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DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL #232 HONORS VETERANS in a most extraordinary way. The annual Veterans Day display of flags on the front lawn at Dwight Common School is a heartfelt effort that was started five years ago by DCS Fourth Grade Teacher, Samantha Beier, following the loss of her brother, Lance Corporal Nicholas Morrison, who was killed in Iraq in 2004. Mrs. Beier and her family donated flags the first year to honor him and all the veterans of the community. Each year since, faculty, staff and students submit names of family members and friends they would like to honor with a flag in their name. This year 402 names were received with flags displayed for each. Normally, the students assist with labeling and putting the flags outside but, due to COVID this year, that just wasn't possible. But, the students certainly take part in the honor every time they see the breathtaking display. "This is one of my favorite activities at the school," Mrs. Beier told *The Paper*. "It takes a lot of work, and would not be possible without the help of staff members at the school. It is such a humbling and awesome sight to see every year."



Veterans Tell Their Stories

Tales of Heroism, Service, and Memories of the Time

By Bridget DeWaard

Veterans Day, known since 1954 as a day to honor American Veterans of all wars, is a time spent in observance and memoriam of those who lost their lives, as well as caring for survivors, and those still serving.

Older veterans, living now in assisted living or other senior care facilities, lived during wars that have defined this country's history, making tough and honorable decisions to protect this nation, and its people. Thanking them every day for the freedoms they fought so valiantly to protect, and listening to their stories, is a way to remember, respect, and honor those difficult life choices they made, in an effort to ensure the preservation of future generations.

Evanglow Lodge, Pontiac
Eldon Flessner -

Flessner served in the Army during the Korean war, from July 1952 to June 1954, after he was drafted.

When asked what motivated him to serve, beyond the obligation of being drafted, he said, "I felt it was just my duty to serve."

During his service, Eldon would complete eight weeks of infantry training and an additional eight weeks of artillery training.

After basic training, he got married, and moved to Washington, D.C. He began working on the 5-10 clock, as he was a skilled typer, in the 75th AAA unit, Battalion Hq. A battalion designates a combat unit of 500 to 800 soldiers.

Of his move to Washington, DC, he recalled completing the entire drive, with his wife and baby, in one day, saying, "We packed up all of our belongings in our 1941 Ford Coupe, and drove from 3:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. that night, all 850 miles."

Pay was low at the time of his service, Flessner recalled. "It was just \$90 a month, for a single guy. \$130 a month for a married guy."

Around the end of his service, Eldon was chosen to partic-

ipate in Gen. Mark Clark's retirement ceremony, remembering proudly, "Because I was tall, they wanted me to carry the American Flag in the parade."

General Mark Clark was a United States Army Officer, serving during multiple wars, which included the Korean War. During WWII, he was the youngest four star general in the United States Army. After retirement, he would go on to accept the position of President of The Citadel, a military college in Charleston, South Carolina.

Harold Verdun -

Verdun served in the Army, L. Co. 504, 82nd Airborne, during the Korean War, from January 1953 to January 1955, after he was drafted.

His training was strenuous, and remembered during his service that, "There was very little time [for much else], just mainly trying to stay alive."

After completing his service, he had some difficulty readapting to regular life, saying "It took me three years to become re-civilized."

He did suggest all those considering service think carefully and seriously about their decision, as it is an important one. Verdun also said the best thing we can all do as civilians is continue to give those who are serving or have served, our unwavering respect.

Heritage Health, Dwight
Ray Kruk -

Kruk served from 1957 to 1959, active honorable discharge May 1959, inactive 1959 to 1961, and on standby 1961 to 1963. Serving as an Army PFC, he volunteered during the draft.

Speaking of his decision to serve, Ray remembered, "At that time, if you didn't serve, no one would hire you." As part of his service, Kruk was sent overseas, to Germany.

During that time, he remembered finding comfort in just moving forward, and, as he said, "Did my job." He would later return home and begin working, following his service.

William (Bill) Henry -

Henry served as a pilot, from May 1942 to January 1947, as a 1st Lieutenant, during WWII.

Henry enlisted, saying, "I knew I was going to be drafted, and wanted to go where I chose." He began his training as a pilot in January 1943. "I got my wings in six months, and by a year I had my own plane and crew," Henry said.

During his service, William remembered having to be quick on his feet, especially while operating a plane. "At one time while flying I lost both engines while flying over the Atlantic. It was the quietest fly time I ever heard," he said. "I did not close off the valve and lost fuel, but I was able to rectify my mistake and both propellers began to move again," managing to keep himself and the plane, thankfully, in the sky.

He also recalled an especially frightening situation, where he managed to remain calm, helping a fellow pilot under duress. "Once, we were in the biggest air fight close to the end of the war. We were flying paratroopers over to Holland and I was copilot for that flight," Henry said. "The pilot was not handling it well, so I took over the flight. We flew the plane close to the tree tops because all the planes were getting shot at. Those Germans were excellent shots."

He went on to say, "We were flying about 700 feet when the paratroopers jumped. This was so they were not sitting targets in the air. Our tail was shot twice, but we man-

aged to fly out of there."

After he came home, William returned to school and finished college, saying of his experience, "You just did what you had to do."

