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WITHOUT DWIGHT HARBEST DAYS in 2020, we bring you Harvest Days Past – digging into our old newspaper files and recapturing some Harvest Days fun! We at *The Paper* hope you enjoy them as much as we have, while reminiscing of good times in the Village. More photos inside...



Vietnam Veteran Terry Misener Awarded Quilt of Valor

By Madelyn Fogarty
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With September 11 just behind us, we were called again last week to remember the fundamental freedoms we so fervently value and the men and women who fought, and continue to fight, to protect our country and preserve that freedom. With that in mind, it was also an appropriate time to witness the honoring of an area veteran, retired Sergeant Terry Misener.

Terry Misener was just 19 years old when he was called to service. A member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War, Terry was drafted on August 20, 1967, achieving the rank of Sergeant before he was honorably discharged on July 28, 1969. He marked his 21st birthday in Vietnam.

As a part of Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, Terry served a tour of duty in Vietnam from February 1968 – February 1969. He fought at the battle of LZ Peanuts at Khe Sanh, was wounded at Khe Sanh, and was decorated for heroism following that battle, receiving the Purple Heart in the Republic of Vietnam in connection with military operations against a hostile force. He also received the Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Expert Sharpshooter and Marksman medals.

Last week, Misener was honored for his service over 50 years ago by being awarded a Quilt of Valor. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Representing the Illinois Valley Quilts of Valor group, Jean McNelis, along with Mary Way, made the

presentation to Mr. Misener on September 10.

"A veteran whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve is someone who at one point in his or her life wrote a check to their government for an amount of up to, and including, his or her life," read Jean McNelis as she made the presentation.

"This quilt is an expression of gratitude meant to thank you and comfort you," said McNelis. "We honor you for leaving all you hold dear to serve, whether in time of crisis or in time of peace. This Quilt of Valor says thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving your nation and is being presented to Terry Misener."

McNelis told Terry the idea behind the quilt is to know that someone is hugging you and saying thank you each time the quilt is put on.

"This is a lovely honor," said an emotional Misener who called the moment a humbling experience. "I will cherish this the rest of my days."

Misener, now 72, remembered the period in his young life that forever changed his world.

Terry was wounded just two weeks after arriving in Vietnam, and then once more during his tour. He recalled horrific battles, soldiers wounded and lost, including his best friend that died in Vietnam just one week after Misener returned home. Misener still carries the scars today, both physical and emotional, having suffered with PTSD.

"For ten years after Vietnam I was a mess – drugs and alcohol – It was a real difficult time for the men that came back," said Misener. "When you have to face that kind of slaughter it changes your life, your mind-

"This Quilt of Valor says thank you for your service..."

set, and even how to adjust back to civilian life."

Returning Vietnam soldiers were not treated well at the time – something that has changed over the years. He credits his wife, Shirley, for helping him through the toughest of times and staying by his side. He also knows God was the key to making his way out.

"It was a very bad situation and he told God that if He got him out, he would spend his life serving the Lord," said Shirley. "And he has."

"I thank God that he got me out of it and turned my life around – our lives around," Terry told *The Paper*. "Those first ten years were pretty rough. It was a long time ago now, but we made it. A lot of marriages would not have survived that."

After Vietnam, Misener farmed a bit before starting his plumbing and heating business that he operated for 45 years. The Miseners raised six children in the Mazon / Verona area and, now, that family has grown to include 13 grandchildren. Terry and Shirley Misener celebrated 50 years of marriage this past January.

Terry Misener has come a long way from that terrible time in his young life, but that year – one year that felt like ten – will stay with him forever. And, today, he is proud of his service.

"It was an honor to have served then," Misener told *The Paper*. "And, even though it was difficult after Vietnam, I look back now and am really glad that I did. It was a great loss for me in Vietnam, and it is



RETIRED SERGEANT Terry Misener was recently awarded a Quilt of Valor from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Representing the Illinois Valley Quilts of Valor group, Jean McNelis, along with Mary Way, made the presentation to Mr. Misener on September 10. Pictured are L-R Mary Way, Jean McNelis, Terry Misener wrapped in Quilt of Valor, and Shirley Misener.

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something I have had to deal with my whole life. But, never the less, I am proud to say that I served for my country and I honor all those that have served and will continue to serve."

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"We are able to have so much because of those that (continued on page 14)



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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
September 3: Peter Krahn, 38, Canada, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.
September 4: Gino C. Wendes, 24, Kankakee, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.
September 5: Jessica N. St. Aubin, 23, Manteno, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.
September 6: Shamario D. Brown, 23, Plano, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Chase S. Gonzalez, 19, Kankakee, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

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

2 Written Warnings
Fail to yield at intersection – 1; only one head lamp – 1.

Dwight Police Blotter
September 3: 4:52 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to 300 E. Spencer for a subject removal.
September 7: 11:30 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Semi-

nole to check the wellbeing of a resident.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
September 4: Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris; Mazon Ave., fire; Julie Dr., trauma.
September 5: Bannon, medical, St. James; South St., medical, refusal; Scully Rd., medical, cancelled.
September 7: Jefferson/Railroad, trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; Julie Dr., medical, St. James; Prospect, trauma, lift assist; Pollard, medical, St. James.
September 8: Watters, medical, St. James; Watters, fire.
September 9: Main, medical, Morris; Mazon, fire; So. Wilmington, fire, mutual aid to So. Wilmington; Gardner, COQ, mutual aid to Gardner.
September 10: 3200 N. Rd., medical, refusal; Verona Rd., fire, mutual aid – Verona; 3000 N. Rd., fire; Spencer, medical, St. Mary's.



Temps - 2020
Sept. 3 – high 84°, low 44°
Sept. 4 – high 78°, low 50°
Sept. 5 – high 84°, low 55°
 .15" precip.
Sept. 6 – high 79°, low 55°
 1.02" precip.
Sept. 7 – high 79°, low 58°
 1.09" precip.
Sept. 8 – high 68°, low 59°
 .37" precip.
Sept. 9 – high 72°, low 60°
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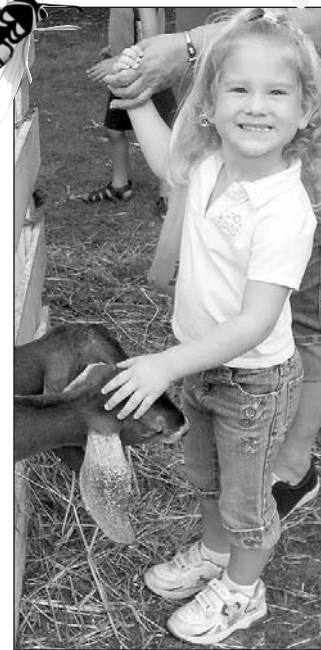
Open Enrollment Choices Can Have Big Financial Impact

It's that time of year again, where, if you work for a medium-to-large employer, you've got some decisions to make because it's open enrollment time. Of course, depending on your situation, you may have been working remotely for a while, but, even so, you will likely have the opportunity to review your benefits package and make changes. And you'll want to make the right moves, because your choices can have a big financial impact on your life.

So, take a close look at these key areas of your benefits program:
Health insurance – Think about your health care needs over the coming year – will you or someone in your family be coping with a chronic illness or facing a surgery? Will you need to at least consider testing and possible treatment for COVID-19? In any case, make sure you're choosing the right plan for your needs. And pay close attention to any changes in your health insurance, such as whether the plan's provider networks have changed – you may want to make sure your own doctor is still in-network. Also, check to see if you can reduce your health care premiums by taking part in a wellness program or health-risk assessment.
Life insurance – Your employer may offer a group life insurance policy for free, or for a small amount. It's probably worth your while to take this coverage, but it may not be enough for your needs. If you only had this group policy, but your family situation has recently changed through marriage or the addition of a new child, you may well need to add some private insurance.
Disability insurance – In addition to offering group life insurance, your employer may provide short-term disability insurance as an employee benefit. Like group insurance, this disability coverage may not cost you anything, but it may not be adequate – typically, short-term disability only replaces part of your income for three to six months. And while you may never need to miss work for an extended period of time, you never can tell – after all, more than one in four 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire, according to the U.S. Social Security Administration. You may want to consider purchasing your own long-term disability policy on top of the coverage offered by your employer.
Retirement plan – You can probably make changes to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan at any time, but why not look at it now, when you're reviewing all your benefits? If you can afford to increase your contributions, you probably should, because a 401(k), with its tax advantages and ease of contribution through paycheck deductions, is a great way to save for retirement. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match. You'll also want to review your 401(k)'s investment mix. Is it still providing you with significant growth potential within the context of your individual risk tolerance? Over time, you may need to make some adjustments, either because an investment is underperforming or because you're getting close to retirement and you need to reduce your risk exposure. In any case, it's a good idea to check up on your 401(k)'s investments at least once a year.

