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Dwight Gives Green Light to Halloween/ Sets Trick-or-Treat Hours

by Madelyn Fogarty
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The Village of Dwight will allow Trick-or-Treating to take place this year, giving local children something to look forward to in a year where much has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The action took place when Dwight's Board of Trustees met on September 28.

Trick-or-Treat hours in the Village of Dwight have been approved for Saturday, October 31 from 3 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All safe practice protocols such as hand washing, social distancing, and wearing protective face coverings should be followed. Everyone is cautioned to use reduced speeds and extra caution when driving during these designated hours and to watch for children crossing streets. Everyone is reminded that Trick-or-Treating is optional and everyone can make the individual choice to participate or not.

A Livingston County Health Department drive-up flu clinic is being held at the Dwight Village Hall on Wednesday, October 7, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. No appointment is necessary. Individuals will stay in their vehicles and masks must be worn. Please bring insurance card and ID as Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance will be billed.

Petitions continue to be available for anyone interested

in serving as a Village of Dwight official. Opening positions include village president, village clerk, and three village trustee seats. The first day to pick up a petition was Tuesday, September 22 with the last filing date December 21. Petitions may be picked up at Dwight's Village Hall and petitions must be registered voters who have lived within the Village of Dwight for the past 12 months. The Consolidated Election will be held April 6, 2021.

In more actions, the board approved Ordinance #1448 allowing the Village of Dwight to enter into an Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid agreement. The annual cost to participate is \$100 and is open to all municipalities opening the door for a network of assistance during a time of need. Participation when assistance is requested is optional, not required.

A one-year extension of the new housing incentive plan flat fee of \$1,000, originally put in place in 2015, was approved. Prior to the 2015 action, fees to build a 2,000 square foot house in Dwight's south subdivision would have cost \$4,250 in fees. New home construction fees include New Home Building Fee, Electrical Permit, Plumbing Permit, Water Tap-on Fee, Water Meter Installation Fee, Sewer Tap-on Fee, and Storm Sewer Tap-on Fee. The housing incentive plan allows for new construction to be assessed

a flat fee of \$1,000 to cover the water meter, inspection fees and paperwork for a limited period of time. The extension of the \$1,000 flat fee is hoped to encourage new residential construction.

In reports to the board, Mayor Jared Anderson recognized accomplishments of local student athletes including the lady Redbird Softball team for a great season and four lady Trojan golfers who scored in the top ten to make all-conference. Anderson also thanked the DEA for their efforts with coordination of this year's Farmers Markets which have now wrapped up for the season.

In his report, Chief of Police Tim Henson reported that lawn ornaments have been reported stolen from local yards. Residents are asked to call police with any information or to report any suspicious activity. Chief Henson also commended DTHS Physical Education students for their work to pick up trash and help with cleanup efforts around the village.

In her DEA business report, Deb Karch noted efforts being made to work with current LSC Communications employees regarding job fairs and employment opportunities during their transition as the facility moves towards closing at year end. Mrs. Karch also talked about a visit to Innovation DuPage to learn about the startup of a business incubator.

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TAKEN DURING HIS FIRST RUN for office at the beginning of the year, State Senator Joyce stands proudly in front of the American flag at his home in Essex.

Essex Resident and State Senator Patrick Joyce Seeks to Retain Seat in Upcoming November Election

by Bridget DeWaard

With the November election fast approaching, current State Senator Patrick Joyce is facing a Republican candidate, Eric Wallace, in the 2020 election. Replacing Toi Hutchinson, Senator Joyce currently represents the 40th State Senate district, which spans the south suburbs of Cook County, and stretches to Will, Grundy, and Kankakee Counties. The son of a State Senator himself, Joyce hopes to continue serving this district, and has been working on several projects, including COVID-19 relief, improving health care access, addressing education issues and water quality concerns.

Now residing in Essex with his wife Rita, Joyce grew up in Reddick, and has been farming for 25 years, along with also operating his own business. Since the onset of COVID-19, which has wreaked havoc on our economy, health and way of life, Joyce's office has been working on various programs for relief and aid to help his constituents and fellow business owners stay afloat.

Currently, the pandemic is the Senator's main concern, stating, "COVID-19 has spanned almost the entirety of my tenure. Until we get through this, we can't do much of anything else." Upon the virus' onset, he found a way to help immediately, hearing of a company giving away free disinfectant and deciding to contact them. He then jumped in his truck, picked it up, and helped distribute it to places in need, like shelters, nursing homes, police stations and more. His office has also worked with the CEO of River-

side Hospital, pushing for mobile testing sites for underserved communities, ensuring that everyone has access to adequate healthcare resources during this time.

This past September, the Senator urged those suffering from high utility bills to take part in a Virtual Utility Bill clinic. Participants had the ability to meet one on one with a Citizens Utility Board Counselor, where they could discuss their bills and various ways to reduce them, including efficiency programs, rebates, and more. In addition, Joyce also encouraged small business owners to take part in a free webinar to help those in need apply for the Business Interruption Grant (BIG) program.

Hosted by the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity, the webinar provided information on the application process, as well as how to benefit fully from available grants. There is also a prerecorded version offered for those that missed the webinar.

The first round of grants were used to address those in the performing arts industries, concert venues and movie theatres, businesses which have been hit hard by the virus. The second round aims to focus on all small businesses, especially in distressed areas. He's also recently alerted livestock producers and small meat and poultry plants via his website about applying for business recovery funds via the Department of Agriculture.

"There is no doubt that Illinois farmers have suffered as a result of this public health crisis," said Joyce, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "Our agriculture econ-

omy is a driving force for our state, and it's vital that we help these folks get back on track. These programs are a huge win for livestock farmers and small meat plants in Illinois."

Education is also a very important issue to Senator Joyce, and he mentions it as one of his top priorities. During the pandemic, as many students embrace the new reality of learning remotely from home, the Senator has recently announced that schools in his district will be receiving \$2 million in funding to help aid technology access. The funds, which were distributed using a need-based formula, are part of the Digital Equity Formula Grants, and will provide students with resources such as tablets or computers, in addition to other aid.

Aside from COVID relief, Joyce also hopes to decrease class sizes, which has been repeatedly shown to help students learn and increase teacher/student interaction.

He has also continuously fought to improve access to clean water on behalf of his constituents, especially in the south suburbs, where outdated plumbing can lead to the presence of lead in the water supply. Joyce worked with the EPA to help residents of University Park have more access to clean drinking water, after it was discovered that Aqua Illinois, their water and waste utility company, had started putting phosphate in their water supply for taste. This, in conjunction with the river water, caused a freak chemical reaction, which stripped the protective layer from the plumbing, tainting the water supply. He (continued on page 4)

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4-10

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Gardner Village Board Meets September 28

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session September 28, opening with public comments from Tim Wagner and Dennis Baker. Wagner and Baker both thanked the board for sending the letter to Don Phillips regarding grass clippings. Both noted they have not observed any clippings on the street since the letter, with Wagner suggesting the matter be dropped as a waste of time and money.