Henry felt strongly about his time in the service, and felt it wasn't a choice that should be made lightly. He expected to be drafted and enlisted.

Louise Davis -

Davis served from November 1942 to the end of WWII, in the Navy Nurse Corps, a two stripe Lieutenant.

"I had been a nurse for five years before I enlisted," Louise remembered, also saying, "I was in San Diego for 11 months before going to Pearl Harbor."

A particularly specific moment of her service stands out in her mind, saying, "I was walking to the hospital and in the harbor were five to six ships coming in from battle to be repaired. I recall the badly wounded that we were taking care of."

While treating the injured, she often reassured herself by saying, "This is God's plan for me. I will live it to the best of my ability."

After returning home, she met her husband in August and then was married in February. In reference to the service, she felt that the differences were too vast to comfortably give advice for those considering making such a decision during this time. But did wish to pass on a bit of wisdom for all, saying, "Live life to the fullest, and pursue an education."

Operation Home Front

Over 90 percent of donations and funds received go toward programs and services provided for service members and their families. This includes helping raise money for financial assistance, resources for housing, fundraisers for family related needs, (i.e. school supplies for children), and more. There are also links for those wishing to

donate and help Veterans in other ways, like volunteering.

"Our programs support military families so they can thrive, not simply struggle to get by, in the communities they have worked so hard to protect."

Visit their website for more information and access to resources: operationhomefront.org



Collecting Items for Military Christmas Packages

Because of COVID-19 and the cancellation of the Dwight Christmas Parade, Operation S.O.S. (Support Our Soldiers) has come up with new ideas for collection of items to be put in the military Christmas packages – as they do not want to forget about our servicemen and women at Christmas.

Operation S.O.S. will be collecting items in a collection box in the lobby at Dwight Banking Center – Peoples National Bank of Kewanee. Sug-

gested items are: candy, gum, candy canes, Slim Jims, beef jerky, small packages of nuts and snacks, power bars, granola bars, hot chocolate and drink mix packets, and cash is always welcome.

The Dwight Rotary Club is donating also, and has boxes at Midland States Bank and New Life Assembly of God Church.

Items will be collected at all three locations through December 4.

Shoppers Needed for Dwight Christmas for Kids

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.

To become a shopper, you 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.

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

Hudson Beier Earns DAR Good Citizen Award

Dwight Township High School senior Hudson Beier was selected as the DAR Good Citizen Award winner for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The male or female student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism to an outstanding degree.

Hudson was selected by the DTHS faculty for this distinction. He will have the opportunity to enter into the scholarship contest, where he



Hudson Beier

could potentially receive anywhere from \$250 to \$5,000 to use toward his post-secondary educational plans.

Hudson is the son of Gary Beier and Shawn Beier.

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

October 30: Payton A. Meli, 19, Bourbonnais, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Jakobi T. Odeneal, 22, Kankakee, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Nicholas C. Page, 24, Peoria, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

October 31: Miguel C. Medina, 36, Harwood Heights, operate uninsured motor vehicle, driving/no license/ permit/age, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

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

Dwight Police Blotter

October 30: 1:15 p.m., Dwight Police assisted Livingston Cty. Sheriff in a traffic stop.

November 2: 4:13 p.m., Dwight Police arrested James K. Sassenger, 26, of Dwight, for an In-State Warrant. He posted bond and was given a new court date.

November 4: 10:40 a.m., Dwight Police were advised by two businesses they had received counterfeit money.

Accident Report

Friday, October 30, 10:07 a.m., an accident was reported

in the 600 block of W. Mazon Ave. involving a Ford F-150, driven by Tim Dippon, which struck the rear of a Ford-250, driven by Brian Jones, which was stopped in traffic attempting to turn into a business.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

October 29: Dewitt, fire, mutual aid to Coal City.

October 30: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Susan, medical, Morris; Watters Dr., fire; S. Prairie, fire.

October 31: W. Main, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, Morris; Renfrew St., medical, Morris.

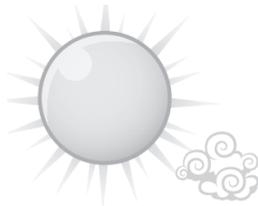
November 1: Spencer, medical, cancelled - no pt. found.

November 2: Mazon, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; E. Mazon, fire.

November 3: E. Mazon, medical, Morris; John St., medical, Pontiac; Waupansie, trauma, refusal.

November 4: Verona, trauma, refusal.

November 5: Main, medical, Morris.



Temps - 2020

Oct. 29 - high 48°, low 27°
 Oct. 30 - high 45°, low 27°
 Oct. 31 - high 60°, low 29°
 Nov. 1 - high 41°, low 21°
 Nov. 2 - high 50°, low 22°
 Nov. 3 - high 69°, low 39°
 Nov. 4 - high 74°, low 48°
One Year Ago - Nov. 11, 2019
 high 48°, low 27°

Free Food to Be Distributed November 18

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, November 18, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday, while Love Boxes distributes food in December.

Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington Nov. 16

On Monday, November 16, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine).