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Harvest Days Past...



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Livingston County Voter Registration Deadline Information

Livingston County Clerk Kristy Masching will have her office open Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. until noon for in-person voter registration. The in-person and mail-in registration deadline for the November 3 General Election is Tuesday, October 6. This includes new registrations as well as changes of address or name.
In order to register to vote: You must be a U.S. citizen; must have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day; and at least the age of 17 on March 17 and 18 on or before the General Election (November 3, 2020).

Know the facts about voter registration:
• All voters must be registered to the correct physical address before casting a ballot (this includes changing apartments in the same building).
• If a voter has not cast a ballot at the last two Federal Elections, his/her registration could be inactivated.
• If you have changed your name and moved, your voter registration will need to be transferred.
• Livingston County voters needing to register to vote or change registration on Election Day, can only do so at the Livingston County Clerk's office. **Voter registration is not available at any Livingston County polling sites.**
To register to vote or update your address or name on-line through Sunday, October 18:

• Must have a driver's license or state ID with current address.
• Visit ova.elections.il.gov
• When completed, the Illinois State Board of Elections will electronically submit your application to the County Clerk's office.
Avoid Election Day lines with Vote by Mail available June 16-October 29:
• Go online: livingstoncountyl.gov
• Click on the following tabs: County Services, County Clerk, Elections, Emailable Vote by Mail Ballot Application Request form.
• Request Vote by Mail Ballots no later than October 29. Returning ballots must be postmarked by midnight or returned in person to the County Clerk's Office by 7:00 p.m. on November 3. (Voters must check with their local

post office to find out the time for the last pickup from their post office outside/inside drop boxes for postmark date.)
Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters. You can request a vote by mail ballot through e-mail, mail, or in person. An online, as well as a downloadable, Vote by Mail application is available from their website.
The County Clerk's office is located at the Historic Courthouse at 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac. For further details, contact the County Clerk's office at 815-844-2006. Visit livingstoncountyl.gov (County Services, County Clerk, Elections) for additional information.

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Mobile Food Pantry in S. Wilmington September 21
On Monday, September 21, 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.
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Dwight UMC Set to Reopen Kids Klub, R.E.A.L. Kids Programs

Dwight United Methodist Church's weekly Wednesday K-4th grade Kids Klub will be restarting in-person programming soon.

Kids Klub meets each Wednesday through the school year. Children begin with a large group opening of songs, videos, games, and the overall Bible lesson. Students then break into age-based groups of K, 1-2, 3-4 for snacks and small group activities that reinforce the lesson and allow the children to gain a deeper understanding and more personal meaning. The children learn Bible stories that all lead to making connections to Jesus. Children come back together for a large group closing of worship with high energy songs of praise.

Additionally, their R.E.A.L. Kids 5th and 6th grade weekly Wednesday program will also be restarting in in-person meeting. This group is a transition group from Kids Klub before the R.E.A.L. and Ignite Youth Group. Students participate in small groups for their lesson, discussion, application, and snacks. The students learn Bible stories that all lead to making connections to Jesus. Students come back altogether for closing worship.

A comprehensive relaunch plan has been developed to ensure children, volunteers, and staff safety to the greatest extent possible. In order to help parents understand the necessary safety precautions there will be a required parent meeting on Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00-7:30 p.m. at DUMC in Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be for parents only. Masks will be required as well as social distancing.

Kids Klub and R.E.A.L. Kids will meet for the first time Wednesday, October 30, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with A families. Children must wear masks and be pre-registered in order to attend. Register online at www.dwightumc.org.

Contact Stacey Stefanski, Director of Ministries with Children and Youth, at stacey@dwightumc.org or 815-584-3420 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Dwight Common School Approves Positive Budget Projections

Back to School Off to Good Start / August 9 BOE Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education approved its FY21 budget as presented when it met on September 9.

Following a Public Hearing, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek presented the healthy 2020-2021 proposed budget with a beginning balance of \$3,858,608. Proposed FY21 revenues across all funds are expected to be \$6,268,358 with proposed expenditures of \$5,801,773 resulting in a positive difference of \$466,585 and a projected FY21 end balance of \$4,325,193. The Education Fund is predicted to end FY21 with a positive increase of \$302,317 and a balance of \$1,831,159. In addition to the usual operating funds, ISBE has now required the reporting of student activity funds. It was noted that activity monies come from fundraising and not taxes or grants. The Student Activity Fund 11 balance, as of June 30, 2020, is \$59,143.

In other financial business, Dr. Jancek reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the Grade School District \$46,192.68 in financial reimbursements.

have missed being in school. Relationships between teachers, students and families are being formed as we are all learning new protocols and procedures together."

The September 2020 enrollment at DCS is showing 481 students ECE – 8th Grade. For the first quarter, 22 percent have chosen full remote learning. In preparation for the beginning of the second quarter, school officials are developing a new survey to be sent out on approximately September 21 and due back by September 28, allowing for second quarter instruction planning and monitoring of class size. The instructional platform choices will be the same 1) Hybrid part-time in person/part-time remote learning 2) Full-time remote learning 3) Homeschooling (instruction not provided by Dwight Public Schools). Results of the survey will determine the structure for next semester as a significant influx of remote learners returning to hybrid in-person instruction could overwhelm classrooms. Overall, most classrooms can accommodate 12 – 14 students while staying within recommended social distancing guidelines.

Amendments to the 2020-2021 school calendar, proposed by the administration and supported by the DEA, were approved by the board following the State of Illinois granting school districts five extra remote learning planning days. Designated as remote planning days (no student attendance) will be October 19; October 20; and January 5. Two additional remote learning days are currently unscheduled.

In reports to the board, Dr. Jancek reported on repairs that have taken place following damage to the school building on August 10 after a powerful storm swept through the area. Replacement of the damaged roof and repairs to the main office area are nearing completion.

Dr. Jancek also reported on personnel changes that have taken place within the transportation department. Due to various reasons, the transportation department is currently short staffed. In addition, added personnel have been needed, such as bus monitors, to provide temperature checks and COVID screening. Dr. Jancek expressed thanks to the bus drivers "for all they are doing in the current conditions."

The BOE also:

- approved the resignation of Alycia Ferrari, 8th grade volleyball coach.
- approved an FMLA request for Jared Steck, physical education teacher.
- approved Corilyn McCullough, speech team coach.
- affirmed an 18 month, \$1,250,000 Certificate of Deposit with Bank of Pontiac at one percent interest.
- discussed ISAB Press Plus Board Policy updates, first reading.
- discussed options for providing board meeting accessibility to community members from home.

All board members were present at the September 9 session. The next regular meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14. Please check for location prior to the meeting. Meetings are open to the public.

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Your safety is our priority and we have a new system in place. When you arrive at the hospital, call us at (815) 842-4501 for instructions on registering and entering the building. We will get you all set up and call you when your room is ready so you don't have to wait in a public area. OSF PromptCare is available for walk-in visits – no appointment necessary. With on-site primary care providers and laboratory and X-ray services, OSF PromptCare can treat non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

As a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, OSF is taking extra cleaning and safety precautions. For everyone's safety, please wear a face mask and maintain physical distancing.

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Church of Hope Reopening for Worship

Once again, the Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe, Gardner, will begin indoor worship starting Sunday, September 20, at 10:15 a.m. They will also be livestreaming the service on Facebook – under the Church of Hope.

The church will be following the CDC protocols that are in place, such as the wearing of masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing, and temperatures will be taken.

Katie Turner Celebrates 25 Years at LSC

Katie Turner celebrated 25 years of service at LSC Communications on September 11.

Katie began her career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on September 11, 1995, as a Material Handler in the Bindery. In August of 2000, Katie was promoted to Hoist Operator. In April of 2012, she was promoted to Shipping/Receiving Clerk. And in December of 2018, Katie was promoted to her current position of Production Expediter.

Katie resides in Odell with her husband, Todd, and daughter, Zeta.



Betty Finch to Celebrate 90th Birthday

Betty Finch, formerly of Mazon/Verona area, will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Tuesday, September 22.

Her address is 1060 Brown Ave., Galesburg, IL 61401, for anyone wishing to send a card.

Rosary Rally in Herscher

On Saturday, October 10, join in praying for the nation with a Rosary Rally, beginning at noon, at St. Margaret Mary Church, Main Street in Herscher.

Take a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, they will gather in the church hall.

