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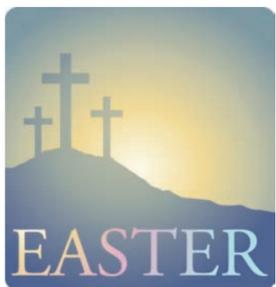
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Pastor: Michael
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• Easter Worship will be recorded on their YouTube Channel: Dwight UMC. A direct link will be on their Facebook page and the church web page, www.dwightumc.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS

325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
Rev. John F. Mueller,
Pastor

• The church will be livestreaming its Easter Worship services on their Facebook page, Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Dwight, IL, at 9:00 a.m. on April 12. They will also livestream services of Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m., and Good Friday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake,
Pastor

• View at facebook.com/CatholicParishesinN.E.LivingstonCounty
• Wed., Apr. 8: Mass, 9 a.m.
• Holy Thursday, Apr. 9: Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper, 6 p.m.
• Good Friday, Apr. 10: Stations of the Cross and Devotional Prayers of Reparation to Christ Crucified, 10 a.m.; Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena (Day 1) Mercy Chaplet, 3 p.m.; Passion of the Lord, 3:15 p.m.
• Holy Saturday, Apr. 11: Easter Vigil (must be celebrated in the church and there is no internet – parishioners are encouraged to join in with the Diocesan Celebration (cdop.org).

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Teaching With the Help of Electronics - E-learning is Essential During Pandemic

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie

Most teachers have had practice with e-learning on snow days, professional development days and parent conferences. But teachers and administrators across the country were not prepared to swap full-time brick and mortar instruction with Internet instruction.

But that’s what has happened in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Millions of schoolchildren across the country are home because schools have closed, along with restaurants, stores, bars and other non-essential businesses as states struggle to combat coronavirus and flatten the curve. In Illinois, Governor

J.B. Pritzker has ordered schools closed during an extended shelter-in-place mandate through April 30.

It’s going to be a long month for teachers, students and parents. But school districts are trying to make the best of it.

Richard Jancek, superintendent of Dwight public schools, said e-learning began on April 1, but they had anticipated the switch in learning and started preparing educational packets on March 13 and told students to empty their lockers and take all their books and materials home with them.

Jancek said lower grades are getting a combination of paper packets and electronic instruction. Since the school has been delivering meals for any stu-

dent who requests it, they have been dropping off educational material along with food, he said. There are between 210 and 280 students who have requested meals. They’ve also delivered more than 200 Chromebooks to students.

He stressed to parents to make sure their kids understand this is not a vacation. “There’s accountability with this remote learning,” he said.

“Stay positive and always do your best,” he said.

But he also doesn’t want parents, many of whom are working from home, to become teachers. Staff has set up many ways to communicate, from email to Facebook, Facetime and being easily accessible by phone.

“It’s a unique situation that takes a lot of creativity and I think our teachers are doing a great job,” he said.

Creativity has been the word of the day for pre-K through first-grade teachers in Pontiac District 429. Christine Anderson teaches kindergarten and they’ve had to pretty much rewrite instruction for students.

Anderson, who lives in rural Dwight, has two boys who attend Dwight public schools: Will is in fifth grade and Drew is in seventh grade. They are used to online assignments.

The youngest students may have the hardest time adjusting to e-learning since it cannot replace the kind of individualized instruction teachers do at lower levels. In their classrooms, stu-



**Christine Anderson
Pontiac District 429**

dent are used to hands-on instruction, Anderson said.

They are in their second week of e-learning, and she and her teacher group started preparing weeks ago. They’ve (continued on page 12)

Evacuation April 12, 1976

It was a day Dwight will never forget. April 12, 1976, when the entire town of 4,000 was evacuated after a semi-trailer transporting hundreds of cases of bromine, freon and a chemical polymer along Old Route 66 started on fire and exploded.

It happened in the early hours, shortly before 3 a.m., 44 years ago this Sunday. It was a time before HAZMAT, computers and cell phones. But Ed Bunting, 67, of Dwight, remembers it well.

“It was quite a day in Dwight,” he said.

A Dwight police officer noticed smoke coming from the truck, and after the driver was pulled over, there was an explosion. Bromine fumes quickly formed a cloud of toxic vapors over the town.

Bunting remembers it was an ominous, orange cloud -- “A cloud of hazardous material just hanging over us,” he said.

Bunting was just 23 years old at the time. The young chap had started his job at Dwight Trucking two years earlier in 1974.

It was typical that they started each morning at 5 a.m. He was at work with his boss Bill Clavey, who owned the trucking company with John Geschwind.

“I knew something was

going on out there,” Bunting said. He could hear the sirens and police on megaphones.

That’s when Clavey ran in and told him, “Ed, I need you to go get limestone. ASAP!”

Bunting got in his semi dump trailer and headed to Lehigh Quarry, about 25 miles east of town in Limestone Township. When he finally got there, he backed up into the end loader and they filled the truck with 21 tons of powdered lime.

“I pretty much drove as fast as I could go,” he said.

When he arrived back in town after the 50-mile round trip, he met Clavey at the bowling alley and they drove around to the scene. The wind was blowing the fumes right toward Dwight, but by now, after two hours, the town had been successfully evacuated.

A trailer had demolished the truck carrying chemicals. Bunting dumped the limestone, and covered the chemicals.

“It seemed to work,” Bunting said.

Here are excerpts from the original news story in the Dwight Star and Herald (4-15-76) by Patrick Cleary:

Over 4,000 residents of Dwight were evacuated during the early morning hours of April 12, 1976. In a little over

two hours the village was empty with the exception of a few residents and those people serving on emergency squads.

It all began shortly before 3 a.m. Monday when Dwight policeman, Ken White, noticed smoke coming from a truck traveling north on route 66. He stopped the truck, driven by Ed Merriman, 53, of Joliet, about a mile and a half north of Dwight near Scully road.

The semi-trailer was transporting 200 cases of bromine, a liquid chemical contained in glass bottles, along with 120 cases of freon, a chemical used in air conditioners. The truck also contained another chemical, “a polymer”, along with some pool tables and ladies purses.

The driver said he was unaware of the smoke but after the truck stopped and the thick cloud began to spread, he heard a “muffled explosion”. Officials at the scene believed the highly toxic bromine might have leaked from the containers and mixed with another chemical, creating the explosion.

The Dwight fire department was summoned to the scene as well as state troopers from district 5 and the Grundy county sheriff’s department.

Bromine fumes formed a cloud over the scene and as the



Ed Bunting, Dwight, shared his personal photos of the bromine leak that evacuated Dwight in 1976.

toxic vapors floated into the community the decision was made to evacuate the entire town.

The civil defense siren was sounded for a full minute shortly after 5 o’clock, alerting the residents that a problem existed. In the meantime Dwight

ambulance volunteers, police, firemen and CB club members began the course of awakening residents urging that they evacuate the village at once.

Many other townspeople assisted with this notification project and soon the streets of (continued on page 5)



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Dwight Police Blotter

March 27: 2:01 p.m. A resident in the 300 block of W. William St. advised a lawn mower and a sprayer were stolen from their garage.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

March 26: North St., medical, refusal.

March 27: Spencer St., medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

March 29: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Judd St., medical, St. James; Spencer, medical, Morris; Division, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Emington/Campus.

March 30: Mazon, medical, Morris.

March 31: Mazon, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, refusal.

April 1: E. Seminole St., trauma, Morris; Julie Dr., fire; Mazon, medical, refusal.