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

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

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

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THIS OLD HORSE-DRAWN HEARSE was a real attraction of the Dwight VFW back in 1953 and for years thereafter. Members of the club purchased and remodeled it for parades, powering it with a gas motor. They received a first place award for the hearse in the national VFW convention parade in New York City in 1954. It was also shown in the Dwight Centennial parade that year. In the picture are, left to right: Chuck Crandall, Dick Wiemken, Ken Moore, and Don Meier; second row, Don Tock, Loda Meier, Ralph Weber. Top row, Levern Seeman and son, and Earl Ely.

Livingston County Contact Tracers Working Hard to Keep Up

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, Livingston County's contact tracing team is working diligently seven days a week to keep up with investigations.

Since COVID-19 contact tracing began in March, nearly 74,000 hours have been dedicated to contact tracing at the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD). This is in addition to the 30+ health and wellness programs operated annually by the LCHD.

Contact tracers are working as quickly as possible to complete investigations; however, due to lags in the State's reporting systems, high volumes of contacts, and a lack of response from individuals after attempts to communicate, there are de-

lays in completing investigations. While individuals who are tested for COVID-19 may receive their results from their provider quickly, contact tracers may not be able to reach out to them in as timely a manner as they must wait for test results to be reported by the State.

There are actions the public can take to help contact tracers complete investigations as quickly as possible:

First, answer the call and/or respond to messages left by contact tracers. If a contact tracer leaves you a message with a request for a call back, do so as quickly as possible. Most contact tracers are using cell phones, so the caller ID may not reflect the LCHD. Be

aware of scammers, though. Remember, contact tracers will never ask you for financial information.

Second, be honest when answering contact tracers' questions. Acquiring honest information is essential for contact tracing to be effective.

Third, limit your social gatherings and practice social distancing. Reducing close contact with others is key to combating the spread of COVID-19.

Lastly, be patient and follow the quarantine/isolation directions given. Individuals that are unwilling or unable to follow the quarantine/isolation directions risk spreading COVID-19 to others.

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Democrats retain majorities in both chambers

Tuesday's election once again produced Democrat majorities in both the Illinois House and Senate. Democrats have been the majority party in the House since 1997 and the Senate since 2003. With some races still left to be settled, Democrats have won more than enough seats to claim the majority. These results will give the Democrats at least two more years of total control of state government, which they have held for 14 of the last 18 years.

One change which is on the horizon in state government concerns the Supreme Court. Justice Thomas Kilbride failed to get the required retention vote for another ten-year term on the Court. A new Justice will be chosen to replace him. I am honored to have been chosen as your representative in Springfield for another two years and am grateful for the opportunity to serve our region in the General Assembly.

Graduated income tax amendment falls short. The proposed Constitutional amendment to switch Illinois from a flat-rate income tax to a graduated tax failed on Tuesday. The effort would have changed the Illinois Constitution to allow legislators to set

different tax rates for different groups of people, raising and lowering taxes or adjusting tax brackets as they saw fit.

I hope that the failure of this amendment will convince political leaders in Springfield that the people of Illinois do not want tax increases, they want fiscal responsibility and a real effort to balance the state budget.

Entire state now placed under enhanced coronavirus restrictions. This week the final region of the state which had not been forced to take a step backward due to spread of the coronavirus was placed in 'enhanced mitigation' status. Region 2, which includes Livingston and Woodford counties in our district, saw these additional restrictions go into effect on Wednesday morning, November 4. A region is moved into enhanced mitigation when its 7-day rolling average test positivity rate surpasses 8% and remains there for three consecutive days.

With this move, the entire state of Illinois is now under some kind of enhanced mitigation. Ford, Iroquois and Vermilion counties were placed in enhanced mitigation last weekend. Bars and restaurants will be

prohibited from indoor service until the case numbers go back down and the restrictions are lifted. These restrictions place enormous strains on our local restaurants and many of them are pleading with the Governor to reconsider.

I understand the need to take steps to slow the spread of the virus, which has been on the increase in all parts of the state for the last several weeks. However, I continue to take issue with the unilateral imposition of these orders by the Governor with no input from local leaders or the elected legislature.

I have reached out to the Governor's office to request data and information used in making this determination, and to ask why bars and restaurants were specifically singled out when they may not necessarily be the leading sources of infections. I have asked the Governor's office to better explain their thought process in taking this action. I share the many valid concerns which our local business owners have about what is happening and why.

As I have said since last spring, this needs to be a cooperative effort through the legislative process, not government - by - executive order. Most other states have re-convened their legislatures at some point in the last eight months to engage policymakers in their state's response. Illinois has failed to do so, except for a rushed, four-day session almost six months ago. The legislature needs to be part of the solution, as do local health officials.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$8,333,545,170 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$6.5 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as our unfunded pension liability which is subject to a wide range of factors and has been estimated to be more than \$137 billion.

Secretary of State Offices Closed for Veterans Day

Illinois Secretary of State offices and Driver Services facilities will be closed **Wednesday, November 11**, in observance of Veterans Day.

All offices and Driver Services facilities will be open for business **Thursday, November 12**.

As a reminder, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has extended all expiration dates to

February 1, 2021, for driver's licenses/ID cards, so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities.