For more information, contact Jackie Eberle at 815-421-4048.



Harvest Days Past...



Dwight Rotary - Programs and New Members

Dwight Rotary Club Secretary-Treasurer, Dale Adams, invited Joycelyn “Joy” Miller to present at their September 9 Dwight Rotary Club program. Joy is a representative of VITAS Healthcare, a Pontiac Rotarian, and connected to the Dwight area through the Jack and Imajean Anderson family.

Joy’s presentation focused on VITAS Healthcare’s hospice care for people with advanced illnesses. Whatever the age, culture, beliefs, or diagnosis of the patient, if they have a serious progressive illness, VITAS can help.

Miller explained hospice can happen wherever a patient calls home – that can be a private residence, a nursing home, an inpatient setting, an assisted living community, and others. Also, most hospice-eligible patients do not have any out of pocket expenses.

Joy’s cell number is 815-

343-3851 and her e-mail is Joycelyn.Miller@vitas.com.

Rotary President, Earl McCoy, invited Rotary District Assistant Governor Jim Matthews, from Mahomet, to present at their September 23 program.

Jim is an Illinois Wesleyan professor emeritus and his topic will be Illinois Railroad History – with a focus on early railroads in Dwight.

President McCoy invited CEO of the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Committee, Adam Dontz, to present at their October 7 meeting.

Rotary meetings are open to the public every Wednesday at noon at the Dwight Country Club.



DWIGHT ROTARY CHAIRPERSON, Pastor Victor “Randy” Randle, was proud to announce at the September 9 Dwight Rotary Club meeting that Dwight’s Heritage Woods-Assisted Living is the newest member of the Dwight Rotary Club. The new Rotarians from Heritage Woods are Jody Terando (Administrator), Kevin Pullara (Director of Sales and Marketing), and Sharon Russell (Business Office Manager). Pictured are Earl McCoy, left, welcoming Pullara. Pastor Randy is always available to discuss your interest in Rotary membership at vjrandlejr64@gmail.com.

Thank You

Bob and I want to thank everyone for taking time out of your weekend to participate in Bob’s 80th Birthday drive by; he could not believe the number of cars and trucks in the long parade which was led by his brother, Leo Giacometti, on his Harley. Dan and Lisa Briner also assisted him.

He said it was a day he will never forget. All arrangements were made by our children, Suzanne Giacometti, Christina Turner, and Tony Giacometti, and their families. They went to a lot of work and we will have many fond memories from the day. Also, thank you for all the cards and gifts.

Bob and Gretta Giacometti



SERVICE
Tutor will reinforce classroom curriculum.
Tutor will help student with remote/e learning.
Tutor will ensure students are online during scheduled times while in session. Student will come home with an update sheet explaining assignments worked on.

ABOUT THE TUTOR

Lori Bowman has been working in the education field since 2006. During that time, Bowman has been a substitute teacher, teacher’s aide, intervention specialist and full time classroom teacher. For the past 5 years, Bowman has taught Science, Social Studies, and Math for 4-8 grade students along with Math RtI (Response to Intervention).

Text/message: 815.584.6340

Remote/E learning Tutor 6th and 7th grade FB: Math with Mrs. B

10:15-1:45

Tutor Experience: 5 years teaching full time, 14 years in the education field.

Pricing: \$25 per session/10 session punch cards available for \$250 each. (This should last about a month)

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SCHEDULE

Students attend tutor sessions during their remote learning days. Their schedule will alternate between two and three days a week along with their school schedule. Example: Student goes to school on A days, and will be tutored on B days or vice versa.

Kick-Off Drive-Thru Flu Clinic in Pontiac Sept. 24

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) will kick-off the influenza (flu) season with a drive-thru clinic with community partners SOCU Pontiac Credit Union and Pontiac Chamber of Commerce.

The drive-thru flu clinic will be held Thursday, September 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at SOCU Pontiac Credit Union (610 S. Newport Rd.), with support from Pontiac Chamber of Commerce. A well-trained LCHD nurse will

be administering the flu vaccination.

No appointment is necessary. Be sure to take your insurance card and ID, as Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance will be billed.

For questions, contact the LCHD at 815-844-7174.



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Bar Church in Dwight Sept. 19

On Saturday, September 19, “Bar Church” will be held at JT’s Saloon, 118 East Main Street in downtown Dwight, at 6:00 p.m. – with Pastor “Randy” Randle and The New Life Praise Band of New Life Church, Dwight.

Braidwood K of C Tootsie Roll Drive Sept. 18-20

September 18, 19, and 20 have been designated for the 51st annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive to benefit people with Intellectual Disabilities.

Members of Braidwood Council 1574 will be out in force in the local communities of Coal City, Braidwood, Gardner, South Wilmington, Braceville, and Diamond.

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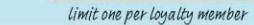


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The Paper reached out to local attorney Donald McClarey, of Dwight, to have him answer some questions to help make it a bit clearer as to what are the important documents everyone should consider having.

Hopefully these questions and answers will help with decisions that you may have to make.

Remember, it is better to have everything in place and never need to use, than to not have and your wishes not be followed.

• What is the importance of having a will, and what should be included?
DM: A will is very important. It should list the individuals who are receiving items under the will. Trusts can be set up for children under the will. The will should name the Executor, who will have the legal respon-

sibility for carrying out the terms of the will.

• Are POAs necessary, and why?
DM: POAs are essential. In Illinois, there are powers of attorney for property and powers of attorney for health care. These documents designate the person to make decisions if the maker of the POA is unable to do so.

• Who should decide care if there is no next of kin available?
DM: The person selected in the power of attorney is the one who makes care decisions.

• What documents do you recommend families or individuals have on file?
DM: Families or individuals should have wills and POAs on file, and, in certain cases, trusts, as well.

• When is the right time to get documents ready?
DM: Now. Everyone who is an adult should have wills and POAs.

• Are living wills the same as a will?
DM: In Illinois, the POA for health care deals with end-of-life decisions. This is a distinct document from a will.

Coping with the loss of a loved one while social distancing

Coping with the loss of a loved one can be challenging in the best of times, but many people have had to confront such challenges at a time that is unlike any other in modern history.

Many of the 215 countries, areas or territories that reported cases of COVID-19 implemented social distancing measures in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus. While such efforts no doubt saved lives, they also left many people without traditional means of grieving their deceased loved ones. For example, restrictions on gatherings in the United States made it difficult if not impossible for more than 10 people to grieve together in person.

Though traditional funerals and family gatherings may not be possible as the world responds to the COVID-19 outbreak, those who have lost loved ones can embrace various strategies to cope with their loss even while stay-at-home orders remain in place.

• Host calls with family members and friends. The videotelephone and chat service Zoom has helped millions of people stay connected with loved ones while social distancing. Schools and universities even employed the service when in-person classroom sessions were canceled to stop the

spread of the virus. The CDC recommends grieving families employ such technology to connect with each other in the wake of a loved one's death.

• Share stories. Grieving family members are urged to share stories and pictures much like they would during wakes and funerals. Share them during group conference calls and/or via social media, emails or other modern modes of communications. Connecting in such ways can ensure no one is forced to grieve alone.

• Seek support from your community. The CDC recommends seeking support from faith-based organizations or other trusted community leaders and friends. While in-person church services may not be available, many local religious leaders have made themselves available to congregants and even non-congregants who may need help grieving. Local community organizations may have grief counselors available to help people cope with loss.

• Take part in an activity that meant something to you and your deceased loved one. The CDC notes that doing something in memory of a loved one can help people cope. For example, plant flowers in honor of a deceased parent with whom you shared a love of gardening.

OBITUARY

Barbara Ann Hall

Barbara Ann Hall, née Lakso, died on September 4, 2020 in Streator, Illinois after succumbing to the severe and rapid effects of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. She was 70 years old.



Everything she did was for her kids. She will be desperately missed.

Barbara is survived by her son John Brenton Hall of Portland, Oregon; daughter Sarah Ann Casey of Streator, Illinois; daughter Beth Lenore Hall of Portland, Oregon; and her four grandchildren: Dakota, Truitt, Walter and Phoebe.

Barbara was born November 16, 1949 in Round Lake, Illinois to Gordon and Elma Lakso (née Raasakka) and was the sister to Bonita and Matti. She graduated from Round Lake High School in 1967 and eventually made a home in Cabazon, California, where she raised her three children and worked as a County Clerk for the Riverside County Superior Court, until she retired in 2005.

After retirement, Barbara moved to Dwight, Illinois to be closer to her childhood friends and family. Barbara was never happier than when she was reading a good book, doing the NYT Crossword, or being a dedicated and loving mother, grandmother, and friend.

