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## Gardner Village Board Briefs

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session October 12, opening their regular business with a recognition of Village Treasurer Sheryl McDaniel. McDaniel is retiring from the village after serving for over 25 years.

The board gave final approval to the all-town cleanup to be held on November 2. The board originally considered November 9, but moved the date away from the recycling day on the 9th.

Mayor Mike Serena reported the donated Micro Pantry will be installed at the Gardner Fire Department, after receiving approval from the Fire Protection District.

Village Engineer Casey McCollom advised the board the foundation work is expected to begin for the new water tower before the end of October. Mayor Mike Serena asked for motions to remove Planning/Zoning Officer & Building Inspector Dean Rankovich and appoint Dan Babcock to fill the position. Mayor Serena commented the appointments and removals are made at the Mayor's discretion.

Commissioner Dick Hileman reported on the movement of funds to pay for the water



Village of Gardner, Treasurer, Sheryl McDaniel, is retiring from the village after serving for over 25 years. Mayor Mike Serena recognized her at the business meeting October 12.

tower and related improvements. Commissioner Erik Smith commented he had been driving through the village and feels the streets are in good condition. He stated he would like to address sidewalks as a future project. Mayor Serena suggested repairs to Washington Street, between 53 and the railroad tracks, the street near the Gardner Garage, and Jackson Street near Route 53. Commissioner Hileman inquired on cost and timing to allow him to adjust CD's accordingly. Village Engineer McCollom commented there may be grant

funding available, such as Safe Routes to Schools.

Mayor Serena reminded residents Trick or Treat hours will be October 31, between 3:00-6:00 p.m. Mayor 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.

## Dwight to Increase Fines for Parking/Ordinance Violations

October 13 Board of Trustee Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty  
madelyn.fogarty@yahoo.com

The Village of Dwight will be increasing its standard ordinance fines, and parking offense fines will also be increasing, following the approval of recommendations from the Ordinance, Judicial and Licensing Committee during the October 13 session of Dwight's Board of Trustees.

After review of an updated village fine rate schedule, it was agreed that the standard fine penalty for ordinance violations will double with increased fines as follows:

- First Offense - \$100 plus all costs
- Second Offense - \$200 plus all costs
- Third Offense - \$300 plus all costs

Fines for parking offenses will also increase to \$25, \$50 and \$75 per first, second and third offense with no reduction for early payment. Other village fine rate revisions were approved, including littering in public parks increasing to \$500 per offense to coincide with State standards.

The official ordinance(s) outlining these increases and changes is expected to be voted on and approved at the Dwight Village Board's October 26 session.

Five "2-hour Parking" spots will be added to the north side of West Main Street, on the west end, following a request from business owners in that area and board approval. The 2-hour parking spots will be added in conjunction with changing the designation of a like amount of parking spaces

on the south side of the street in the same area from 2-hour parking to non-restricted parking.

An Ordinance Committee discussion on mobile food vendors was also reviewed following inquiries about village regulations regarding mobile food vendors. The committee has begun review of proposed changes to Chapter 17 of the Dwight Municipal Code regarding Canvassers, Solicitors and Peddlers.

After a review of the City of Morris' regulations, and talking with Livingston County Health Department regarding county guidelines, suggested locations would be the village owned lot downtown on East Chippewa, Renfrew Park, Lions Lake, and possibly Garrett Park. Proposed hours of operation in village parks could be from dawn to dusk, and 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. at other locations, seven days a week. The various suggestions will be compiled and reviewed at a future Ordinance Committee meeting.

In other business, a proposal for a three-year contract extension with auditor and accounting firm, Mack and Associates, P.C., was also approved by the board. The contract extension begins with FY21 and runs through FY23.

In reports to the board, Mayor Jared Anderson extended congratulations to the Ahmed family, owners of the Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight, which recently reopened following major renovations, and thanked them for investing in Dwight.

"If you haven't had a chance to get out there, it is amazing,"

said Mayor Anderson. "Wishing the best of luck to them."

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara reported that D Construction has been back in the village doing some finishing work on village streets. Also, Superior Excavating will be coming back to reseed grass in areas on W James Street where recent work was completed.

With fall underway and winter peeking around the corner, McNamara noted that bagged fall leaf and yard waste pickup will continue through November along with brush/branch pickup.

In her DEA business report, Jane Anderson noted the recent ribbon cutting ceremony that took place to mark the reopening of the Old Route 66 Restaurant, echoing "amazing" as her description of the newly renovated business. Plans for Christmas activities sponsored by the DEA, such as the Christmas parade, are still undetermined due to COVID restrictions. Anderson indicated the group will be meeting soon to discuss and make decisions regarding Christmas events.

DEA weekly Facebook trivia contests continue with winners receiving gift cards to local businesses. Lastly, it was noted that a group is being put together to work on getting a business incubator running. The DEA is hoping to use space in its new location on East Main Street for a business incubator which is an economic development tool offering space for small business startups and early-stage businesses to grow, learn, and develop

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## Halloween Happenings - Saturday, October 31



### Dwight

Dwight will hold Trick-or-Treat hours October 31, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

A Halloween Candy Hunt will be held in the backyard at Heritage Health, E. Seminole St., at 2:30 p.m., sharp, Saturday, October 31. A parade around the building, near the windows, will be held afterwards. Masks must be worn.

A Hallo-Drive-Ween – drive-through trick-or-treat – celebration will be held at New Life Church, 903 S. Old Route 66, from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

### Gardner

Gardner will host Trick-or-Treat hours between 3:00-6:00 p.m.

### Herscher

The Village of Herscher's Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours are 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### Mazon

From 4:00-7:00 p.m., Mazon will host Trick-or-Treat hours.



In Odell, Trick-or-Treat hours will be 4:30-7:30 p.m.

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Stop by the Odell Library any time and pick up a treat bag for kids and choose a miniature pumpkin and some Halloween coloring pages or word search fun.

If you return a colored picture, they will hang it up in the window at the library to help celebrate Halloween.

The library will have these items available until they run out, or until Friday, October 30.

### Saunemin

The Village of Saunemin will hold its Trick-or-Treat hours between 4:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 31. All safe

practice protocols such as wearing protective face coverings, social distancing, and hand-washing should be followed. Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be eaten until after hand-washing.

Drivers are cautioned to use reduced speeds and extra caution when driving during these hours and watch for children crossing streets. Everyone is reminded that trick-or-treating is optional and everyone can make their choice to participate or not.

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October 14: Justin R. Leithliter, improper lane usage; Jon L. Ficarra, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

October 15: Cheyenne K. Melesio, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

**2 Written Warnings**

No registration plate light – 1; no tail lights – 1.

**Accident Report**

Wednesday, October 14, 1:40 a.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at 106 W. Chippewa St. involving a Chrysler caravan, driven by Justin Leithliter, 32, Dwight, which veered off road – striking a utility pole. He was issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage; Wednesday, October 14, 12:25 p.m., an accident was reported at W. Main and Rt. 17 involving a Ford 4-door, driven by Linda Coley, 62, Dwight, which was backing from a space on W. Main St. and struck a passing Kia utility, driven by Kimberly Reinche, of Ashkum.

**Blood Drive in Dwight  
October 27**

Livingston Masonic Lodge #371 of Dwight is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive to be held on Tuesday, October 27, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Dwight.

Donors must call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

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October 10: Rt. 66, fire.

October 11: Northbrook, medical, Morris.

October 12: Jefferson St., medical, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

October 13: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; John St., medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; Delaware, medical, refusal; Mazon, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, refusal; Prairie, trauma, refusal; Linden, medical, Morris.

October 14: Mazon, medical, Morris; Northbrook, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris.

October 15: Mazon, medical, Morris; Susan, medical, Morris; Chippewa, odor invest., no pt.

**Temps - 2020**

Oct. 8 – high 73°, low 43°

Oct. 9 – high 81°, low 49°

Oct. 10 – high 81°, low 40°

Oct. 11 – high 80°, low 46°

Oct. 12 – high 67°, low 38°

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Oct. 13 – high 73°, low 38°

Oct. 14 – high 78°, low 45°

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Once an e-mail is received by the office, a response will be sent within three days. The response will include whether a hearing is necessary, the type of hearing needed, and the documents that may be required at a future hearing. Administrative hearings will still be required to be held in person.

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**Caregivers Must Also Care (Financially) for Themselves**

If you're a caregiver, possibly for a loved one dealing with an illness such as Alzheimer's disease, you're probably already facing some significant emotional and physical challenges – so you don't need any financial ones as well. Yet, they are difficult to avoid. What steps can you take to deal with them?

First of all, you may be interested in knowing the scale of the problem. Consider these numbers from the Alzheimer's Association: About 5.8 million Americans ages 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, and in 2019, caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias contributed more than 18 billion hours of unpaid care – worth about \$244 billion in services. Furthermore, about two-thirds of caregivers are women, and one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters.

