 6510 resolved to help the orthopedically disabled children of Belize when they initiated the Belize Children's Project. Shriner's Hospital for Children in St. Louis generously offered to accept Belizean children for treatment, free of charge. Now, four decades later, more than 400 children are leading happier, more productive lives.

While the children's transportation from Belize to St. Louis is funded by Rotary District 6510, the program relies on the generosity of individuals and families who are willing to open their homes to a child in need of medical care. Host families provide free room and board and transportation to and from the hospital when the child is treated on an out-patient basis. Information about the Project will be available at the yard sale and is also on the Belize Children's Project Facebook page.

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festival with attractions for the children. The Kiwanis Club Chalk it Up! chalk art event will also be taking place at the marketplace.

A Yard Sale map will be released on Friday that details where each sale is located and gives a short list of items available. To pick up a map, stop by Country Mart, Gary's Restaurant, Regions Bank, Midland States Bank, Citizens Commu-

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The Village has dealt with similar issues with the recycling program. Many out-of-town individuals were dumping boxes when the dumpsters were full and the gates were locked. Others, including local residents,

Jennifer Cole, Jennifer Hopfinger, Cheryl Sinn, Sara Keeley, Irene Biver, and Sandy Busch, and back row, Sarah Burch and Michelle Ogilvie. Staff members who were also involved, but are not pictured include Kayla Wombacher, Natalie Pavlak, and Jessica Land.

Freeburg Resident's Book Nominated for Global Award

Priceless Penny written by Freeburg resident Lauren Kramer-Theuerkauf has been nominated for a 2018 Author Academy Award, an honor bestowed for literary merit and publishing excellence in the writing and publishing industry.

Kramer-Theuerkauf's book is up for an award in the Children's category, which tells the true adoption story of her differently-abled dog, Penny.

"Hundreds of books from authors throughout the world are up for an Author Academy Award," said Kary Oberbrunner, founder of Author Academy Elite and the Author Academy Awards. "Our goal is to help further connect this global community of authors, maintain excellence and integrity of the book publishing industry, and raise awareness that the stories being told and the authors who write them are worth our attention."

Authors of all kinds, indie (self-published), traditional, or

collaborative published, are being considered for the award in one of sixteen categories. Entries are being reviewed and evaluated on popular vote, social contribution, and overall presentation (cover, content, flow, and originality) by the Academy's voting membership comprised of best-selling authors, literary agents, and industry leaders.

If interested in supporting Kramer-Theuerkauf and participating in the popular vote portion of the award evaluation, go to authoracademyawards.com/ and scroll to the "Ready to Vote?" section. Once there, click through to the Children's category, then find and click on *Priceless Penny*.

The top ten finalists in each category will be invited to present their book synopsis at an Author Academy Awards Red Carpet Session on Friday, October 26, in Columbus, Ohio. Winners will be announced later that evening at the Author Academy Awards Ceremony where they will be invited to give an acceptance speech. Winners will also receive: The Academy Boon of Merit Award; press release and media story presented to their home-

town press by a professional PR firm; their name and book highlighted on the Read to Lead Podcast (over two million downloads); a Private Group Coaching Session for all First Prize Winners with a YouTube Consultant on how to leverage your book with video; traditional media and social media press including features on select podcasts, shows, vlogs, blogs, and articles; lifetime access to 30 Days to a Bigger Stage Experience, an online program helping authors get publicity for their book; and, the opportunity to present their book synopsis at the Igniting Souls Conference main stage on the days immediately following Author Academy Awards in front of a global audience.

The Author Academy Awards is an award bestowed for literary merit and publishing excellence in the writing and publishing industry. It is presented annually by Author Academy Elite, a premium service provider for authors, at the Author Academy Awards Ceremony. For more information on the awards, visit authoracademyawards.com.

MEAT MARKET SPECIALS

Ground Chuck	\$2.99 LB.
Spare Ribs	\$2.09 LB.
Beef Summer Sausage <i>Old Fashion</i>	\$8.29 LB.
Chicken Wings	\$2.29 LB.



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