White encourages people to conduct business online at cyberdriveillinois.com for services such as renewing license plate stickers, obtaining replacement driver's licenses/ID cards, and renewing as a safe driver.

Accident in Brookfield Twp. Involving Dwight Woman

On Sunday, November 8, at 7:04 p.m., LaSalle County Deputies handled a single-vehicle accident on E. 27th Rd., near N. 21st Rd., in Brookfield Township.

Debra L. Dickson, 64, of Dwight, was traveling northbound on E. 27th Rd., approaching the intersection with N. 21st Rd., when she failed to stop. Dickson started to turn westbound onto N. 21st Rd. - running off the roadway into the north side ditch.

Dickson was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and released with a promise-to-comply.

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You've no doubt heard reports of personal data being stolen and used for financial fraud - anything from online shopping on your credit cards to actual theft from your financial accounts. This problem won't go away anytime soon - but you can take steps to defend yourself.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts.** Many of your online accounts offer extra security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.
- **Be creative with passwords.** Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email - and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases - actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, "ThisIsAPassphrase!2468"), for sites that allow them.
- **Protect your computer and your key data.** Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.
- **Watch out for fake websites or apps.** When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution - and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps - stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.
- **Avoid "over-sharing" on social media.** Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.
- **Limit use of public Wi-Fi.** Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished.
- **Don't take the bait of "phishers."** Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information - usernames, passwords and account numbers - by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized transaction" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website.

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cyber-criminals.

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Genevieve Berger

Genevieve Berger to Turn 100 on Thanksgiving

Genevieve (Motzig) Berger will turn 100 on Thanksgiving day – November 26.

She was born to Lawrence and Matilda Motzig on November 26, 1920. She was a long-time resident of rural Buckingham, until moving to Herscher several years ago.

Genevieve married Eldon Berger July 27, 1941, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher. They had two sons, Wayne Berger (Kathy), Buckingham, and Keith Berger (Penny), Herscher, and one daughter, Bonnie Matherly, Buckingham. She has two step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren. Her husband and son-in-law, Ed Matherly, are deceased.

She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no gathering at this time. Join in honoring her with a card shower, addressed to: Mrs. Gen Berger, Harvest View Senior Living, 100 Harvest View Lane, Herscher, IL 60941.

Area KCC Students Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa

Thirty-five Kankakee Community College students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society from April to October, 2020 – including Peyton Richie, Buckingham, and Hallie Sippel, Cabery.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international academic honor society for community college students.

KCC holds induction ceremonies for new Phi Theta Kappa members each fall and spring semester. This fall's event was Oct. 30.

To be eligible for membership, students must have a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.

For more information on the Alpha Delta Eta chapter at KCC, contact a chapter advisor: Jaclyn Cruz – jcruz@kcc.edu or Frances Hebert – fhebert@kcc.edu.

Gerald Morstatter Celebrates 35 Years at LSC

Gerald Morstatter celebrated 35 years of service at LSC Communication on November 4.

Jerry began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on November 4, 1984, as a Seasonal Material Handler in the Pressroom, and was promoted to Full Time in February of 1986. He was promoted to Press Helper in July of 1989.

In July of 1995, Jerry became an apprentice Rolltender, graduating as Journeyman in July of 1997. He was promoted to his current position of Assistant Press Operator in May of 2004.

Jerry and his wife, Gale, reside in Streator. They have two children, Abigale and Hannah, and two grandchildren.



Herscher Historical Society is In the Holiday Spirit

Herscher Area Historical Society is ready for its second annual Christmas Treasures and Décor Sale, to be held Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday decorations and gifts have been creatively repurposed by talented members of the community for the benefit of ongoing expenses of the museums.

In addition to the countless items for sale at reasonable prices, this is an ideal time to visit the Anderson House, 161

W. Myrtle Street in Herscher. This house was built by the first mayor of Herscher and has been redecorated and furnished with a collection of artifacts representing the early 1900s. Both the house, decorated for holidays, and the Annex, with displays of farming memorabilia, tools, and things one would have found outside or in the cellar years ago, will be open for tours the same hours as the sale.

It is asked that you enter by the southwest door. Social distancing and masks are required.

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Blood Royal by Alexander Dumas; Bloody Sunday by Ben Coes; Chance of a Lifetime by Jude Deveraux; Don't Look for Me by Wendy Walker; Hanging Falls by Margaret Mizushima; Invisible Girl by Lisa Jewell; The Killings at Kingfisher Hill by Sophie Hannah; The Midnight Library by Matt Haig; The Neil Gaiman Reader by Neil Gaiman; Point of Danger by Irene Hannon; The Sentinel by Lee Child; Silent Bite by David Rosenfelt; Three Perfect Liars by Heidi Parks; Three Women Disappear by James Patterson; Tools of Engagement by Tessa Bailey; Truly, Madly, Deeply by Karen Kingsbury; The Twelfth Card by Jeffery Deaver; The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop by Fannie Flagg; You Betrayed Me by Lisa Jackson.