But whatever your gender or relationship to the individuals for whom you're providing care, you can take some steps to protect your own financial future. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Evaluate your employment options.** If you have to take time away from work – or even leave employment altogether – to be a caregiver, you will lose not only income but also the opportunity to contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But you may have some options, such as working remotely, or at least working part time. Either arrangement can give you flexibility in juggling your employment with your caregiving responsibilities.

• **Explore payment possibilities for caregiving.** Depending on your circumstances, and those of the loved ones for whom you're providing care, you might be able to work out an arrangement in which you can get paid something for your services. And as long as you are earning income, you can contribute to an IRA to keep building resources for your own retirement.

• **Protect your financial interests – and those of your loved ones.** You may well want to discuss legal matters with the individual for whom you are a caregiver before Alzheimer's robs them of the ability to think clearly. It may be beneficial to work with a legal professional to establish a financial power of attorney – a document that names someone to make financial decisions and pay bills when the person with Alzheimer's no longer can. And whether you or someone else has financial power of attorney, the very existence of this document may help you avoid getting your personal finances entangled with those of the individual for whom you're caring.

• **Keep making the right financial moves.** As long as you're successful at keeping your own finances separate from those of your loved one, you may be able to continue making the financial moves that can help you make progress toward your own goals. For example, avoid taking on more debts than you can handle. Also, try to maintain an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Of course, these tasks will be much easier if you can maintain some type of employment or get paid for your caregiving services.

There's nothing easy about being a caregiver. But by making the right moves, you may be able, at the least, to reduce your potential financial burden and brighten your outlook.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

**It's History...**

American Legion Post drum and bugle corps at Dwight Veterans' Hospital Day parade June 5, 1949.  
photo provided by Patrick Kelleher

**Dwight to Increase Fines for  
Parking/Ordinance Violations**

*October 13 Board of Trustee Actions*

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public and private partnerships.

The board also approved:

- payment of October 13, 2020 bills totaling \$129,548.56.

- the August 2020 Treasurer's Report.

- a first/final pay request to SKC Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$32,954.82 for MFT maintenance/street crack fill.

Present for the October 13 session were Mayor Anderson, Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbrodt, and Jennifer John-

son. Absent was Trustee Justin Eggenberger.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 26.

Please check prior for location meeting place / access information. The Dwight Village Board of Trustees is currently conducting meetings via teleconference calls to help ensure the safety and well-being of all those in attendance and as allowed by an edict from Governor Pritzker.

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# History and Story Behind Breast Cancer

*The Source of the Pink Ribbon, Emergence of New Technologies,*

By Bridget DeWaard

This October, as we start to see our towns and cities adorned in pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness, we might also take a moment to consider the history of the movement, and the story behind the pink ribbons.

The ribbon as a symbol of remembrance, hope and awareness first emerged in 1979, when Penne Laingen tied yellow ribbons around the trees in her yard after her husband, Bruce Laingen, had been taken hostage in Iran. Follow-

ing this, as the women's liberation movement began to take hold in the United States, in combination with an increasing number of cancer-related deaths and a biased healthcare system, several different symbols and designs arose to represent those fighting for better care and representation.

Eventually, in 1992, the ribbon symbol would re-emerge, with Estée Lauder, a cosmetics company, being the first to adopt and disseminate the pink ribbon as a symbol for Breast Cancer Awareness. The company was inspired by Charlotte

Haley, who had made peach ribbons in her dining room to bring attention to Breast Cancer.

But work had already been in motion, prior to the use of the pink ribbon. Beginning officially in 1985, a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the Pharmaceutical Division of Imperial Chemicals was formed, leading to the designation of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As part of the first event, Betty Ford, diagnosed while her husband, Gerald Ford, was in office, was asked

to speak and share her story.

Previously, Breast Cancer, among other women's health issues, was considered shameful, and rarely discussed in the same way as men's health and illness. In fact, they were even stigmatized, to the point that they were not given the same care or consideration as their male counterparts. It was for this reason that the Women's Liberation Movement sought to put pressure on the healthcare system in place, pushing for access to greater knowledge, greater autonomy in decision-making, and equal standards for the interpersonal relationships experienced between male doctors and female patients.

One such example of this was the experience of Rose Kushner, whose ideas were first dismissed as "garbage" as she attempted to advocate for better treatment and options for women with Breast Cancer.

Prior to the currently accepted treatment methods, "a woman suspected of having Breast Cancer would undergo a 'one-step' operation, where a surgeon would perform a biopsy along with a radical mastectomy, and the patient would typically wake up with her breasts, chest muscles and lymph nodes entirely removed, regardless of the size, or characteristics of her tumor/personal wishes." (quote sourced via Time article).

Kushner argued this type of treatment was completely unnecessary, and would later go

on to be appointed as the first member of the National Cancer Advisory Board. There would be many other women throughout time that would come forward, joining the fight and pushing the medical field to advance with them.

Fast forward to our current time, where now the month is used to spread information and awareness, promote education, access to adequate healthcare, and fund-raising for research, among other individual and associated causes. It is not only a celebration for survivors, but also a moment to remember those we have lost, and to encourage those still fighting. Currently, mammograms, self checks, open communication with medical professionals and promoting early detection are the main tools we have in our arsenal to fight Breast Cancer.

According to Terri Jacob, RN and Breast Health Navigator at Morris Hospital, early detection is critical, saying, "The five year survival rate for localized disease, [which] is Cancer found in its earliest stages, is 98%." Early detection yields the most treatment options and best results for life after treatment. Mammography is an extremely important tool, essential for detecting Breast Cancer at its beginning stages.

Used for screening and diagnostics, 3D mammography uses several images and x-rays, versus traditional mammography, which uses a singular x-ray. Should it be determined that you need further testing,

the Mayo Clinic advises wearing a two piece outfit, making changing into a gown simpler. The patient is also cautioned to refrain from wearing perfumes and deodorants, as these can interfere with imaging.

The Mayo Clinic explains the imaging process, letting patients know what to expect. It will involve several x-rays and pictures, taken from different angles and positions to produce better and unobstructed views and images of the breast. This can involve use of different platforms and applied pressures. The pressure is not harmful, but may be painful. If too painful, immediately alert the technician. The results will then be created and examined by a professional, who will determine if additional testing or action is required.

A newly FDA approved machine, an automated breast ultrasound system (known as A.B.U.S.), has been developed to assist early detection and diagnosis for those with denser breast tissue. In reference to this new technology, Dr. Supriya Gupta, a Radiologist at AMITA St. Mary's hospital in Kankakee, said that it, "has been found to identify 35.7% more Cancers that would not have been found with mammography alone."

In mammograms, Cancer and thicker, more fibrous breast tissue can both appear white when reading the results, leading to possible missed smaller Cancers and missed chances at early detection. Dr.

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# Awareness Month

## Self Check Steps

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Nancy Sagona, also a Radiologist at AMITA, explained in a press release, "Using [this new machine], suspicious masses appear black against the white dense tissue, allowing us to better identify suspicious areas for further investigation."

While still considered the primary step, mammography is not an equitable approach for screening, placing women with higher breast density at additional risk. This new machine addresses this risk, yields more accurate results, and greatly increases Cancers found in beginning stages. This newer mammography option will be available for women of all ages.

Besides breast imaging services and screening, self checks and at home breast examinations are an important aspect of early detection. Dr. Richard Symanski, a Radiologist at Morris Hospital, encouraged use of a three part approach: Firstly, self awareness; know what is normal for you and your body. Take note of any skin changes, lumps and/or bumps, reporting them immediately to your healthcare provider. Secondly, it is suggested that those with average risk get clinical breast exams, *at least* once every three years between the ages 29 to 39, increasing to annually by 40 years of age. Thirdly, annual mammography screening should also begin at age 40.

Even within those guidelines, it is absolutely imperative to remember that those with increased risk speak with their healthcare provider about a more comprehensive and frequent schedule, including receiving these screenings at a younger age.

When asked about the possible deterrence of a hospital visit during COVID, Terri Jacob was quick to assure patient safety amidst the pandemic, saying, "Cancer hasn't stopped, so it is really important that women continue to have their screening mammogram." Additionally, Kindy Vaughn, Director of Radiology at AMITA, said of their location, "We screen everyone that walks in our doors for COVID-19 symptoms and have a process and algorithm to follow for every situation."

Comprehensive self breast exams are recommended monthly. Via [breastcancer.org](http://breastcancer.org), there are five steps women

should take while performing self checks at home. If anything suspicious or abnormal is found, it is important to remain calm, and simply schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider as soon as possible. Not everything suspicious will be cancerous, but it is suggested to get additional examination for any abnormalities discovered. From there, your healthcare provider will be able to assist and guide you, should they feel these abnormalities need any further action or inspection.

