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Date Meets Zip Get in on the Fun!

The Paper will publish a weekly "Letter Search Contest" leading up to the Date Meets Zip festivities, in which a picture of a local sign or building showing one letter from the word DWIGHT will be printed each week – continuing through the final answer in the Wednesday, June 3, edition. Participants should fill out the entry form, identifying the sign and including your name and phone number. Entries

should be submitted by taking a picture of your entry form and e-mailing it to dhs1854@yahoo.com by Monday of the following week. A \$10 prize will be awarded each week to one winner. In case of multiple correct entries, the winner will be pulled randomly from the group. On week five, Letter H, there are multiple signs to identify and a \$50 prize will be awarded to one winner that week.



 **Letter Search Entry Form**
Letter "H"

Name of Sign/Building:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Submitted by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Submit your entry by taking a picture of the completed form and e-mailing the form to dhs1854@yahoo.com by Mon., May 25.

DTHS Virtual Board Meeting Set For May 20

The Dwight Township High School Board Meeting will be held via video conference Wednesday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m.

If anyone would like to attend the meeting or have

any questions, e-mail haackej@dwrightk12.org. Any request to attend the meeting must be received by May 20 at 4:30 p.m. You will be given directions on how to get into the online meeting.

'Our Love Survived the Pandemic' Couple Weds in Quaint Ceremony as Family Celebrates through Zoom

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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Kala David met the love of her life, Steven, in June 2018 at an Everclear concert in Joliet. She asked him to take a photo of her and friends, he bought her a beer, and they hung out all night.

At the time Steven worked at a tire shop, and she just so happened to need new wheels. It was the perfect excuse to go see him.

Nine months later, on March 2, 2019, Steven asked Kala to marry him on Madeira Beach in St. Petersburg. They quickly got to work planning their wedding. First the date: May 16, 2020. Kala booked the ceremony and reception at the Walton Centre in Fairbury and asked Pastor Randy Randall of New Life Church in Dwight to officiate. They chose six bridesmaids and six groomsmen. She picked out the centerpieces, the menu, and, of course, the gown. Invitations were sent out to 150 guests.

Then Gov. Pritzker issued his first stay-at-home order in March. And when it became obvious that large gatherings were not going to be allowed, she, like so many other brides in the same predicament, decided to cancel the wedding.

She made an announcement on Facebook, and got to work planning her wedding again -- this time rescheduling the date to Oct. 17 and making sure it could accommodate the photographer, caterer and venue.

Kala, 30, is an LTN at Heritage Health in Dwight. Steven, 28, works for Polar Service Centers in Joliet. She grew up in Campus and is the daughter of Bernie and Roberta Koronkowski, of Campus. He is the son of Velva and Debbie Davis of Essex. They live in Dwight but will soon be moving to Essex. Kala has a 7-year-old daughter, Avery.

But as their original date neared, they had second thoughts. She wanted to be a May bride, even if that meant no attendants, guests or beautifully decorated venue.

"Our date was super important to us," Kala said. "We decided we're just not going to let this pandemic take everything from us."

They called Pastor Randy and explained the situation. Kala said they still wanted to be married on May 16, and he said he'd be honored to do it.

She started planning again, this being the third time. "I just had to improvise," she said.

Her wedding gown tucked away until October, Kala decided to buy a simple, off-the-shoulder white dress and added a sparkly belt and pearl necklace. She put on Dollar Tree fake nails, and asked her friend to do her hair. She bought a vase of flowers from Emling and wrapped the stems in hemp for her bouquet. She found a photographer just three days before the date. She made a chalkboard sign: "Our love survived the pandemic."

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Kala and Steven on May 16, 2020, and March 2, 2019 below when Steven asked Kala to marry him.



Dwight's Pool Closed for 2020 Summer Season

May 11 Board of Trustee Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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In another disappointing result of the pandemic, Dwight's public swimming pool will not open this summer. Dwight's Village Administrator Kevin McNamara made the announcement last week.

"Unfortunately, we have decided the village will not be opening Stevenson Pool this summer," McNamara said in a statement to *The Paper*. "Due to state rules for large gatherings, we don't see how we can limit the pool to 50 people, if our region gets there by July, and how we could control social distancing in the water. We regret having to do this, but the safety and health of our residents is utmost."

In other village business news, the Dwight Village Board of Trustees held its May 11 session via a telecommuni-

cation meeting with all board members present. During the ongoing health crisis across the nation, Section 6 of Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 02020-07 declaring all counties in Illinois as a disaster area alters the open meetings act and suspends the requirement for physical presence. The Governor's stay at home order has been extended through the end of May.

Concerns of village budget shortfalls resulting from the pandemic and loss of sales tax and gaming revenues continue.

"COVID-19, I'm afraid, is going to play havoc on municipal budgets, especially on the revenue side," Village Administrator McNamara forewarned the board last month projecting sales tax could be down as much as 50 percent adversely impacting the \$3.3 million Village budget.

However, with March sales tax results in, the picture was not quite as grim as expected leaving village officials "pleasantly surprised". With just two weeks of pandemic impact affecting March sales tax, the village reported a sales tax loss of roughly 10 percent, or approximately \$10,000.

An ordinance calling for a public hearing and a joint review board meeting to consider the designation of a redevelopment project area and the approval of a redevelopment plan and project for the Village of Dwight (II 17 / Route 66 Tax Increment Financing District) was approved. An ordinance calling for a public hearing had previously been approved in March, but was delayed due to the pandemic.

The common boundary description for the TIF district states: The Village of Dwight

corporate limits on the North; 1-55 on the West; the intersection of Old Route 66/Odell Road and Route 66 on the South; and the properties abutting the East side of Old Route 66, North of William Street, Odell Road, South of William Street, and the railroad right-of-way adjacent to the Odell Road, when William Street to just North of South Street, on the East.

The JRB for the proposed TIF District shall meet on Thursday, June 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the Dwight Village Hall. A public hearing will be held on Monday, July 13, at 6 p.m. at the Dwight Village Hall Board Room. Written comments are invited and can be sent in advance of the July 13 public hearing to the Dwight Village Clerk, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420.

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YOUR MEMORIAL DAY GRILLING HEADQUARTERS

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

May 8: Brian L. Weatherbee, 34, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

May 13: Jacob Mannoja, 23, Morris, driving under influence of alcohol; Natalie N. Jerz, 25, Odell, driving during suspension.

Persons in the police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law

Dwight Police Blotter

May 12: 2:34 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Julie Dr. for a window on a garage damaged from a BB gun; 11:55 p.m., Dwight Police were notified of a family disturbance in the 200 block of E. Delaware.

May 13: 6:38 p.m., Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Mazon Ave. Arrested was Jacob Mannoja, 23, (address given as Morris), for DUI. Mannoja was taken to DPD where he was issued a citation, paperwork, and a court date. Mannoja posted bond and was released. The vehicle was towed from the scene; 10:23 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Watters Dr. Arrested for Driving on a Suspended License was Natalie Jerz, 25, of Odell. Jerz was taken to DPD where she was issued a citation, given her paperwork, and was able to post bond. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

Accident Reports

Friday, May 8, 9:45 a.m., an accident was reported on Rt. 17 at Prairie involving a 2005 Chevrolet utility, driven by

Brian Weatherbee, Dwight, which failed to slow and struck the rear of a 2018 Frei., driven by Michael Nelson, Lewis-town.

Sunday, May 10, 4:02 p.m., an accident was reported at 225 Pollard Ave. involving a 2011 Chrysler van, driven by Tara Swartz, Dwight, which backed into a parked and driverless 2016 Jeep utility, owned by Tom Davis, Dwight.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 7: Mazon, medical, Morris.

May 8: Julie, medical, Pontiac; John, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Duffy.

May 9: Mazon, medical, Riverside; Seminole, medical, citizen assist; Union, fire; Prospect, assist; Prospect, assist; Mazon, medical, St. James.

May 10: John, medical, Morris; Pollard, fire.

May 11: Union, medical, Morris; Rt. 47, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Riverside; Wilmac, med. assist.

May 12: Seminole, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Riverside.

May 13: 3300 E., assist; Prospect, assist, refusal; Prospect, assist.

May 14: Aldi, trauma, Morris.



Temps - 2020

May 7 - high 65°, low 40°
 May 8 - high 50°, low 27°
 May 9 - high 59°, low 37°
 May 10 - high 49°, low 37° .09" precip.

May 11 - high 51°, low 36°
 May 12 - high 62°, low 38°
 May 13 - high 63°, low 45° trace precip.

One Year Ago - May 20, 2019
 high 83°, low 51° .99" precip.

Dwight Permits Issued

01/15/20 - Jill Kapper, 306 W. James Street, Deck.