Sheri McPherson addressed the board regarding the building at 106 Depot Street, which she owns. She is seeking village approval to place an apartment in the rear of the lower level due to the space not being rented for retail. She noted sev-

eral similar ground level apartments within the village's central business district.

Mayor Mike Serena commented McPherson could inquire of the Planning and Zoning committee due to the ordinance prohibiting such uses.

Commissioner Dick Hileman commented the existing ground level apartments were in place prior to the ordinance taking effect.

During discussion, McPherson noted parking for the space is available at the rear of the building. She further noted she pays taxes, water, and sewer for the space regardless of the occupancy and stressed the financial hardship presented by the

space remaining empty.

The board set Trick or Treat hours for October 31 between 3:00-6:00 p.m. Mayor Mike Serena presented door hangers to allow residents to indicate they are not participating in Trick or Treat. The postings will be available free of charge at the village hall. Serena stressed residents wear masks and follow social distancing as much as possible. Any changes will be broadcast on WCSJ Radio, 103.1 FM.

The board discussed and approved holding an all-town clean-up on November 9, 2020, which will coincide with recycling.

The board discussed a (continued on page 5)

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

September 26: Rachel B. Ehmpke, 48, Bourbonnais, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Daniel W. Walkup, 17, Dwight, obstructed front windshield.

September 27: Jon E. Gallentine, 44, Dwight, reckless driving, wrong way on one-way street, unlaw. driving around/under RR gate.

October 1: Kelvin Hester, 58, Chicago, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

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

Dwight Police Blotter

September 24: 1:09 p.m., A resident in the 100 block of E. Waupansie reported yard ornaments and bird feeder taken from their yard; 5:38 p.m., Craig R. Seggerman, 44, El Paso, was arrested in the 800 block of S. Franklin St. for Disorderly Conduct.

September 25: 1:03 p.m., A resident from the 100 block of E. Waupansie reported numerous lawn ornaments had been taken from their yard; 1:37 p.m. A resident from the 300 block of E. William reported a contractor's saw had been taken from their yard.

September 26: 7:28 p.m., Arrested in the 100 block of E. Main for an In-State Warrant, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Resisting/Obstructing was Jennifer Halweg, 27, Cullom. She was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.

September 27: 10:55 a.m., A resident from the 200 block of E. Waupansie reported a plant stand taken from their back yard; 6:45 p.m., Arrested on Watters Dr. was Kevin Ely, 24, Dwight, for Driving While Revoked, Resisting/Obstructing, and Possession of Drug Equipment. He was transported to

Livingston Cty. Jail and his vehicle was towed from the scene; 9:22 p.m., Arrested was Jon Gallentine, 44, Dwight, for Disobeying Railroad Signal, Improper Lane Usage, and Reckless Driving. He was given a court date and released.

September 28: 8:01 a.m., Dwight Police were advised a window on the new Amtrak Station was shattered; 10:47 a.m., A resident from the 200 block of N. Prairie reported a bird feeder was taken from their yard, as well as a political sign.

September 29: 4:48 p.m., A resident in the 300 block of N. Franklin reported a garden ornament, hanging plants, and a plant stand had all been taken from their yard.

September 30: 3:50 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to Burbeck Dr. for a disturbance. The report has been sent to Grundy Cty. States Attorney for review.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

September 25: Susan, medical, Morris; Clinton, medical, refusal; Goodfarm, trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; Prospect, trauma, refusal; Union, trauma, refusal; Prospect, trauma, refusal.

September 26: Mazon, medical, no patient; Odell, medical.

September 27: Mazon, medical, refusal; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

September 28: 2600N, 2900E, structure fire, mutual aid to Campus; Mazon, medical, Morris; 3200N Rd., medical, refusal.

September 30: Philmar St., medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, Riverside; Northbrook, medical, Morris.

October 1: Prairie Ave., medical, Morris.



Temps - 2020

Sept. 24 - high 77°, low 49°
 Sept. 25 - high 80°, low 50°
 Sept. 26 - high 82°, low 62°
 Sept. 27 - high 80°, low 51°
 .44" precip.
 Sept. 28 - high 65°, low 42°
 .02" precip.
 Sept. 29 - high 59°, low 42°
 Sept. 30 - high 66°, low 41°
 .02" precip.
One Year Ago - Oct. 7, 2019
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Livingston Cty. Offices Closed October 12

All Livingston County Offices will be closed Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day.

Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic in Herscher October 22

Kankakee County seniors - join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, and Jewel-Osco at an upcoming drive-thru flu shot clinic at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 207 E. 5th St. in Herscher, Thursday, October 22.

The flu shot clinics are for individuals who are 60+ years old and the shots are free with Medicare Part B. Shots will be administered by a Jewel-Osco pharmacist.

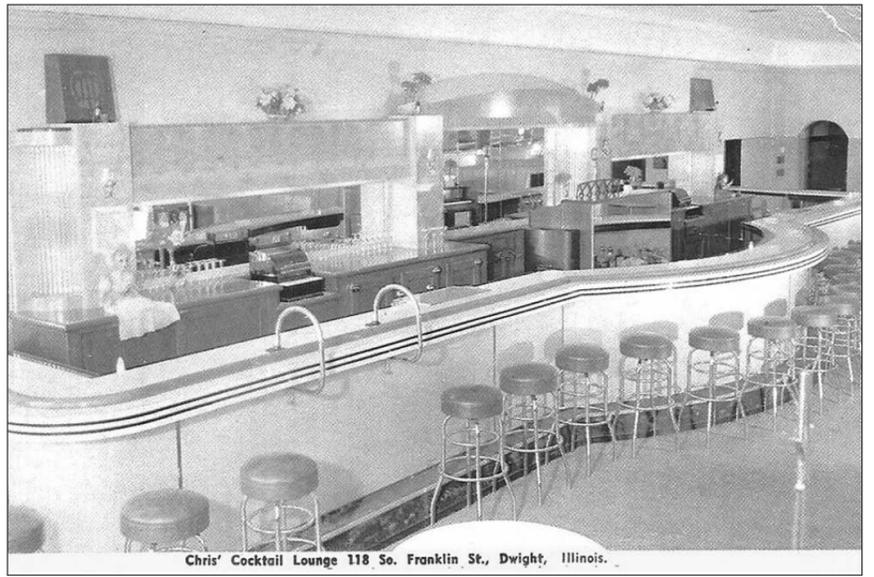
At the event, you are required to remain in your vehicle and wear a face covering/mask. Be sure to take your insurance card.

Pneumonia and shingles vaccines will also be available if you request one when you pre-register.

Pre-register by calling 815-933-7791.

When you arrive, look for the purple signs. The clinic will run from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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October 9 Blood Drive Scheduled at OSF Saint James

COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on blood donations. At OSF HealthCare Saint James, Pontiac, they need donors to support the hospital's blood supply.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, in the conference room at OSF Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center in

Pontiac. **All blood donors are required to schedule an appointment, take a photo ID and wear a face covering.** Appointments can be scheduled by calling 815-842-4935 or online at bloodcenter.org. All donors will earn a gift card or a retro-inspired t-shirt.