DVD

The 2nd; All the President's Men; A Christmas Love Story; Cobra: Season One; The Collini Case; The Decades that Built America; The Great: Season One; The History of the Old West; John Lewis: Good Trouble; Knives Out; Masterpiece: Van der Valk; Paris: The Great Saga; Penny Dreadful: City of Angels, Season 1; Pizza: A Love Story; Science Kids: Honey Bees; Scooby-Doo! Monster Movies Collection; The Secret Garden; Secrets of Britain's Great Cathedrals; Sometimes Always Never; Star Trek: Picard, Season One; Tea with the Dames; Tommaso; Vikings: Season 6, Volume 1.

Large Print

Mimi Lee Gets a Clue by

Jenniger J. Chow; The Misadventures of Nero Wolfe by Josh Pachter; Twisted by Jeffery Deaver.

Young Adult

The Tower of Nero by Rick Riordan.

Adult Nonfiction

Apollo's Arrow by Nicholas A. Christakis; Bird Tales by Brian "Fox" Ellis; Bread Therapy by Pauline Beaumont; The Call Me Ishmael Phone Book by Stephanie Kent; Expect a Miracle by Danielle Steel; Fox Tales by Brian "Fox" Ellis; The Fragile Earth by David Remnick; General 'Black Jack' Logan by Brian "Fox" Ellis; The Lazy Genius Way by Kendra Adachi; Lincoln the Lawyer by Brian "Fox" Ellis; Rage by Bob Woodward; A River of Stories by Brian "Fox" Ellis; Tall Tree Tales by Brian "Fox" Ellis.

Easy/Juvenile

Animals A-Z by Louisa Cornford; The Blue Table by Chris Raschka; Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End by Jeff Kinney; Find Fergus by Mike Boldt; How Do Dinosaurs Show Good Manners? by Jane Yolen; I Am Anne Frank by Brad Meltzer; I Am Benjamin Franklin by Brad Meltzer; I Survived: The California Wildfires, 2018 by Lauren Tarshis; Immigrant Architect by Berta de Miguel; Itzhak by Tracy Newman; Jungle Colors by Nancy Parent; Knot Cannot by Tiffany Stone; Nursery Rhymes by Louise Shrigley; Turtle Walk by Matt Phelan; The Witches: The Graphic Novel by Roald Dahl.



THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS at St. Paul School invites you to the Fall Raffle and Dinner Saturday, November 14.

St. Paul School's Fall Raffle, Dinner November 14 Will Now be Held at St. Paul School

No business, school, or household has been immune to the changes the coronavirus has brought about, but for places like St. Paul School, Odell — this pandemic has added additional challenges.

The small Catholic school, nestled along Old Route 66 in Odell, relies on its popular fund-raisers and other donations from its generous benefactors to keep going. Tuition from families makes up a small portion of the cost it takes to educate a child, which is why St. Paul's fund-raisers are so important.

Then, the world changed in the blink of an eye.

"In March, we had our biggest fund-raiser of the entire year," said Principal Richard Morehouse. "Just days later, the state shut down. From then on, it's been, 'Okay, what fund-raisers are we even able to do, and how can we do them safely?'"

The school has been supported by the church and com-

munity for over 125 years, blessed by the kindness and generosity of those around them. St. Paul is once again looking to the community for that same support, but in times like we've never seen before.

Staff members at the school spent a good portion of the summer pricing and purchasing plexiglass, air purifiers, no-touch thermometers, special cleaning supplies, and other items you wouldn't need during a regular school year. The new items added up fast, and the school knew any fund-raisers this year would be crucial to hold.

St. Paul School has held an annual Fall Raffle for the last 20 years, awarding one lucky winner \$10,000, along with multiple smaller prizes to other winners. In the new era of COVID, however, it has to undergo some changes.

The raffle is St. Paul's main fund-raiser for the first half of the school year, and is slated for Saturday, November 14.

The school Booster Club knew they had to make it work.

"We know these are tough times for everyone, but if you're able to, we've love for people to consider buying one of the tickets and support the children of St. Paul School," said Kim Frauli, Booster Club chairperson.

Each ticket comes with two complimentary steak dinners and the holder's chance at some of the \$15,000 in prize money.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Fall Raffle and dinner will now be held at St. Paul School instead of the regular venue, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. This allows those going for supper to drive up to the front of the school on West Street in Odell and pick up their dinner since indoor dining is currently off the table. If the line gets too long, vehicles will be directed to the parking lot on the north side of the school.

Tickets are available at Odell Bank, St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight, or by contact-

ing St. Paul School at 815-998-2194. Tickets will also be available the day of the dinner by stopping by the school. St. Paul has about a hundred left to sell to hit their goal, and all funds go directly to the school.

As for the students, faculty, and staff of St. Paul, they were happy to get back to a little bit of "normal" by returning to full-time, in-person learning back in August.

"The kids are resilient," said Mrs. Doran, first and second grade teacher. "They're certainly displaying the virtues of perseverance and patience."

The faculty and administration knows there is still a great need for Catholic education, especially these days. They've been proud to provide it to the community since 1895.

"St. Paul made it through the last global pandemic over 100 years ago, and we certainly intend to make it through this one."