Step 1: Stand with your shoulders straight and arms at the hips. While looking in the mirror, look for any unusual size, shape, coloration, distortion or swelling. Some things to watch for and bring to your Doctor's attention would be: dimpling, puckering, bulging of the skin; changed nipple position or inversion; redness, soreness or rash.

Step 2: Repeat step 1 with arms raised.

Step 3: Continue looking in the mirror, watching for any odd watery, milky, yellow fluid, or blood, leaking from the nipples.

Step 4: After the mirror examination, lay down and use your opposite hand to feel each corresponding breast (i.e. use your left hand to feel your right breast). Keep fingers flat and together, using a firm touch and a circular motion. Feel your entire breast, examining an area about the size of a quarter each motion, from your collarbone to the top of your abdomen, and from your armpit to your cleavage. Follow a pattern to be sure you cover the entire breast (i.e. one pattern suggested is an up-and-down direction, almost as if you are mowing a lawn).

Step 5: Using the same hand movements, repeat the same examination while standing or sitting. It is sometimes more helpful to do this with a wetted hand, and can even be done in the shower.

These steps have been somewhat abbreviated/summarized; for even more guidance, visit [breastcancer.org](http://breastcancer.org) for the steps in their entirety.

Doctors and researchers are constantly working to find new avenues, methods, techniques and other ways to aid the fight against Breast Cancer. Among these, the American Cancer Society has detailed new ways to use old medicines that could

perhaps help in prevention, the creation of new technology, such as the aforementioned imaging machines, and various studies that look deeper into the possible causes and lifestyle/genetic contributors linked to Breast Cancer.

While all of the previous guidelines, suggestions and other tools described to aid in early detection are important to remember, it is also necessary to be aware that specific situations call for more immediate action, second opinions and a need for even more changes to our current thinking and assumptions about Breast Cancer.

**Services discussed in this article that are available, and contact information:**

3D Mammography is offered at the Morris Hospital Campus, in addition to the Coal City/Ridge Road locations. Can call 815-942-4105 to schedule a Mammogram.

The ABUS machine is available through AMITA St. Mary's Hospital, at the Kankakee location; it is available for women of all ages. Can call 855-692-6482 to schedule a Mammogram, no doctor referral needed.

### Become involved:

Besides other local and private fundraising activities, there is an upcoming virtual Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure event set for this Saturday, October 24, 2020. Call 773-444-0061 or visit [www.komenchicago.com](http://www.komenchicago.com) for more information.

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This past June, members of Heather (Black) Zacek's family donated money to help repair and renovate the landscaping surrounding the statue at Blackburn College. The Phoenix statue was built beside the Science Building, an area where Heather regularly spent time while pursuing her Bachelor's Degree. Over the years it had become overgrown, and thanks to the donation, grass, trees and flowers were planted around it. These will bloom a beautiful pink color in the spring and summer months, in memory of Heather and to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. Pictures were taken of her family beside the statue on June 8, 2020, which would have been Heather's 32nd birthday.

At 27, and even with a family history of Breast Cancer, Heather was told she was "too young and too healthy" to have Breast Cancer. This led to a misdiagnosis of a lump she felt, being told instead that it was just a blocked milk duct. She would later be diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer, and passed away January 21, 2016, leaving behind her husband, Ryan Zacek, and their beautiful 15 month old daughter, Kilana.

There is a page set up in her memory on Facebook, "In memory of Heather (Black) Zacek."

Pictured (from left to right) beside the statue are Brad Haller, Melissa Haller (Heather's sister), their son, Zayne Haller; Tina Black and Robert Black (Heather's mother and father), and Doug Black, her brother. The Science Building is also pictured, along with the plaque that was added to the statue, in honor of Heather.

## Loss of a Friend

Heather (Black) Zacek, a young mother who had just recently given birth to a beautiful daughter, Kilana, with her husband, Ryan Zacek, was enjoying the beauty of parenthood. She was completely devoted to caring for her friends and family.

Around a year after the birth of Kilana, Heather found a lump in her breast tissue. Having been cautioned by her mother, Tina Black, of a family history of Breast Cancer, she promptly alerted her Doctor of a lump she had found, and scheduled an appointment to discuss this. However, the lump was dismissed as a blocked milk duct, and she began a steady dose of Tylenol for treatment, as advised by her Doctor. After trusting this suggested

treatment and dutifully following the regimen prescribed, Heather continued to feel ill, and returned to her Doctor, twice, seeking additional answers. She was told the same things she had been previously told.

It was later discovered that the Tylenol had led to liver damage, and that the previously dismissed lump was, in fact, cancerous. She was diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer, which had spread to her liver. She passed away January 21, 2016. **She was 27.**

Tina Black continuously shares Heather's story, hoping to educate others of her experience, and the dangers of dismissal due to young age or assumed health. A lump should never be dismissed without

proper testing. If you feel your concerns are not being properly addressed, do not be afraid to question or push for proper care and consideration.

There has been a rise in recent years of younger women being diagnosed with Breast Cancer, and pregnancy related cancers can be extremely aggressive. For these reasons, lumps and other abnormalities should never be disregarded as benign without testing or examination for confirmation.

She is greatly missed by her friends and family. Having graduated with Heather from DTHS in 2006 myself, I can without a doubt say the world is certainly less brighter, without her here.

- Bridget DeWaard



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**In Support of the Fair Tax Amendment***An Open Letter from the Illinois Teachers of the Year*

Illinois Teachers of the Year come from all over Illinois: rural farming communities, large suburban schools, blue, red, and purple counties. And we are among Illinois' top teachers because we care deeply about children.

We love our students, our schools, our communities. And we agree: passing the Fair Tax is vital for all our students.

We've seen the impact of years of underfunding for schools, and the pandemic has widened opportunity gaps between our wealthiest and poorest students. Countless students lack access to the technology, supplies, and even meals necessary to access the world-class education they all deserve.

We teach students about fairness, yet Illinois has one of the most unfair tax systems in the nation, placing the greatest burden on those who can least afford it. Today the poorest Illinoisans pay

14.4% of income in state and local taxes — while the wealthiest pay just 7.4%.

The Fair Tax fixes this with graduated rates, like our federal taxes and 32 other states. It cuts taxes for 97% of taxpayers while raising \$3.4 billion to support schools, health care, and social services — empowering working families and speeding recovery for those hardest hit by the pandemic. The Fair Tax is the best chance we have to invest in children, ensure our communities have access to essential services, and build a strong future for our state.

As Teachers of the Year from every corner of the state, we speak with one voice on behalf of students: vote "yes" for the Fair Tax.

Lindsey Jensen, Dwight, 2018 Teacher of the Year, and 15 other Illinois State Teachers of the Year and Teacher of the Year Finalists

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Some people attend law school because they want to make a difference in the world. For various reasons, usually economic pressure, these young attorneys eventually focus on the more lucrative opportunities instead. But Tom Kilbride followed his passion and delivered on the change he set out to make.

Tom began his legal career providing *pro bono*, or free, legal services to those most in need. He supported faith-based and humanitarian projects such as the Quad Cities Interfaith Sponsoring committee and the Rock Island Human Relations Commission.

Under his leadership, the

Illinois Supreme Court made key changes to assist Illinoisans in gaining access to the legal system. He worked to ensure that the Illinois legal system is available to everyone. The court also increased transparency by bringing cameras into courtrooms.

Serving on the Illinois Supreme Court is a rare accomplishment. As Justice Kilbride completes his term, I commend him for his contributions to our community and congratulate him for setting a wonderful example as an ambassador to the legal profession. He has earned the respect of judges throughout Illinois, as well as prosecutors, plaintiffs' lawyers, defense lawyers, the business sector, law enforcement, and the community at large. Thank you, Justice Kilbride.

John Anderson  
Monee

**Reduce Wait Times  
for FOID Cards**

As we have dealt with the coronavirus pandemic this year, we have seen many state government operations struggle. One of these has been the processing of applications for Firearm Owner Identification or FOID cards.

Wait times, which were already too long before the pandemic, have expanded to unacceptable lengths. Figures shared by the State Police indicate that while the average processing time for a new FOID card application in 2018 was 20 days, this year it is 70. Renewals which took 20 days just two years ago now take an average of 136. While the number of applicants increased from 256,353 in 2018 to 379,873 this year, the state of Illinois has not adapted its system to meet the increased demand.

I recently sent a letter to Governor Pritzker calling for action to reduce wait times for FOID cards. My office has received many e-mails and phone calls from concerned constituents who have been waiting for their applications to be approved. Some have waited for 6 months or more. We have been working with the State Police to move the process along but much more needs to be done.