02/04/20 - Jonathan DeLong, 209 E. Delaware Street, Comm Swr Tap/Plumbing.

02/19/20 - Brian Matke, 324 W. William Street, House Fire Remodel; Trojan Fitness, 108 Watters Drive, Sign; Aldi Inc., #1 Aldi Drive, Wind Turbine.

03/16/20 - Solar Industrial Properties, 410 W. Waupansie Street, Electrical to Code/Recon.

03/17/20 - Maria Kreush, 310 N. Franklin Street, Shed.

03/23/20 - Gerald Anderson, 505 N. Washington Street, Plumbing Work; William Sole, 308 N. Union Street, Partial Demo/back.

04/29/20 - Casey's/Telsa, 100 Watters Drive, Charging Stations/Electrical; Joel Sandeno, 324 W. South Street, Gazebo; Michael Smith/Dwight Pain & Injury, 108 S. Franklin Street, Sign & Occupancy; Kolby Golden, 116 Karen Drive, Fence; Todd Becker, 507 Lloyd Drive, Shed; Nicole Dzwonkoski, 304 Andrew, Pool/Electrical; Old Rt 66 Family Restaurant, 105 S. Old Rt. 66, Addition/Renovation/Electrical.

Be Safe.



photo by Nick Schultz

SAME CORNER. SAME DAY. DIFFERENT ANGLE. Chippewa St. and South Chicago. Many had the painstaking task of bailing water out of their basements this past weekend. Others found the rainwater to be a gift. ISAAC TELFORD, a student at Dwight Township High School, and a social media influencer on YouTube (search "Isaac Telford"), woke up early on the morning of May 15 to a message from one of his friends about the flooding on his street. Isaac says he knew right away he had to take advantage of this - so he got out of bed, put on swimming trunks, grabbed his camera and his boogie board, and headed out. He picked up one of his friends to record for him. "We filmed a dope video in the process and took advantage of the flooded streets," said Telford - "in the only way we knew how."



photo by Isaac Telford

2020-21 School Physicals, Immunizations at Livingston County Health Dept.

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is now scheduling 2020-21 school and sports physicals and immunizations.

Physicals and immunizations are available by appointment only from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the following Wednesday dates: June 3, 10,

and 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

All individuals must wear a facemask while in the building. In order to maintain social distancing, access to the building will be limited to only those who have an appointment. Clients must stay in their cars until they are called to enter the building.

Charges will be billed to private insurance or Medicaid. Reasonable accommodations will be made for students not covered by any form of health insurance.

The LCHD is located at 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac. Call 815-844-7174, ext. 210, to reserve your appointment.

Livingston Cty. Offices Closed May 25

All Livingston County Offices will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

GSW High School Summer Office Hours

Beginning Tuesday, May 26, summer office hours for Gardner-South Wilmington High School will be Monday thru Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The office will be closed on Fridays.

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Why You Should See a Financial Advisor

The social distancing and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the coronavirus have led many of us to feel isolated. Still, we've fought back through social media, "virtual" gatherings and walks in the neighborhood, where we could greet friends and neighbors (from 6 feet away). But when you're dealing with the financial effects of the virus and you're investing alone, you could encounter some problems that may prove costly.

Of course, with so much investment-related information available online, on television and in any number of periodicals, it's not surprising that some people feel they can invest without any assistance. But the volatility of the financial markets over the past few months has also pointed to the dangers of going solo in the investment world. And you might find that a professional financial advisor can help you in several ways, including the following:

Taking emotions out of investing. During this period of market turbulence, many self-guided investors are letting their emotions drive their investment decisions. As a result, they sell investments when their price is down, "locking in" their losses. Furthermore, if they then stay out of the financial markets, they will miss out on the eventual recovery - and some of the biggest gains in market rallies usually occur right at the beginning. But if you work with a financial advisor who has helped you develop a personalized investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you will be far less likely to react to extreme market conditions by making ill-advised decisions.

Maintaining perspective. When you're putting away money for the future and you suddenly have a lot less of it, you might start to wonder if that future is somehow in jeopardy. But if you've been working with a financial advisor and following your investment strategy, you'll know that you don't have to immediately cash out those investments that have lost value, and you may not need to liquidate them for decades if they were designed for a long-term goal, such as retirement. By the time you do need to sell them, their value may well have appreciated significantly. And if you've got a well-constructed portfolio, you'll also own shorter-term, less volatile investments to help meet your current cash flow needs.

Understanding the history of investing. The recent market instability is unique in the sense that its cause - a worldwide pandemic - is so highly unusual, and it hopefully will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Typically, prolonged market downturns are triggered by explainable financial or economic factors, such as the bursting of the "dot-com" bubble in 2000. However, market drops of 20 percent or more - generally referred to as bear markets - are not at all unusual and have happened every few years over the past several decades. Financial advisors are well aware of this history and share it with their clients. And for many people, the knowledge that "we've been here before" is reassuring and makes it easier for them to continue following their investment strategies.

The road to your financial goals is a long one, with many twists and turns. So you might like to have some experienced company along the way.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC.

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Memorial Day Services in Saunemin May 25

The Saunemin American Legion Post 531 will conduct Memorial Day Services Monday, May 25, at Sunny Slope Cemetery, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The cemetery is located on IL State Rt. 116, on the west edge of Saunemin.

The service, memorializing deceased veterans, is held annually by the Saunemin Legion Post. This year's service will be modified to comply with social distancing guidelines.

The service will only be held weather permitting.

Herscher Not Hosting Memorial Day Service

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, and observing Governor Pritzker's leadership, the Herscher American Legion and Auxiliary women are not hosting a Memorial Day service this year.

However, the Legion men are working on a plan to visit some cemeteries for a small service and asking people who attend to practice social distancing and stand by the

gravesite(s) of their loved ones.

Dennis Schwark and Dennis Pankey are the Legion men who are working on the plan.

They usually collect donations for poppies over Memorial Day weekend, but will be collecting at a later date when the social distancing rule is lifted.

Cullom Memorial Day Service Information

Skinner Trost #122 of Cullom will not be holding its Memorial Day Service at the Community Building this year.

Instead, they will be assembling at West Lawn Cemetery

at 10:00 a.m. for the ceremony. At the conclusion, they will continue to Sullivan Center Cemetery for another ceremony.

Ransom Will Not Hold Memorial Day Service

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ransom American Legion Post #674 will not have a Memorial Day service on May 25.

Area veterans who have passed away since the last service are: Ron Legner, Bob Armstrong, Jerry Yedinak, and Glenn Held.

'Our Love Survived the Pandemic'

Couple Weds in Quaint Ceremony as Family Celebrates through Zoom

(continued from page 1) It was a quaint but meaningful ceremony. Kala and Steven invited their parents. They gave Avery a special role and set up a Zoom meeting so friends and family could watch.

Steven wore a blue button-up and khakis. Kala's dad walked her down the aisle. Avery was both flower girl and ring bearer. Kala, Steven and Avery lit a unity candle, a symbolic gesture of becoming one family and Avery getting a step-father who adores her.

They exchanged rings, he kissed the bride and they were officially married.

Steven and Kala walked out of the sanctuary, turned around

and walked back inside as Mr. and Mrs. Davis to thank their friends and family who shared their special day via Zoom.

They plan on having a wedding celebration on October 17 at the Walton Centre, where Kala will finally be able to wear her dream gown, surrounded by dozens of family and friends. Until then, she relishes the fact that she married her best friend on the date they chose.

Said Kala: "We spent so much time, energy, money on a big wedding we had planned for today. Although COVID-19 made my dream wedding impossible, this virus didn't take away our love we have for each

other and it most definitely can't control everything."



Kala, Steven and Avery



Week 4 // "G" - Dwight Amtrak Station: The Dwight Amtrak Station, billed as a high-speed rail passenger station, opened in October 2016. Groundbreaking for the facility, on the site of the former Scott Grain Elevator, was held in the fall of 2015.