April 2: Elm, medical, refusal, mutual aid to Emington/Campus; I-55, fire; 2900 E, fire; Mazon, medical, Morris; Pollard, assist; Union, medical, Morris.



Temps - 2020

- Mar. 26 – high 50°, low 37° .40" precip.
- Mar. 27 – high 53°, low 37° .04" precip.
- Mar. 28 – high 65°, low 45° 1.10" precip.
- Mar. 29 – high 52°, low 38° .02" precip.
- Mar. 30 – high 56°, low 33°
- Mar. 31 – high 42°, low 35°
- April 1 – high 56°, low 31°
- One Year Ago – April 8, 2019**
high 69°, low 38°



THIS SIGN APPEARED IN THE LANDERS' YARD over a week ago. They sent the picture to their daughter, Pamela, and granddaughter, Payton, thinking they had somehow had the sign made. They were totally surprised and happy! Then Pamela remembered mentioning to Steve Connor, Conman Painting, that she missed them so much and he created the sign. "Thanks to Steve for the wonderful gift of his talent, his kindness and reminding us every day of our loved ones!"

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Mobile Food Pantry in S. Wilmington April 20

On Monday, April 20, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine).

Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce, and nonperishable items) to people in need.

Participants are asked to stay in their cars. The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute pre-packed groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

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White Encourages Residents to Use Online Services During Office Closures

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding the public that many online services are available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com while Driver Services facilities are now closed to the public through April 30 following Governor Pritzker's extension of the "Stay at Home" order.

"Online services, such as renewing your vehicle registration sticker, allow customers to conduct transactions with my office from the comfort of their home," said White. "Furthermore, people who conduct these online transactions now will be helping to alleviate the rush of face-to-face transactions that will occur at facilities once they reopen."

Some of these online services include:

- renewing a vehicle registration;
- applying for a vehicle title and registration;
- obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card;
- obtaining a driving record abstract;
- renewing a standard driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

Since mid-March, online vehicle registration renewals have increased by 64% compared to last year. In addition, more than 49,000 vehicle titles and 154,000 driver's licenses have been mailed since Secretary of State offices and Driver Services facilities closed March 17.

White reiterated that expira-

tion dates for driver's licenses, identification cards, vehicle registrations, and other transactions and document filings will be extended at least 30 days after Driver Services facilities reopen.

Expert advice, news, and events involving the COVID-19 virus will continue to influence the reopening date of offices and Driver Services facilities.

"My commitment is to do everything we can to help protect the health and safety of our residents, while still providing services to the people of Illinois," said White. "This will, and must, continue to be the guiding principle of our decision making."

How to Support Health Care Workers During COVID-19

As OSF HealthCare deals with the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, they have also had many requests from individuals and businesses within the community who want to support health care workers.

How individuals can help:

- **Prevent the spread of infection.** Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth – especially with unwashed or unsanitized hands. Avoid handshakes and hugs, and practice physical distancing.

• **Donate blood.** To schedule a donation with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, call 800-747-5401, visit bloodcenter.org, or download the mobile app available at bloodcenter.org/app.

• **Donate supplies.** OSF HealthCare is accepting supplies of masks, respirators, gloves, wipes, thermometers, and hand sanitizer.

• **Make masks.** They are also accepting donations of handmade, non-clinical masks. Instructions are available at osfhealthcare.org/covid19/give. Masks can be packaged in bundles of 25 and placed in a zip-close bag for delivery.

Masks and other supplies can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., under the canopy outside the main entrance at OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center.

For bulk or large donations, individuals are encouraged to reach out to OSF HealthCare via phone at 309-624-5840 or e-mail SupportOSF@osfhealthcare.org. To see a full list of acceptable donations and drop-off locations, visit osfhealthcare.org/covid19/give.

Grundy County Disaster Fund Awards Grants to Local Not-For-Profits

The Community Foundation of Grundy County Disaster Fund has previously been used to assist the community during past floods and tornadoes. With previous disasters, funds were provided directly to individuals affected; however, this time funds are being used to support local not-for-profits so they can better serve the influx of clients they are seeing.

To date, four grants have been awarded to local not-for-profits. We Care of Grundy

County, Coal City Food Pantry, and Help for Hope all received funds to assist with stocking their pantries to accommodate the increase in client food and grocery needs. In addition, Grundy Area PADS was awarded a grant to assist in providing shelter for the homeless clients they were serving prior to the shelter-in-place mandate.

To date, \$15,820 has been awarded, with more to come.

If your organization would like to apply for a grant through

the Disaster Fund, you can do so by visiting their website, www.cfgrundycounty.com. Should you have any questions regarding grant opportunities, contact Devan at devan@cfgrundycounty.com.

Disaster Fund donations can be made by visiting the website or can be mailed to 520 W. Illinois Ave., Morris, IL 60450. Questions regarding donations to the Disaster Fund can be directed to Julie at 815-941-0852 or julie@cfgrundycounty.com.

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You contribute to an IRA and 401(k) to help build the financial resources you'll need to enjoy a comfortable retirement. But despite these funds being set aside for retirement, many investors use them before they retire. More than half of Americans tap into their retirement savings early, according to a survey from Magnify Money, a website focusing on financial topics. How can you avoid this problem?

It's obviously important to leave your retirement savings untouched, as much as possible, until retirement. You could spend two or three decades as a retiree, so you'll need a lot of financial resources. Of course, it's understandable why some people touch their retirement accounts early: According to the Magnify Money survey, about 23% did so to pay off debts, 17% to make down payments on a home, 11% to pay for college, and the rest for other reasons.

While you also might consider these needs for taking an early withdrawal or loan from your retirement account, you've got good reasons for not touching your IRA or 401(k) before you retire. First, you may face tax penalties if you withdraw money from your IRA and 401(k) before 59 1/2, though there are exceptions. Also, if your withdrawals from your retirement accounts are large enough, they could push you into a higher tax bracket. Plus, the longer you leave your money intact, the more you'll probably have when you need it in retirement.

Let's use the survey results to look at some additional points you might evaluate before using funds from your retirement accounts for other purposes:

Paying off debts – You could consider using a 401(k) loan to pay down some high-interest rate debt, but this move assumes two things – one, you don't plan on taking on additional high interest rate debt, and two, you plan on repaying the loan from your 401(k) within five years. If you don't, you could face penalties.

Making a down payment on a home – The IRS allows first-time home buyers to make a penalty-free withdrawal of \$10,000 from an IRA to make a down payment on a home; however, taxes could still be owed. You might be better off by delaying the purchase of a home, giving you time to build up additional savings, held outside your retirement accounts, that could be used for the down payment.

Paying for college – If you haven't saved enough for a child approaching college, you might consider withdrawing from your retirement accounts to do so. If the funds are used for qualified education expenses, you may be able to withdraw from your IRA without paying a penalty, but again, taxes could be owed on the withdrawn funds. Alternatively, if you have more time, you could consider opening tax-advantaged 529 accounts for younger children to help pay for their education.

As the name suggests, a retirement account is designed for retirement, so do whatever you can to protect it. You may want to consult with a financial professional for guidance on meeting the other needs people cite in tapping into their retirement accounts early.

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Veterinary Services Adjust Business to Keep Employees and Clients Safe in Time of COVID-19

by Rachael Reynolds-Soucic

Veterinary services are considered essential during this time of COVID-19, but that hasn't stopped some from adjusting how they do business to keep their employees and clients safe.