Potential blood donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with a parental permission

form, available at bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. For questions about eligibility, call the MVRBC at 800-747-5401.

Have you tested positive for COVID-19? Convalescent plasma donations are needed to help other patients recover. You can earn a gift card as a thank you. To learn more about donating convalescent plasma, call 800-747-5401.

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Calling for action on FOID cards

This week I sent a letter to Governor Pritzker calling for action to reduce wait times for Firearm Owner Identification cards. My office has received many emails and phone calls from concerned constituents who have been waiting weeks or even months for their FOID card application to be approved, and these delays are unacceptable.

I recently spoke with Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly and shared with him our concerns around the length of time it takes to complete an application review. These delays have made it harder for local citizens to purchase firearms or ammunition.

This is not due to any mistake or wrongdoing on the part of the applicant. It is due to administrative delays at the agency processing their paperwork. Government needs to do better! I am looking forward to the Governor's reply and to seeing changes in this system to better protect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

A closer look at Illinois' unemployment numbers. Unemployment in Illinois has gone down since the peak of the pandemic closures back in the spring, but we still have a long way to go. The state currently has an unemployment rate of 10.9%, which is an improvement on the 16.4% rate we had back in April. One year ago unemployment in Illinois stood at just 4.0%.

Looking at the different metro areas of the state, however, there is some good news for our region. While unemployment in the Chicago region stood at 12.6% and Rockford came in at 11.3%, the metro areas nearest our district looked better.

The Bloomington area had the lowest unemployment of any area in the state, 7.2%, and Champaign was not far behind at 7.4%. Peoria stood at 9.6%. These numbers all represent improvements from the worst of the pandemic, but show that we still have a long way to go.

New grant available for agriculture businesses. Smaller meat and poultry plants as well as livestock producers are now eligible for business recovery funding from the Illinois Department of Agriculture. A total of \$5 million in funds set aside from the Business Interruption Grant program are available to help these businesses with losses from the pandemic. Applications are being accepted until October 31.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$7,463,589,897 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$5.9 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as the unfunded pension liability.

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Can You Influence Your Financial Aid Award?

Right now, the pandemic is causing chaos and uncertainty for colleges and students. But it won't always be that way. And if you have children who will be heading off to school in the next few years, you're probably thinking about more typical concerns - such as expenses. How will you pay for the high costs of higher education?

Most colleges do offer financial aid packages that can greatly help with these expenses. But it pays to know, well in advance, how financial aid works. And the key platform for determining much of your child's financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In fact, if you have children starting college next year, now is the time to get going on the FAFSA, which became available Oct. 1 for the 2021-22 award year.

Filling out your FAFSA will provide you with what's known as your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC calculation takes into account four separate areas: parent income, parent assets (excluding retirement funds, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, home equity and small family businesses), student income and student assets. The EFC does not calculate the exact amount you must pay for college - rather, it's an estimate, and the amount you pay can be below or above this number.

Nonetheless, the EFC is important in determining your financial aid package, and your actions can influence the results. Here are a few suggestions for future years:

Save money in your name - not your child's. FAFSA will just consider up to 5.64 percent of a parent's assets, compared to 20 percent of a student's assets.

Be aware of how retirement plan contributions can affect aid. Many of your current assets, such as your retirement accounts, may be excluded from the EFC calculation. However, any voluntary contributions you make to your 401(k) or traditional IRA during the "base" year (the prior tax year) generally must be reported on the FAFSA and are counted as untaxed income; consequently, these contributions may have a similar effect on aid eligibility as taxable income. Mandatory contributions, such as those made by teachers to a state retirement system, are generally not reported on the FAFSA.

Avoid withdrawals from your 401(k) or traditional IRA. The money you take out from these accounts in the years you fill out the FAFSA, and the prior tax year, may count as taxable income in the financial aid calculations. If you really need the money, you may want to consult with your financial professional for alternatives.

Consider having children put earnings into a Roth IRA. Money from after-school or summer jobs your children put in a Roth IRA may not be included in EFC - plus, your kids will get a head start on a tax-advantaged retirement account. Keep in mind, though, that Roth IRA withdrawals could be considered as taxable income on the FAFSA if the account owner is younger than 59 1/2, which will be the case for your children, or the account is less than five years old.

Not all these suggestions will be appropriate for everyone, but they're worth thinking about. You might also want to consult with a college's financial aid officer before you complete the FAFSA, as aid calculations can be complex. An investment of your time and effort early in the process may pay off when the aid packages are finally delivered.

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Essex Resident, State Senator Patrick Joyce, Seeks to Retain Seat in Upcoming November Election

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also actively fights for the preservation and protection of the Kankakee River, maintaining that it is one of the issues he feels very passionate about. Joyce also hopes to continue

STATE SENATOR Patrick Joyce, pictured, left, with Jesse White, had the honor of speaking at a three-day event commemorating the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The gathering included multiple events and spanned the entire weekend.



advocating for greater access to quality healthcare, especially for those suffering from serious illness. He believes everyone deserves adequate assistance and support when seeking care, knowing first hand how difficult and daunting the experience can be. Stress levels are already high when a family member is sick, and no one should have to deal with the additional stress of a complicated healthcare system during those times.

The Senator even came up with a unique phrase to express his perspective on representing this district, describing it as "constituent service on steroids." When asked how he came up with the phrase, he said, "It just popped into my head. There is a need for someone to represent our constituents, now more than ever. Our office has four people on staff for our weekly meeting, where it is all we talk about. Where should we focus attention, who should we call, who do we need to reach out to."

His office has also actively joined the push for Census re-

turns, even offering to join other Census workers going door to door, knowing the importance of the count in reference to federal funding received for the district. "For each person not counted, we lose \$1,400 in funding. That's \$14,000 per person over the next ten years we could lose."

Asking about why he decided to get into politics, I questioned if his father, State legislator Jerome Joyce, was an influence on his choice at all. Surprisingly, it was actually one of the reasons he initially avoided it. He had helped people run for office in the past, but had never been on the ticket, and hadn't even given it a consideration until people began reaching out to him,

searching for a replacement for Hutchinson. At that point, with all of his children grown, Joyce felt comfortable enough to be able to devote his full attention to the job, saying, "I wanted to be able to do the job justice."

Joyce described his time in office so far as both "rewarding and challenging." He went on to say, "We have constituents who can't get through to anyone [about their concerns], and our office hopes to continue being there, to help them navigate through the bureaucracy. Sometimes it's just about the common courtesy of a phone call and listening, even if you can't help immediately."

information sourced via Senator Joyce's website and phone call



SENATOR JOYCE is also the owner/operator of Joyce Farms Recycling, which produces high quality compost. Located in Kankakee County, he is pictured, at right, speaking with two men employed at his business.