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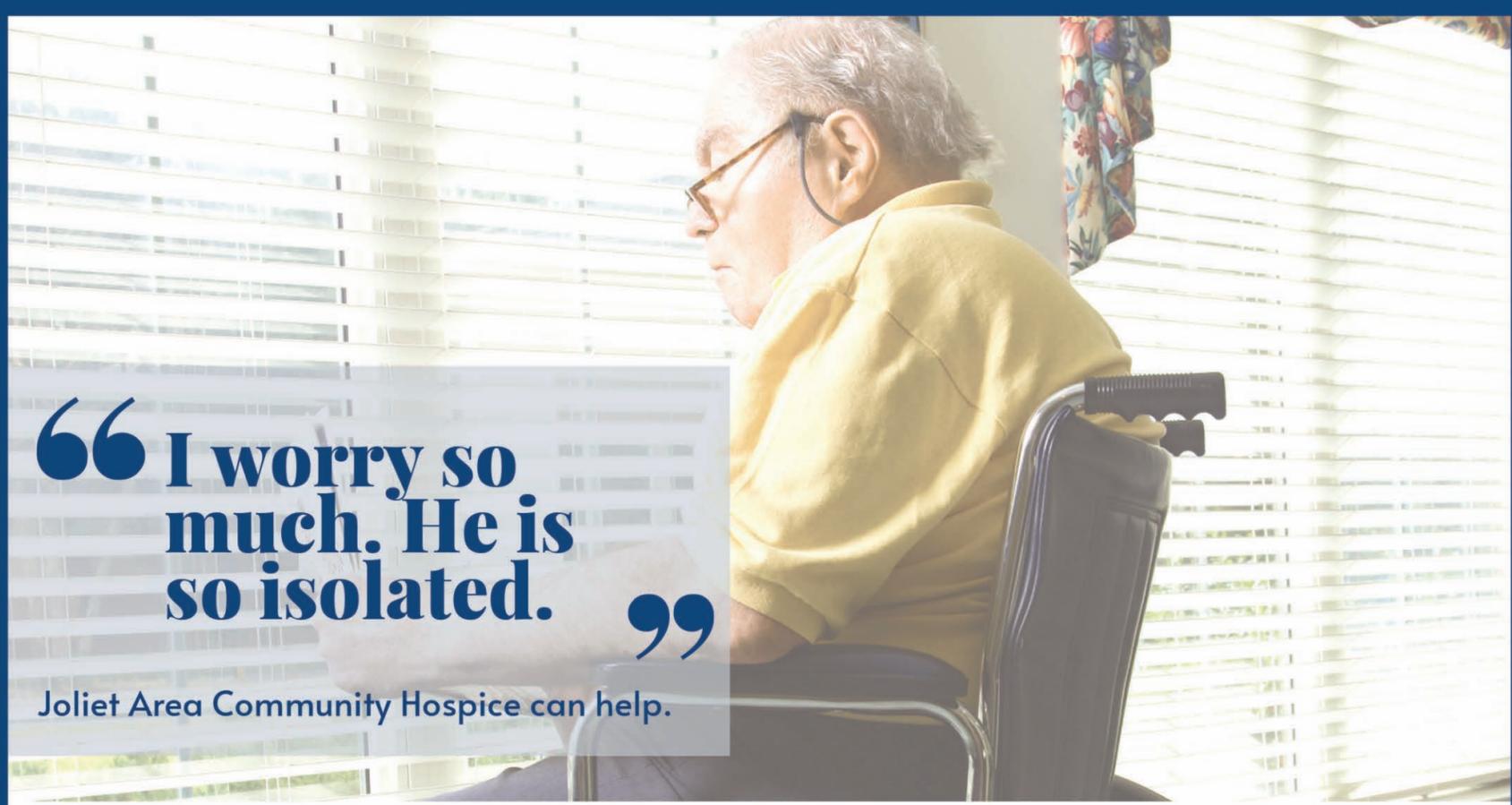
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INFORMATION SPECIALIST TECHNICIAN Second Class Jackson Gettinger, right, received his surface warfare pin, while serving aboard the USS Blue Ridge. Jackson, of Dwight, has been quarantined at sea for the last 65 days and is currently looking forward to his enlistment ending in June.

Tory Betsworth Earns Integrity and Workmanship Award at LACC

The Integrity and Workmanship Award was presented to Tory Betsworth for outstanding achievement in Medical Terminology at Livingston Area Career Center for the 2019-20 school year.

Tory, a senior at Dwight Township High School, is a full-time CNA at Heritage Health Nursing Home in Dwight.



AVA SCHULTZ, LEFT, AND ADDISON FAIR, RIGHT, SWGS eighth graders, were recipients of the Illinois Principal Association Recognition for 2020.

From the Desk of Mrs. Christensen

Addison Fair, Ava Schultz Receive IPA Recognition

On May 1, 2020, the annual Illinois Principals Association was to have hosted their annual IPA Student Recognition Breakfast at the Rialto Theater in Joliet.

Each year, members of the IPA are encouraged to select two outstanding students from the highest grade level in their building to be representatives for their school at this breakfast. Students acknowledged are as young as kindergarten students up to seniors in high school.

The morning starts with a delicious breakfast for the students, their parents, and the principals. Following breakfast, other special guests are invited to join in the recognition held in the theater where each of the 125-plus students are called to the stage to receive their certificate and to be honored for their accomplishments.

Guest speakers deliver motivational speeches and praise the endeavors of these amazing students.

The highlight of the day is when the huge American flag is lowered as the backdrop on the stage and students and their principals are invited on stage to capture the moment in photos.

I am very saddened that these phenomenal students did not get to participate in the awe-inspiring experience this

year. Throughout my career as an educator, I have had the privilege to work with a large number of outstanding students. This year, when I was presented to select a student, I was grateful that I did not have to only select one student.

South Wilmington Grade School is proud to name eighth graders Addison Fair and Ava Schultz as the recipients for the Illinois Principals Association Recognition for 2020.

Addison Fair is a phenomenal student of great character possessing outstanding academic and athletic ability. Addison was selected by teachers and administration to represent our school as the IESA student academic athlete this year. A natural born leader, Addison has led her team to a variety of recognitions in softball, basketball, and volleyball. This year, Addison had hoped to add track to those accomplishments. Addison's commitment to her school does not stop with sports, as Addison has also been on Student Council for four years, competed in Speech for three years, and is a Varsity Club member. A proud member of the GSWB Area Band, Addison traveled with the band to performances in Washington, D.C., and most recently Nashville, for the annual Holiday Parade. Addison's leadership will greatly be missed at

SWGS and we wish her the best of luck as she continues her education at Gardner-South Wilmington High School.

When you ask teachers to give you traits that Ava Schultz displays, the first to come to mind are hard work and determination. Ava has grown tremendously over the past few years. She balances academics and athletics along with a variety of other activities such as Student Council, Varsity Club, and band.

During her grade school career, Ava has been involved in softball, basketball, and volleyball. Participating in the GSWB Area Band, Ava performs at high school basketball games as well as many parades, traveling with this group to perform in Washington, D.C., and Nashville for the Holiday Parade. As Ava moves on to high school, her ability to ask the tough questions in class will take her far. She is a mature, positive influence on students in our school, always willing to take the time to check in and encourage our younger students in the tasks that they are working on. While we wish Ava well in high school, this truly outstanding student will be greatly missed at SWGS.

Mrs. Christensen
Superintendent/Principal
South Wilmington Grade School

Option Allows Taxpayers to Determine Exactly Where Their Money Goes Help St. Paul School Grow

A new option is available to people for a 75% tax credit on their Illinois state taxes. A new scholarship opportunity, which could benefit students of St. Paul School in Odell, offers a greater rate of 75 cents on every dollar donated, and all money is used to fund scholarships for students.

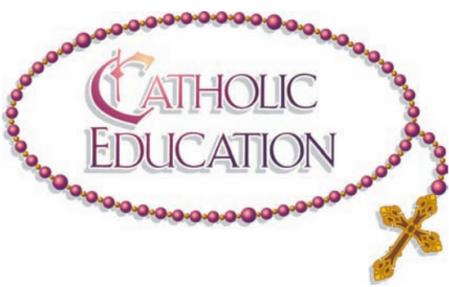
The best part is you can start right now.

St. Paul School has several eligible students who have already applied and been approved, and they now are waiting to receive scholarship monies.

St. Paul is continuing to grow. This school year alone, the school added 24 students new to St. Paul. Their students now stretch across nine public school districts.

What is Empower Illinois?

Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program in 2017



began offering 75% Illinois state income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO), who then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified private schools in Illinois.

St. Paul School is one such school. The Tax Credit Scholarship will cover up to 100% of tuition for qualifying families.