The Dwight Veterinary Clinic is operating under "best practices" as it pertains to social distancing, contact precautions, etc. In response to these challenges, they have adjusted their hours and made changes to how the clinic is run, said Dr. Angie Haag-Eggenberger, owner of the Dwight Veterinary Clinic.

When someone arrives for an appointment, they call the clinic and a technician will take a history over the phone. Techs retrieve the pet and take them into the clinic, and pet owners are asked to wait in their car while the pet is being examined.

After the exam, a tech or veterinarian will call to discuss the exam, take payment over the phone and then bring pets and any prescriptions back out to the car.

The only exception for owners to accompany their pet inside the clinic is for euthanasia.

"We've tried hard to get the word out," Haag-Eggenberger said about the changes.

Compassionate Veterinary Care of Herscher will only see sick or emergency pets, according to their Facebook page. They will not be performing any elective surgeries, to preserve medical supplies.

The American Veterinary Medical Association and the USDA have said there is no evidence that pets can spread the virus to humans, and vice versa.

But the virus could spread through high-touch items. That's why Haag-Eggenberger said techs will use their own leash when walking dogs in and out of the clinic. They also ask that pet owners disinfect collars and cat carrier handles prior to pick-up.

Spays and neuters are still being performed at Dwight; Haag-Eggenberger said this is considered essential to preventing unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. But they have stopped non-essential procedures such as nail trimming because it requires staff come in close contact with each other. They have also stopped routine dental procedures because of a shortage of masks and gloves.

Haag-Eggenberger is also on the board of directors for the Livingston County Humane Society. She said they postponed adoptions for the first two weeks of Illinois' shelter-in-place-mandate. They are now doing adoptions on a limited basis and by appointment only.

Many animal shelters have pushed adoption as a way to find comfort during these stressful times and have seen an increase in adoptions. Haag-Eggenberger said people are finding more free time to train a dog.

But adopting a new pet is a big responsibility -- financially and emotionally -- and humane societies hope high unemployment numbers and the work it takes to train pets won't end up with more animals being sent back.

With that, Haag-Eggenberger reminds people to not forget their pet's flea and tick medicine. Call ahead and a technician will bring it to your car.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET SICK

If you do become too ill to physically care for your pet or you need to be hospitalized, who can take over for you? Is there anyone else in your home who could help? Maybe a neighbor, friend, coworker, or family member who could take them in? Even a groomer, day-care, or boarding facility may be able to help in your time of need with advance notice. But the most important thing you can do today is come up with two potential pet plans and talk directly with those people so they're prepared in case they're called to action.

- Prepare a pet supply kit. It may not seem necessary today, but it will be helpful if you find yourself in an emergency situation without the ability to track down the proper supplies. If possible, your kit should include:
 - Name and contact information for the person who can care for your pets
 - Name and contact information for your back-up in case your go-to is no longer able to help
 - Food, treats, a leash, a couple of toys, and any other supplies necessary to care for your pet for at least two weeks
 - A crate or carrier to transport your pet
 - Vaccination records
 - Collar with ID tags (don't forget to make sure their microchip info is up to date)
 - Medications and prescriptions, along with instructions
 - Daily care instructions
 - Your vet's contact information

Dwight Public Schools Plan for Year End April School Board Meetings Cancelled

By Madelyn Fogarty

As a public health crisis looms across the nation, school officials are continually assessing the situation as it evolves and mandates change. Schools across the state have moved to remote learning and school calendars are being altered.

In a statement to *The Paper*, Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent of Dwight Township High School District #230 and Dwight Common School District #232, provided an update of what is presently known, and outlined the current plan for both Dwight public school districts.

"The Governor has ordered remote learning through April 30," stated Dr. Jancek. "We will get additional guidance in the coming weeks regarding next steps for instruction into May."

"Our original last school day was May 22," continued Dr. Jancek. "Five spring break days were ordered Act of God days by the Governor, which counts toward our 175 instructional school days, and the addition of Good Friday and Easter Monday now considered instructional days. The overall school calendar was reduced by seven days. At this time, the tentative last day of remote learning, if nothing changes, is May 13th. That would be a planning day for teachers to assess all student work and submit final fourth quarter and semester grades."

Dr. Jancek noted that there are five remote planning dates (not remote learning days, but count toward the 175 total

school calendar days) within the remainder of the school year. Grade school planning dates are: March 31, April 17, 24, May 1, 13. High school planning dates are March 31, April 20, 27, May 4, 13. These are teacher planning days to assess student work and to plan the following week's remote learning activities.

At this time, breakfast and lunches will continue to be delivered through May 13th. Further guidance is expected from ISBE regarding options of continuing free meals / delivery in the coming weeks.

"Due to social distancing protocols, both grade school and high school April board meetings have been cancelled," said Dr. Jancek. "The Boards have given the Superintendent authority to make decisions on personnel, financial matters and other day to day decisions as necessary. The Boards will review and affirm the Superintendent's decisions at the May board meetings."

Below is a list of activities currently cancelled, postponed, or still tentatively planned.

Cancelled:

- All IESA Activities
- Family Reading Night (Look for a possible virtual activity)
- All Music / Band Concerts
- All Field Trips
- PBIS Fun Night
- Fine Arts Gala
- Camp 911
- PTO Fun Night
- Pre-K Touch A Truck
- Donkey Basketball

Postponed:

- IHSA Activities
- FFA Banquet

Still On Calendar:

- High School Jazz Show
- High School Prom
- Senior Awards
- Baccalaureate
- 8th Grade Graduation
- High School Graduation

If students, parents or community members have any questions regarding any school matters, please contact Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek at jancekr@dwrightk12.org or 815-584-6216.

Tips from the Center for Disease Control during COVID-19 Time:

- Create a flexible schedule and routine for learning at home
- Have consistent bedtimes and get up at the same time, Monday through Friday.
- Structure the day for learning, free time, healthy meals and snacks, and physical activity.
- Allow flexibility in the schedule — it's okay to adapt based on your day.
- Consider the needs and adjustment required for your child's age group
- The transition to being at home will be different for preschoolers, K-5, middle school students, and high school students. Talk to your child about expectations and how they are adjusting to being at home versus at school.
- Consider ways your child can stay connected with their friends without spending time in person.
- Look for ways to make learning fun
- Have hands-on activities, like puzzles, painting, drawing, and making things.
- Independent play can also be used in place of structured learning. Encourage children to build a fort from sheets or practice counting by stacking blocks.

Hospice of Kankakee Valley COVID-19 Update

Hospice care is an essential service during this uncertain time. Hospice of Kankakee Valley is accepting referrals for our hospice, palliative and bereavement programs and maintaining the highest standard of care for their patients and their families.

They are still providing face-to-face visits with their patients when able, and have also initiated telephonic visits in all of our programs to enhance communication and help manage their complex medical conditions. They are being very diligent about screening all those they come in contact with, including their staff, to ensure no one is currently experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19. Their staff remains

available 24/7 for all emergency situations and can be called at any time.

The safety of their patients and staff is their top priority. They are closely monitoring the developments from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and following all of the guidelines for hospice organizations put in place by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

To request more information about any of their services, call them at 815-939-4141.

They are also currently accepting PPE donations at their office location at 482 Main St. NW in Bourbonnais. If you have PPE donations, call their office to arrange drop-off.