This is not due to any mistake or wrongdoing on the part of the applicant. It is also not due to a lack of hard work on the part of the State Police personnel who are processing the applications. It is due to an inadequate and inefficient system for processing the paperwork. Director Kelly and I have had productive conversations and he told me about the steps he is taking to improve the process. I applaud the work he and his staff are doing to straighten this out but there is much to do. Government needs to do better! Much better.

I look forward to seeing an improved system that better protects the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Illinoisans.

Sincerely,

Tom Bennett  
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## OBITUARIES

**Bernice A. Canham**

CABERY – Bernice A. Canham, 93, of Cabery, IL died Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 10:50 p.m. in the home of her daughter in rural Kempton, IL.



death by one son in infancy, Frank Canham; one son-in-law, Steve Mercer; three brothers and one sister.

Bernice was educated in Cullom schools. She delivered rural route mail from June 1968 through 1990. She delivered in rural Cabery area and then in 1975 to the Gilman, IL area. She loved being a rural route mail carrier, where she always carried candy for the little kids who came to the mailbox.

Bernice was a member of the Cabery United Methodist Church and the Women's Club of the church.

Bernice was a farmer's wife, who drove a team of horses bringing in the crops to cutting hay with the tractor which she had to hand crank to start. There was nothing she couldn't do.

Her love of horses was one of the many things that she and her husband shared. She enjoyed her paperback western books, her crossword puzzles, watching the birds at her feeders, and putting together her jigsaw puzzles.

She loved her children and supported them in everything they did. She then, in turn, shared that love with her children's children, and her great-grandchildren.

*Bernice never wanted for anything, not because she had everything, but because she had a heart of gold and was happy with what she had.*

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

**Memorial for  
Wm. D. Branz  
October 31**

A memorial service for Wm. (Bill) D. Branz, Jr., will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight Saturday, October 31, at 2:00 p.m.

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**Diabetes Support Group  
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November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. In recognition, a special program will be offered at the OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, Pontiac. *Diabetes Support Group* meeting Tuesday, November 3, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

"Lessons I've Learned on My Journey to Good Health," will be presented by Heather Dameron Schweizer, M.D., Director of Physician Practice for OSF Medical Group. Dr. Schweizer has achieved an amazing transformation in her

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Livingston County Clerk's office will only be engaged in those duties pertaining to the General Election such as Election Day Registration in their office on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The office will not be performing normal services on that day such as recording, document searching, issuing marriage licenses and vital record copies. If you have questions, please call 815-844-2006.

This action is pursuant to County Board Resolution #2019-12-55, passed in open session on December 12, 2019.

Kristy A. Masching  
Livingston County Clerk

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

Village of South Wilmington Annual Audit Report  
Available for Public Inspection

An audit of the funds of the Village of South Wilmington for the year ending April 30, 2020 has been completed by the audit firm of Mack & Associates, P.C., public accountants. A copy of the audit report has been filed with the Grundy County Clerk and is available for public inspection at the South Wilmington Village Hall located at 380 Lake Street, South Wilmington, Illinois 60474.

If you would like to view the report, please contact Village Clerk, Terry Schultz at (815)237-2241.

**Thomas A. Hughes**

HERSCHER – Thomas A. Hughes, 83, of Herscher passed away Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 9:05 p.m. at Heritage Health and Rehab in Dwight, Illinois.



in-law, Richard McGinnis of St. Anne; two nieces; one nephew; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece, Jolie Ellis.

Thomas was a lifelong farmer who shelled corn for many years and drove a truck hauling grain. He served in the Navy for six years. He was a lifelong member of the Cabery Methodist Church and held many positions on the board there.

He was a trustee for Rogers Township and Clayton Cemetery for many years. He served as a trustee for Bergan, Goodman, Taylor Drainage District.

*Thomas was a good storyteller and a great mentor to young adults. At the time he did not realize that to be true, until later in life when they stepped forward and said, "Thanks, Tom."*

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at [calvertmemorial.com](http://calvertmemorial.com)

**Margaret Ann Van Alstyne**

Margaret Ann Van Alstyne, 80, passed away suddenly on October 3, 2020 in Longmont, CO, surrounded by her family.

A service with burial and a celebration of her life will be in Cullom, IL, but due to Covid-19 and family travel the date will need to be determined.

The family asks that memorials be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice.

Margaret Ann was born May 20, 1940 in St. James Hospital, Pontiac, IL to Lester J. and Sarah Ann (Diebel) Ginter.

Margaret is survived by her children: Mary Jo (Joe) McBride; Mike (Wendy) and children JD (Maya), Kiley, Aidan; Cameron and Carson Crosby; daughter-in-law, Carla Van Alstyne; daughter, Alex, Jackie (Tim) Goscha, and great-grandchildren; a sister, Arletta Daugherty, and her children: Chris, Colleen Halberg, Shawn, Tim, and their families; a brother, Joseph Ginter, and children: Mark, Daniel, and Kathy Vernado and their families; sister-in-law, Pamela

Margaret Ann grew up on the family farm and graduated from Cullom High School in 1958. Brent and Margaret made their home in Cullom and raised their family there. Brent passed away in 1978. Margaret spent her years raising her family, and serving her clients and friends as a cosmetologist.

Margaret was a member of St. John's Catholic Church. Margaret married Ernie Hahn in 2010. Following his death she made her home in Colorado to be closer to her children. She leaves many friends and neighbors in Cullom.

**Polling Place  
Re-Location:  
Long Point Precinct**

The polling site at the Long Point Township Building for voters in the Long Point Township Precinct is being relocated from the Township Building to the American Legion Building located at 224 4th Street, Long Point for the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 General Election. Questions, call 815-844-2006.

The polling site at the Round Grove Township Building for voters in the Round Grove Township Precinct is being relocated from the Township Building to the Sacred Heart Parish Hall located at 205 Elm Street, Campus for the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 General Election.

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**A New Pet**

A lot has been made since the pandemic started that people were adopting pets, and specifically dogs, at a rate much higher than normal because of the amount of time that people have been spending at home.

I have also indirectly adopted an animal, but it's a cat. As I'm currently back with my parents, I had been pleading over and over to get a dog. I was adamant that I needed a dog. And then probably a few weeks ago, a cat showed up at the back door (this may be a larger town problem of stray cats, but that's another thing altogether.)

Anyway, since we have a cat already, (Javy), we would leave him food from time to time. And as cats tend to do, he would hang around more and more to the point where he was basically the outside cat and then eventually migrated to where he became the indoor cat.

Now, I'm still a dog person through and through, I just inherently like them more. But cats have grown on me. I used to be somewhat against them – said they were just oversized rats, things that were not in anyway nice, I said about cats. I still don't think they care about you the way a dog does, but nonetheless cats are great. Big fan.

The new cat's name is Rossy/Ross. I'm still not sure on the final form of his name, but it's just kind of whatever comes out of my mouth at a given time. He's been a lot of fun to have around and kill some time with. He was named Rossy to keep the Cubs theme going.

Shoutout Rossy for showing up and being a good boy. If you have a pet at home, give them a treat tonight, just because.

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ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
PONTIAC, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF  
ELEANOR H. SHEERAN,  
deceased.  
CASE NUMBER  
2020 P 87

Notice is given of the death of ELEANOR H. SHEERAN whose address was 108 North West St., Odell, IL 60460. Letters of Office were issued on September 30, 2020, to James F. Sheeran, III, 206 East 143rd St., Dolton, IL 60419 as: INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR whose attorney is Briane Eggert, Zapolis & Associates, P.C., 9991 191st Street, Mokena, IL 60448.

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given to and Unknown Heirs, who are heirs of legatees of the above proceeding.

The estate will be administered without Court Supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (75 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Court Clerk, 110 N. Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or with the representative or both on or before APRIL 14, 2021, any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within ten (10) days after it has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

LEANN DIXON, CLERK OF THE  
11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT  
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764

Name: Briane Eggert  
ARDC Attorney No.: 6306349  
Attorney For: Estate  
Address: 9991 191st St.  
City/State/Zip: Mokena, IL 60448  
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### Home care

Various services can be utilized in the comfort of home. Services may include home-delivered meals, minor home modifications, or visiting nurses and health aides. Other benefits may include shopping or physical therapy.

### Community care

Community services can include adult day care centers, meal programs, senior centers, community transportation, and others. These services enable people to continue to live in the community with some support.

### Care facilities

Long-term care may be mistaken as strictly nursing homes. Here's a look at the care facilities.

It is never too early to begin planning for elder care that may include long-term care possibilities.

- **Assisted living:** These homes provide 24-hour supervision, meals, healthcare services, and other forms of assistance in a home-like setting.

- **Skilled nursing homes:** Nursing homes provide care for those who cannot care for themselves. Rehabilitative services, meals, activities, and around-the-clock care. Some offer temporary care after an injury or illness and are used in lieu of an extended hospital stay.