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Dwight Rotary Hosts Rotary District Assistant Governor at September 23 Meeting

On September 23, the guest at the Dwight Rotary Club meeting was Rotary District Assistant Governor, Jim Matthews, from Mahomet. Jim is a retiree from Illinois Wesleyan University, where he is Dean of Students Emeritus and Associate Professor Emeritus.

Dwight Rotary President Earl McCoy invited Rotary Assistant Gov. Matthews to provide a program on Early Illinois Railroads for their meeting. Jim shared that his fascination with railroad history began in his youth growing up near Detroit. Jim's father would often find opportunities for the family to travel by train.

Jim's program started with thoughts from Illinois' Governor Duncan, from the Whig party, who was in office from 1834-1838. Gov. Duncan's early opinion was the state's transportation infrastructure across Illinois should focus on canals, as railroads would only



last 15 years. As we know, railroads replaced canals and displaced steamboats. Matthews shared many early maps of Illinois railroads to show the expansion. Jim also talked about a young lawyer, Abraham Lincoln, involved with railroad and landowner legal cases. Railroads facilitated economic dominance for Chicago as grain, hogs, and cattle were taken to national and international markets.

Steam engines had to make regular stops along the rails to replenish water. These stops had the potential to form communities. The center of many early communities was the train station. Jim shared pictures of 1860 Promontory, Utah, where the rails of the East and of the West were joined together; and noted the differences of the steam engines' fuel being coal, and the other, wood.

Matthews, wearing a conductor hat from the era, had some marketing posters and ticket memorabilia from the early railroads. He talked about

the comfort of early 1850's passenger cars. In the summer, the windows often had to stay nearly closed to keep smoke and embers from entering the cars. In the winter, the heat stoves in passenger cars were known to topple over in the car from the unstable rail beds.

Jim took his program's focus close to home as he talked about the significance of early railroads and the early beginnings of Dwight. Of course, he included Baron Renfrew's (King Edward VII) 1860 visit to Dwight for a hunting expedition.

The program ended with local Bloomington, Pontiac, and Joliet electric railway (interurban), which operated from 1905-1925. It was planned to connect Bloomington and Joliet, but fell short, only connecting Pontiac, Odell, and Dwight; due to automobiles and the state highway system.

Dwight Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Dwight Country Club and is open to the public.

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The board also approved:
• payment of September 28,

2020 bills totaling \$94,812.03.

• moving the regularly scheduled October 12 Board of Trustee meeting to October 13 due to Columbus Day.

Prior to the regular session, the Administration Committee met. Among topics discussed were Halloween; food trucks/solicitor permits; the open director of public works position; Scott/Tjelle corn stalk culvert solution; West Main Street parking and 2 hour parking limits; new house construction incentive; Mack & Associates contract extension; and the Columbus Day holiday/meeting date.

The village president and all trustees were present for the

September 28 session including Mayor Anderson, Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbordt, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13. Please check prior for location meeting place / access information. The Dwight Village Board of Trustees is currently conducting meeting via teleconference calls to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all those in attendance and as allowed by an edict from Governor Pritzker.

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micro-pantry to be donated and installed by LyondellBasell. Mayor Serena stated the Grundy Community Foundation will host the site if the village would like it installed on a building other than the village hall. The commissioners and mayor all agreed to allow the installation, with placement location to be determined, resulting in the item being tabled.

Resident Don Phillips appeared on the agenda regarding the FOIA requests he submitted on August 15, 2020. The village provided Phillips with three letters at the September 14 board meeting indicating they were extending their response time by five business days from the original due date of September 15. The letters further indicated the village would respond by October 15, 2020. Phillips indicated he had not yet received a response and inquired how a five-day extension equated to October 15 from September 15. Mayor Serena and Village Clerk Pat Malinowski stated the five-day extension was a typo.

Commissioner Hileman reported the village will need to pay roughly \$500,000 toward the new water tower before the end of the year. Hileman stated the funds are available and is checking on the funds availability for the remaining payments in 2021. Hileman noted the new stainless steel covers at the sewer plant are in place. Responding to a question from Mayor Serena, stated the water and sewer plants, and other water systems, will be on an automatic notification to the public works employees.

Commissioner Erik Smith commented on the status of the internet systems in the village. Smith

has received several questions from residents regarding options to Kraus for internet connections. Hileman and Serena commented the contract with Kraus can be canceled at any time and there are several options available, even with the Kraus contract in place.

Commissioner Tim Hill reported he has received several calls regarding four-wheelers, dirt bikes, golf carts, and other traffic concerns. Commissioner Smith commented he is aware of several municipalities which have ordinances addressing similar vehicles. Village Engineer Casey McCollom noted Seneca recently adopted an

ordinance that may be of help. Hill commented he had spoken to a commissioner in Braidwood and they also have an ordinance regarding the vehicles. Serena commented he would speak with the Sheriff's Department about the issue.

Mayor Serena commented that residents need to observe common sense when burning leaves in the fall. Responding to comments, Serena and Hileman noted the increased cost for lawn and leaf pickup is the reason for the village not having the pickup service. Serena commented the village has not yet considered a compost pile.



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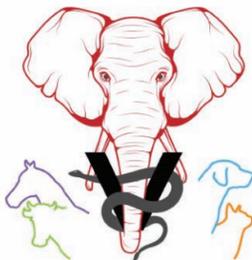
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GSW High School Seeking Nominations for Distinguished Panther Hall of Fame

Gardner-South Wilmington High School is seeking nominations for the GSW Distinguished Panther Hall of Fame.

According to the board of education-approved bylaws, "The Gardner-South Wilmington High School Panther Hall of Fame exists to honor outstanding alumni of GSWHS or persons that gave distinguished service to our school. This award is for a Panther who made a significant contribution to society, GSWHS, or the GSW community. This induction recognizes individuals who bring honor to Gardner-South Wilmington High School through their accomplishments. These Panthers inspire future generations to excel and serve our school and community."

The selection committee is now seeking nominations for potential inductees. The committee

will consider candidates whose achievements and/or contributions are outstanding, leaving no question as to the individual's potential inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

Criteria for nominees include:
1. A person who has graduated from GSW no less than five years before their year of induction or

1a. A person who has given distinguished service to GSW and has not been employed at the school within the last five years prior to their induction. Example: teacher.

2. A person whose actions demonstrate outstanding character.
3. A person whose outstanding citizenship has achieved international, national, or local recognition.

4. A person whose leadership can

inspire students in the pursuit of excellence.

5. A person whose accomplishments are outstanding or whose leadership is considered exceptional.

6. Posthumous nominations will be accepted.

Nomination forms for the GSW Panther Hall of Fame may be submitted by:

- a. Citizens who live within GSWHS District #73 boundaries.
- b. Current or former GSWHS staff members.
- c. GSWHS graduates no longer living in the school district.
- d. Family members of the nominee.

Nomination forms must be received at GSW by Nov. 1.