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Five Tips to Enhance Your Wedding Decor



Wedding days are meant to be filled with love and celebration, and what better way to ring in the new stage of life as newlyweds than with a well-decorated venue to match the joyous occasion. Whether a couple is on a tight budget or picky when it comes to theme ideas, these decorating tips can help add more flair for the big day.

Use a natural venue. Many couples choose wedding venues that require immense amounts of decorations, but a venue with organic scenery or a beautiful view can help alleviate the stress. Consider having the ceremony near a garden or beach with enough natural surroundings to keep guests in awe.

Make the cake a centerpiece. Wedding cakes are almost guaranteed to be filled with flavor, but they can also serve as a decorative centerpiece for the reception. Choosing a cake topped with flowers, highlighting bright colors and placing it in a prominent spot at the reception can grab guests' attention while also keeping them eager for a bite.

Choose table accessories that pop. Leave guests in amazement as they make their way to their seats for the reception with beautifully decorated tables. Table accessories can be anything ranging from patterned table runners to flowers in full-bloom placed in simple, elegant vases. If you are not having a formal sit-down re-

ception, try using paper lanterns or hanging flowers from the ceiling to create an eye-catching atmosphere to remember.

Add classic lighting. At times, finding the right lighting to match the mood of a wedding venue can be tricky. In this case, less may actually be more. Try opting for a classic candlelit ceremony or reception to create a more romantic setting. This can save both money and countless hours spent attempting to configure elaborate light fixtures, and also provide a timeless feel.

Place engagement photos around the venue. With any wedding, you want the day to feel personal and intimate for the couple and guests alike. Consider decorating the venue with engagement photos of the soon-to-be spouses as they popped the question. This can allow the newlyweds to reminisce while guests view those cherished moments and revel in the occasion.

For more tips to prepare for life's special moments like marital bliss, visit: elivingtoday.com

Make a Statement With Your Wedding Cake

Brides and grooms may pour over every detail of their weddings, but few components of the festivities may be as fun, especially for foodies, as deciding what the wedding cake will look like. Couples who want to deliver show-stopping visuals often express some measure of their creativity and personalities through statement wedding cakes.

Many couples now eschew the classic three-tiered white cake in favor of a dessert that garners instant attention. Whether the cake is brightly colored or hand-painted, a towering architectural marvel or shimmering in metallics, couples are opting to make a statement with their confections. Apart from clever cake-toppers, here are ways to stand apart when dessert is served.

• According to the Perfect Wedding Guide, a rising trend in cakes is to cover a white or naked cake with translucent glaze tinted in the couple's wedding colors. This artistic expression can be especially stunning in boho-chic weddings.

• Statement tiers also are popular. The cake may be traditional in nearly every way, but couples then set the cake apart by featuring an elaborate design or a different hue in one tier.

• Martha Stewart Weddings advises that more than just color can be used to make a statement. Lifelike sugar flowers can really set cakes apart. Guests may not be sure if they can consume all aspects of



some cakes. But delicate sugar flowers taste as good as they look.

• Hand-painted tiles on a cake are another way to add panache. A bride and groom may be inspired by a European vacation or the stained-glass effects of religious windows and want to add that feel to the tiers of the cake.

• Sometimes a statement comes by way of texture. Even an all-white cake can be dressed up with interesting textural effects. Ruffles, lace, embossing, and 3-D rosettes are different textural components that can be incorporated in cake designs.

• Couples also may want to tell their unique stories with cake. Individual tiers designed to reflect various milestone moments from the couple's relationship can be quite engaging.

• Capitalizing on the trend of edgier weddings, couples may opt for darker hues on their cakes — even a black tier — or nontraditional geometric shapes to the cake itself or its design elements.

Statement cakes can really say something about the couple getting married. Much like other wedding elements, cakes provide a window into the minds of happy couples.

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What to Do in The Wake of Cancelled Events

Events have been cancelled or postponed across the globe in the wake of the outbreak of COVID-19. This has caused a disruption to not only commercial events like concerts and sporting events, but personal gatherings as well. Any party with a large number of potential guests has to be reconsidered. This includes graduation parties, weddings and birthdays. People facing the cancel-

lation of such events can follow these guidelines.

• Speak to vendors to find out if cancellations can occur with no penalties. Many hotels and other travel services are waiving fees for cancellations, or allowing bookings to be rescheduled at no additional cost.

• Try to think of some alternative dates for events like weddings and graduation parties

as soon as possible. There is no way to accurately predict the path that COVID-19 will take, nor put a firm date regular life can resume, but discussing alternative dates with vendors with whom you're already under contract may put you at the top of the list when gatherings are once again allowed.

• Reach out to guests to explain that your plans are fluid. Expect that a good portion of

guests, even those who already committed to attend, may not be able to make rescheduled events. Speak with vendors about fluctuating headcounts in the wake of COVID-19.

• Be patient and keep an open mind about events. These are unprecedented times and many people are learning as they go. Rescheduling events when the threat has subsided may cause a bottleneck effect with service providers. Flexibility and patience can help make reschedule less stressful.

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William Sole

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William Sole is the Managing Broker/Owner of Sancken Sole Realty. He is a member of the Three Rivers Association of Realtors, Illinois Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors. William is a past board trustee of the Village of Dwight and has been a REALTOR® for over 16 years. William also holds the designation of Accredited Buyer Representation (ABR) and Military Relocation Profession (MPR) certification.

“I am humbled and proud to become a part of an elite group of 3% of all REALTORS® to hold the CRS Designation,” said Sole, “this will be beneficial to me in assisting my buyers and sellers in Illinois.”

Dwight Woman’s Club Offers \$1,000 Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

Dwight Woman’s Club has announced it will once again award two \$1,000 college scholarships to 2020 graduating seniors of Dwight Township High School, Dwight Baptist Academy, or to local home-schooled seniors.

In addition, the children/grandchildren of an active DWC member are eligible to apply.

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a four-year college located in the state of Illinois; the other \$1,000 scholarship will be for a student attending a two-year college or vocational program, also in Illinois.

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically per the DWC Scholarship Criteria no later than May 8.

Dwight Woman’s Club has been part of the community for the past 100-plus years. The club’s purpose is to promote community involvement and support, with special emphasis on issues and events near and dear to their schools and public library.

DWC remains hopeful in the future of their community and of their young people in particular.

Short essay questions on the

application are designed to focus on the student’s community involvement and volunteer work. Work experience over extracurricular school activities will also be considered so as not to penalize applicants who need to work to pay for college or make ends meet.

Current DTHS students may receive copies of the Scholarship Criteria and the Scholarship Application from Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Jackie Froelich. Other interested parties, e-mail 4dwight womansclub@gmail.com to receive copies of the material.

Prairie Creek Library Extends Building Closure

Due to Governor Pritzker’s extension of the stay-at-home order, Prairie Creek Library will remain closed through the month of April.

Although the book drop remains open, all due dates have been extended through April 30, and patrons are encouraged to keep any materials they may have checked out. No overdue fines will be assessed for this timeframe. If anyone should receive an automatically generated overdue notice, disregard it.

The Prairie Creek Library website offers patrons options for e-books and other materials, including Tumble Books which

offers stories and other entertainment for children. These materials can be accessed by using one’s library card. The patron’s card number is the access code. Anyone who does not already have a library card may apply for a temporary card provided they live within the library’s district. To apply for a temporary card, e-mail prairiecreeklibrary@gmail.com. These temporary cards can be used to access electronic resources available through the website. After the library reopens, anyone with a temporary card will have to come in to register for a permanent card to check out books

and other materials.