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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for South Wilmington Grade School District #74

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for South Wilmington Grade School District #74 on the equalized assessed value of the taxable property for the year 2020, with taxes payable in 2021, will be held on November 19, 2020 at 6:50 p.m. at the South Wilmington Grade School. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Cynthia Christensen, Superintendent, at the South Wilmington Grade School, 375 Fifth Ave., P.O. Box 475, South Wilmington, IL 60474. 815-237-2281.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$683,306. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$765,723. This represents a 12.06% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$31,445. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$30,988. This represents a 14.5% decrease.
- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$714,751. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$796,711. This represents an 11.466% increase over the previous year.

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By Katie Zelechowski
Illinois Farm Bureau

Groups of kids pile on a yellow bus with excitement and anticipation on their faces as they await their destination. While this field trip scene may not be possible for quite some time due to the ongoing pandemic, there are virtual field trips and other alternative activities that teachers can use to keep students engaged in their classrooms.

Whether Illinois educators are teaching their classes in-person, virtually, or a combination of the two, Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) continues to offer free,

educational resources that support teachers and their students.

The Illinois Center for Agricultural Engagement's IAITC program has worked to bring agriculture into the state's curriculum since 1981. In a typical year, the program works through local ag literacy coordinators to offer hands-on learning activities and educational resources that teachers can integrate into their classrooms.

This year, however, the coronavirus changed the way many teachers are working with their students, prompting programs like IAITC to develop new, online education tools for teachers to use this

fall.

The program's lineup of activities includes virtual field trips, hosted over Zoom, which teachers can sign up their classes to attend. Each experience is also recorded and housed on the IAITC website for later viewing. So far, the program has taken students to the Brookfield Zoo, an apple orchard and a pumpkin patch in Illinois. Teachers interested in joining next month's look inside a pig farm with Bruce Brinkman Farms in Monroe County can sign up for the virtual field trip at iaitc.co/fieldtrips.

Other online resources include a series of virtual inter-

views with ag book authors, weekly featured classroom lessons, and interactive activities designed for students learning at home.

Mary Zumwalt, a fourth grade teacher at Altamont Lutheran School, has watched all of the virtual field trips and author interviews with her class. After each activity, her students journal about what they have learned and share their thoughts during group discussions.

IAITC also offers opportunities for teachers in need of professional development hours. These monthly workshops, called "PD in Your PJs", provide educators with the tools to develop lessons that meet various state learning standards and center around different ag topics each month.

While everyone has been impacted by the global pandemic, agriculture education in Illinois remains a priority.

Recent gifts to support the IAITC program include a \$90,000 donation from the Illinois Corn Marketing Board and a \$70,000 donation from the Illinois Soybean Association. An additional \$170,000 donation was collectively contributed by the Illinois Farm Bureau family of companies, which includes COUNTRY Financial, GROWMARK, and Prairie Farms Dairy. These funds allow IAITC to offer programs and supplies at no cost to educators across the state.

For more information about IAITC resources, visit beyondthebarndoor.wordpress.com or contact your local ag literacy coordinator.



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Milestones Achieved at DCC

On a beautiful November 6 day at Dwight Country Club, two area golfers hit milestones on the course under unseasonably warm fall conditions. Allen "Brady" Christiansen shot his age of 75 – witnessed by Church "Tuna" Palmer,

Douglas "Chet" Steichen, Mark "A" German, and James "Jim" Dinelli. Also, Joel Patten shot better than his age – carding a 64. This was witnessed by Larry Eder, Robin Patten, and Dennis Buck.



DON AHEARN IS PLANTING HIS 400TH TREE at Dwight Country Club. This sugar maple is located on the 16th tee. The varieties planted include burr oak, red oak, sugar maple, and thornless honey locust. He began planting shade trees in 2004. Not pictured is assistant superintendent, Matt Bozarth, who helps plant and care for the trees.

GSWB Cross Country Ends Season on a High Note

The GSWB junior high Cross Country team ended its season on October 16 in a big way.

The Lady Tigers won the sectional championship title. The sectional meet was hosted by Seneca junior high and also included Millbrook, Odell, Ottawa Marquette, and Shorewood Holy Family.

GSWB finished first for the night, with a total of 22 points.

Leading the way for the Lady Tigers was seventh grader Maddie Simms, who finished third overall with a time of 13:12 for the two-mile course. Following Simms was eighth grader McKenzie Ragland in sixth place, with a time of 14:35. The Siano sisters helped greatly with the team finish, as sixth grader Olivia, and seventh grader Nina, placed eighth and tenth overall with times of 15:14 and 15:33, respectively. Rounding out the five-finisher team was newcomer to the sport this year, Aubrey Male, who finished in the 11th spot for GSWB with a time of 15:41. Also finishing for the Lady Tigers were fifth grader Ellie Traynor (12th place) with a time of 15:55, and Kayla Scheuber (14th place) with a time of 16:00.

The boy's team was unable to score as a team, as they do not have enough members to score, but they ran as individuals and also fared well in the same sectional meet.

Coming in first for the Tigers, and second overall in the boy's two-mile race, was sixth grader Tyler Gubbins with a time of 11:51. Following Gubbins was sixth grader Aiden Mack with a ninth place finish and a time of 13:48. Finishing in 25th place for GSWB was fifth grader Jack Norrington with a time of 18:55. Behind Norrington was fifth grader Evan Simms, placing 26th with a time of 19:27.