She was a hopeless romantic, a free spirit, a proud Finn, and a decent and good person.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) is a fatal degenerative brain disorder caused by a protein called a prion, which like in Barbara's and 85% of cases, occurs spontaneously. The neurocognitive disorder is fatal within a year for 70% of victims, and symptoms progress from memory and behavioral problems to rapid-onset dementia, weakness and coma.

Condolences and flowers may be received by Sarah Casey at 1425 East Hickory Street, Streator, Illinois 61364, or you may consider giving to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation, Inc. at: crdfoundation.org/ways-to-give-back.

Prairie Creek Library Receives Memorial Donations

Prairie Creek Library, Dwight, was the recipient of several memorial donations in recent months. These include memorials for:

• **Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Bike) Beiswanger** – Hearst Castle: The Biography of a Country House by Victoria Kastner.
• **George Hager** – Firefighter's Handbook by Meghan McCarthy.
• **Charles Johnson** – Neither Snow nor Rain: A History of the USPS by Devin Leonard; Every Stamp Tells a Story by Cheryl Ganz; and The Post Office Book: Mail and How It Moves by Gail Gibbons.

• **Paul R. Steichen** – Big Week: The Biggest Air Battle of World War II by James Holland; Missing: A World War II Story of Love, Friendships, Courage, and Survival by Kenneth D. Evans; The Last Fighter Pilot: The True Story of the Final Combat Mission of World War II by Don Brown; and Warplanes of World War II by Robert Jackson.
• **Bill Stevenson** – John Deere, That's Who! by Tracy Nelson Maurer.
• **Don and Jannett Tock** – Benny Goodman and the Swing Era by James Lincoln Collier.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Quotes to Remember

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

any National crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts.

- Abraham Lincoln

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

- Abraham Lincoln

Let us not seek the Republican or Democratic answer but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.

- John F. Kennedy

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet

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OBITUARIES

Kane Michael Mountjoy

Kane Michael Mountjoy, age 14, of Cove Road, Hertford, NC died accidentally on September 6, 2020 near his home.

He was born September 16, 2005 in Portsmouth, VA to Aaron Michael Mountjoy and Patricia Acal Mountjoy-Riddick. He was a student at Perquimans County High School. He was a member of the football and track teams and played flute in the band.

He enjoyed nature, fishing, camping, hunting and many other outdoor activities. He especially enjoyed being a member of the Perquimans County Hunter Safety Team.

In addition to his parents, Kane is survived by his loving step-father, Brian Riddick; three sisters: Alexis Anderson, Brianne Graham-Riddick, and Kathryn Riddick; three brothers: Bryson Graham-Riddick, Andrew Mountjoy and Raiden



Mountjoy. His paternal grandparents, Wayne and Ann Mountjoy; maternal grandparents, Allen and Rosalia Giannerini and Cora Riddick; great-grandmothers, Glenda Kutos of Dwight, Illinois, and Carmen Ponce Cam-puzano; a multitude of aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Twiford Memorial Chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to the Perquimans County Hunter Safety Team, 1744 Belvidere Road, Belvidere, NC 27919.

Twiford Funeral Home, 405 East Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC is serving the Mountjoy family.

Online memorial condolences may be sent to the family at www.TwifordFH.com

Larry Bellis

Larry L. Bellis, 80, of Clawson, MI passed away peacefully Saturday, September 5, 2020 at his home.

His service was Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, IL with Father Chris Haake officiating.

Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial in Saint Paul Cemetery, Odell, IL with full military honors.

Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, was in charge of arrangements.

Larry was born August 27, 1940 in Odell, IL, son of Andrew and Mary (Duay) Bellis.

He is survived by a daughter, Jasmine Jones of Morrison, CO. Surviving brothers and sisters are: Dolores (Millard) Maxson of Chatsworth, IL; Minnie Brown of St. Peters, MO; Peggy Agamy of Elwood, IL; Dick (Darlene) Bellis of Grayslake, IL; Barbara Pettit of Quincy, IL; Judy (Norm) Lewis of Dwight, IL; Mike (Sue) Bellis of Bradley, IL; John (Vicki) Bellis



of Racine, WI; and Debbie Shepherd of Elburn, IL.

Larry had many close friends and neighbors at home in Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Gene Bellis; and two sisters, Catherine Riccolo and Theresa Pinkston.

Larry was a graduate of St. Paul High School in Odell, IL; served in the United States Army; and was a graduate of the University of Illinois. He was a Brother of the Phi Gamma Chi Chapter of the Arab Fraternity.

Larry was the owner and President of Fisher Insurance Agency in Clawson, MI.

He was motivated, always on the go, and never retired. In lieu of flowers, the Bellis family requests memorial donations to Joyce Meyer Ministries. Donate online: <https://joycemeyer.org/donate/project-grl>.

Online condolences may be made to the family at duffyfuneralhome.com or visit them on Facebook.

Mildred L. Hibler

Mildred L. Hibler, age 91, of South Wilmington, IL passed away Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL.

Born September 14, 1928 in Greenfield Township, IL to the late Louis H. and Edna (nee Harrop) Holm, Mildred graduated from Reddick High School with the class of 1946.

She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington. Mildred was a proud homemaker for all her life and she also worked for Fox Developmental Center in Dwight.

Surviving are two sons, Frank Hibler of West Plains, MO and Larry (Tina) Hibler of Coal City, IL; one daughter, Bobby Hibler, of Cape Coral, FL; four grandchildren: Michael (Stephanie), Brittany, Mitchell, and Chad; and three great-grandchildren: Myah, Myles, and Maddyn.

Two brothers - in - law, Harold (Elena) Hibler of Braidwood, IL and James (Diane) Hibler of Gardner, IL; sister-in-law, Emma (the late James) Schultz of Gardner, IL; and many nieces, nephews, and their families also survive.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Frank D.



Hibler (8/9/2014), whom she married March 28, 1948 in South Wilmington; four brothers: Carl (Delores) Holm, Ruben (Edith) Olroyd, Wilbur (Eileen) Olroyd, and Wesley Holm; two sisters: Margary (Dale) Patchett and Luella (Earl) Christensen; two brothers-in-law: George (Josephine) Hibler and John (Marcella) Hibler; and three sisters-in-law: Julia (William) Halpin, Dorothy (Leon) Slejko, and Loretta (Roman) Sukley.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, funeral services for Mildred will be private. Interment will take place in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name directed to the South Wilmington Fire Department, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, or Heritage Health Nursing Home would be appreciated.

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

For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find them on Facebook.

Mildred Turner

Mildred Turner, age 79, of Reddick and formerly of Custer Park, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at her home surrounded by family.

Born October 29, 1940 in Harlan, Kentucky, Mildred Anne was a daughter of Howard Radford and Mary Louise (Yarborough) Griffith. She was raised and educated in Harlan before relocating with her family to Wilmington in 1956. Mildred went on to graduate from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1958.

She recently attended Reddick United Methodist Church and will be remembered for her love of gardening, both vegetable and flowers. In her free time, Mildred took pleasure in working crossword puzzles, cooking and playing competitive cards.

Family was of utmost importance to Mildred, and many memories were created in her Mini Cooper buzzing around her "greats."

Survivors include two daughters: Dianna Hollis and Melba (Mark) Clark, both of Reddick; one daughter-in-law, Stacy Brown of Coal City; seven grandchildren: Phillip D. (Kate) Hollis of Braidwood; Joseph Hollis (Kayla) of Braceville; Mark Jr. (Danita) Clark and Max (Ashley) Clark, both of Reddick; Corey Brown of Gardner; Katie Brown (Michael) of Coal City; and Matthew Clark of Reddick.

Great-grandchildren: Jared Oliphant, Caelan Cole, Peyton Clark, Zachary Clark, Jackson Hollis, Caleb Clark, Brayson Brown, Kinnzee Brown, Layla Clark, Jacob Clark, Ella Popovich, Danian Clark, Andrew Clark, Rory Hollis and Callie Hollis; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Griffith of Texas; three step-children: Peggy Brown (Steve Snow), Marlene (Gary)



Miller and Rebecca Turner; numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Melvin Brown; second husband, Eugene Turner; three children: Ginger Brown, Mitchell Brown and Matthew Brown; siblings: Martha (Larry) Hicks, Mary (Arthur) Patrie, Margaret Griffith, and William Griffith; and her son-in-law, Phillip L. Hollis.

The family received friends for a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Due to recent updated mandates issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, face mask requirements and measures of safe social distancing practices were in order. The funeral home staff assisted the family not to exceed the newly-lowered safe number set forth for the visitation.