Everyone is invited to follow the library on Facebook. Although the building is closed, staff is still working to provide entertainment for patrons through the Facebook account. This will include different activities and trivia questions through the month of April.

Weekly Facebook Live story time will be held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for their youngest patrons. The library can be found on Facebook by searching for Prairie Creek Public Library District.

Evacuation April 12, 1976

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Dwight were filled with cars loaded with people and leaving in a very orderly fashion. A door to door warning was issued along with the amplifiers on emergency vehicles and the evacuation procedure moved along swiftly.

Most people headed in a westerly or southerly direction and the rural roads fast became “parking lots”.

Two major problems dealt with the evacuation of residents at the Fox Developmental Center and the Dwight Continental Manor nursing home. Within a two hour period all 92 nursing home residents had been moved to the Dwight Correctional Center and 209 Fox Center residents were on their way to the Pontiac Armory and St. James hospital in Pontiac.

These moves were made so swiftly, thanks to the unbelievable amount of help rendered by the staffs of the institutions and hundreds of townspeople. Buses from Goodfarm school, Feddersen Sales and Service and the First Baptist church were used along with vans furnished by Dwightites to handle the transportation needs.

Meanwhile, back at the scene of the accident, emergency units gathered in an effort to thwart the problem. Joining the Dwight firemen were units from the Gardner and South Wilmington fire departments, the deputy state fire marshal and a representative from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Hulcher Emergency Service crewmen were flown to the Dwight Airport from Peoria to help pinpoint the cause of the leak and give advice on handling the situation.

Firemen and other emergency workers were in close contact with the danger, and

two Dwight firemen, Alex McWilliams, Jr. and Phil Becker, had to be taken to the Morris hospital after they got a severe whiff of the fumes while working on the cargo. They were treated, released and returned to the scene.

During all this time traffic on route 66 was rerouted along route 47 to avoid the fumes at the scene, and all Amtrak trains were held up from approaching the area until the all-clear had been sounded at 10:05 a.m.

The predicament of the village drew the attention of the media as Chicago and neighboring daily newspapers sent reporters and cameramen here, along with all the Chicago television stations. The news was flashed quickly that the village was being evacuated, and relatives and friends from all parts of the country began making efforts to reach Dwight by phone.

During the emergency, police captain Marvin Runyon, who also serves as civil defense director for the town, was in contact with the Illinois Civil Defense director, Col. Ritz; Doug Smith of hazardous materials in Washington, D.C. and John McGuire, assistant to Gov. Dan Walker, keeping them constantly informed of the situation as it developed.

Livingston county civil defense director Clement Steichen also helped coordinate the evacuation proceedings and commended everyone for their efforts.

Approximately twenty police cars along with a helicopter were in the area and reports of looting proved to be unfounded.

An airplane piloted by Dave Constantine and a state police plane assisted in keeping track of the gas cloud.

Many residents of Pontiac were on hand to assist with the

unloading of Fox center residents in Pontiac, setting up cots and the like and bringing in food and beverages for the youngsters. It was another example of how people react to the problems of others.

The help that was rendered at the time of possible disaster was a lengthy one – state police from districts 5 and 6, the local police and fire departments, the ambulance volunteers, Von Qualens, members of the Dwight Night Owls CB club, the newly-formed REACE team headed by Gary Clodi, Livingston and Grundy county sheriff’s departments, Pontiac, Coal City and Channahon policemen, and many, many Dwight residents.

It was an outstanding display of cooperation on the part of these, and the people who suffered through the uncertainty of evacuation.

The Dwight firemen had a long day of it, having been called out at 3 o’clock a.m. continuing their duties until 9 o’clock Monday night. Chief John Metzke and his men faced a serious problem of unknown nature for a time, yet performed in expert fashion.

Other emergency workers remained in the village, and are to be commended for their untiring and unrelenting efforts.

It was this writer’s first contact with evacuation proceedings, and I was impressed with the quiet reaction of the villagers, their swift action and concern for the well-being of others.

Dedication of those assisting with all phases of the problem was absolutely unbelievable and each and everyone are to be commended for a job well done. They all must have that good feeling of self-satisfaction realizing they did a good turn for their fellow man.

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We may be social distancing, but Americans are showing their kindness, love and hope in windows all over the U.S. And it wouldn't be Dwight if folks didn't take part in such community spirit.

Hand-cut colorful hearts and positive messages are decorating windows in homes and businesses all over the area. And many are making their way online through social media like the "Heart Hunters" challenge, with more than 765,000 members and 65,000 posts a day.

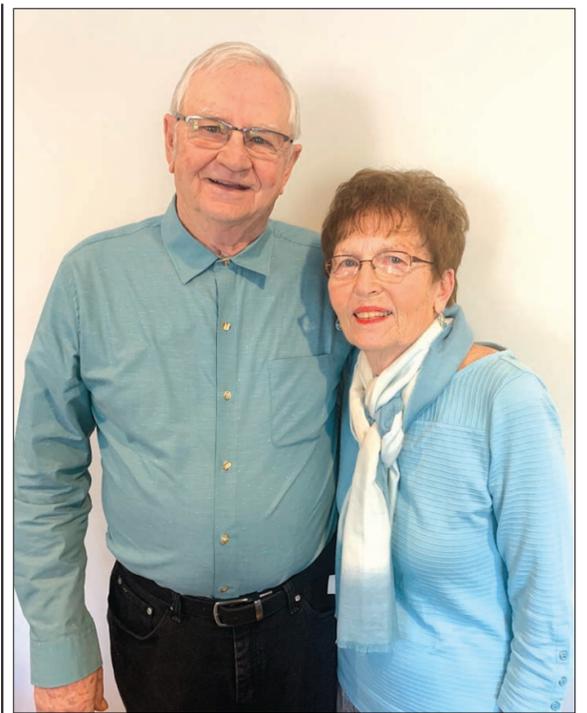
That's a lot of photos to sift through, so local groups are popping up on Facebook including Heart Hunters of Iroquois County and Kankakee County Heart Hunters.

It's a good project for kids to keep them busy during the stay-at-home order, and a good way for parents to spend quality time with them. It's also a way to show friends, neighbors and even strangers how much you care.

"In this together," read one window at the Morris Hospital, encouragement that we'll make it through this together.



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Parnell and Betty Ann Kennedy

Parnell and Betty Ann Kennedy to Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Parnell and Betty Ann Kennedy (Bashore), Odell, are set to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

They were married on April 23, 1960, in Odell, with attendants Mary Landstrom and Jim Kennedy.

They have three sons: Robert (Stephanie) Kennedy, Pontiac; Donald (Teri) Kennedy, Pontiac; and Steve (Erin) Kennedy, Bloomington. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Parnell was a maintenance supervisor for Livingston County and retired in 2004. Betty Ann was a hair stylist and retired in 2000.

The couple is planning to celebrate with a family dinner—which has been postponed due to the Coronavirus.

Their family asks that you help shower them with cards on their special day, as they are not able to celebrate at this time. Cards can be mailed to 315 E. Elk Street, Odell, IL 60460.

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Cancellation of Vermillion Players Summer Season

With the health and well-being of their patrons, volunteers, actors, and audiences at the forefront of their minds, the Vermillion Players board of directors has made the difficult decision to postpone their summer season.

They are not cancelling these performances, they are simply moving them forward a year to be presented in the summer of 2021.

They hope to return to their regular performances at the Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center this fall and will be using this time to work on their skills as theatrical artists and to strengthen their programming.