"I could not be happier with this group of kids," stated Coach Anne Simms. "They have worked extremely hard all season, from August through October. They have all shown great strength and improvement during this season. Every single runner ran a personal best time at the sectional meet. I can't ask for anything better than that! They ran with heart and they accomplished some great things. The boys did a great job as individuals and our girls team placing first was a great end to this amazing season. They had a great night celebrating with a socially distanced parade through their towns, led by the fire departments. A big thank you to the Gardner and South Wilmington Fire Departments, and our community, for celebrating this great season with us!"

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Commercial League Bowlers

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League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	3	1
Whiskey Cavalier	3	1
Gaston Construct.	3	1
Willy's Pub	3	1
Coleman/Son	3	1
Big Run Ranch	1	3
Dairy Queen	1	3
Pinkie's Out	1	3
Pumpkin Patch	1	3
Agritile	1	3

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Ken Benson, 255; Jeff Behning, Jr., 248; Chris Cook, 246; Roger Hoegger, 244; Kyle Battle, 244. HSS: Ken Benson, 683; Josh Gerentz, 656; Kyle Battle, 653; Jeff Behning, Jr., 645; Gregg Jensen, 638. HHG: Roger Hoegger, 278. HHS: Reco Stevenson, 712. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1101. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 3106.

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	8	0
Jensen BP II	7	1
Star Trucking	6	2
Rockey's Pub	5	3
DeLong Ford	5	3
Willy's Pub	4	4
Jeremy's Barber	4	4
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OBITUARIES

Carrol Jean Statler

Carrol Jean Statler, 95, of Kempton, IL passed away Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 2:10 p.m. Cremation rites have been accorded.



by his parents; two sisters: Dorothy Peetz and Edna Burchyett; and a grandson, Kyle Knox.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Calvert and Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac, is in charge of arrangements.

Carrol served as a Bombardier on a B26 in the Army Air Force in World War II. He was a disabled veteran and a purple heart recipient. He was a graduate of South East Missouri State in Cape Girardeau. At Tri-Point High School, he taught Industrial Arts and Driver's Education for many years.

Carrol was born June 20, 1925 in Cape Girardeau, MO, the son of Anthony and Eula (Cook) Statler. He married Evelyn Bierschwal on December 14, 1944 in Shreveport, LA. They celebrated their 75 year anniversary in 2019. She survives.

He was the mayor of Kempton for many years. He was a member of the Kempton United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Ford County Planning Commission and Zoning Commission.

He is also survived by his four children: Connie (Duane) Hitchens of Piper City; Carrol Bruce (Jennifer) Statler of Knoxville; Kim (Ray Anderson) Knox of Williamsville; and Greg Statler of Cullom; grandchildren: Kelsey (Andrew) Freeland of Cantrall; Olivia Statler of Greenfield, IN; Wyatt Carrol Statler and Jack Statler of Dwight; great-grandchildren: Ayden, Audrey and Ashton Freeland; one sister, Helen Yount; several nieces and nephews.

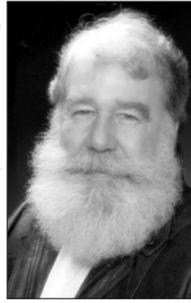
Besides spending time with his family, Carrol was an avid woodworker. He made trains, birdfeeders, hearts, tulips, recipe holders, etc. to give away in the community.

Memorials in Carrol's name may be made to Disabled American Veterans Foundation at: www.DAV.org

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

John Patrick Peach

John Patrick Peach, 78, of Dwight died peacefully November 3, 2020 in his home surrounded by loved ones.



A celebration of life party will be held at a later date.

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

John was born to William and Mabel Peach on September 30, 1942 in O'Fallon, Illinois. He was the second youngest of 10 children. He told many stories of growing up on the farm, working and playing hard with his beloved brothers and sisters, to whom he remained close.

He married the love of his life, Ina Myers, on April 15, 1965. A few weeks later he left to serve his country in the Vietnam War, and in July of the same year, received a telegraph stating that his first daughter was born. When he returned from the war he worked as a farmhand and a shade tree mechanic. Working on old cars or anything mechanical was a passion of his. He could and would FIX ANYTHING.

In 1970, he moved his family, which now included a second daughter born in 1969, to Dwight, IL. He began working at RR Donnelley and Sons in the maintenance department and would retire from there 35 years later. After retirement, he worked for the Mazon School

District. During those years, he also played Santa Claus for many school functions and holiday parties. He was the perfect Santa, rosy cheeks and a big white beard that he encouraged the children to tug on. After he REALLY retired, he and his wife grew many varieties of fruits and vegetables and sold them at the local farmers market.

His life was his family, his friends, and his small farm. He loved them all unconditionally.

He is survived by his wife, Ina; two daughters: Patty (Tony) Noonan of Pontiac, IL and Debbie (Mitch Parks) Peach of Sumter, SC; grandchildren: Ryley (Lexus) Christoff, Tyson (Katie Belisle) Christoff; Jack Noonan, Josie Noonan, and Payton Christoff; great-grandchildren: Kayne, Emma, Ethan, Cam and Evelyn; eight siblings; and lots of nieces and nephews. He was so proud of all of them.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Virginia Fulford.