A private family service was held Thursday, September 10, 2020. Those wishing to participate in Mildred's services were invited to watch the live stream Thursday morning at 11 a.m. by logging on to her memorial page.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington, Illinois.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Mildred's memory to her family for their distribution.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guestbook, upload photographs, and share Mildred's memorial page online through social media by logging on to: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/obituary/Mildred-Turner

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Bryan Keith Howland

Bryan Keith Howland, 50, of Gardner passed away Sunday evening, August 30, 2020 in Morris Hospital.

He was born April 1, 1970 in Joliet, the son of Keith and Mary Lou (Valerio) Howland.

Raised and educated in Gardner, Bryan graduated from Gardner - South Wilmington High School with the Class of 1988. After high school, he enrolled in the DeVry Institute of Technology's electrician's program, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree. Bryan was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed gaming, movies and NASCAR. He was a member of Church of Hope in Gardner.

He is survived by his parents, Keith and Mary Lou; sister, Carrie (Daniel) Conlon; special friend, Kim Davis; Uncle Alan Howland; uncle and aunt, Charles and Karen Valerio; and cousins: Stephanie Howland Porth and son Tyler; Erica (Guido) Persinger and their children: Jonathan Gill, Kaitlyn Gill, and Madeline Persinger; and Dodie Howland and her children: Lindsay White



and Justin White.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Francis and Evelyn Howland, and maternal grandparents, William and Frances Valerio.

A graveside service was held Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in the Braceville-Gardner Cemetery with Pastor Janet Chandler of Church of Hope officiating. Bryan was laid to rest with his paternal grandparents. Aqua Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bryan's name to the Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe St., Gardner, IL 60424, or the Gardner Fire Protection District, 206 Depot St., Gardner, IL 60424.

An online guestbook has been made for the family. You may sign the guestbook, share memories and photographs, by visiting the website: www.ucdaviscallahan.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington St., Morris, IL

Karen L. Rusch

Karen L. Rusch of Dwight passed away Saturday, September 12, 2020 in her home with her family at her bedside.

Born July 7, 1952 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she was the daughter of Ed and Vin (McLish) Odom.

Raised and educated in Milwaukee, she moved to Morris in 1968 and married George Rusch on November 22, 1968. Karen was a homemaker for many years, raising their two sons, Michael and Geoffrey. She enjoyed working in real estate and also worked for Aldi Foods for over 15 years.

Karen loved her family and relaxing as she enjoyed fishing. Surviving Karen are her



husband, George; two sons, Michael (Carrie) of New Lenox and Geoffrey (Di) of Joliet; and three grandchildren: Savannah, Olivia and Sophia. Many friends and cousins also survive.

Aqua Cremation rites were accorded. No services will be held.

An online guestbook has been made for the family which you may sign, share memories and photographs, by accessing the website: www.ucdaviscallahan.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington Street, Morris, IL.

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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Algorithm

That's probably a word that you've encountered if you've spent any time on just about any social media platform. They all use them, Facebook, Twitter, Spotify, Netflix. You name it. They all use them in some capacity.

Sometimes, the algorithms work out in your favor and suggest something to you that's actually worthy of spending your time watching and taking in. Most recently this happened to me on Netflix, and ironically enough it was a documentary on social media titled "The Social Dilemma."

This documentary does a deep dive on a lot of the darker and problematic things associated with social media. I think there's the large one, which most people know at this point, data extraction, where these companies collect copious amounts of data to then turn around and sell it to advertisers so they can sell their products to you more efficiently. I think that's the commonly known part of social media and technology platforms.

What may be unknown, or it was somewhat to me, is the small tweaks and adjustments these applications are constantly undergoing to keep your attention. To get you to go down rabbit holes, to get you to watch the next video. Everything that it sent your way on any of these platforms is to keep you there, and from ultimately, putting your phone down.

Now, this is where I understand it can sound preachy, but at the end of it, all the former Silicon Valley experts recommended, if not deleting some of these applications entirely, to do things like turning off your notifications. Turn them off on all social media platforms aside from things that could be potentially urgent, i.e. text messages. Not things like Facebook and Instagram.

The documentary runs around 90 minutes, and if you have that time to spare, I would really recommend giving it a watch and trying to further understand how these applications work and what it's doing to your brain and your psychology on a day to day basis, I found it very informative.

Put the phone down, enjoy life a little more, and Go Cubs.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words.
We welcome your thoughts.

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Paul E. McIntosh Memorial Service

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Per Paul's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will receive friends for a memorial service at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 North Broadway (one block north of Illinois Route 113) in Coal City on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of memorial serv-

ice, 3:00 p.m. Pastor Caleb Counterman from Faith Baptist Church of Goose Lake will officiate.

Those wishing to participate in Paul's services are invited to watch the live stream on Saturday starting at 3:00 p.m. by logging onto his memorial page.

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As an essential, needs-based retailer, Tractor Supply is committed to taking care of team members, customers, and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Company has taken a number of key actions to protect and support customers in Dwight:

- Increasing inventory supply for essential products such as livestock feed, equine feed, pet food, and other critical consumable items.
- Adding Team Member hours in stores and hiring an additional 5,000 people to continue providing legendary customer service and promote safety in stores.
- Adding a dedicated greeter at every store location to drive awareness of social distancing, monitor the number of customers in store and provide additional cleaning of key items like carts and registers.
- Investing in technology through Mobile Point of Sale, Same Day/Next Day delivery capabilities and contactless payment options across the entire chain to enhance the safety of customers' shopping experience and provide greater convenience.
- Conducting additional daily cleanings in stores to maintain a safe shopping envi-

ronment.

- Endorsing the CDC's social distancing guidelines to limit exposure to other individuals by marking floors and adding signage to help customers and team members maintain safe distances.

- Offering Contactless Curbside Delivery for Buy Online, Pickup In Store orders with a minimum of two parking spots allocated for these services. Customers can call the store phone number once they arrive at the store, and a team member will take the order to their vehicle.

- Dedication an exclusive shopping hour for high-risk customers and seniors 60 and older every Wednesday from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Dwight Tractor Supply store, at 110 Watters Dr., will be open with adjusted hours from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning Monday, September 21.

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"At Tractor Supply, we understand the value of providing essential needs like pet food, animal feed and home supplies to our customers in the Dwight community," said Jose Rubio, manager of the Dwight Tractor Supply store. "Our team members live the same lifestyle as our customers, and we're excited to supply them with the tools, information and resources they need to live life on their own terms."

The Dwight Tractor Supply will provide a one-stop shop for the community, serving



by Sidney Mau

Like everyone in our surrounding area, our Ag classes and FFA program look a little different this year due to COVID-19. Our once hands-on group projects have been altered to maintain social distance and meet specific guidelines. At this time of the year, our sign-up board for FFA activities are usually blowing up with Harvest Days events, conferences, and conventions, whereas now we are very limited to our face-to-face contact.

With that being said, I still feel that it is very important to offer students as much leadership activities and chances to learn more about agriculture no matter the circumstance. Our students still have chances to

Amidst Pandemic, Ag Educators Stress Support of Local Farmers

attend virtual workshops, chapter meetings, and, in October, a virtual national FFA convention.

Currently in my Ag Science class, we are learning about the importance of soil health and its overall effect on our crops. In Ag Business, students are researching current Ag issues that are happening in our state and how our community could make a change to either support

our local farmers or help the environment in some way.

Throughout all of my Ag classes, we are mentioning how the effects of COVID-19 are affecting all aspects of the Ag industry and how important it is to not only be informed about what's happening in the Ag world, but also how important it is to support our local farmers every chance we get.

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FALL ON THE FARM

The Pandemic and Agriculture

by Phil McArdle

COVID-19 has had serious social and economic implications for every person, small business owners, corporations, and farmers in our country, and around the world. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought a germ could virtually shut our country down.

The coronavirus pandemic and its associated economic impacts have implications for agriculture, food, and rural America. It has taken years for our nation to recover from big economic disruptions in the past, such as the Great Depression in 1929 and Recession of 2008. It's important that we learn from those past disruptions and avoid policies that stifle innovation and agricultural production.

Some of the impacts COVID-19 has had on agriculture and food include price. Retail prices for nearly all food-at-home categories are up in June 2020 as compared to June 2019. At the same time, prices producers received are lower. A large part of that discrepancy can be tied to labor supply problems related to the coronavirus.

Dairy farmers were first to be affected by demand problems, and resulting low prices, caused by the virus. When schools closed, a huge demand for milk and cheese was lost. The school lunch programs across the nation consume huge quantities of milk. Dairy farmers were forced to dump milk on the ground when demand dried up.