Feel free to reach out to any current board member with questions or e-mail them at vermillionplayersinc@gmail.com.

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OBITUARIES

William L. Brooks, Jr.

WILMINGTON – William L. Brooks, Jr., age 60, of Wilmington passed away suddenly on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.



Born November 24, 1959 in Pontiac, Illinois, William is a son of Barbara (nee Hillman) and the late William L. Brooks, Sr. of Gardner.

He was raised in Gardner and graduated from Gardner South Wilmington High School with the Class of 1977. Bill was employed with Exxonmobil Joliet Refinery for more than 30 years, where he worked in fire and safety, as well as held the position of fire chief.

In addition, Bill served over the years with both the Gardner and the Manhattan Fire Protection Districts, and worked with various other local fire departments as a certified instructor.

Bill loved being a grandfather, and loved to tinker. There was never a time that Bill wasn't building or working on a project.

Survivors include his loving wife, Susan; mother, Barbara of Gardner; two sons: Justin (Sarah) Brooks and Jason Brooks (fiance - Gina Wright), both of Diamond; his brother and sister-in-law, Darren and

Pamela Brooks of Gardner; step-children: Kevin Nelson of Colorado and Kathryn (Tony) Hurley and Robert (Brooke) Nelson, both of Joliet; and seven grandchildren: Ava Meyer, Brantley and Isaac Brooks, Mya Folgers, Jameson Nelson and Andrew and Ryan Hurley.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, William L. Brooks, Sr.; and his brother and sister-in-law, Darryl and Peggy Brooks.

Private family services were held, and Bill will be laid to rest in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Bill's memory to the Wilmington Fire Membership Fund, P.O. Box 245, Wilmington, Illinois 60481.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share Bill's memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/notices/William-BrooksJr

Funeral services and green flameless cremation arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington. (815) 476-2181

Charles H. Pokarney

DWIGHT – Charles H. Pokarney of Dwight passed away Monday, March 30, 2020.



Due to the shelter-in-place order private family burial will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no visitation.

A public Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorials in Charles' name may be made to Autism Speaks, Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Morris, IL, or St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight.

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, is handling the arrangements.

Charles was born July 20, 1934 in Pontiac, IL, a son of Michael and Myrtle (Vogelsinger) Pokarney. He married Barbara McDermott June 8, 1957 in Piper City, IL. She survives in Morris, IL.

Also surviving are sons: Charles Pokarney Jr. of Dwight; John Pokarney of Bloomington, IL; daughters: Lori (Mike) McConnell of Dwight; Karen (Paul Helgesen) of Skokie, IL; Patti Trewartha of Texas; Janet (Tim) Ricketts of Braidwood, IL; sister, Mary Rice of Kalamazoo,

MI; sister-in-law, Dolores Pokarney of Dwight; grandchildren: Jessica, Dan, Tyler, Jordan, Emma, Lucas, Michael and Grace; great-grandchildren: Lyllah, Harper, Jace, Jasper, Khloe, and Gracelynn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and one sister.

Charles moved to Dwight in 1965, just a few years after service in the Army from 1957 to 1959. He worked his farm until the late '90s, when he retired. He then worked for Wal-Mart for 15 years in the produce department.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, the Dwight American Legion, and the Cessna 170 Association for more than 30 years. He enjoyed old cars, reading Auto and Aviation magazines, watching golf on TV, and was a St. Louis Cardinals fan. He loved spending time with his family and began every meal with dessert, pie in particular.

He will be missed by all who knew him, but especially missed by his loving family.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at www.hagermemorial.com

Minutes with Boma



Zoom.

This is not an ad for Zoom. Okay, well it's kind of going to end up as an ad for Zoom, but let it be known that that was not the intended purpose of this when I sat down to write.

If you're a person, and you've existed over these past 2-3 weeks, you've probably heard about Zoom, you have Zoomed, you heard about that lady in Congress who used insider trading to buy a bunch of Zoom stock before it got big. Likely, in some fashion, you have heard of this fun, little computer and smart-phone application called Zoom.

For those who have not used or heard about this, Zoom is essentially facetime, or video chat for those that do not have iPhones, but on steroids. Essentially it's a video conference call with as many of your family and friends as you can possibly fit into the frame of the screen.

Both sides of my family have been avid users of this over the last couple of weeks, utilizing it about once a week to stay in touch during this social distancing/quarantine period that we are all going through.

My personal thought is that it's great. It's a fantastic way to stay in touch with family and friends who maybe you hang out with consistently prior to all of this taking place, but also a great way to hang out with people that you weren't interacting with and put you back in touch with them.

One thing that I hope comes from this is that it makes people realize and notice how easy it is to stay in contact with people who maybe they had fallen out of touch with over the years, and how easy it is to get back in touch with these people.

I saw someone bring up that we should start referring to this time as distant socializing and not social distancing. It's important to be there for each other right now, especially when some of us feel especially isolated.

Go, Cubs.

Aaron J. Boma
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William Walsh
Vienna Twp. Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA BOWLES MAUSER, Deceased.
Case No.: 2020-P-18

CLAIMS NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of Donna Bowles Mauser on August 7th, 2019. At the time of her death, Donna Bowles Mauser was a resident of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on March 20th, 2020, to MARK L. BOWLES and ERIK B. BOWLES, Independent Co-Executors, whose addresses are 849 Shadowmoss Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787 and 125 N. Thompson, Melvin, IL 60952, respectively. Their attorney is WILLIAM J. GERBER, 210 W. Oak St., Fairbury, IL 61739, whose phone number is (815) 692-2224.

Claims may be filed on or before October 1st, 2020. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Claims may be filed with the office of the Clerk of Livingston County Court at 110 N Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Co-Executors, or both. If filed with the Clerk, claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Executors and to their attorney and file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

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Judy Karan Handren

DWIGHT – Judy Karan Handren, age 67, of Dwight, IL passed away peacefully Thursday, April 2, 2020 at Regency Care of Morris.



Born June 27, 1952 in Selma, AL to the late Thomas Franklin and Thelma (nee Tench) Anderson, Sr.

Judy previously worked as a teacher at the Fox Developmental Center in Dwight. She retired from the Dwight Women's Correctional Center.

Surviving are her beloved husband, William Handren of Dwight; loving daughter, Letitia "Tish" (Robert Storm) Handren of Dwight; cherished granddaughter, Amelia Storm; two step-grandchildren: Sarah (Anthony Scheel) Storm and Heather (Andy Stecher) Storm;

one step-great-grandson, Declan Stecher-Storm; sister, Thalia Koehler of Braidwood; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, William, in infancy, and Thomas F. Anderson, Jr.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to: www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com or find them on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Lucille Guest

NAPERVILLE – Lucille Guest, 94, of Naperville and formerly of Campus, IL passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020 in Naperville, IL.



Due to the shelter-in-place order, private family burial will take place in Round Grove Cemetery, rural Campus, IL.

Memorials in her name may be left to the charity of the donor's choice.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is handling the arrangements.

Lucille was born in Broughton Township, IL on December 9, 1925, a daughter of James and Irene (Schutz) Roche. She married Rex Guest on March 17, 1947 in St.

Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight, IL. He passed away July 11, 2017.