Empower Illinois is an independent 501(c) (3) nonprofit SGO serving Illinois' Catholic Dioceses. They process donations from individuals and cor-

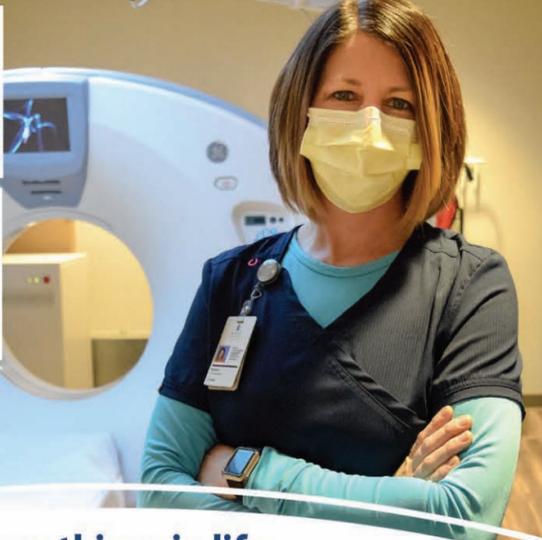
porations, accept applications from families, and distribute scholarships in accordance with law. A taxpayer who donates \$10,000 to Empower Illinois can claim a \$7,500 tax credit on their state taxes. Tax credits are capped at \$1 million per year. *The net tax benefit to all donors is expected to be greater than ordinary charitable donations of an equal amount.*

Individuals may direct their donations to a particular school, so make sure to designate St. Paul School as the school to receive your donation in order to keep those dollars in the area.

How to Participate

To learn more information or to make a donation, visit empowerillinois.org for detailed instructions or call St. Paul School at 815-998-2194.

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Blood Drive at OSF Saint James June 12

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 12, in the main floor conference rooms at OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac.

Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the hospital's blood supply and schedule an appointment to give blood by calling 815-842-4935 or online

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GRETA, 7, WON HER age group for The Paper's Sidewalk Chalk Contest. Her creation was called "Pineapple Under the Sea" and she won a new box of chalk. Gretta is pictured above in front of The Paper with the "Nose for News" dog painted by Dwight artist Barbara De Waard.

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Dwight's Pool Closed for 2020 Summer Season

May 11 Board of Trustee Actions

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In other matters, village residents are advised that Commonwealth Edison will be in the area performing vegetation management activities within the next few weeks/months. Trimming trees is a necessary activity as vegetation contact with ComEd equipment is a leading cause of outages. For more information about vegetation maintenance along power lines and ComEd's "Right Tree, Right Place" program, please visit: <http://www.ComEd.com/Trees>. Any residents with questions or concerns can contact ComEd at 1-(800) Edison-1.

Residents are also advised that cloth wipes (baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, etc) should not be flushed down toilets. Disposable cloth wipes, which have seen a dramatic surge in use during the

pandemic, have a great potential to clog and damage city sewage systems. While many cloth wipes indicate they are safe to flush and/or degradable, toilet paper is the only thing considered acceptable to flush.

The board also approved:

- payment of April 13 bills totaling \$48,251.20.
- payment of end of May 2020 bills.

- a Proclamation of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month encouraging motorcycle awareness and safe monitoring for all.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 8. Please check Village of Dwight postings regarding how this meeting will be conducted. Please note there is no meeting on May 25 due to the Memorial Day holiday.



THE RAINS THIS PAST WEEK have caused flooding all over the area. This park on the east side of Herscher is completely submerged, as is the baseball diamond next to it. ServPro trucks and dumpsters can be seen all over town.

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Proposed rule would make opening early a Class A misdemeanor

I was shocked to learn that the Governor had introduced a rule late on Friday which would criminally charge businesses who open their doors before the stay-at-home order is lifted. This was done with no notice to the public, and the Governor neglected to mention it at his Friday afternoon news briefing.

As the shutdown has dragged on, I have urged the Governor to start lifting parts of the stay-at-home order in those areas which already meet the Department of Public Health's standards for safely moving to the next phase of re-opening. Instead, the Governor has chosen to go full speed in the opposite direction. Criminally charging those who are

the backbone of our economy for simply trying to save their livelihoods, especially at a time when the state is releasing violent offenders from prison early, is wrong and a serious overreach.

The proposal is now in the hands of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, which can either accept or reject it when the commission meets on Wednesday. One of the Republican members of the commission has already vowed to make a motion to suspend the rule.

This proposed rule should be withdrawn at once, and this pattern of government by executive order should end immediately.

DCS Holding a Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

Do your kids need books to read over the summer?

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Visit the Book Fair homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started: www.scholastic.com/bf/dwightelementary school1.

Planning Ahead: Guidance for Local Businesses to Consider Before Reopening

As local businesses plan ahead and prepare to reopen when permitted, understanding and adhering to the best practices for ensuring the health and safety for all employees and customers will be essential to keeping the public safe. The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has issued guidance on best practices for reopening business.

- **Be Healthy, Be Clean:** Anyone who is sick **must** stay home. Employees should check for symptoms like fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and employers should consider conducting health checks prior to starting work. Everyone should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Ready-To-Eat foods should not be handled with bare hands. Everyone should wear cloth face coverings if Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is not required.
- **Clean & Disinfect:** Businesses must clean and disinfect regularly touched surfaces and common use areas more frequently, such as door knobs and handles, display cases, check-out counter, order kiosks, grocery cart handles, restrooms,

and waiting areas. Equipment, such as ice machines and ice bins, should also be frequently cleaned and sanitized. Businesses should prepare and use sanitizers and disinfectants according to label instructions. When possible, avoid use of high-touch containers and items like ketchup bottles, utensils, salt/pepper shakers, and reusable menus by using single service items.

- **Social Distance:** Business owners should restrict the number of workers, customers, and visitors in sit-in dining areas, bars, and in shared spaces like kitchens, break rooms, waiting areas, and offices to maintain at least a six-foot distance between people. It is important to increase spacing for customers, as well as increase utensil disinfection and cleaning frequency at self-service stations.

To the extent possible, minimize contact at check-out and pay stations, including marking six-foot distances with floor tape, temporarily moving workstations to create more distance, and installing partitions.

- **Pickup & Delivery:** For those businesses facilitating curbside pickup and delivery, it is important to remember to maintain food time and temperature controls. Businesses are encouraged to initiate "no touch" deliveries and payments, as well as designate pick-up zones.
- **Physical Facility:** Business owners are reminded to regularly check-in on their facilities to ensure premises are in good working order and maintain pest monitoring. Prior to reopening, businesses must clean, disinfect, and sanitize

their entire facilities.

Employers and their staff may visit the Livingston County Health Department's website at lchd.us/site/local-businesses/ for further details on employee safety and a checklist to help guide business owners. Business owners with questions concerning needed adjustments to their operations are encouraged to contact the LCHD at 815-844-1714, ext. 252, or e-mail lchd@lchd.us prior to reopening their business to discuss the details of their procedures and ensure that all best practices are being implemented.





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'11 Edge SEL, 110K, FWD.....	\$8,900
'07 Explorer EB, 179K, 4WD.....	\$5,900

Midland States Bank Foundation Awards \$250,000 in COVID-19 Relief Efforts

Midland States Bank, through its Foundation, announced \$250,000 of grants to support COVID-19 relief efforts to several non-profit organizations in its communities. The grant recipients are working to address urgent needs for food, shelter, rent and utility assistance, primary health, and mental health services.

“Our communities are facing unprecedented times due to COVID-19. These grants, combined with the more than 2,200 small business loans made by our Bank in the past few weeks, are part of our efforts to help alleviate some of the safety, social and financial bur-

dens felt during this time,” commented Jeffrey G. Ludwig, President and CEO of Midland States Bancorp, Inc.

“As a community bank our focus is always on the needs of our communities. The grants we are announcing support local nonprofit organizations providing essential resources to families and others in our communities. The small business loans have helped support paychecks to more than 27,000 employees in our markets.”

The Midland States Bank Foundation supports the general welfare, education and health in the communities

where the Bank operates. These grants bring the Foundation’s total contributions to non-profit organizations throughout Midland’s footprint to \$1,150,000 since its creation in 2011.

Area organizations receiving grants include: Kankakee County Board Administration; Kankakee County Community Services, Inc.; Riverside Healthcare; United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties; We Care of Grundy County; and Will Grundy Medical Clinic.

DCS 8th Grade Graduation Drive-Up Ceremony May 28

Dwight Common School has announced that it will be holding an 8th Grade Graduation Drive-Up Ceremony Thursday, May 28.

Although this is a change from the normal format of their graduation ceremonies, they are pleased to still have the opportunity to honor their 8th grade students and their accomplishments.

Prior to the beginning of this event, a graduation video will be released on the school website and on the school Facebook page at 5:00 p.m. The video will include a speech by Mr. Owens, the announcement of their award winners, and the 8th Grade Memories photo slideshow of their graduates.

Schedule of Events
 • **May 28 - 5:00 p.m. – Graduation Video Released**
 • **May 28 - 6:00 p.m. – Drive-Up Graduation Ceremony**
Drive-Up Procedure:

At the designated time stated below, cars may begin to line up at the Washington St. stop sign. Cars should continue to line up and use West William St. (to Garrett Park) if necessary. Students will be organized as follows:

- **5:45 p.m. - Students with last names A-J**
 - First car will proceed to main door at 6:00 p.m.
- **6:30 p.m. - Students with last names K-Z**

Stay at the stop sign and do not proceed to the Main Door until the graduate before you has returned to his/her car.