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

**SOUTH WILMINGTON GRADE SCHOOL**

*School District/Joint Agreement Name*

**375 5th Avenue, South Wilmington, IL 60474**

*Address*

**815 237 2281**

*Telephone*

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Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website @ [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net).

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

### Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	513,836	101,405	31,367	38,588	21,976	0	9,219	46,256	9,219
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	241,141	0	0	41,449	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	38,955	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>	<b>793,932</b>	<b>101,405</b>	<b>31,367</b>	<b>80,037</b>	<b>21,976</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,219</b>	<b>46,256</b>	<b>9,219</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>	<b>799,425</b>	<b>86,766</b>	<b>31,401</b>	<b>90,886</b>	<b>22,193</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(70,000)</b>	<b>43,028</b>	<b>2,581</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds	19,966	0	34	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019</b>	<b>68,892</b>	<b>60,987</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,374</b>	<b>37,910</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>126,021</b>	<b>36,599</b>	<b>68,777</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020</b>	<b>83,365</b>	<b>75,626</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53,525</b>	<b>37,693</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,240</b>	<b>39,827</b>	<b>75,415</b>

## SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

**SOUTH WILMINGTON GRADE SCHOOL**

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### GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
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### GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
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### Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

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Alarm Detection Systems, Inc.	2,606
Apple Inc.	4,435
AXA Equitable	30,740
CDW Government	6,474
ComEd	4,806
Gardner Grade School	19,338
Gassensmith & Michalesko Ltd.	5,506
Gordon Food Service	4,140
Grainco FS Inc.	3,131
Grundy County Special Education Coope	169,683
GSW High School	26,183
Illinoian Assn of School Boards	3,622
Illinois Central School Bus	55,994
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	10,593
Lynn M Hahn	4,475
Mastercard	27,640
McGrath Office Equipment	3,930
New York Life	3,510
Nicor	3,607
NWEA	2,500
Performance Chemical & Supply, Inc	2,505
Performance Food Service	2,738
Prairie State Insurance Cooperative	14,830
Teachers' Retirement System of IL	57,344
Worth Township School Treasurer	31,401



# Senior Living 2020

## Guidelines for Visitation and Other Communication for Assisted Living and Long-Term Care Communities

by Bridget DeWard

As we enter the fall months, and continue to deal with the pandemic, many long-term care facilities for our older generations have implemented several guidelines to adhere to as we attempt to mitigate this disease and return to some semblance of normal life.

Older adults and those with serious medical conditions are among those specified that are at increased risk for contracting and facing serious complications from COVID. The CDC (Center for Disease Control), along with the IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health), has put together a comprehensive list of guidelines and protective procedures to follow during this time.

Currently, it has been suggested that those Assisted Living and long-term care facilities with greater than 100 residents hire or train a person to act as an Infection, Prevention and Control Manager (also known as an IPC). This will help delegate such tasks as supply monitoring, enforcement of protective procedures and other related disease-spreading preventative measures, which can allow for other personnel to continue supportive and individualistic care for residents. Training for this position is also available for qualified individuals via the CDC website.

In addition, all suspected cases, of staff or residents, and a count of necessary protective supplies (i.e. face masks, hand sanitizer, gloves) are reported weekly to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

Because of the increased risk, long-term care facilities for older generations have taken extra precautions to limit visitation, asking loved ones to refrain visiting during this time. If visitation is allowed, there may be certain restrictions, such as visiting for a specific length of time, or keeping visitation to the individual's room/otherwise designated visitation area. Visitors will also be immediately screened for symptoms upon entering the facility, and masks or accepted cloth face coverings will be required to enter. Frequent hand washing is also expected.

Within the facilities, staff

and personnel are also consistently being screened, and employees are urged to take use of sick leave in order to protect our vulnerable populations. Depending on which phase of COVID response the facility is in, communal and group activities may have also been temporarily suspended, until the spread of the disease and hot spots have subsided.

Within these facilities, caretakers should be providing options and assistance to help loved ones stay in contact using safe alternatives, such as video conferencing and phone calls (i.e. Skype, Facetime). In addition, it is not thought that Coronavirus can spread via mail. According to the CDC, "Coronaviruses are thought to spread most often by respiratory droplets. Although the virus can survive for a short period on some surfaces, it is unlikely to spread from domestic or international mail, products or pack-

aging." Loved ones are encouraged to write or send care packages, to remind their family members that they are loved and not alone.

The Illinois Department of Health echoed these guidelines, using social distancing and other preventative measures as the top form of protection and slowing of the disease.

During this time, speak with your healthcare providers and staff to keep up-to-date on precautions and preventative measures in place. Ask to be educated on the current thoughts about the virus, and communicate these to your

loved ones. Some facilities are still allowing outside visitation, as weather and other proper procedures are followed. As mentioned previously, scheduling and registration prior to visit will be necessary before visitation.

It is also essential to care for your mental health and well-being during this time of isolation. Stay informed, but take scheduled breaks to avoid being inundated with constant concerning information about the disease. Maintain connection via safe and approved forms. We will get through this by banding together, reminding

our families of our love and strength, and keeping hope for the future.

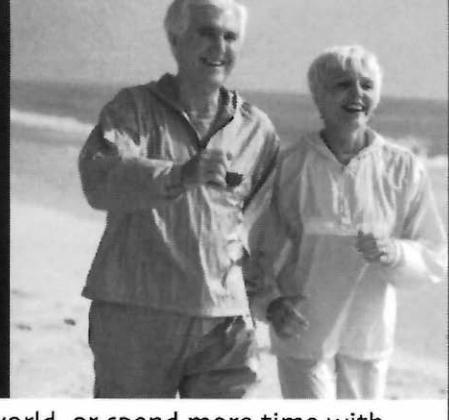
As some facilities may vary in acceptable forms of communication and visitation, family members are encouraged to call and speak with staff before visiting or sending letters/packages, to see what procedures are in place, and what preventative measures may have been relaxed or updated to reflect current conditions.

Sources used for article:  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)  
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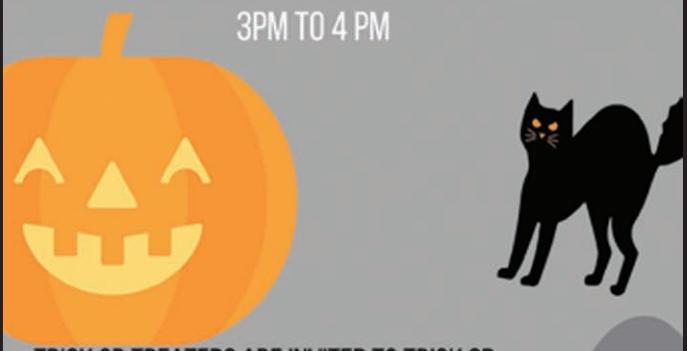
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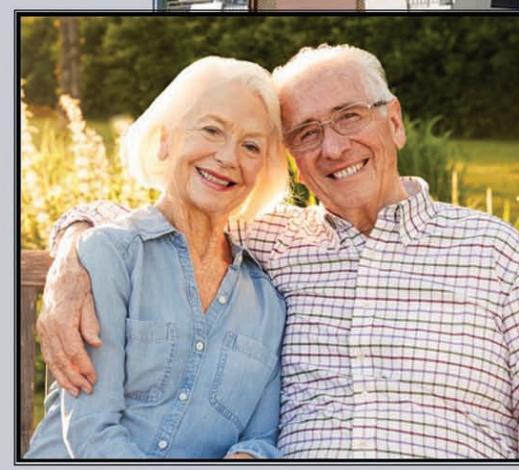
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City/Village	October 21	October 14
Dwight	\$2.14	\$2.15
Kankakee	\$2.06	\$2.06
Streator	\$1.81	\$1.95
Odell	\$2.19	\$2.19
Pontiac	\$2.13	\$2.06
Gardner	\$2.33	\$2.33
Braceville	\$2.29	\$2.29
Morris	\$2.06	\$2.06
Herscher	\$2.23	\$2.23
Chicago	\$2.75	\$2.75
Illinois	\$2.26	\$2.29
U.S.	\$2.18	\$2.19

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

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**AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH  
THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF  
SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL  
THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES  
OF THE KEMPTON COMMUNITY FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF  
FORD, LIVINGSTON AND IROQUOIS, ILLINOIS,  
FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2020  
AND ENDING MAY 31, 2021**

WHEREAS, there has been prepared, in tentative form, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Kempton Community Fire Protection District of the Counties of Ford, Livingston and Iroquois, Illinois, and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereupon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 12th day of October, 2020, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., at the Fire Station in Kempton, Illinois, notice of which was given at least 30 days prior thereto by posting and by publication in *The Paper*, a newspaper of general circulation in the district, and all other legal requirements have been complied with.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KEMPTON COMMUNI-  
TY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

**Section 1:** That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be, and the same is hereby, fixed and declared to be from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021, both inclusive.