Beef and pork producers

were next in line, as COVID-19 affected the labor supply at packing plants. Some livestock processing facilities were forced to implicate worker protection measures that slowed output or even closed facilities. As a result, there was a sharp increase in meat prices to consumers that coincided with a rapid decline in prices paid to farmers for the live animals.

COVID-19 has negatively impacted producer profitability and increased the price consumers pay at the retail level.

Grain farmers have also been negatively affected. Production of feed grains and oil seeds is up at the same time demand is down. In 2019, we saw a record number of unplanted acres because of wet weather, while in 2020, we got all those acres planted and appear to

have a record, or near-record, yield approaching. Demand, on the other hand, has shrunk. Ethanol, of course made from corn, production is dramatically lower because, as we drive less, we use less gasoline.

A reduced export demand also affected agriculture prices for a while, but as world economies recover, so has export demand. We have a ways to go, but China has recently been a huge buyer of pork and soybeans.

We have been through, and are still going through, a crisis the likes of which none of us has experienced before. We all want the economy to reopen soon, but in a way that is well thought out. If we learn the lessons that COVID-19 has presented us, we can come out of this stronger than before.



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Tips for safer farming

Tractor accidents, grain entrapment and injuries from ornery livestock are just some of the dangers agricultural workers face every day. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States.

In 2016, the agricultural industry had a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Agricultural dangers are not limited to North America. In Ireland, farm accidents have increased by 13 percent in the last five years and by 31 percent in the last decade, according to a national survey of farm accidents conducted by the Teagasc National Farm Survey. Furthermore, 97 percent of all farm accident victims required medical treatment.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also take place during routine, seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

- **Know farm equipment.** Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals.
- **Conduct routine safety checks.** Look around buildings and grounds for obvious hazards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly.
- **Practice cleanliness.** Maintain clean and neat work areas with

tools stored properly and out of the way after use.

- **Be mindful of your clothing and hair.** Many accidents involve a power take-off system, or PTO, which is a common component of large rotary mowers, tractors and forage choppers.
- **Use rollover protection structures.** ROPS can be used on tractors and other equipment to prevent injuries.
- **Avoid extra passengers.** It can be tempting to take the kids for a spin, but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.
- **Exercise caution when handling chemicals.** Take extra precautions when handling any chemicals, including pesticides.
- **Wear protective gear.** Wear appropriate gear and equipment as outlined by NIOSH or the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Make sure the skin, feet, ears, eyes, and hands are protected at all times.
- **Employ lock out/tag out control.** This is a process where one can work on equipment only after every energy source has been controlled, such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, and electrical, according to Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Turning off equipment and using certain controls or locks on devices can prevent equipment from restarting before it is safe to do so.

Farm safety should be a priority for owners, their families and employees so that agricultural injuries can be reduced.



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Brian Erickson Wins DCC Medal Play Championship

Dwight Country Club held its Medal Play Championship at the par 71 course, with Brian Erickson being crowned Club Champion for the Championship Flight.

Erickson's three-day total was 221 – eight over par. Runner-up was Kevin Krople, who shot 224. Net winner was Joel Patten with a 219, with Randy Thomas taking runner-up with a 221.

Club Champion for the First Flight was Bill Gerrish, who shot a 236, with Mike Humbert, the runner-up, shooting a 237. Net winner was Brian Martis (210), while Dale Adams (212) was runner-up.

In the Second Flight, Anthony “Dinozzo” Dinelli earned Club Champion with a score of 244. Dave Trewartha followed as runner-up at 250. Ryan Kodat was the runner-up in the net division, shooting a 215.

“Dinozzo” led the entire tournament with a net score of 208, which wins him the Sand Bagger of the Tournament Award.

Club Champion for the Third Flight was Jerry Provance, who shot a 285. Net winner was Wayne German (224) and runner-up was Junior Wilson (228).



DCS LADY REDBIRDS SOFTBALL

Thursday, September 10
Dwight vs. Saratoga

The Lady Redbirds improved to 6-0 following an 11-0 beating of Saratoga September 10.

Samantha Harsh picked up the win, striking out 11 batters in the contest.

Harsh also led at the plate



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with a double, a home run, and three RBI. Averi Jury and Brynn Connor each singled and knocked in a pair of runs, while Maci Johnson (2 singles) and Kiah Handzus (single) each added an RBI. Taylor Heath, Sophie Buck, and Lily Walkup each singled.

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League Results

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: **Men** – Doug Gassman, 237; Michael King, 236; Bill Becker, 223; Ken Benson, 201; Scot Banks, 199; **Women** – Shelah Gaston, 162; Paula Watts, 161; Stacy Richie, 159; Anne Sporrer, 154; Kathy Hanold, 150. HSS: **Men** – Michael King, 634; Doug Gassman, 632; Jeff Friedman, 558; Ken Benson, 536; Bill Green, 526; **Women** – Paula Watts, 449; Shelah Gaston, 448; Stacy Richie, 446; Anne Sporrer, 437; Kathy Hanold, 414. HSG: Muck Fike, 919. HHG: Whiskey Cavalier, 1034. HSS: Muck Fike, 2657. HHS: Whiskey Cavalier, 2822.

League Standings	W	L
Willy's Pub	7	1
Dairy Queen	6	2
Whiskey Cav.	5	3
Pinkie's Out	5	3
Muck Fike	4	4
Gaston Const.	3	5
Victory Lanes	2	6
Coleman/Son	0	8

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Doug Gassman, 233; Jeff Behning, Jr., 226; Kwynn Rury, 216; Reco Stevenson, 210; Micheal Hallam, 210. HSS: Jeff Behning, Jr., 624; Doug Gassman, 582; Brandon Petry, 575; Bill Brummel, 569; Lane Galloway, 560. HSG: Victory Lanes, 957. HHG: Willy's Pub, 975. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 2699.

League Standings	W	L
Rury's Tap	7	1
Hallam Elect.	7	1
Victory Lanes	6	2
Rambo Const.	5	3
Willy's Pub	4	4
Star Trucking	4	4
Rockey's Pub	4	4
Jeremy's Barber	4	4
Jensens I	3	5
Jensen BP II	1	7
DeLong Ford	0	8

Village of South Wilmington Nominating Petitions Available

Nominating petitions for the 2021 election are now available by contacting: South Wilmington Village Clerk – Terry Schultz at 815-237-0918.

Village seats to be elected:

- Trustee (four year term) – 3 to be elected
- Village Clerk (four year term) – 1 to be elected

Filing dates for the nominating petitions are: November 16-23, 2020.



GSWB LIONS BASEBALL

Tuesday, September 8
GSWB vs. Seneca

In baseball action September 8 versus Seneca, GSWB won big, 14-3.

Logan Conger led the team with a single, a walk, three RBI, and a run scored. Ayden Christians provided two RBI on one hit and two walks, stealing two bases, getting hit by a pitch, and scoring three times, while Gabe McHugh (double, HBP, 2 SB, 2 runs), Andrew Nelson (walk), Tony Vyce (walk, FC, run), Cole Hampson (single, SB, 2 runs), and Tyler Wilkey (walk, run) all batted in one run. Brock Enerson singled twice and scored once, with Owen Vitko adding a single, was hit by a pitch, and scored a run. Gavin Bafia walked once, stole a base, and scored twice. Ryan Millette drew a walk.

McHugh got the “W” on the mound, allowing one unearned run while striking out four. Enerson made his debut on the bump and saw two innings of work, giving up two unearned runs, walking one and striking

out one.

Wednesday, September 9
GSWB vs. MVK

Cole Hampson was superb on the mound for the Lions September 9, as the young man tossed a 72-pitch no-hitter in GSWB's 10-1 win over MVK.

In seven innings of work, Hampson walked one batter and allowed just one unearned run – striking out seven in the process. He is now an impressive 4-0 on the season.

At the plate, Gabe McHugh went 3-3 with a walk, a double, a triple, two stolen bases, two RBI, and three runs scored to lead his squad. Adding an RBI each were Ayden Christians (2-4, double, run), Gavin Bafia (single), Aiden Himes, Ryan Millette (double, run), and Owen Vitko (single, run). Logan Conger contributed two hits, including a double, a stolen base, and two runs. Hampson reached on an error, stole a base, and scored twice. Tyler Wilkey swiped a bag.

The Lions improve to 10-2 overall.



LIMESTONE TIGERS BASEBALL

Thursday, September 10
Limestone vs. St. Anne

The Tigers were defeated by St. Anne 10-2 on September 10.