Diplomas and Awards:
 • At the Main Door, the graduate will exit the car to receive his or her diploma. One family member may exit the car to take a picture.



DTHS Class of 2020 Senior Parade May 22

Dwight Township High School will host a parade honoring its graduating seniors Friday, May 22. The parade will begin at 7:30 p.m. and be led by Dwight Police and Fire/Rescue vehicles, followed by seniors in their personal cars and trucks. A final emergency vehicle will be at the tail end of the parade.

They ask that no other vehicles be a part of this parade. Spectators should line the streets along the parade route to display their support and congratulations for the graduating class of 2020.

The parade will start on south Trojan Drive and proceed north on S. Columbia Street. After a short turn onto South Street, it will proceed north on S. Prairie Avenue and then head east on E. Chippewa Street until it reaches S. Chicago

Street. From there, they will head south on Chicago Street until they reach Scott Drive. Once there, they will head west on Scott Drive until they reach S. Columbia Street. The parade will finish heading north on Columbia until it reaches Trojan Drive. At that point, the seniors will be escorted to the front of the high school.

At the conclusion of the parade (approximately 8:00 p.m.), each senior will have a designated parking spot in front of the high school. The drive in front of the high school will be blocked on both ends until all seniors are properly parked. Once they are parked, approximately 30 minutes will be given for parents, friends, and other community members to pass by in vehicles to acknowledge the graduates.

The lights to the football

field will be turned on at exactly 8:20 p.m. (20:20 military time) and remain lit for 20 minutes and 20 seconds. At 8:30 p.m., the drive in front of the school will once again be closed off so they can prepare for a special tribute to seniors that will conclude the evening’s ceremony. Those who would like to be present for the finale should park their cars in one of the following areas:

- **South Franklin St.**
- **West HS Student Parking Lot**
- **Along Fence on West Side of Football Stadium (inside)**

On behalf of Dwight Police Department and the administration of Dwight Township High School, they ask that everyone maintains social distancing protocols at all times throughout this event.

Dwight Common School Offers Reduced Fees for Early Registration

Drive-up Graduation Ceremony Planned / May BOE Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
 madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

Dwight Common School District #232 is offering a reduction in fees for the 2020-21 school year for those families who take advantage of early registration for their students. The Board of Education approved the measure at its May 13 session.

Online Registration is expected to begin May 25th. During the early online registration period, and with completed paperwork and payment, fees will be \$50 for K-8 students. The technology fee for 5th-8th grade students will still stand at \$25. Registration fees will continue to be \$50 until August 1. After that, registration fees will resume to \$100. Board member Cathy Ferguson opposed the move with all other BOE members in favor. In addition, no participation fees will be collected during registration. Participation fees will be collected if and when sports resume.

Working to recognize students moving on to high school in the fall in a socially distanced fashion, Dwight’s 8th Grade graduating class of 58 students will be honored with a drive-up ceremony on Thursday, May 28, beginning at 6 p.m. and taking place at the

school’s circle drive. Prior to the beginning of this event, a graduation video will be released on the school website and Facebook page at 5:00PM. The video will include a speech by Principal Mr. Brandon Owens, the announcement of award winners, and the 8th Grade Memories photo slideshow of the graduates.

“We are pleased to still have the opportunity to honor our 8th grade students and their accomplishments,” stated school administrators.

In other business, school administrators and the BOE discussed teaching and learning contingencies for 2020-21 school year as the current global public health crisis leaves more questions than answers about what the start of school will look like next fall. With this spring’s semester ending in a remote learning platform, and no decision yet made by government and health officials as to when face-to-face in-person school learning will resume, school officials and teachers are making plans for both scenarios.

“We have to embrace the unknown,” Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek told the BOE as they look at all the contingencies. “We will be working to be creative and flexible, and to

have our students, teachers, and parents be as prepared as possible as things ebb and flow.”

Again, with uncertainty as to whether the fall semester will be in person or remote learning, The BOE also discussed possible staffing recommendations including freezing employment, handling of support staff, and potential reductions in workforce. Also discussed were extra-curricular personnel should sports not resume in the fall.

In another matter, the BOE approved summer school at the grade school, with this extended school year option being for individual special education students. The summer session will begin two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester, which would be July 27th. It is uncertain, at this time, whether the summer session will be conducted via remote learning or held at the school.

In new business, the BOE approved a one-year contract renewal with food service provider Arbor Management. 2020-21 student plate lunches will increase from \$2.85 to \$2.95 with most miscellaneous food items increasing .05 to .10 cents.

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LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS Report of the Trustees From May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020

Money Received

Livingston County Collector (includes Mobile Home Tax)	79,312.53
LaSalle County Collector	5,713.69
Comptroller of the State of Illinois - replacement tax	6,385.62
Flanagan State Bank - interest	318.51
Illinois American Water - Grant	1,000.00
Total Money Received	92,730.35

Money Paid Out

Anbak, Inc. - district letter	260.75
Commonwealth Edison - electric service	848.78
Compass Insurance Partners - insurance	7,888.00
Dan Beutke - repairs	406.47
Dean Wilhelm - office supplies	117.44
Eric Heidenreich - fuel and oil	35.01
Evergreen FS - fuel and oil	665.55
Flanagan State Bank - lock box rent	24.00
Frontier - fire bar, alarm and station telephone service	2,622.99
Getz Fire Equipment - inspections	119.45
Illinois American Water - utilities	249.10
Johnson & Taylor - legal fees for year ending 4/30/19	1,175.00
KSR - equipment repair	30.69
Livingston County Mutual Aid - dues	233.00
Long Point American Legion - firemen dinners	636.50
MES - repairs	1,362.99
Minonk NAPA - equipment repairs	324.68
NICOR - gas heat	935.65
Quad County Fire Equipment - vehicle repairs	10,641.07
Ragan Communications - equipment	124.00
SATT - fireman dinners	450.00
SCBAS - equipment maintenance	683.20
S.J. Smith - supplies	286.06
The Paper - publications	143.00
U.S. Postal - postage	55.00
Vermilion Valley ETSB - dispatching	2,216.83
Total Money Paid Out	32,535.21

STATE OF ILLINOIS :
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We, Dean Wilhelm, Thomas Clark, and Dale Sass, Trustees of the Long Point Community Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct statement of all moneys received and all moneys paid out by said Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.

Dale Sass
 Dean Wilhelm
 Thomas Clark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, A.D. 2020.

Julie Ralph
 Notary Public

AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY DEEMED TO BE NEEDED TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY CORPORATE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021.
 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

SECTION ONE.

That for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$387,300.00 for the purpose of defraying the necessary corporate expenses and liabilities for said fire district, the said sums of money to be used for the following specific objects and purposes, that is to say:

	Amount	Appropriated
1. Purchase of new equipment		300,000.00
2. Maintenance of fire station:		
Repairs - material and labor	20,000.00	20,000.00
3. Administration:		
Salary of three trustees	0.00	
Stationery, supplies and postage	600.00	
Printing and publishing	400.00	
Legal services	1,500.00	
Treasurer	0.00	
Liability/Worker’s Comp. Insurance	10,000.00	
Insurance and surety bonds for officers and employees	2,000.00	14,500.00
4. Maintenance and Equipment:		
Repairs	20,000.00	
Material and Supplies	2,000.00	
Gasoline, oil and grease	3,000.00	25,000.00
5. Employee physicals		3,000.00
6. Heat for Fire Station		3,300.00
7. Electricity for Fire Station		2,200.00
8. Water Expense		1,500.00
9. Telephone Expense		3,600.00
10. Dispatch Expense		8,000.00
11. Travel Expense and Meals		700.00
12. Firemen’s Meeting Expense		2,000.00
13. Firemen’s Training		2,500.00
14. Miscellaneous		1,000.00
TOTAL		387,300.00

SECTION TWO.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after its approval and due publication as is required by law.

Passed and approved this 12th day of May, A.D. 2020.

Dean Wilhelm
 President of said Board of Trustees of the Long Point
 Community Fire Protection Dist.

Attest:
 Thomas Clark
 Secretary

EVERYONE COUNTS IN GRUNDY COUNTY CENSUS 2020



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After May 11th, we will have lap tops available for the public to use at the Morris, Three Rivers Libraries (Minooka and Channahon), Fossil Ridge (Braidwood), and the We-Care Facility.

During this difficult time Grundy County, let’s pull together to be counted and bring as much funding as possible to our area.