**Section 2:** That the following Budget, containing an estimate of the money expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the Budget of said Kempton Community Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect after this date.

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

1. Balance at beginning of fiscal year.....	\$347,923.88
2. Portion of taxes levied in prior years, estimated to be received this fiscal year.....	120,000.00
3. Estimated amount to be received from collection on 2018 levy before end of fiscal year .....	0.00
4. Estimated receipts from all other miscellaneous sources .....	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$470,423.88</b>
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING CASH BALANCE &amp; ESTIMATED RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$470,423.88</b>
<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS .....</b>	<b>(\$60,000.00)</b>
<b>ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE AT END OF SUCH FISCAL YEAR .....</b>	<b>\$410,423.88</b>

**Section 3:** That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for the corporate purposes of said Kempton Community Fire Protection District, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021.

**1. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND**

a. Printing, postage and office supplies .....	\$500.00
b. Publication expense .....	1,000.00
c. Membership dues in Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts and Livingston County Mutual Aid .....	300.00
d. Convention expense .....	100.00
e. Court costs, annexation and detachment expense and miscellaneous legal expense .....	500.00
f. Telephone service .....	2,500.00
g. Audit and report .....	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND .....</b>	<b>\$6,400.00</b>

**2. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE EXPENSE FUND WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

a. Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance .....	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL INSURANCE EXPENSE FUND.....</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**3. FIRE STATION BUILDING FUND**

a. For building improvement and

(continued in next column)

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**League Results**

**Commercial League  
Bowlers**

**HSG: Men** — Bryce Mortensen, 271; Michael King, 247; Brian Scott, 233; Doug Gassman, 225; Terry Wilkey, 222; **Women** — Brandi Farcus, 210; Kathy Hanold, 177; Paula Watts, 164; Shelah Gaston, 159; Stacey Banks, 150. **HSS: Men** — Doug Gassman, 643; Michael King, 640; Brian Scott, 587; Bryce Mortensen, 579; Jeff Friedman, 563; **Women** — Brandi Farcus, 552; Paula Watts, 436; Shelah Gaston, 433; Jessica Boyd, 417; Kathy Hanold, 406. **HHG: Doug Haag**, 248; Brandi Farcus, 238. **HHS: Doug Haag**, 675; Jessica Boyd, 675. **HSG: Victory Lanes**, 949. **HSS: Victory Lanes**, 2673. **HHG: Coleman and Son**, 979. **HHS: Coleman and Son**, 2688.

**League Standings** **W L**

Whiskey Cavalier 23 5

Muck Fike 19 9

Victory Lanes 17 11

Pumpkin Patch 16 4

Willy's Pub 13 15

Pinkie's Out 13 15

Dairy Queen 10 18

Gaston Const. 9 19

Coleman/Son 7 21

Agritile 5 15

**Sportsman League Bowlers**

**HSG: Jeff Behning, Jr.**, 268;

Michael Hallam, 256; Bob Babczak, 257; Crazy Hallam, 254; Brandon Petry, 245. **HSS: Brandon Petry**, 700; Jeff Behn-

**Dwight Dawgs Victorious in Coal City Fall Ball Tourney**



The Dwight Dawgs went into the Coal City Fall Baseball Tournament October 17 as the #1-seed, and in dramatic fashion, came out as tourney ch-

ampions.

In game one, the Dawgs defeated the Coal City Chaos 15-

6.

Logan Pakula got the start and pitched two solid innings. Rylin Woodin got Dwight out of a jam in the third inning and closed the game out.

The Dawgs' bats were hot on a blustery day, with Dalton DeLong providing two hits, while Cason Johnson, Pakula, and Landon Mortensen each chipped in with a hit. Eli Jensen and Caleb Peters both had knocks to the outfield and were able to motor home for inside-the-park homers.

In the championship game, Dwight started cold against the Coal City Crusaders — the only team to defeat the Dawgs in the regular season.

Dwight trailed 6-0 entering the bottom of the fourth inning — but that's when they got down to business. Cason Johnson smacked an inside-the-park home run to knock in Ameryn

Wiles to get the scoring started. One batter later, Logan Pakula also flew around the bases for an inside-the-park homer.

In the fifth, the Dawgs shut down the Crusaders and went into the bottom, and final, half inning trailing by two.

Ryker Anderson led off the

inning with a pass to first base

after getting beaned, then Landon Mortensen knocked him in with a big double. With

Mortensen on third, and still down by one run, Caleb Peters worked a full count before ripping a line drive to center and cruising around the bags for a walk-off inside-the-park home run.

Dwight defeated the Crusaders, 7-6, to take the championship crown.

Coach Josh DeLong extended his and the team's thanks to Jerry McDowell for organizing the league, to Jen Jensen for keeping stats, and to the Dawg's bat boys — Kade Jensen and Dawson DeLong.

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

In the Matter of the Estate )  
of ) NO. 2020-P-95  
RICHARD L. VAUGHN, )  
Deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**RICHARD L. VAUGHN, DECEASED AND NOTICE TO  
RAYMOND A. VAUGHN, AND THE HEIRS AT LAW AND  
LEGATEES OF RAYMOND A. VAUGHN, AND ALL UN-  
KNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RICHARD L. VAUGHN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of RICHARD L. VAUGHN, who died on June 27, 2020, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of his death was 108 John Street, Apt. 2, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 14, 2020 to Elizabeth C. Elsey, 205 E. Seminole Street, Dwight, IL 60420, as Independent Administrator, and whose attorney is Irvin L. Masching, 105 E. Chippewa Street, Dwight, IL 60420. 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 e-filing a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, pursuant to instructions found on the Circuit Clerk's website. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or call the Livingston County Circuit Clerk's office at Pontiac, IL.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The first date of publication of this notice is October 21, 2020, and the last date to file a claim against the estate will be April 22, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before the above determined dates is barred.

Claims may also be filed with the Independent Administrator or the attorney for the estate, or both. If e-filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, the Claimant must, within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Administrator and the attorney for the estate, and e-file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

The address of the Livingston County Circuit Clerk is as follows:

Livingston County Circuit Clerk  
Livingston County Law & Justice Center  
110 N. Main Street  
Pontiac, IL 61764  
Ph#: 815-844-2602

Notice is further given to you, Raymond A. Vaughn, brother and heir at law of the decedent, Richard L. Vaughn, the death of Richard L. Vaughn, and the administration of the Estate of Richard L. Vaughn in the circuit within cause on or before April 22, 2021, in the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois, that any claim or interest you have in the Estate of Richard L. Vaughn as an heir at law or beneficiary of the Estate of Richard L. Vaughn, or otherwise, shall be forever barred. Raymond A. Vaughn, his heirs at law and/or legatees, or anyone claiming thereunder, must file an Entry of Appearance, Claim or other appropriate filing in the within cause by e-filing the same with the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois, as noted above. In addition, an Entry of Appearance, claim or other appropriate filing may also be delivered or mailed to the Independent Administrator and the attorney for the Independent Administrator as noted below, prior to the end of the claim period as set forth above, and any such Entry of Appearance, Claim or other appropriate filing must be e-filed with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk on or before April 22, 2021, and if not so filed, any such claim or interest shall be forever barred.

The address of the Independent Administrator is as follows:

Elizabeth C. Elsey  
205 E. Seminole Street  
Dwight, IL 60420

Attorney for the Independent Administrator:

Irvin L. Masching  
Attorney at Law  
105 East Chippewa Street  
P.O. Box 247  
Dwight, IL 60420-0247  
Ph#: 815-584-1700  
E-Mail: [imasching@maschinglaw.com](mailto:imasching@maschinglaw.com)

**Section 5:** That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriations made by this Ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance.

**Section 6:** That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**Section 7:** That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Kempton Community Fire Protection District is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance once within thirty (30) days of passage in *The Paper*, a newspaper of general circulation in both the District and in each of the counties included in the District.



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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX – REVENUE

##### SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

(a) The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

##### EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

##### ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires and this amendment will set things right for middle-class and working people. Currently, it is unfair that billionaires pay the same tax rate as regular people. Voting "yes" on the amendment means that the State will enact a new tax structure where only those making above \$250,000 a year will see their taxes go up. This amendment is simply upgrading Illinois' old tax system to a graduated system which is how the federal government and the majority of other states do it.

##### This Amendment Would Make Illinois' Tax System Fair.

Approval of this amendment would enact a fair system that allows the state to tax wealthy people at higher rates and lower income people at lower rates, replacing Illinois' current unfair tax system, in which wealthy people pay the exact same tax rate as lower and middle income people.

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires, and approval of this amendment will set things right for the middle class and working people.

This amendment will help small business owners by creating a stable economic environment for their businesses to thrive.