Nomination forms can be found on the school website at www.gswhs73.org/ or picked

up at the GSW office.

Nomination forms may be mailed to: GSW High School, Panther Hall of Fame, 500 East Main St., Gardner, IL 60424.

Nomination forms can also be e-mailed to: John Engelman, jengelman@gswhs73.org.

GSW High School is looking for some new members for the hall of fame selection committee. The term would be for 3 years. The committee needs one GSW HS graduate from each of the classes of 1950-1959, 1960-1969 and 1980- 1989.

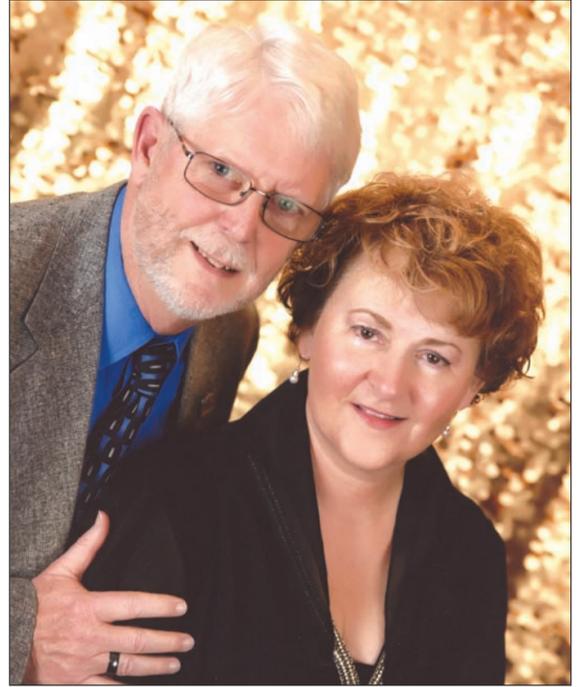
If you are interested, please contact John Engelman, High School Principal, at jengelman@gswhs73.org or call 815-237-2176.



Debbie and Randy Provence



FATHER DAVID SABEL, LEFT, AND FATHER CHRIS HAAKE, right, celebrated Mass for First Communicants on Tuesday, September 1st, at 6 p.m., in Saint Patrick Church, Dwight. The First Communicants, left to right, Greta Flott, Delilah Bowman, Kylie Fraga, and Alfred Trujillo stand after receiving their First Communion, with the celebrants and their teacher, Mrs. Beth Goodwin, center.



40th Anniversary for Randy and Debbie Provence

Randy and Debbie Provence will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip at a later date.

They were married on October 10, 1980, at the Pennington Gap United Methodist Church in Pennington Gap, Virginia. Their attendants were Cindy Watson and Matt Magee.

They have one child, Britany (Ben) Brady, of Dwight.

They have two grandsons, William Watson, and his soon-to-arrive little brother, Lincoln Bradley.

Randy was administrator of Heritage Health of Dwight, retiring in 2013. Debbie was a speech-language pathologist for Grundy County Special Education Co-operative of Morris, retiring in 2015.

2020 Public Square 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.

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OBITUARIES

Jane Murray Broeksmit

Jane Murray Broeksmit, 92, of Chicago died at home on September 28, 2020 of kidney failure. She was born in Plainfield, New Jersey, in 1928, to George and Margaret Murray. She spent several years in Chicago and attended the Lab School before moving to Connecticut, where she graduated from The Thomas School in Rowayton in 1945. She was an English major at Vassar College, from which she graduated in 1949.

She married John S. Broeksmit, Jr., the brother of her Vassar roommate, in 1950. Jane was devoted to her six children, who adored and admired her. She raised her children in Chicago, Galva, Lake Forest, and Dwight, Illinois.

Jane was an artist and poet who taught Art and was the Librarian at the Dwight Public Library for many years. She saw beauty in the ordinary and crafted poems that reflected her incisive vision of the people, places, and things around her. A lifelong learner and teacher, she published books of poetry

to coincide with her 80th, 85th, and 90th birthdays.

She was a fabulous cook, gracious entertainer, and enthusiastic gardener, and she had equal parts style and substance. Anyone seated next to her enjoyed her sparkling wit and considered himself or herself fortunate indeed.

Her brother, Robert Murray, preceded her in death, as did her husband and her son William. She is survived by her daughter, Laura Downing, of Seattle, and her sons, Peter, of Dwight; John, of Brooklyn, Maine; and Samuel and Robert, both of Chevy Chase, Maryland; and by eleven grandchildren, for whom she was an inspiration.

A family service and burial will be held in Brooklin, Maine, where Jane moved with her family in 1945 to a house on the ocean that remains the beloved home of her extended family.

Memorials may be made to Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight.

Betty Jean Mixen

Betty Jean Mixen, 68, of Pontiac passed away Monday, September 28, 2020 at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

Cremation rites were accorded with services to be held at a later date.

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

Betty was born March 8, 1952 in Pontiac, IL to John and Norma Jean (Stone) Lewandowski. She married Patrick Mixen on February 14, 1992 in Pontiac. He survives in Pontiac.

Also surviving are her son, Troy William Lawless of Rantoul, IL; sisters, Joleen (Keith) Kelly of Mazon, IL and



Norma (Dan) Rice of Lexington, IL; brother, Quent McCue of Crescent City, IL; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Patrick James "PJ" Lawless.

Betty was a graduate of Gilman High School. She worked for many years as the manager of the Gilman Dairy Queen and later the Chenoa Dairy Queen. She was also a cashier for the Chenoa and Lexington grocery stores.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

Mary Lou Zagar

Mary Lou Zagar, age 85, of Joliet passed away Thursday, October 1, 2020 at home.

She was born November 22, 1934, in Wilmington, IL, the daughter of the late Mary (nee Naretto) and Louis Compasso.

Mary was raised on the family farm in Reddick, IL. She attended a one-room grammar school in rural Reddick and graduated from Wilmington High School. She then began working at the former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, where she met the love of her life, Arnie Zagar.

Mary was a wonderful mother who dedicated herself to her family. She was very actively involved in Cub Scouts and other organizations when her children were young. When she became a grandmother, she reveled in every opportunity to spend time with her grandson, conversing about their favorite sports team, the Cubs, among other things.

Mary Lou was a great cook and would effortlessly prepare wonderful, old world Italian dinners nightly, even when she had worked as an accountant all day. There was never a dull moment around the dining



table, as Mary provided wonderful nourishment, and her son, Bill, the entertainment. Not one for idle hands, Mary also enjoyed flowers and gardening.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Diane Nissen; her grandson, Nate Nissen; and one brother, Michael Compasso. Several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Arnie Zagar; her loving son, William "Bill" Zagar; and her parents.

A Memorial gathering for Mary Lou Zagar will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until a Memorial Service begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black Road (at Essington Road), Joliet.

Inurnment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Wilmington, will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name to the Northern Illinois Food Bank would be appreciated.