Surviving are a son, Steven (Grace Ann) Guest of Winfield, IL; two grandchildren, Ashley Guest of Aurora, IL and David Guest of Winfield, IL; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Roche of Pontiac, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Rex; brothers, Leo and Donald Roche; sisters, Bernice Stahler and Irene Marie "Daah" Noonan-Franey; and sister-in-law, Janet Roche.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at www.hagermemorial.com

Carl E. Herb

DWIGHT – Carl E. Herb, 89, of Dwight, IL and formerly of Cabery, IL, passed away at 3:10 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2020 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL.



Cremation rites were accorded and a private family graveside service will be held at a later date in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

Memorials in Carl's name may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, IL is handling the arrangements.

Carl was born May 29, 1929 in Emington, IL, son of Roy and Mary Ellen (Weirman) Herb. He married Marce-

line Roggenburg on September 30, 1950 in Cabery, IL. She survives in Dwight, IL. Also surviving are one brother, Bob (Darlene) Herb of Lemont, IL; one brother-in-law, Bob (Shirley) Roggenburg of Cabery, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Betty Herb.

Carl was a car salesman for Detzler Pontiac in Oswego, IL for many years. He served our country in the US Army during the Korean War from 1951 until 1953.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at www.hagermemorial.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ERIC STEWART, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEREMY MARSHALL, Defendant,

No. 2020-LM-32

NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is given you, JEREMY MARSHALL, Defendant, in the above entitled action, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that an order may be entered granting possession of the property commonly known as 311 Eisenhower Drive, Dwight, IL 60420, to the Plaintiff, ERIC STEWART, and for the Plaintiff's costs of suit. Summons was issued out of the court against you as provided by law, and the action is still pending.

Consequently, unless you, JEREMY MARSHALL, Defendant, file your answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois on or before May 1, 2020, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020.

LEANN DIXON
Clerk of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Pontiac, Illinois

Another Obituary appears on page 6.

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by DWIGHT is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name **JAMES REED**

Phone **815-584-1128 OR 815-584-3077**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
Contaminants that may be present in source water include: - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

This CCR report will not be mailed to each individual customer in Dwight. The reports are available at the Dwight Public Services Complex, Dwight Village Hall, 209 S. prairie Ave., Dwight, Illinois.

Regularly schedule Village Board Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays every month at 6:30pm in the Board Room (lower level) of the Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location	
WELL 7 (40020)	CORNER OF SOUTH AND	GW	Active	127 W. South St., Dwight
WELL 8 (00357)	W OF CORNER OF DELAWARE	GW	Active	201 S. Old Route 66, Dwight
WELL 9 (01069)	NW CORNER FRANKLIN AND	GW	Active	203 S. Franklin St., Dwight

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call our water operator at 815-584-1128. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: DWIGHT To determine Dwight's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, and a Source Water Assessment Program, were reviewed. Based on the information contained in these documents, six potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Dwight community water supply wells. These include a foundry/metal working, two vehicle sales, and three below ground fuel storages. Based on information obtained by Dwight water supply officials, the following facilities, also indicated as potential sources in the site data table, have had their tanks removed: Dempsey Dodge Chrysler Plymouth (now Public Service Complex), Tri Oil Station, TD Petroleum, Arthur Leach, and the Village of Dwight, Rub Buick Chevrolet Oldsmobile, Phillip Becker, and unknown underground fuel storage. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that Dwight Wells #7, #8, and #9 are not susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. Based on their proposed construction and location, the Illinois EPA anticipates that proposed Well #101 will not be susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination when it comes online. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data for the wells. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that Dwight's community water supply wells are not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; there is a hydrogeologic barrier that restricts pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. However, having stated this, the U.S. EPA is proposing to require States to identify systems in karst, gravel and fractured rock aquifer systems as sensitive. Water systems utilizing these aquifer types would be required to perform routine source water monitoring. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should provide an adequate degree of protection to prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination.

2019 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	09/22/2017	1.3	1.3	1.1	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	09/22/2017	0	15	1.7	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

na: not applicable.

mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.



GABRIELLE SPANGLER, LEFT, AND PEYTON RICHIE, Tri-Point FFA members, were recommended for the State FFA Degree. Pending final approval, both will receive their degrees at the State FFA Convention in Springfield this June.

Two Tri-Point FFA Members Recommended for State FFA Degree

Two Tri-Point FFA members, Peyton Richie and Gabrielle Spangler, were recently recommended for the State FFA Degree.

Members seeking the degree must meet the requirements set forth in the Illinois FFA Constitution, complete their record books and an application, as well as complete an interview with the section selection committee.

Richie is the daughter of Jay and Tammy Richie of Buckingham, with a project in Beef Production. Spangler is the daughter of Allen and Susan Spangler of rural Cullom, with programs in Small Animal Production and Alpaca Production.

Pending final approval by the Illinois FFA office, both will be presented with their degrees at the State FFA Convention to be held in Springfield this June.

Wash Your Hands!

(From the early files of the *Dwight Star & Herald*, 1926)

Thursday Afternoon Closing.

Dwight Merchants Open Wednesday Evenings and Close Thursday P.M.

We, the business men of Dwight, agree to close our places of business Thursday afternoons and keep open Wednesday evenings "as in former years," commencing Wednesday, June 2, and ending Thursday, September 2, inclusive. Signed by

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Prices are expected to continue to drop due to the Covid-19 situation and people staying home.

City/Village	April 8	April 1
Dwight	\$1.95	\$1.95
Kankakee	\$1.71	\$1.79
S. Wilmington	\$1.99	\$1.99
Streator	\$1.74	\$1.81
Odell	\$1.89	\$1.99
Pontiac	\$1.84	\$1.94
Gardner	\$1.96	\$1.99
Braceville	\$1.90	\$1.99
Morris	\$1.95	\$1.98
Herscher	\$1.77	\$1.87
Chicago	\$2.51	\$2.56
Illinois	\$1.98	\$2.08
U.S.	\$1.95	\$2.05

Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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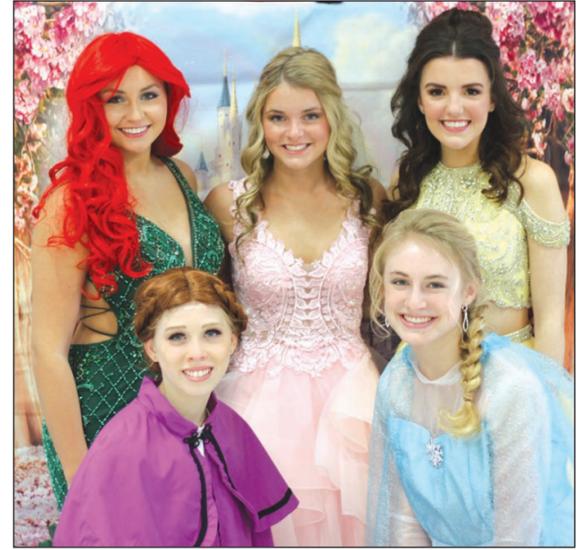
Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2019	1.5	1.3 - 1.5	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2019	24	24 - 24	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2019	14	13.54 - 13.54	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	09/17/2018	2	2 - 2	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	09/17/2018	0.084	0.084 - 0.084	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	09/17/2018	0.555	0.555 - 0.555	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	09/17/2018	1.9	1.9 - 1.9		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	2019	148	100 - 190	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2019	2	1.7 - 1.7	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	09/17/2018	160	160 - 160			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	09/17/2018	0.0068	0.0068 - 0.0068	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2019	2.42	2.42 - 2.42	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2019	5.28	5.28 - 5.28	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.