Shape the future Grundy County!

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Thank you Grundy County!



OBITUARIES

Juanita June Drechsel

DWIGHT – Juanita June Drechsel. Born in Algona, Iowa on April 21, 1925. Juanita June (Bilsborough) Drechsel lived much of her life on a dairy farm in Goodfarm Township near Dwight, Illinois with her beloved Hilbert “Hub” Drechsel.

After leaving the farm, Polard Street in Dwight was home where she loved tending her gardens and mastering the art of embroidery.

In her final years, she resided comfortably at Evennglow Lodge in Pontiac, Illinois, enjoying frequent visits from friends and family.

Though she claimed to dislike school, she loved learning. Travel and history programs carried her to worlds beyond her easy chair. Her curiosity about life, cheerful attitude and beautiful complexion contributed to her youthful countenance of 95 years.

Music was her greatest joy. She attended the local Jams and music concerts, and was daily comforted by the CD

playing of Lawrence Welk, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Elvis. As a dedicated farm wife, Fox Center employee, member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, and loving mother to daughters Virginia Sue Hubbard of Texas and Shirley Ann Drechsel of North Carolina she lived a long, productive, and giving life.

She passed away May 13, 2020 leaving behind her two daughters, a son-in-law, Wayne Vaughn, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the staff of Evennglow Lodge and Hospice for their extraordinary care and compassion.

A private graveside service will be held.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 326 W. Chippewa St., Dwight, Illinois 60420.

Melvina Cobb-Long

CHICAGO HEIGHTS – Melvina Cobb-Long, age 94, of Chicago Heights and formerly of Gardner, passed away Thursday evening, May 14, 2020 at her home.



Born May 1, 1926 in Decatur, Illinois, Melvina was educated in Bloomington at the Soldiers and Sailors Home until moving to Wilmington, Wesley Township. She then relocated to Morris, where she graduated from Morris Community High School, class of 1945.

Melvina worked at the William Fox Center in Dwight as a Mental Health Technician before attending Joliet Community College, where she earned her LPN. She then gained employment at Silver Cross Medical Center, where she retired as an LPN.

Melvina was a member of the South Suburban Gem and Mineral Society, and in addition to her love of making jewelry, Melvina taught Lapidary Arts at Joliet Junior College and William Holland School of Lapidary Arts. She was a published author of three books on wire wrapping, and enjoyed traveling, fishing and gardening. She was fond of animals and cherished time spent with family.

Survivors include her daughters: Vickie Cobb (Arnulfo “Lobo”) and Wanda (Ron) Poulos; six grandchildren: Billy Manegold, Jr.,

as dear friends, Sam and Patti Davison and Patrice Shapen.

Melvina was preceded in death by her parents; foster parents; first husband, Cyrus Cobb; second husband, Roy Leon Long; her son, William Cobb; one brother, Harold; and one great-great-granddaughter, Leeah Carter.

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

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Melvina’s memory to William Holland School of Lapidary Arts, 230 Lapidary Ln., Young Harris, Georgia 30582 or to PAWS, 8301 W. 191st Street, Tinley Park, Illinois 60487.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share Melvina’s memorial page online through social media by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/Melvina-Cobb-Long.

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves and Baskerville Funeral Homes of Coal City, Gardner, Morris and Wilmington.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Livingston County COVID-19 Response

Dear Citizens,

To say these are trying times would be the understatement of the century. We are faced with a divide that is like no other. I understand the pressures that businesses are facing, as well as their desire to get back to work. I understand the pressures that elected officials are facing, to do something to ease these restrictions. On the opposite side I also understand the contingent that are concerned with opening too quickly and the impact that may have.

As you may be aware, Peoria County and the City of Peoria submitted a recommendation to the Governor on what is referred to as the Heart of Illinois Plan, a Sub Regional approach to COVID-19, to which Livingston County is included. I will not speak to the merits of the plan as internally we have not all had the opportunity to fully review it. I will note that we were not made aware of this plan until it had already been submitted to the Governor as a recommendation.

What is clear is regardless

of what we do, we MUST do our due diligence and we must be united. For every document that we review that challenges the Governor’s order, we find another that supports it. We see many counties across the State who are challenging the Governor’s order, but not one who had yet been successful. Any action our County Board takes will only be symbolic and may add to the confusion amongst business owners. Every business owner that opens risks the loss of their state license regardless of what the county says. It further risks the county’s funding through FEMA and Public Health. We must weigh all these factors as well as economic, liability considerations and the health and safety of Livingston County residents prior to making any recommendation. We will not do so lightly.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Kathy Arbogast,
Chairman

Livingston County Board

Supporting Our Cemeteries

I live just down the road from a lovely little cemetery where many beloved members of my husband’s family are buried, along with friends and neighbors we have known over the years. McDowell Cemetery is just one of the many rural cemeteries in our area that house and honor the remains of deceased community members. I’m fairly certain that all cemeteries face the same challenges these days, with funding for maintenance and upkeep being number one.

It takes money to keep the grounds looking nice. Requirements can include at least bi-monthly mowing for 6-7 months of the year, string trimming around headstones, pruning of trees and bushes, and, in the case of McDowell Cemetery, paying for the removal of five very old, very large, very dead trees.

These trees were not only an eyesore, but a safety hazard for visitors to the cemetery and also placed headstones and fencing in jeopardy as branches

came down.

Some recent visitors to McDowell may have noticed both large and small piles of debris, the aftermath of the trees being cut down. Not an ideal situation, but after paying for a professional to cut down the trees, there was not much money in the annual budget left for the additional cleanup required.

The McDowell cemetery board, sextant Joel Funk, his mowing crew and others, volunteered many hours to the cleanup cause. Thank you!! We can all be very proud of our little cemetery. If you have a loved one buried there, I know the Cemetery Board would appreciate your support, whether in the form of monetary donation or your time to help keep the grounds looking clean and neat.

Donations to McDowell Cemetery may be mailed to:

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Once more the Liberal Media wants less and less of God.

Note Psalm Ch. 9:17.

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and ALL nations that forget God.”

Wake Up America
Rev. E. Robert Shaw

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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The Paper reserves the right to edit or reject any or all submitted items. Address letters to: Editor, *The Paper*, P.O. Box 245, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420.

We welcome your thoughts.

Sports

We’ve been getting a very small taste of what it feels like to sit down at a set time and watch a sporting event with The Last Dance documentaries that we’ve been getting every Sunday.

That is, until this weekend, we got a glimpse of a sports world in a post-corona life, we had a golf tournament, with players carrying their own bags out on the course. (They’re just like us!) We also had a NASCAR race, which inherently is fairly socially distant so it didn’t take too much imagining there to make that happen.

As the days go by we are getting closer and closer to a world with more sports back, and boy do I need it. I understand that there’s going to be some risk in bringing some of these things back, but there’s risk doing just about everything at the moment.

I think there are sensible and smart ways about rolling everything back out. The obvious first step is to not have any fans in attendance. While I think this will seem very odd at first, my guess is everyone’s thirst and appetite for the game will be so strong that no one will really care. I think it will primarily impact basketball and football but you could play basketball in smaller gyms to take away from the fact that there aren’t any fans in attendance.

It’s looking like the way things are trending that we should have basketball and baseball back in early July, or even late June if things progress quicker than expected. It’s going to seem odd and unwieldy at first but at this point, we need something, anything to get us to a place of normalcy and a thing to all sit down and watch together.

The Jordan documentary over these last couple weeks just proved how much we all could use something like that.

Go, Cubs.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

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Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to Thank You for all things as you confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank You for your mercy toward me and mine.

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Circumstances are tough right now. Your anxiety, your stress, your worry, your struggles; they are real. Know that the Illinois Farm Bureau family is there and listening.

The agriculture community is strong and resilient, and they know they will get through this by working together. Be sure you're doing all you can to stay healthy, both physically and mentally. Check on your family, your neighbors, and your friends during this time of isolation. And don't be afraid to reach out and ask for help.

Executive Order to Expand Telehealth Services

Governor Pritzker put forth an Executive Order that expands telehealth coverage to Medicaid and private insurance patients. Per the Executive Order and emergency rules, Medicaid and private insurance providers are called to reimburse plan holders for the use of telemedicine at the same rate as in-person visits. Additionally, the expansion of telehealth covers not just COVID-19 services, but also a list of other appropriate health care needs, including mental health services. This coverage is in effect for the duration of the Governor's Disaster Proclamation for COVID-19.

Safety on the Farm

Now is the time to be aware of the need to limit exposure and risks related to COVID-19 for you and everyone who lives

and works on your farm.