Brennen Gessner (single, BB, SB, run) and Connor Buckley (single, 2 BB, SB) each had one RBI for Limestone. TJ Hammock had two singles and two stolen bags, with Alec Nichols adding a single, a walk, three stolen bases, and a run scored. Payten Young

walked twice, with Hunter Brown walking once and stealing a base. Landon Ball was hit by a pitch.

Young was hit with the loss on the mound, allowing six earned runs on seven hits and six walks, striking out six. Jack Coutant came on in relief, giving up four earned runs on five hits and four walks, fanning three. Gessner tossed one inning, striking out two and allowing a hit and a walk.

Gas Prices For This Week

The national average price per gallon of gas this summer was \$2.15. This is the lowest since 2004. With summer almost over, refineries will soon switch over to producing the winter blend of gasoline.

There is a very good chance that consumers could see prices lower than they have been in a long time. Safe Travels.

City/Village	Sept. 16	Sept. 9
Dwight	\$2.18	\$2.18
Kankakee	\$2.15	\$2.17
S. Wilmington	\$2.39	\$2.39
Streator	\$2.00	\$2.09
Odell	\$2.25	\$2.25
Pontiac	\$2.15	\$2.15
Gardner	\$2.35	\$2.39
Braceville	\$2.39	\$2.44
Morris	\$2.20	\$2.25
Herscher	\$2.25	\$2.25
Chicago	\$2.89	\$2.54
Illinois	\$2.32	\$2.35
U.S.	\$2.20	\$2.22

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

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Harvest Days Past...

PTHS INDIANS SWIM TEAM

Thursday, September 10 Pontiac vs. Central Catholic
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Varsity -
200m free: Emma DeWald, 3rd, 2:42.20; Abby Lauritsen, 5th, 2:54.49; Mary Hilt, 6th, 2:57.57.
200m IM: Emma Nelson, 3rd, 2:59.34; Camryn Mies, 4th, 3:09.66; Alana Christianson, 6th, 3:29.71.
50m free: DeWald, 3rd, 33.04; Lauritsen, 4th, 35.67.
1m diving: Anneke Esposito, 1st, 178.80.
100m fly: Nelson, 2nd, 1:20.95; Hilt, 5th, 1:51.31; Christianson, 6th, 1:55.17.
100m free: Mies, 3rd, 1:15.06; Hannah Grove, 4th, 1:15.08; DeWald, 5th, 1:15.12.
400m free: Nelson, 3rd, 5:48.31; Lauritsen, 4th, 6:08.71; Esposito, 5th, 6:26.96.
100m back: DeWald, 4th, 1:26.26; Mies, 5th, 1:27.59;

Esposito, 6th, 1:39.83.
100m breast: Nelson, 3rd, 1:32.41; Hilt, 4th, 1:36.33; Christianson, 5th, 1:40.67.
JV -
200m free: Paige Collins, 1st, 3:15.49; Riley Kelly, 2nd, 3:24.54; Raegan Montello, 3rd, 3:25.73.
100m IM: Molly Masching, 1st, 1:38.90; Nia Eggleston, 3rd, 1:42.01; Kassyn Harcharik, 4th, 1:48.25.
50m free: Montello, 1st, 38.40; Collins, 4th, 38.52; Kelly, 5th, 41.22.
50m fly: Eggleston, 2nd, 46.39; Harcharik, 4th, 52.63; Masching, 5th, 53.72.
100m free: Collins, 2nd, 1:30.02; Montello, 3rd, 1:33.07; Kelly, 5th, 1:35.54.
300m free: Eggleston, 1st, 5:09.64; Harcharik, 2nd, 5:21.92; Masching, 3rd, 5:47.79.
50m back: Eggleston, 3rd, 50.30; Harcharik, 4th, 52.20; Collins, 5th, 54.67.
50m breast: Masching, 1st, 47.49; Kelly, 3rd, 55.20; Montello, 4th, 55.40.

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DTHS Cross Country

Tuesday, September 8
Dwight's boys' and girls' cross country squad traveled to Prairie Central September 8 to compete in a dual meet.
Ethan Mack finished fourth with a time of 21:43. Shawn Romanetto placed ninth with a time of 23:15, with Michael Michon finishing in tenth – running a time of 26:20.
Mikalah Bregin came in fifth place with a time of 31:56.

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WRIGHT FARM	
Grain Sold	-
Other	2,906
CORRIGAN FARM	
Grain Sold	-
Other	105
Investment Income	44
Wind Energy Income	33,524
Miscellaneous	4,601
	\$42,519
DISBURSEMENTS	
MULLEN/EMM FARM	
Fertilizer/Chemicals	\$19,580
Seed	13,249
Storage & Drying	-
Insurance	793
Check-off & Discount	-
Taxes	9,136
Repairs and Maintenance	774
WRIGHT FARM	
Fertilizer/Chemicals	18,157
Seed	11,079
Storage & Drying	-
Insurance	486
Check-off & Discounts	-
Taxes	4,406
Repairs and Maintenance	2,548
CORRIGAN FARM	
Fertilizer/Chemicals	5,934
Seed	3,988
Storage & Drying	-
Insurance	185
Check-off & Discount	-
Taxes	1,621
Miscellaneous	190
Treasurer's Salary	1,000
Safe Deposit Box	55
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Dues	60
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All polling places are wheelchair accessible.
If your polling place is difficult for an elderly or handicapped person to manage, there are some alternatives:

1. On request by phone or letter, the county clerk will supply you with a proper affidavit for a voter unable to enter the polling place on Election Day. This must be completed and returned to the County Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 2, 2020. On election day two judges from your polling place, of opposite parties, will bring the ballot sheet outside the entrance, providing that you are within a distance of not more than 50 (fifty) feet from the door to the polling place.
2. If an elderly or disabled voter has difficulty reading the ballot sheet, he or she may ask for assistance at the polling place, or may bring a friend or relative to assist. After filling out the proper affidavit, the friend or relative, or two judges of opposite parties, can assist you.
3. A request can be made by phone, mail, or email to the County Clerk's Office for a Vote By Mail ballot. When the request is received by phone or mail an application for a Vote By Mail ballot will be mailed to the voter. You can download an application on line by going to: *livingstoncountylil.gov*. This application must be filled out and mailed or hand delivered to the County Clerk, who will then mail the Vote By Mail ballot to the voter. After marking the Vote By Mail ballot it must be mailed or hand delivered back to the County Clerk's Office, so it can be counted on Election Day. Application for a VBM ballot may also be made by email from the Livingston County Official website by going to: County Services; County Clerk; Elections; and Emailable Vote By Mail Ballot Application Request.
4. Illinois election law allows for Early and Grace Period voting to be conducted in the County Clerk's Office. The clerk's office will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, October 3, 2020 for voter registration and Early voting; on Saturdays, October 10, October 17, October 24, October 31 for Early Voting and Grace Period Registration and Voting from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Voting will also take place during the regular office hours Monday thru Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. with extended hours on Wednesday, October 21 and October 28 from 8:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.
5. The County Clerk's office will offer two methods of voting, the Unisyn OVO Tabulator unit and FVT Touchscreen electronic voting system.

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'09 Escape LTD, 140K, FWD.....	\$5,900
'07 Explorer EB, 179K, 4WD.....	\$5,900
'02 Jeep Liberty LTD, 105K, 4WD.....	\$3,900

ORDINANCE 2020-04
ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 2020 AND
ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2021.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Public Library District, of the Counties of Livingston, Grundy, and LaSalle, State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on September 8, 2020, notice of which was given at least (30) days prior thereto by publishing notice thereof in the Dwight “The Paper”, a newspaper of general circulation in the Prairie Creek Pubic Library District; and the notice appeared in said newspaper on August 5, 2020: and

WHEREAS, all other legal requirements have been duly complied with by the Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Public Library District:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PRAIRIE CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF LIVINGSTON, GRUNDY AND LASALLE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library Purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021; and the objeCts and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated are as follows; to-whit;

FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:

Personnel	
Salaries	\$103,000.00
Health Insurance	2,000.00
Payroll Taxes	500.00
	\$105,500.00
Contractual Services	
Bookkeeping	\$1,500.00
Postage	500.00
Publishing	2,000.00
Printing	200.00
Dues	2,500.00
Travel	150.00
Training	400.00
Website Maintenance	1,000.00
	\$8,250.00
Commodities	
Books	30,000.00
Supplies	3,200.00
Periodicals	1,800.00
Audios	4,000.00
Videos	3,500.00
Electronic Media	1,200.00
	\$43,700.00
Other Expenditures	
Utilities	14,000.00
Telephone/Internet	5,400.00
Community Relations	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000.00
Programming Expenses	7,000.00
Memorial Expenses	2,500.00
Grant Expenses	9,000.00
	Total: \$41,400.00
Total Corporate Expenses:	\$198,850.00

- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from projected cash on hand June 30, 2020 13,317.00
- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from memorial and gift contributions 3,000.00
- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the income of miscellaneous counter income 6,180.00
- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from special purpose grants 10,000.00
- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the income of Non-Residents 1,000.00
- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the income of the Hubert Trust 280.00
- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses for the tax for General Library Purpose 165,073.00
- Estimated cash on hand June 30, 2021 0.00

Section 2: That the following sums of money, or as much as thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated, for the purpose of providing revenue for the payment of contributions of the Prairie Creek Library District to the Social Security Fund required to be made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and the object and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated for such purposes are as follows: to-wit:

FOR SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES	
[40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1]	
Social Security Taxes	\$6,500.00
Medicare	2,000.00
	TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY: \$8,500.00

- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from projected cash on hand June 30, 2020 812.58
- Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the Tax for Social Security Purposes 8,500.00
- Estimated cash on hand June 30, 2021 812.58

Section 3: That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated, for the purpose of providing revenue for the payment of contributions of the Prairie Creek Public Library District to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund provided by 40 ILCS 5/7-171 and required to be made for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated for such purposes are as follows: to-wit:

FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND	
[40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171]	
Contributions to Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	6,000.00
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from projected cash on hand June 30, 2020	2,057.72
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund purposes	6,000.00
• Estimated cash expected to be on hand June 30, 2021	2,057.72

Section 4: That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated, for the purpose of providing revenue for the payment of the professional opinion of an accountant authorized to practice public accounting under the laws of the State with respect to the financial status of the Prairie Creek Public Library District provided by 75 ILCS 16/30-45 and 50 ILCS 310/9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated for such purposes are as follows; to-wit:

FOR AUDIT PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/30-45 and 50 ILCS 310/9]	
Contractual Services – Audit	2,100.00
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from projected cash on hand June 30, 2020	1,595.98
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the tax for Audit Purposes	1,262.00
• Estimated cash expected to be on hand June 30, 2021	757.98

Section 5: That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose of providing revenue for the payments of the Prairie Creek Public Library District provided by 75 ILCS 10/9-107, for the purpose of premiums due for the purchase of health insurance, worker's

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New Teachers
at DTHS

The 2020-2021 school year is underway at Dwight Township High School, and they have welcomed some new faces to the staff.

Eric Hall is now teaching Band and Choir. Paul Lebryk now serves as the Science 1 Chemistry and Physics teacher. And Tayah Guerrero has taken over the teaching of Civics World History and will oversee Study Hall.

SMILE :)

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compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, public liability insurance, property damage (fire) insurance and legal fees for defending or otherwise protecting itself against liability for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and the object and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated for such purposes are as follows; to-whit:

FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE [745 ILCS 10/9-107]	
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00
Workers' Compensation	800.00
Legal Services	500.00
General Insurance	8,000.00
Treasurer's Bond	205.00
Safety & Security	1,000.00
	TOTAL LIABILITY: \$11,505.00
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from projected cash on hand June 30, 2020	4,942.41
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the tax for Liability	8,505.00
• Estimated cash on hand June 30, 2021	1,942.41

Section 6: That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose of providing revenue for the payments of the Prairie Creek Public Library District for maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment of the Prairie Creek Public Library District provided by 75 ILCS 16/35-5 for the purpose of maintenance costs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated for such purposes are as follows; to-wit:

FOR BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND [75 ILCS 16/35-5]	
Building/Maintenance Costs	\$15,000.00
Custodian	3,600.00
Commodities:	
System Software	1,100.00
Capital Outlay:	
Building	1,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Landscaping	4,000.00
Furniture	1,000.00
Other Improvements	100.00
Land	60.00
	TOTAL BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: \$26,860.00
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from projected cash on hand June 30, 2020	860.00
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the Tax for Maintenance Purposes	26,000.00
• Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the Special Reserve Fund	0.00
• Estimated cash on hand June 30, 2021	0.00
	TOTAL BUDGET: \$253,815.00

Section 7: That the following sums of money, or as much as thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the expansion and improvement of library services of the Prairie Creek Public Library District to the Special Reserve Fund provided by 75 ILCS 16/40-50, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated for such purpose are as follows, to-wit:

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	
• Projected cash on hand June 30, 2020	31,890.50
• Special Reserve Fund Planned Expenses	0.00
• Appropriated from the foregoing expenses from Interest Income	147.50
• Estimated cash on hand June 30, 2021	32,038.00
Section 8: That the following sums of money, or as much as thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated, for the sole purpose of enabling the Prairie Creek Public Library District to have in its funds, at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereupon for ordinary and necessary committed expenditures for library purposes, made available by an Act creating such funds to be known as the Working Cash Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and amounts thereby appropriated for such purposes are as follows: to-wit:	
WORKING CASH FUND	
• Projected cash on hand on June 30, 2020	76,196.37
• Appropriated from the foregoing expenses from Interest Income	147.50
• Estimated cash on hand June 30, 2021	76,343.87

Section 9: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75 ILCS.

Section 10: The Secretary of the Prairie Creek Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in the newspaper of general circulation within the Library District.

Section 11: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Public Library District and approved by the President thereof this 9th Day of June 2020.

Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Library District

Rosemary I. Miller
President, Board of Trustees

Susan Strickland
Secretary, Board of Trustees



IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE 2020 CENSUS, Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight is encouraging you to do so – and are offering desktop computers, as well as free WiFi, for you to be able to complete the Census.

THE BIG ANNUAL LABOR DAY CELEBRATION in Herscher may have been cancelled this year, but local DJ Dennis Mann and his family and friends gathered in the pavilion in Village Park for a cook-out, music, and games.



Dwight Peace Meals

Home delivery Monday – Friday 60 and up home-bound– Must make reservations –	w/brown rice, stir fry vegetables, Lyonnaise carrots, whole grain wheat (1), pears.
Wed., Sept. 16:	Tues., Sept. 22: Brat, potato salad, Italian green beans, bun, scalloped pineapple.
Turkey salad w/grapes, cucumber/onion salad, fruit cocktail, dinner roll, strawberry oatmeal, bar.	Wed., Sept. 23: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Texas toast, fresh grapes.
Thurs., Sept. 17: Riblet, seasoned black-eyed peas, vegetable pasta salad, bun, warm fruit cobbler.	Thurs., Sept. 24: Chef's Choice – Regional Favorites will be served. Milk served each day. For reservation, call: 815-374-0411 or 1-800-543-1770; For information, call the 800 number.
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In the Matter of the Estate)
of) NO. 2020-P-81
BEATRICE M. FOSTER,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM DATE NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Beatrice M. Foster, and the Letters of Office were issued on the 28th day of August, 2020, to JoAnn M. Foster, 802 Thomas Drive, Morris, IL 60450 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is JOAN N. HARROP, 220 West Main Street, Suite 300, Morris, Illinois 60450.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk.

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JoAnn M. Foster
Independent Executor

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- Send your resume to rachel@vanfab.com
- Mail your resume to Van Voorst Lumber Co. Attn: Rachel, One Center St. Union Hill, IL 60969.

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st.johns@frontiernet.net

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Vietnam Veteran Terry Misener Awarded Quilt of Valor

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gave way more,” said Misener.
Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 from the sewing room of Blue Star mom Catherine Roberts whose own son served in Iraq. Roberts wanted to see that returning troops were welcomed home with love and gratitude. Organ-

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- No Smoking in the Parks -

All citizens deserve the right to clean air and safe spaces – this was the argument made by a group of Dwight Township High School health education students, self-named Teens Terminating Tobacco.

The group, led by DTHS health education teacher, Mitch Thompson, and Livingston County Health Department’s Health Education and Marketing Director, Erin Fogarty, met regularly during the spring of 2019 to learn how to civically engage in their community and effectively advocate for policies for which they felt strongly.

The focus of their efforts was to advocate for a tobacco/vape-free policy for Dwight’s public parks and baseball fields.

Teens Terminating Tobacco participated in a number of activities, most notably the clean-up of Renfrew Park, collecting signatures and letters of support, and attending several Dwight Village Board meetings, in an effort to achieve their goal.

“We are very proud of the

efforts and progress made by the DTHS Teens Terminating Tobacco,” said LCHD’s Erin Fogarty. “It was awesome to see their advocacy skills and confidence grow throughout the project. They demonstrated that young people can and should have an active voice in local government to help influence positive change in their community.”

The project, including signage posted in Dwight parks, was funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health.



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