For more information, please call 815-741-5500 or visit her Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com where you can share a favorite memory or leave a condolence.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Respect Life Month

We recently placed a 40 Days for Life sign in our front yard. 40 Days for Life, if you didn't know, is a twice yearly pro-life campaign to create awareness about alternatives to abortion.

40 Days for Life campaigns are underway near some 588 abortion clinics around the world. This year, campaigns run Sept. 23 - Nov. 1, offering both Republican and Democratic parties time to extol their individual platforms on the abortion question.

The Republican platform is straightforward: "The unborn child has a fundamental right to life."

The Democratic Party platform doesn't recognize an unborn child's right to life at any stage of development.

Interesting, perhaps, is that some 30% of Democratic Party members are pro-life. A committee of Democrats for Life urged Biden and other party leaders to moderate their plat-

form on abortion, but were unsuccessful.

Beginning in 2007, 40 Days for Life campaigns have witnessed more than 17,000 babies saved from abortion through sidewalk counseling; the closing of some 107 abortion facilities; and the resignation of more than 206 abortion workers.

40 Days for Life depends on peaceful vigils near abortion facilities offering community outreach, prayers and fasting.

Many mothers and their unborn children have been led to crisis pregnancy centers which offer financial and material assistance, along with encouragement to preserve the lives of their babies. Crisis pregnancy centers now outnumber abortion clinics more than three-to-one across America.

October is Respect Life Month.

Please say one for the babies and their mothers.

Tom Tock

New Books at Odell Library

Adult Fiction

All the Devils Are Here by Louise Penny; Anxious People by Fredrik Backman; Chaos by Iris Johansen; The Big Door Prize by M.O. Walsh; The Darkest Evening by Ann Cleaves; The End of Her by Shari Lapena; The Evening and the Morning by Ken Follett; The First Phone Call from Heaven by Mitch Albom; In the Still of the Night by Ann Rule; The Last Telegram by Liz Trenow; Little Bookshop of Murder by Maggie Blackburn; One by One by Ruth Ware; The Red Horse by James R. Benn; Robert B. Parker's Fool's Paradise by Mike Lupica; Say No More by Karen Rose; The Secrets We Keep by Kate Hewitt; Shawows in Death by J.D. Robb; Shelter Mountain by Robyn Carr; Someone to Romance by Mary Balogh; Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaasen; The Stone Wall by Beverly Lewis; Thick as Thieves by Sandra Brown; To Sleep in a Sea of Stars by Christopher Paolini; Two Reasons to Run by Colleen Coble; The Ultimate Betrayal by Kat Martin; When She Was Good by Michael Robotham.

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Retaliation; Rogue; Succession, Season 2; The Trip to Greece; True History of the Kelly Gang; You Should Have Left.

Large Print

The Last Passenger by Charles Finch; Murder on Pleasant Avenue by Victoria Thompson.

Young Adult

Back Creek by Leslie Goetsch; The Lost Book of the White by Cassandra Clare.

Adult Nonfiction

Angry Weather by Otto Friederike; Battlegrounds by H.R. McMaster; Librarian Tales by William Ottens; The Residence by Kate Andersen Brower.

Easy/Juvenile

Bess the Barn Stands Strong by Elizabeth Gilbert Bedia; The Bird in Me Flies by Sara Lundberg; Create the Code: Smartphones by Max Wainwright; Digging for Words by Angela Burke Kunkel; Dog Man: Grime and Punishment by Dav Pilkey; Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks by Suzanne Slade; The Fall Fairy Gathering by Liza Gardner Walsh; Gurple and Preen by Linda Sue Park; Maps by Aleksandra and Daniel Mizielinska; Max Einstein Saves the Future by James Patterson; My Favorite Color by Aaron Becker; Pete the Cat: Crayons Rock! by Kimberly Dean; The Weather's Bet by Ed Young; Why Do Cats Meow? by Nick Crumpton.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR E-LEARNING PLAN

The Board of Education of South Wilmington CCSD #74, Grundy County, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on the use of E-Learning for Emergency Days at South Wilmington Grade School at 6:50 P.M. on the 15th day of October, 2020.

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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 aa 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.

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

Anonymous

5 Minutes with Boma



Thoughts...

I made another trip to the state of Texas this weekend to see some friends from college, and I'm going to comment on just a few thoughts rolling around my head at the moment.

1. The Covid precautions and things in place this time as compared to last time are wildly different and much better in my opinion. Quick shoutout to Texas for getting with it even if it took a few months.

2. I was brainstorming ideas with my dad as to what to write about this week and he mentioned seeing college friends. While I used that term in the intro paragraph, I think it's dismissive of the great friends I made in college and still have through today. Just because I made them in college doesn't mean they're not lifelong friends, and I think that goes for "work friends" or any friends that require a label in front. They're not beholden to the label, they can just be your friend and a great one at that.

3. Wow was I wrong about Nick Foles. I thought maybe, just maybe, the Bears were going to have competent quarterback play. I suppose that was me just expecting a little too much. Unbelievable that he played just about as bad as you could possibly play in his first game as the starter.

4. The Cubs. That's it. Don't really have much to add, what a sad, sad performance from a team in which I am heavily invested.

5. Hope everyone is staying happy and healthy. Go, Bears.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

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**Monday, September 28
TVC Tournament**

The Dwight Lady Trojans' (414) golf team competed in the TVC Conference Tournament at Balmoral Woods Country Club, earning second place overall – with Beecher (410) edging them out for the championship by just four strokes.

The top ten in this tournament decides the girl's All-Conference Team, and Dwight

had all four of their participants make the top ten – earning All-Conference honors.

Kendahl Weller tied for fifth with a 101, while Kelly Deterding earned sixth place with a 102. Isabelle Schultz (104) and Sophia Anderson (107) placed seventh and ninth, respectively.

In total, there were 36 girls in the tournament.

**Wednesday, September 30
Dwight vs. Fieldcrest**

Dwight hosted Fieldcrest at Dwight Country Club September 30, and came out with a 214-237 victory.

Medalist on the day was Kelly Deterding with a 46. Other Lady Trojan scores included: Kendahl Weller – 53; Isabelle Schultz – 55; Darien Guyer – 60.

Dwight is now 9-0 on the season.



THE DWIGHT LADY TROJANS who made the top ten on the All-Conference Team, pictured, from left, are Isabelle Schultz, Sophia Anderson, Kendahl Weller, and Kelly Deterding.

Congratulations, Lady Trojan Golfers on your TVC Conference 2nd Place Finish and All-Conference Team players

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PTHS INDIANS SWIM TEAM

**Tuesday, September 29
Pontiac vs. LaSalle Peru**

Pontiac took on LaSalle Peru September 29, with the varsity team falling 86-42 and the JV squad losing 57-45. Individual scores are as follows:

Varsity -

200 freestyle: Camryn Mies, 2nd, 2:21.11; Emma DeWald, 3rd, 2:21.50.