A PRINCESS DAY TEA was held at South Wilmington Grade School March 15. Princess Emma Hennessey as Ariel, Paige Patterson as Aurora, Cadee Grieff as Belle along with Anna-Ella Mack, and Elsa-Addison Fair delighted the younger princesses with picture opportunities and dancing. The children were treated to new hair styles by volunteer hair dressers. Tracy Patterson, Sheila Bunton, and Angie Grieff dressed as Mary Poppins did the honors of helping to make these little ones' dreams come through. Student Council members from the grade school painted nails and talked of princess stories with the children. Princesses also had snacks and made magical wands and tiaras during this enchanted event. SWGS extended its thanks to Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Gerber for taking pictures.

A Princess Day tea



These are your friends and family members who work at **Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers**. They continue to report to the front line every day so they can take care of our community. They have one request of you. Please make sure you are following the Stay at Home order. That means, if you don't have to go out, **STAY HOME**. This is THE way to slow the spread of coronavirus. It's going to take all of us doing our part. Thank you! **#STAYHOME**



The Hunt

Starring: Betty Gilpin, Hilary Swank, Ike Barinholtz
Director: Craig Zobel
Genre: Thriller, Comedy, Action
Rated: R
Rating: 7/10

Postponed from a controversial release this past September, *The Hunt* is effective as a darkly funny thriller, but hit and miss when it comes to political satire. It relies on a simple setup to kick things off; twelve strangers wake up in a mysterious, isolated section of woodland and are all unaware of how they got there. They soon find a crate full of weapons seemingly waiting for them, so they take the opportunity to arm themselves.

From that point, it doesn't take long to figure out they're in danger. Unseen individuals begin picking them off one-by-one and it becomes evident that they were brought there to be hunted for what seems like sport. As the strangers, including a rugged survivalist named Crystal (Betty Gilpin), fight for their lives, they begin to believe an internet conspiracy they are all familiar with; it involves wealthy liberal elites capturing who they view as "deplorable" conservatives and hunting them in cat-and-mouse fashion at a location known as "the manor". While they can't prove exactly why they were put in the situation, it doesn't matter to Crystal as she takes charge in working to turn the tables on those pulling the strings. The resulting events are ripe with violence, confrontation, and revelations.

The film isn't very subtle with political

messages and comes off as rather pessimistic in commenting on the political system of our country, but this is not necessarily a bad thing. Shots (both insults and gunshots) are taken at both sides of the political spectrum as characters fight to either justify their actions or to simply survive. While attempting to satirize both conservatives and liberals isn't an inherently bad thing to try, it wouldn't be surprising if extremely political viewers had issues with the blunt nature in which the film does it. It aims to make bold political statements and may succeed, depending upon who is watching it. At times, there are promising ideas put forth, but there are also a handful which seem to fall through when certain scenes become a little ridiculous. However, it is likely the filmmakers were going for an over-the-top, humorously joyful jab at politics to get their message across and the crazy violence and accompanying jokes is generally enough to accomplish this.

Aside from the political context of the movie, it does serve as a good thriller. There are plenty of shootouts, one-liners, and violent fights to please action enthusiasts, as well as enough little surprises to keep viewers on their toes. Betty Gilpin is fantastic as a quirky, funny character, as well as a capable, no-nonsense survivor. In the end, *The Hunt* does a decent job of poking fun at the extreme nature of U.S. politics, but is better when delivering thrills, as long as audiences are comfortable with a large dose of humor to go with heaping amounts of blood.

- Ryan Beier

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Teaching With the Help of Electronics - E-learning is Essential During Pandemic



Teacher Christine Anderson's class

(continued from page 1) had to get creative knowing some of their students may not have crayons, dice or flash cards let alone a computer, Internet and a printer.

State instruction requires 30 to 90 minutes a day of e-learning for kindergarten through second grade. She uses an on-line program that allows her to send out emails to the class. She's created Google Docs that

cover a reading and math activity every day. They also have links to educational YouTube videos, apps and have been posting a lot to their classroom Facebook page.

For those who don't have the Internet, they are mailing out packets every week. She is asking parents to send photos of their kids working for accountability.

Her teachers group has been instrumental in bouncing around instructional ideas. "It's huge. We're all in this together," she said. "We talk daily. We couldn't do it without each other."

One of the hardest parts of being out of school is social distancing, particularly for older students. Anderson has been a little more lenient with her boys, giving them more phone time to text and Face-time their friends. She gets it.

"I want to be with my friends, too," she said.

Little ones become very attached to their teachers. So they've videotaped themselves reading stories and posting on their Facebook classroom page. That face-to-face contact is so important, she said.

"We miss seeing them," Anderson said. "Loving them comes first."

And that's the hardest part. She worries that some students may fall behind.

Pontiac's last day is scheduled for May 20, but the rest of the school year could very well get cancelled. For now, Anderson said to keep kids learning, and enjoy the time being so close to them.

"We want to go back to school. Things would be so much easier if we were back at school," she said.

Illinois State Board of Education E-Learning Recommendations:

- PreK-Max 60 minutes per day
- K-2nd-Max 90 minutes per day
- 3-5th-Max 120 minutes per day
- PJHS-Max 180 minutes per day

Help children continue learning Stay in touch with your child's school

• Review e-learning assignments from the school, and help your child establish a reasonable pace for completing the work. You may need to assist your child with turning on devices, reading instructions, and typing answers.

• Communicate challenges to your teacher. If you face technology or connectivity issues, or if your child is having a hard time completing assignments, let the school know.



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Livingston County has Ten Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

Livingston County now has a total of ten confirmed cases of COVID-19, as of press time Monday.

The Livingston County Health Department said a woman in her 50s was diagnosed with the disease, and is recovering at home in isolation. The health department was notified on Sunday, April 5, according to a press release.

The other individuals who've tested positive are:

- Woman in her 30s -- hospitalized
- Woman in her 40s -- isolated at home
- Man in his 20s -- isolated at home
- Woman in her 60s -- travel associated; isolated at home
- Man in his 60s -- community spread, hospitalized
- Woman in her 80s -- community spread, hospitalized
- Man in his 70s -- community spread, hospitalized
- Woman in her 50s -- contact of a confirmed case, isolated at home

Man in his 60s -- contact of a confirmed case, isolated at home

Individuals who have questions or concerns about COVID-19 may contact the IDPH Hotline at 1-800-889-3931, or 2-1-1 for general questions and referrals for resources, including mental health. Up-to-date information can also be found on IDPH's website.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is available for eligible Central Illinoisans at the McLean County Fairgrounds (1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington). This community-based testing site will operate from 9am - 5pm every day and is able to test up to 250 eligible people per day. The testing criteria are as follows:

- Healthcare workers *with* respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- First responders *with* respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Seniors (65+) *with* respi-

ratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater

Patients with underlying medical conditions *with* respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater

Please NOTE: Individuals who have taken fever-reducing medicines within six hours before arrival at the testing site will not be eligible to be tested. Stay home except for essential business, regardless of whether a person is experiencing symptoms.

Practice social distancing, making sure to stay 6' from others when in public.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you're sick at home, do your best to self-isolate from others living in the home.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a cleaning spray with at least 70% alcohol or a bleach/water solution using a ratio of 1:10.

If you have experienced a cough, difficulty breathing, or a fever, stay home. If your symptoms worsen, call your healthcare provider before leaving your house so that you may be evaluated and provide further direction.

COVID-19 Cases Per County

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