As always, it is critical to practice biosecurity for the safety of animals and the public. It is now critical to also consider ways to limit person-to-person contact, congregate in settings of no more than ten people, and maintain social distance of six feet. What does that look like on your farm?

- Encourage your members to take steps now to develop a farm plan for this virus, and to communicate that plan on a regular basis with all who live and work on their farm. This situation is changing daily, so they also encourage repeated conversations over the coming weeks. Penn State Extension has created a document to help farms develop plans.

- The CDC has developed materials, including posters that you can display on site to help everyone understand the best ways to protect themselves from the virus.

- Consider who is going to your farm – employees and visitors. Consider logging or tracking that information which could help in the event of a positive case in your area. Screen and distance arriving workers to ensure health and safety.

- Limit person-to-person interactions and create more distance between workers out in the field.

- Set up handwashing and sanitation stations in accessible places. If you share equipment, do you have a plan to sanitize frequently touched surfaces?

- And, heaven forbid you experience a positive case in your family or your workforce. What is your plan to help support those who fall sick, including quarantine and health care measures, while still moving forward with the work that has to be done this season? Cornell University has created checklists to help mitigate risk and document any illness.

The IBF is working with its colleagues at AFBF and other state Farm Bureaus to make sure they offer suggestions and recommendations specific to farmers as they are available. The most important thing now is that you are thinking about it and communicating with your family and employees consistently in the coming weeks.

Stress is high this time of year and the virus can feel both far away and close at the same time. Making a plan for your farm can help you take some control over this unprecedented situation.

N-95 Mask Donations

County Farm Bureaus across Illinois are collecting unused N-95 masks to donate to local hospitals, medical professionals, and organizations in need. All items should be in the manufacturer's original packaging and unopened. If you have any extra masks on your farm, check to see drop off instructions at your county Farm Bureau.

For more information, visit ILFB.org.

Dwight Receives New Handmade Micropantry

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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The Dwight Economic Alliance has a new addition to its micropantry: a six-foot-tall cupboard that was hand built with love.

Jane Anderson of the DEA said they were the 75th location to receive a sturdy wooden pantry from The Guardian Group based in Joliet, which has donated the cabinets to communities all over the Chicago suburbs.

"It fits a lot of food," Anderson said.

The pantry is inviting, weather proof and will take the place of the rubbermaid cabinet that has been used to help feed Dwight's families.

Anderson started the micropantry program back in March, and the need has grown ever since, particularly after the school district sent a letter to all parents making them aware of the new program.

Anderson said they have received between \$500 and \$600 in monetary donations as well as direct food donations to keep the pantry stocked with non-perishables like apple juice, macaroni and cheese, tuna and canned soup and vegetables.

"I'm really impressed how many people in the community call on this and check on this," she said. The pantry is located outside the DEA office, 119 West Main Street, near the depot.

The new micropantry was delivered last week. It was a gift from The Guardian Group, which was started 3½ years ago by Jeff Eberhard, of Morris. He is part owner of E-Z Auto Sales at 313 South Larkin Avenue in Joliet. That was the first location and has grown ever since.

The pantries are built by Bob Walker, of Coal City. They are made of treated wood, are



NEW MICRO PANTRY is located at the Dwight Depot in Downtown Dwight.

shingled and have plexiglass windows that clearly show what's inside. They cost about \$900 to build, Eberhard said, and every one of them is funded through The Guardian Group with donations from E-Z Auto Sales. Each pantry comes stocked when it is delivered, then it's time for the community organization to adopt the pantry and ensure it stays stocked.

"It's not meant to replace a regular food bank," Eberhard said. "It's just meant to fill the gap."

"It's really simple: Take what you Need. Leave what you Can." Those words are printed on the sign that is attached to the pantry.

The need has become greater since the pandemic, Eberhard said. One group recently called and asked for 30 cupboards. Because the organization is so small, they had to turn them down. But they will continue to help as they can, one cupboard at a time.

"This is our gift to them, to the community," Eberhard said.

PPP Loan Forgiveness Explained

by Ashley Rice, FarmWeek

More than \$100 billion remained available in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans as of May 12.

During the first round of PPP funding, which ran out April 16, Illinois received 70,000 loans and \$16 billion in

funds. During the second round of PPP funding, which began April 27, Illinois has so far received 102,000 loans and \$7 billion in funds.

PPP borrowers may apply for loan forgiveness eight weeks after receiving their loan funds. Illinois Farm Business Farm Management's Bob Rhea

and Dale Lattz explained the process during a recent University of Illinois farmdoc webinar.

"The borrower must apply with their lender for loan forgiveness," explained Lattz. "The lender is required to make a decision on a loan forgiveness within 60 days of receiving the application. But the borrower needs to initiate this."

The borrower should provide documentation verifying the number of employees on payroll and the pay rates. In addition, documentation should verify payments on covered mortgage obligations, lease obligations and utilities. Certification from a representative of your business that the documentation and fund usage are true is also required.

"These loans could be a part of your books and records for 150 days, even though we think about it as an eight-week program," noted Rhea. "It may be a part of your books for up to two years, if not forgiven."

At this time, borrowers are encouraged to document and try to meet the requirements as much as possible, until these questions can be answered.

For agricultural enterprises which do not qualify for the PPP, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs may be appealing. This may include individuals who have a negative Schedule F with no employees or wages on their Schedule F.

EIDL applicants may receive a long-term, low-interest loan of up to \$150,000, while the EIDL advance provides \$1,000 per employee. Applications are submitted directly to the Small Business Administration.

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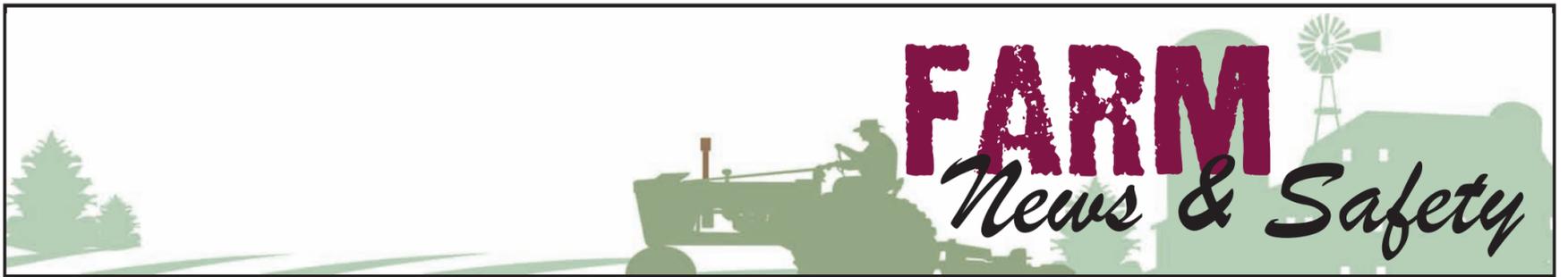
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Rainy Days

TIME TO PUT ON THE REPLANT HAT. Ed O'Neill, of Dwight, says they've gotten ten inches of rain since planting April 20 in Eastern Illinois.

Avery Ohlendorf Receives Curt Walters Memorial Scholarship

In a time of uncertainty, students can count on support of scholarships for college tuition during the 2020-2021 school year, courtesy of the IAA Foundation.

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation awarded \$114,000 to 72 students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, leadership involvement, professional career goals and overall commitment to success.

"It is a privilege to invest in these students who represent a strong and vibrant agriculture future," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation.

Austin Schorfheide of Hoyleton was named the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership Scholarship recipient and received a \$7,500 scholarship. IAA Foundation Top Scholars Miriam Hoffman of Earlville, Sophia Hortin of Fisher and Loren Koenigstein of Columbia, each received a \$5,000 award. Other scholarships presented range in value from \$1,000 to \$3,000. A full

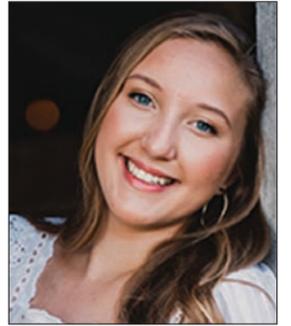
listing of recipients can be found at www.iaafoundation.org.

Annually, the Illinois Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus award more than \$875,000 in scholarship support.

"We work to expand our scholarship program each year to support more students as they pursue careers in agriculture," Smith said. "Through generous farm gifts and contributions from farm families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, and others who support our industry, we continue to grow our program."

For more information on the IAA Foundation scholarship program, how to establish a scholarship, or to donate to the general scholarship fund, visit the IAA Foundation's website at www.iaafoundation.org or call 309-557-2232.

Applications for the 2021 school year scholarships, as well as specific details and eligibility requirements, will be available on the IAA Foundation's website beginning December 1.