200 IM: Emma Nelson, 1st, 2:37.51; Abby Lauritsen, 5th, 2:58.77.

50 freestyle: DeWald, 4th, 29.62; Mary Hilt, 5th, 30.80.

100 butterfly: Nelson, 1st, 1:11.50; Anneke Esposito, 5th, 1:25.67.

100 freestyle: DeWald, 4th, 1:07.07; Hilt, 5th, 1:11.78.

500 freestyle: Mies, 1st, 6:18.71; Lauritsen, 5th, 6:50.80.

100 backstroke: Nelson, 3rd, 1:16.41; DeWald, 5th, 1:19.21.

100 breaststroke: Hilt, 3rd,

1:25.62; Nelson, 5th, 1:26.87.

JV -
200 freestyle: Kassyn Harcharik, 1st, 2:58.13; Nia Eggleston, 2nd, 3:00.85.

200 IM: Paige Collins, 3rd, 3:20.15.

50 freestyle: Alana Christianson, 4th, 32.64; Molly Masching, 5th, 32.83.

100 butterfly: Eggleston, 1st, 1:46.18.

100 freestyle: Collins, 4th, 1:20.11; Masching, 5th, 1:23.15.

500 freestyle: Kelly Riley, 1st, 7:48.31; Harcharik, 2nd, 8:01.03.

100 backstroke: Eggleston, 3rd, 1:41.02; Collins, 4th, 1:43.20.

100 breaststroke: Christianson, 2nd, 1:31.05; Masching, 5th, 1:44.25.

**Thursday, October 1
Pontiac vs. Olympia**

The Indians swim team

faced off against Olympia October 1, winning both the varsity match-up, 80-54, and the JV meeting, 70-19. Individual scores are as follows:

Varsity -

1m diving: Anneke Esposito, 1st, 187.05.

200 free: Camryn Mies, 3rd, 2:39.37; Emma DeWald, 4th, 2:41.21; Alana Christianson, 5th, 2:56.50.

200 IM: Emma Nelson, 1st, 2:57.00; Abby Lauritsen, 3rd, 3:14.63; Mary Hilt, 4th, 3:16.49.

50 free: DeWald, 2nd, 32.66; Mies, 3rd, 33.76; Esposito, 4th, 34.04.

100 fly: Nelson, 1st, 1:18.53; Esposito, 3rd, 1:35.95; Lauritsen, 4th, 1:38.46.

100 free: DeWald, 2nd, 1:14.29; Christianson, 3rd, 1:20.06; Hilt, 4th, 1:20.31.

400 free: Mies, 1st, 5:36.11; Lauritsen, 3rd, 5:55.71; Esposito, 4th, 6:40.20.

100 back: Nelson, 3rd, 1:24.27; DeWald, 4th, 1:26.82; Mies, 5th, 1:27.56.

100 breast: Nelson, 1st, 1:33.97; Hilt, 3rd, 1:35.46; Christianson, 4th, 1:39.07.

JV -

200 free: Paige Collins, 1st, 3:03.70; Riley Kelly, 2nd, 3:14.88; Raegan Montello, 3rd, 3:18.66.

50 free: Molly Masching, 1st, 35.31; Kassyn Harcharik, 3rd, 38.88; Nia Eggleston, 4th, 39.47.

100 free: Masching, 1st, 1:26.50; Montello, 2nd, 1:27.11; Eggleston, 3rd, 1:30.61.

400 free: Collins, 1st, 6:37.75; Kelly, 2nd, 6:44.39; Harcharik, 3rd, 6:45.06.

100 back: Montello, 1st, 1:46.90; Eggleston, 2nd, 1:48.81; Harcharik, 3rd, 1:49.05.

100 breast: Kelly, 2nd, 1:54.17; Collins, 3rd, 1:57.82.

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City/Village	October 7	September 30
Dwight	\$2.17	\$2.16
Kankakee	\$2.12	\$2.14
Streator	\$2.02	\$2.16
Odell	\$2.19	\$2.19
Pontiac	\$2.11	\$2.08
Gardner	\$2.33	\$2.33
Braceville	\$2.29	\$2.29
Morris	\$2.11	\$2.14
Herscher	\$2.23	\$2.23
Chicago	\$2.75	\$2.74
Illinois	\$2.31	\$2.33
U.S.	\$2.19	\$2.19

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

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The fire fighters of Dwight Fire Protection District would like to share with you some safety tips, and facts about the everyday cooking fire dangers in the kitchen.

Kitchen Cooking Tips

- Have at least a 3 ft. kid-free zone around a hot stove, to keep kids safe from burn and scalds.
 - Keep your cooking area clutter free. Remove anything that can burn, away from the stove top.
 - Use a timer to remind yourself that you are cooking.
 - To extinguish a small grease fire, always keep a pot/pan lid near by while cooking.
- DID YOU KNOW ?**
- Cooking is the number 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
 - Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

To find out more safety information and tips, please visit fpw.org

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GSWB TIGERS CROSS COUNTRY

**Saturday, September 26
GSWB at St. George Invite**
The Tiger cross country team competed in the St. George Invitational at Perry Farm in Bourbonnais September 26.

The girls team took third place with some big performances. Maddie Simms (seventh grade) finished first for GSWB, and fourth overall, with a time of 14:44. McKenzie Ragland (eighth grade) followed Simms in 11th place with a time of 15:52.

Coming in next for the Tigers was Olivia Siano (sixth grade) in 18th place (16:20) and Ellie Traynor (fifth grade) taking 20th with a time of 16:32.

Rounding out the point total with a 23rd place finish was Nina Siano (seventh grade) with a time of 16:53.

Also finishing for the Tigers were Emma Norrington (eighth grade) with a 28th placing and a time of 18:09 and Kayla Scheuber (seventh grade) taking 29th place with a time of 18:20.

The boys also saw some stellar performances, despite not having a full team for competition.

Tyler Gubbins (sixth grade)

led the GSWB boys, placing fifth with a time of 12:50. He was followed by Aiden Mack (sixth grade) in 34th place with a time of 15:19. Evan Simms (fifth grade) placed 57th (22:49), while Jack Norrington (fifth grade) placed 58th (23:21).

"I am so proud of how far we are coming as a team," stated head coach Anne Simms. "We are still a young team, and we were facing some tough competition. I am happy that these young athletes are getting an opportunity to compete with safety precautions in place and thankful to all those going out of their way to make these contests possible."

**Monday, September 28
GSWB vs. Seneca and Ottawa Marquette**

GSWB traveled to Seneca to take on Seneca and Ottawa Marquette September 28.

Tyler Gubbins was the overall meet winner, running a time of 12:31. He was followed by Maddie Simms (14:33) and Aiden Mack (14:37).

McKenzie Ragland and Olivia Siano were not far behind, with times of 15:07 and 15:35, respectively. Ellie Traynor (16:23) and Emma

Norrington (16:36) followed, just ahead of Nina Siano (16:44).