While others try to mislead you, under the current tax system in Illinois, policymakers already have the authority to set any tax rate and to change tax rates at their will. The current system forces policymakers to charge the same tax rate to everyone, regardless of how much money they make. If this amendment passes, the State will have the ability to tax higher income earners at a different rate. In fact, upon passage of this Amendment, a new tax structure will go into effect where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less, while only those making more than \$250,000 a year will see a tax increase.

This amendment does not tax retirement income.

##### The Federal Government and Most States Use the Graduated Tax System Proposed in this Amendment, Not the Unfair System Currently Used in Illinois.

Illinois is among a minority of states that do not utilize graduated tax rates because the Illinois Constitution requires a "flat tax" that penalizes middle-class and working people and benefits higher income individuals.

A majority of states and the federal government already use the kind of graduated income tax system proposed in this amendment to ensure that wealthy people pay their fair share of taxes.

Nearby states including Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin are among the majority of states that have graduated tax systems.

##### Illinois' Current Income Tax System Relies on Taxes from Middle and Lower Income Earners, While a Graduated System Would Lower that Burden and Fund Critical Programs such as Education and Human Services.

While some states have fair tax rates in which the highest income earners pay the highest tax rate, Illinois' "flat tax" rate continues to rely unfairly on taxes from middle and lower income earners.

Under Illinois' "flat tax" structure, a nurse making \$50,000 per year pays the same tax rate as an executive making \$4 million per year. A graduated tax rate would have the executive pay more.

Because of the way our current tax system is set up, the bottom fifth of Illinois taxpayers (those making below \$21,800) contribute 14.4% of their income to state and local taxes, compared to 7.4% for the top 1 percent of Illinois taxpayers.

If this Amendment passes, the State has already enacted a new graduated tax structure where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less.

Under the new tax structure, only the top 3% of Illinois income earners would pay more in income taxes. Everyone who makes \$250,000 or less a year would pay the same or less.

Over 95% of small businesses earn \$250,000 or less a year in profits, and their owners will not see a tax increase under the new tax structure.

This change will generate additional revenue each year that can help address Illinois' budget deficit and fund critical programs, including the State's education system, public safety, and social services like mental health and substance abuse treatment and domestic violence shelters.

##### After the COVID-19 Pandemic, We Need to Do All We Can to Help the Economy and Middle-Class and Working People.

Working people and essential workers like nurses, first responders, and grocery store clerks should not pay the same tax rate as the wealthy. Nurses making \$50,000 a year should not pay the same tax rate as an executive making \$4,000,000 a year.

Having wealthy people pay more would reduce the burden on working families. This is money that middle and lower income people need for housing, groceries, medicine, and essentials.

When the wealthiest people pay more, middle and lower income earners can pay less while the State funds critical services that our essential workers rely on.

##### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 1) The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.
- 2) Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.
- 3) In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.

The proposed amendment would give the Legislature unlimited new authority to increase income tax rates on any group of taxpayers at will, including low-income and middle-income families and small business owners. There would be no limit on the number of tax brackets that could be created and no limit on how high tax rates could be increased on individual taxpayers. In addition, this proposed change will pave the way for a tax on retirement income.

Nothing in the amendment requires the Legislature to do anything to control spending. Nor does it require funds to be spent on essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety. It would simply give the Legislature a blank check to spend billions of dollars however they want, with no accountability.

Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.

Illinois already has some of the highest property taxes and sales taxes in the nation. And the Legislature has increased Illinois income tax rates twice in the past decade to try to deal with the out-of-control spending in Springfield. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our state had a huge and growing multi-billion-dollar budget deficit, and the unfunded pension liability skyrocketed to over \$137 billion. That's because the Legislature has continued to increase state spending instead of eliminating government waste, corruption, and abuse.

Because they refuse to control spending or pass major reforms, the Legislature will just continue to raise taxes on everyone in Illinois, and middle-class families will be their next target.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused layoffs, unemployment, bankruptcies, and closures. As small businesses and local employers struggle to rebuild, this is the worst possible time to impose huge new tax increases. Even before the COVID-19 crisis, many residents and businesses were leaving the state because of the high tax burden. If the Amendment passes, it would be the last straw for thousands of small businesses, causing more jobs to leave the state, and making Illinois lose out on investments to rebuild our economy. This would mean fewer jobs and less opportunity for Illinois families.

##### FORM OF BALLOT

##### Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES	For the proposed amendment of Section 3 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.
NO	

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 and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email,

## World Polio Day ~ October 24

**World Polio Day** is celebrated on the 24th of October every year, and is a significant annually-celebrated event to develop increased awareness about Polio and also take structural measures towards eradication of this disease.

Rotary Club's number one humanitarian service goal is to totally eradicate polio from the world. Rotary steps up to the world's biggest challenges. The eradication of polio is one of Rotary's longest standing and most significant humanitarian goals. We are to the point that we have gone from hundreds of thousands of cases of wild polio virus each year to only 176 cases worldwide in 2019. This month, Africa was declared Polio Free – leaving only Afghanistan and Pakistan with confirmed cases.

Rotarians have served as community-based mobilizers for polio eradication; motivating international groups, governments, and private organizations to join the global

effort to rid the world of polio. Rotary works with partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), including the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the governments of the world to achieve this historic public health goal.

As part of the efforts, Rotarians contribute their time and money to the cause, raising funds, advocating for government support, serving as volunteers to help immunize children, and raising awareness in their communities. Rotary's contribution to the global polio eradication effort now exceeds \$2.1 billion, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers have supported National Immunization Days. Since 1988, more than 2 billion children have received oral polio vaccines, and they've

achieved a 99.9% reduction in polio cases. It may be considered the greatest humanitarian service the world has ever seen, and every Rotarian can take pride in the achievement.

President McCoy of the Dwight Rotary Club reports that in October, the Dwight Rotary Club and nearby clubs assisted their Rotary District in raising more than \$5,000 for World Polio Day.

Anyone in the community wishing to donate to "End Polio Now" may do so by making a check payable to: The Rotary Foundation and mailing it to Dale Adams, Rotary Treasurer, 200 Susan Drive, Dwight, IL 60420.

Anyone interested in joining Dwight Rotary may contact Pastor Victor "Randy" Randle, membership chairperson, at 815-584-3430 or yrandlejr64@gmail.com. Dwight Rotary meets every week at noon at the Dwight Country Club and is open to the public.



## Limestone Library Invites You to Join Them

Life in the pandemic world is frustrating. They get it at Limestone Township Library District.

We can't hang out in the places we used to. We are trying to remember to wear our masks and wash our hands – with soap or hand sanitizer – on a regular basis.

While you may not be able to hang out at the library just to read or study, you can still do most normal library activities. Such as, you say?

Such as talking to staff to find books and put them on your hold list in case they do not have the item in their collection. Delivery from other libraries is still happening and the speed of delivery is similar to pre-quarantine times.

Another thing you can still

do?

Find movies for Movie Night at your house. Maybe you don't want to pay for multiple streaming services nor do you want to buy movies. The library has a large selection to choose from. And if you can't find the movie or TV show you're looking for, it is possible to order it from another library.

Granted, All-Ages day is on Tuesdays and Saturdays, so it might take a little bit of pre-planning for families. But there is something about going through a shelf of movies to see if there is one that sparks interest.

Finally, it is still possible to use the public access computers at the library. Their computers are socially distanced and there is a time limit of two (2)

30-minute sessions per day per patron. But if you need to print something, their computers are available to hop on and print those items out. Copy prices remain \$.20 per black and white, per page, while color copies are \$.50 per page.

Make sure to take your library card with you so you can check out a book. If you don't have a library card, it is possible to sign up for a card and check out a book on the same day. Ask the staff for more information.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message them at Facebook or Instagram. Their website, limestonelibrary.org, has more information.

## Grundy County Teen Entrepreneurs Invited to Join the GEEK Club

Grundy County teens with an entrepreneurial spirit are invited to join the new GEEK Club - (Grundy Enterprise for Entrepreneurial Kids).

This project is a collaboration with Community Foundation of Grundy County and the public libraries serving Grundy County: Morris, Coal City, Three Rivers, and Fossil Ridge.

Teens in grades nine through 12 are invited to join and become equipped with the

skills and education to start their own companies. Those wanting to join should complete an application survey at surveymonkey.com/r/3K8BP86.

In reply, they will receive an e-invitation link to the Zoom meeting.

Those who apply before Thursday, October 22, will be invited to the first virtual informational meeting, which will be October 22, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The plan is to have the GEEKs meet via Zoom twice a month. At each meeting, they will have a speaker relating to entrepreneurship, plus whatever ideas the GEEKS decide they'd like.

All GEEK meetings will be supervised by admins from CFGC and the teen librarians.

If you have any questions, contact CFGC or the teen librarian at your local public library.

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The Christmas for Kids program in Dwight needs volunteers to shop for the children using their "Wish Lists" and funds from the Christmas for Kids Committee.