Avery Ohlendorf

Curt Walters Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to Avery Ohlendorf, daughter of Brent and Jill Ohlendorf of Dwight. Avery will be attending Joliet Junior College majoring in Agricultural Business.

The award is a \$1,500 scholarship – Established to honor Curt Walters, an outdoorsman who took life at full speed and never knew a stranger.

IDOA Reports Uptick in Hemp Grower License Applications

The Illinois Department of Agriculture reported 747 license applications for industrial hemp production as of May 11, according to Jeff Cox, head of IDOA's medicinal Plant Bureau. That number grew compared to 676 grower license applications reported on roughly a month earlier.

The license total included renewals, multiyear licenses of two and three years, and new licenses.

Of the 747 applications, 263 are for one-year licenses; 87, two-year licenses; and 397, three-year licenses.

IDOA handles grower license applications and renewals online.

Cox also reported 305 applications for hemp processor licenses. The total includes 110, one-year licenses; 38, two-year licenses; and 157, three-year licenses. Processor license applications are also handled online with an application fee.

State Senator Patrick Joyce (D-Essex) highlighted that the Illinois Secretary of State's office will help commercial drivers continue delivering and producing essential goods.

There are three Commercial Drivers License facilities now open to meet the demand being placed on commercial and agricultural enterprises delivering and producing essential goods.

"Farmers and truck drivers heavily rely on vehicles that require a CDL," Joyce said. "We

need to keep these testing facilities open during this crisis to ensure essential products are delivered safely."

While only a limited number of facilities are set to reopen, the secretary of state's office will be taking the necessary precautions to protect the health and safety of employees and applicants.

The locations and hours of the facilities open include:

- **Springfield Dirksen**, 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Marion**, 1905 W. Rendelman St., Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon.
- **West Chicago**, 120 Powis

Rd., Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CDL driving tests will be conducted by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling 217-785-3013. All other CDL transactions will be first-come, first-served. For more information, visit cyberdriveillinois.com.

Joyce: Commercial Drivers Essential to Economy

USDA Begins Accepting Applications for Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program Grants

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Stephen Censky has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture launched an online portal to begin accepting applications for Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) grants. USDA plans to make available up to \$100 million in competitive grants for activities designed to expand the sale and availability of ethanol and biodiesel fuels.

"As the coronavirus response continues, America's energy independence has proven critical to our economic security now more than ever," Deputy Secretary Censky said. "Under the leadership of President Trump, we know the positive impacts that affordable, abundant and clean-burning fuel provide to our country's

farmers and consumers. The Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program will help rural communities build stronger economies and will give consumers more choices when they fill up at the pump."

USDA plans to make funds directly available to help transportation fueling and biodiesel distribution facilities convert to higher ethanol and biodiesel blends by sharing the costs related to the installation of fuel pumps, related equipment and infrastructure.

Electronic applications must be submitted by August 13, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Additional Information:

USDA is making grants available for up to 50% of total

eligible project costs, but not more than \$5 million. Eligible recipients are vehicle fueling facilities, including, but not limited to, local fueling stations/locations, convenience stores, hypermarket fueling stations, fleet facilities, fuel terminal operations, midstream partners, and/or distribution facilities.

USDA is making available approximately \$86 million for implementation activities related to higher blends of fuel ethanol, and approximately \$14 million for implementation activities related to higher blends of biodiesel. Higher biofuel blends are fuels containing ethanol greater than 10% by volume and/or fuels containing biodiesel blends greater than 5% by volume.

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Gas Prices For This Week

There has been another jump in gas prices due to gasoline stocks continuing to decrease. Refinery rates are still increasing for the second week in a row.

Area states have also seen a jump in their average gas price. Among those Indiana has seen a 26 cent increase. Michigan saw a 31 cent increase.



City/Village	May 20	May 13
Dwight	\$1.87	\$1.77
Kankakee	\$2.16	\$2.12
S. Wilmington	\$2.01	\$1.75
Streator	\$1.97	\$1.79
Odell	\$1.89	\$1.79
Pontiac	\$1.90	\$1.78
Gardner	\$1.99	\$1.72
Braceville	\$2.14	\$2.14
Morris	\$1.93	\$1.87
Herscher	\$2.09	\$1.79
Chicago	\$2.76	\$2.37
Illinois	\$2.13	\$2.05
U.S.	\$1.86	\$1.83

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

Gasoline price data collected by The Paper and brought to you by Steve's Tire.

Dwight Common School Offers Reduced Fees for Early Registration

Drive-up Graduation Ceremony Planned / May BOE Actions

(continued from page 6)

In financials, Dr. Jancek reported that a 60 to 90 day delay on tax bill collections due to the pandemic will adversely affect fund balances. In addition to the revenue delay, a 20 to 30 percent reduction in sales tax revenues is anticipated.

Dr. Jancek also reported that building projects taking place this summer will include the new front entry security wall, front office upgrades, a lighting project, and summer cleaning.

The BOE also:

- accepted the resignation of Sara (Maggie) Taylor, Special Education Teacher.

- accepted the resignation of Chuck Butterbrodt, Girls Softball & Basketball Coach.

- affirmed employment of Mel Stewart, Summer Worker.

- affirmed Employment of Dane Rodosky, Summer Worker.

- approved a one-year Wrestling Co-op agreement with Pontiac Junior High School.

- affirmed a contract renewal with Hillman Pediatric Therapy, PC (\$74 per hour).

- affirmed a contract renewal, Skyward Service Agreement.

- affirmed a contract renewal (\$7,150) with Wipfli LLP, Independent School Audi-

tor.

- affirmed contract renewal with Constellation, Electricity Supply Agreement.

- affirmed a contract renewal with Bushue, HR Consultant Services, \$3,630 annually.

- approved IESA Membership and 2020-2021 fees of \$900.

- discussed Triple I conference attendance and expenditures with no action taken.

- approved a Consolidated District Plan (Title One).

- approved the parent/community member volunteer list for 2020-21.

- approved the substitution list for continuation of employment, 2020-21.

- approved re-employment of support staff for 2020-21.

- discussed re-employment of extra-curricular personnel for 2020-21 with no action.

- reviewed IASB Press Plus Policy recommendations, First Reading.

Present at the virtual meeting were Board President Bo Partney and BOE members Eric Scheuer, Mark Christenson, Marc Ellis, Cathy Ferguson, Michael Cornale and Nick Stepanovich.

The next meeting of the Dwight Common School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10.

MAKE THIS SUMMER A CHAPTER TO REMEMBER

Prairie Creek Library Holding Virtual Summer Reading Program

Something new and exciting is happening this summer.

Prairie Creek Library in Dwight will hold its first-ever virtual summer reading program. This summer's theme is "Tails & Tales" and will be centered around animals. This free program will include crafts, animal videos, games, and more. The program will run from June 1 to July 10. Drawings will be held weekly for the following groups: toddlers, grade school (K-5th grade), and teens (6th-12th grades). Drawing winners will have a gift card mailed to them.

To register for the summer program, e-mail Miss Lisa at PCPLDsummer2020@gmail.com. The e-mail should include the guardian's name, as well as the child's name, age, grade they will enter in the fall, address, and library card number. Children age five and under will use their guardian's card. Participants will need to have a valid PCPLD card that is free of overdues and does not have fines over \$10. When you have registered, you will receive a confirmation e-mail back that includes your child's summer reading number. Make note of and save this number, as it is necessary for online programs.

Children should record the titles of the books they have completed and e-mail them weekly to PCPLDsummer2020@gmail.com. When the child's first log is received, the summer staff will verify that a valid card is held. Toddlers through grade two will receive one drawing entry for every five books read. Grade three and up

will receive one entry per chapter book read each week.

Activities will be posted on the library's Facebook page. Children will receive one entry in the weekly drawing when they comment by word or picture to one of these posts. Leave only one comment per child, per post. NOTE: As most children will be commenting from a parent's Facebook account, parents will need to type in comment or upload a picture, then include your child's summer number in the comment. For safety reasons, they are striving to keep children's first and last names as private as possible and not on public social media, so use this number as opposed to children's names.

Children will be able to check out books through curbside pick-up or through the library's e-reading services available at www.prairiecreeklibrary.org. For convenience, the library is offering Book Bundles for children. Since the library will not be open for children to select their own materials, the staff is putting together Book Bundles, bags with five books each, tailored to a certain age/grade level. A parent simply can request a Book Bundle for curbside pick-up, and children will be surprised by the mystery books inside. For children who would like more specific materials, a Book Bundles form is available on the library's website. This form can be completed and submitted via e-mail for children who would like a specific book, author, or subject matter.

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