Aubrey Male (sixth grade) finished with a time of 18:03, with four fifth grade athletes – Evan Simms (20:18), Jack Norrington (20:52), Jacie Wilkey (21:30), and Lilly Scheuber (21:41) – rounding out the field of competitors.

"This is a great group of kids that really goes out and gives it their all," Coach Simms said afterwards. "I am so happy with the time that they are cutting off of their mile splits at each race that we go to. While every night may not be the best race, I am always seeing a lot of effort from these runners. I look forward to seeing even more growth in these last weeks of our season."

Rosary to Be Said Sunday in St. Patrick Prayer Garden

Parishioners of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, will host recitation of the Rosary Sunday, October 11, in the prayer garden, as part of the "Rosary Coast to Coast."

If you require seating, please take a chair.

Beginning at 2:50 p.m., there will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of the Blessed Host, and the closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

**Tuesday, September 29
GSW vs. Grace Christian Varsity -**

The Panthers picked up a big 13-2 win over Grace Christian September 29.

"Another nice team win," stated Coach Wills, "with all 12 guys playing."

Brandon States got the "W" on the rubber, striking out eight and walking none, and giving up just one earned run on four hits in five innings.

States helped his cause on offense, also, hitting a two-run homer and drawing a walk. Aiddan Daugherty batted in three runs on a pair of singles and scored twice. Kaden Grivetti (double, BB, HBP, SB, 2 runs) and Cale Halpin (2 singles) each had two RBI, with Blake Huston (2 singles, 2 runs), Bennett Grant (3 BB),

and Dylan Carpenter (2 BB) each knocking a run in. Caydan Landry singled, walked once, was hit by a pitch, stole two bases, and scored two runs, while Nathan Weese doubled, walked once, and scored twice. Alex McElroy drew a walk and scored a run.

**Thursday, October 1
GSW vs. Putnam County Varsity -**

GSW suffered an 11-6 loss to Putnam County October 1.

"We did a nice job with the bats versus some decent pitchers," said Coach Wills after the game.

Brandon States (2 singles, 1 run) and Blake Huston (single, BB, SAC) each batted in two runs for the Panthers. Caydan Landry (single, 2 runs, 2 HBP, 3 SB) and Alex McElroy (sin-

gle, SB) each had one RBI. Bennett Grant (BB, HBP), Garrett Grant (HBP), and Cale Halpin each scored a run. Kaden Grivetti drew a walk, while Nathan Weese and Caccello were each hit by a pitch.

"Our pitchers did a pretty good job, too," added Wills. "But our defense was not good at all, which led to a lot of their runs."

Grivetti took the loss on the mound, allowing six earned runs on seven hits, three walks, and one hit batsman, while striking out four in three innings. Huston came on in relief, going four innings and giving up no earned runs on two hits and two walks, tallying seven strikeouts.

GSW committed six errors in the contest.



victory lanes bowling, dwight League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers
HSG: Doug Gassman, 287; Mike King, 267; Lane Galloway, 258; Bosco Gassman, 258; Josh Gernentz, 233. HSS: Bosco Gassman, 696; Lane Galloway, 674; Mike King, 662; Josh Gernentz, 660; Doug Gassman, 650. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1167. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 3321.

League Standings	W	L
Hallam Elect.	17	3
Rury's Tap	16	4
Victory Lanes	15	5
Star Trucking	14	6
Rambo Construct.	9	11
Jensens I	9	11
DeLong Ford	9	11
Rockey's Pub	8	12
Willy's Pub	6	14
Jeremy's Barber	6	14
Jensen BP II	5	15

Commercial League Bowlers
HSG: Men – Jeff Friedman,

235; Michael King, 230; Bill Green, 224; Curtis Price, 221; Dan Tarnowski, 220; **Women** – Brandi Farcus, 184; Kathy Hanold, 179; Paula Watts, 167; Stacy Richie, 157; Sheri Colebank, 157. HSS: **Men** – Curtis Price, 647; Doug Gassman, 612; Scot Banks, 610; Michael King, 609; Brian Scott, 584; **Women** – Brandi Farcus, 513; Kathy Hanold, 471; Paula Watts, 465; Stacy Richie, 453; Linda Dunlap, 407. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 933 HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 2688.

League Standings	W	L
Whiskey Cavalier	15	5
Muck Fike	13	7
Willy's Pub	12	8
Victory Lanes	11	9
Pinkie's Out	10	10
Pumpkin Patch	10	2
Dairy Queen	9	11
Gaston Const.	5	15
Coleman/Son	4	16
Agritile	3	9

**EARLY VOTING, VOTE BY MAIL, and GRACE REGISTRATION DATES
General Election – November 3, 2020**

Early Voting, Vote by Mail, and Grace Period Registration and Voting will be conducted on the following dates prior to the November 3, General Election. **Regular Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.** See the Livingston County Website for additional registration and voting deadline information.

Dates	Location	Hours
MONDAY-FRIDAY September 24-November 2 (Closed October 12 for Columbus Day)	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SATURDAY October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon
WEDNESDAY October 21, 28	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(Extended Hours Voting)		
TUESDAY November 3 (Grace Registration & Voting)	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

What is Early Voting? Early Voting starts September 24 and ends November 2, 2020. This process allows any registered voter in Livingston County to use the above location to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Early voters must be registered Livingston County voters. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply.

Vote by Mail Voting: Starts Tuesday, June 16, and continues through Monday, November 2, 2020. A person may request a Vote by Mail ballot by USPS no later than October 29. In order to be counted the ballot must be postmarked by midnight or returned in person by 7 PM to the County Clerk's Office 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.)

Grace Registration and Voting: Begins October 7 and continues through November 3. This is for new registrants and those who have transferred or moved and did not update their voter registration before October 7. Voting takes place at the same time registration is made in the County Clerk's Office.

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 email, mail, or in person. An On-Line as well as a downloadable Vote by Mail application is available from our website (listed below). To register to vote or check your registration status, visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov> or visit our website (listed below).

Additional election information may be obtained from the Livingston County website at: www.livingstoncountyil.gov (Click on "County Services", "County Clerk", and "Elections"). If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact the County Clerk's Office at 815-844-2006.

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Packets are available at www.grundyco.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/PETITION-PACKET.pdf or by going to the Grundy County Clerk's website page.

If you have further questions, contact Mrs. Christensen at 815-237-2281.

New Staff at Braceville Elementary

Braceville Elementary School has hired the following new staff members for the 2020-2021 school year:



Mr. Gerald Holohan is the new lead custodian. He resides in Cabery and joined the staff last spring. Mr. Holohan enjoys hiking and classic rock.

Mrs. Grygiel graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education Summa Cum Laude. She has been teaching for three years and has been in education for five. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends and her interests are hiking, kayaking, reading, and gardening.



Mrs. Crystal Aukland is the new fourth grade teacher. She joined BES last year as the part-time physical education teacher. Prior to joining the staff, Mrs. Aukland has been a substitute in the district for ten years. She graduated from Aurora University and enjoys spending time with her family.



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