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may go to Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia St., between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, November 12, to pick up a list.

Gifts purchased will need to be wrapped and properly la-

beled when dropped off at the church Thursday, December 10 between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact the Christmas for Kids Committee at 815-584-2179.

## Free Flu Shot Clinic for Adults at Livingston Family Care Center Oct. 21

Free influenza (flu) shots will be available for Livingston County adults at the Livingston Family Care Center (305 W. Madison St., Pontiac) Wednesday, October 21, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

This clinic is open to the public – you are not required to be a patient of the Livingston Family Care Center in order to attend. No appointment or insurance is necessary. Individuals will stay in their vehicles throughout their visit and masks must be worn when interacting with staff. Insurance will be billed, if available.

The event is sponsored by the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD).

The Livingston Family Care Center is the county's free medical clinic for those eligible residents, age 18-64, who are

uninsured. Services provided include appointments with volunteer medical providers, opportunities for medications and health screenings at reduced cost, and donated medical equipment for distribution. Eligibility is based on WIC income guidelines. To learn more about the Livingston Family Care Center, call 815-842-1441.

Drive-up flu vaccinations are also available at the LCHD (310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Call 815-844-7174, ext. 210, upon arrival and a LCHD nurse will meet you at your vehicle to administer the flu vaccination.

The CDC recommends everyone six months of age and

older get the flu vaccine. People at highest risk of serious flu-related complications include: young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or heart, lung, and kidney disease, people with weakened immune systems, and people 65 years and older. People at high risk for serious flu-related complications should make getting vaccinated a priority. Vaccination is also important for anyone who has close contact with a person at high risk for complications, or a child younger than six months of age.

For more information about the seasonal flu vaccine, visit the LCHD website and Facebook page or call 815-844-7174.

## IDPH Halloween Festivities Guidance

### Three W's Still Apply

As we head into the holiday season, starting with Halloween, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing guidance to help people celebrate safely as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines include following the 3 W's – Wash your hands. Watch your distance. Wear your mask.

If you think you could have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, do not participate in any in-person Halloween activities.

#### Trick-or-Treating

- Anyone participating in trick-or-treating, including those passing out candy, should maintain six-feet of social distance and wear proper face coverings.
- Consider leaving individually wrapped candy (spaced apart) on a table in driveways or in front of walkways, sidewalks, or any outdoor space where six-feet of distance can be maintained.
- A Halloween costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask. Ensure that breathing is not impaired if a cloth mask is worn under a costume mask. If so, discard the costume mask.
- Trick-or-Treat in groups with

household members only.

- Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be eaten until after handwashing.

An alternative to traditional trick-or-treating is to set up in a large parking lot or other outdoor setting with tables with individually wrapped candy (spaced apart) where participants with a parent/guardian can parade past while still keeping six-feet of distance and wearing a face covering. It's suggested to offer reserved time slots to limit everyone showing up at once.

#### Haunted Houses

- Halloween haunted houses currently are not allowed in Restore Illinois Phase 4 Guidelines.

- Consider open-air, one-way haunted forests or haunted walks where six-feet of distance can be maintained and face coverings are used.

#### Adult costume parties, social gatherings, Halloween parties at bars

- Gatherings of more than 50 people of 50% or more of a building's maximum occupancy are prohibited. (Lower limits may apply for regions in additional mitigation.)

- The more time you spend at a

gathering, the closer the contact, the more people, the higher your risk of exposure to COVID-19.

- Follow small social gathering safety tips from IDPH.

#### Pumpkin patches and orchards

- Cloth face coverings and social distancing should be enforced.

- Use hand sanitizer before handling pumpkins, apples, and other produce.

#### Hayrides

- Hayrides should not exceed 50% capacity with parties spaced at least six feet apart.
- Wear face coverings at all times when around people not from your household.

After participating in any of the above activities, if you think that you may have been exposed during your celebration, take extra precautions for 14 days after the event to help protect others. You should:

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Dates	Location	Hours
<b>MONDAY-FRIDAY</b> 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.
<b>SATURDAY</b> 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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> October 21, 28 (Extended Hours Voting)	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b> 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.

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**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).**

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	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
Cash on hand May 1, 2019	\$7,500	\$2,091	\$9,591
Receipts:			
Property Taxes	\$56,010	\$30,953	\$86,963
Interest Income	\$20	\$20	\$40
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Grant Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
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## October 14 BOE Actions

## Dwight Common School Continues to Address Challenges

by Madelyn Fogarty  
madelyn.fogarty@yahoo.com

Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education met via a virtual Zoom meeting on October 14 following the news of confirmed COVID cases which has shut down Dwight Public Schools to in-person learning for two weeks beginning October 13.

The building closure came following a successful first quarter where staff and students followed protocols in place that kept students in school.

"We feel very fortunate to have had a successful First Quarter and plan for continued success," stated Principal Julie Schultz in her report to the board. "Our social distancing protocols and procedures have been paramount to keeping us in session. Teachers have worked tirelessly to implement instruction for both in-person and remote students. Ultimately, we are looking forward to when all students can be back in session full-time."

According to Mrs. Schultz's report, when staff and students do return after the two weeks of all remote learning, the 2nd quarter will look somewhat similar to the First quarter with

89 percent of its students keeping their first quarter format. During the 2nd quarter, 85 percent of DCS students will be hybrid learners (A/B Days); 14 percent will be full remote; and one percent have chosen to homeschooled. However, with some additional students moving from remote to hybrid, some adjustments have had to be made to accommodate larger class sizes and social distancing. In addition, Music classes are being held in both the Music/Choir Room and the Cafeteria in order to maximize social distancing space and create space for singing. PE will be held outside as often as weather permits.

With DCS staff working hard to meet the challenges of the school year, Board President Bo Partney expressed appreciation.

"A big 'Thank you' to the staff for getting the year started the way you have," said Partney. "You are very much appreciated."

However, worries were also shared as parent Steven Snyder expressed "serious concerns" with regard to the mental health of students during this unprecedented time. During Public Comment, Snyder called out concerns with lack of social in-

teractions and foundation skills not being met, saying that the current learning environment situation is "not hitting all the nails on the head" and asked for a revisit to a five day per week classroom learning setting.

Partney addressed the concern indicating a safe, fulltime return to the classroom is everyone's goal, but CDC and Public Health guidelines must be adhered to and, right now, numbers, spacing and social distancing strategies dictate the current school structure.

Moving to other business, in Financials, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the Dwight Common School District \$45,592.95 in mandated financial reimbursements.

In reports to the board, Dr. Jancek noted repairs that have taken place following damage to the school building on August 10 as a powerful storm swept through the area. Repairs to the main office area are being finalized and office personnel will be moving back to that area, thereby, allowing the library to also return to normal operation.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the DEA and

BOE with regard to 2020-2021 teacher evaluations was approved. The agreement allows the focus of formal evaluations, for this year, to be on non-tenured teachers only. Informal feedback will be provided to tenured teachers. The one year change in the evaluation process is to help lessen the current burden on administration while still providing guidance to newer teachers with the most need.

The BOE also:

- affirmed Tanner Regez, Substitute Teacher and Long Term Assignment (for Jared Steck FMLA)
- affirmed employment Don Muzyka, second shift custodian.

• approved ISAB Press Plus Board Policy updates

- affirmed the EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefits Report for FY 2020 as presented.

All board members were present for the October session. The next regular meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m., Wednesday, November 11. Please check for location prior to the meeting. Meetings are open to the public.

## September Video Gaming

By Tom Tock

Video gambling in Illinois took place at 7,272 locations during September, 30 more than in August. There were 416 more video gaming terminals in use for a total of 36,828.

Dwight and Gardner results by location are below.

SEPT.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Anne's	\$21,291	17,356	3,934	1,140	196
Red's	974	582	391	113	19
JT's Saloon	27,788	19,207	8,580	2,488	429
Lila Mae's	72,655	53,086	19,568	5,674	978
Love's	136,030	99,452	36,577	10,607	1,828
Mac's	103,673	71,606	32,066	9,299	1,603
Mead	784	48	735	213	36
VFW	83,735	61,758	21,976	6,373	1,098
Vic. Lanes	18,400	13,127	5,272	1,529	263
Virbapa	12,396	8,556	3,841	1,114	192
Willy's	98,683	74,528	24,154	7,004	1,207
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$576,411</b>	<b>419,310</b>	<b>157,100</b>	<b>45,559</b>	<b>7,855</b>

## Gardner's September VGTs

SEPT.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Gardner
Buddies (3)	630	241	388	112	19
Marks (5)	28,975	20,197	8,777	2,545	438
TA Op. (5)	21,073	12,279	8,793	2,550	439
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$50,678</b>	<b>32,718</b>	<b>17,959</b>	<b>5,208</b>	<b>897</b>

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