He will be missed by many. In honor of John's memory, the family asks that anyone wishing to give a memorial, please "pay it forward" to someone in need.

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

Eron Michael Ryan

Eron Michael Ryan, age 41, passed away suddenly at home in Reddick, IL on Saturday, November 7, 2020 due to complications from diabetes.



Eron was born on December 19, 1978 in Ransom, IL to Dianna and Michael Ryan. After high school he learned a trade and became an accomplished maintenance professional. He was an avid traveler and lived in Texas, Arizona, Colorado and Illinois.

His most recent job was at the Prairie View Lutheran Home in Danforth, IL. He really enjoyed interactions with his co-workers and the residents. Eron will be missed by his family and friends and his beloved dogs, Newton and Daisy.

He is survived by his son, Blake Patchett of Campus, IL; parents, Dianna and Jason Zimmer of Reddick, IL and Michael Ryan of Homosassa, FL; siblings, Tara (Carl) Walker of Rowlett, TX; Meghan Ryan of Bloomington, IL; Justin Zimmer of Bloomington, IL; Kate

(Richard) Gaffield of Fargo, ND; nephews: Tyler and Cody Walker; nieces: Ellie and Peyton Gaffield; grandfather, Ed Zimmer of Reddick, IL; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents: Marilyn and Marvin Gibson of Windom, TX; Lester and Florence Ryan of Ransom, IL; and Linda Zimmer of Reddick, IL.

Funeral services will be held at RW Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with visitation three hours preceding the service. All attendees are required to wear face masks and observe social distancing.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, you may log on to: www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

John Andrew Andrzejewski

John Andrew Andrzejewski, 82, passed away Sunday, November 8, 2020 in St. Charles, Illinois, from cerebral amyloid angiopathy.

John was born in Evanston, Illinois June 3, 1938 to immigrant parents, Andrew and Theresa (Kwiatkowski). His birth family included older brother Joseph (deceased), older sisters Mary (deceased), Helen, and younger sister Jane Lenell (deceased).

As a youth, John served as an acolyte at St. Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church and graduated from the Polish parish's grade school. He attended Evanston Township High School.

He continued his education at the University of Illinois Circle Campus/Navy Pier but completed his Bachelors of Arts from Loyola University. During these years he worked as a golf caddie, plastics factory worker, department store clerk, Evanston Streets and Sanitation worker, and as a U.S. Postal Carrier.

Following college, John was drafted into the US Army, serving in the 3rd Armored Division. He was the company clerk in Germany during Kennedy's Berlin Crisis. He toured Europe extensively, becoming interested in the history of Western Civilization. After an honorable discharge, John worked again for the Post Office while using the G.I. Bill to obtain his Masters Degree in History from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

During this time, John met Janet (Norris) Andrzejewski, his wife of 52 years, at NIU. They were married in Holy Cross Parish, Batavia, Illinois in 1968. Both began teaching in Kankakee County. John worked at Bishop McNamara briefly, followed by work at the Joliet Arsenal. He then taught civics, geography, and history for 38 years at Limestone Grade School.

Across 38 years of teaching 5-8th grade students, John never met a single bad kid. His classroom was filled with living plants, historical artifacts, hand-drawn pictures, and stories of the time machine that he had stolen from the Germans and hidden in his basement at home. Students not quite satisfied with a quiz or test score could always try to spell his last name for extra credit, and indeed most figured it out. A large laminated sign at the back of his classroom featured a tall man with a very wide and distorted head. The caption summed up "Mr. A's" teaching philosophy: "A mind stretched can never be the

same."

Seeking the best possible life for his family, John took a second job as a realtor, and shortly thereafter took a significant risk to start his own real estate business, Action Realty. His customer service was so good that he regularly sold the same home repeatedly over the span of his 21 years as a real estate broker. John's work ethic as a businessman and his unwillingness to let details slide set a strong example of successful entrepreneurship for his children and many others.

John was active in politics and civic life. He ran for State Representative against George Ryan as an independent Democrat in 1976 and 1978, in campaigns that featured a prescient focus on the environment, and that emphasized the dangers of an incumbent political class and the corruption that regularly attends it. He also campaigned against nuclear power. He devoted his time as a caring pro-life volunteer with Birthright. John's Catholic faith was deeply held and reflected in the many roles he played at St. Margaret Mary parish in Herscher, IL, including as a Sunday and weekday lector, extraordinary minister, as a long-serving catechism teacher, a Legion of Mary member, and member of the Knights of Columbus. He also became a proud member of the Herscher American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Janet; their seven children and 25 grandchildren: Adam (Kerry), IL; Ellie, Molly, Emma; Elizabeth (Roger), IL; Isabelle, Eulalia, Roque, Marek, Adelaide; Abram (Joline), IL; Michael, John, Sam, Clare, Margaret, Mark; Nell, IL; Mary (Matthew), IL; Joseph, Elsie, Isaac, Lily; Charity (Conor), TX; Sophia, Felicity, Andrew, Cecilia; and Katherine (Joseph), TX; Thomas, Peter, Jerome.

A Funeral Mass will be offered by Fr. Rev. Dean Smith, on Wednesday, November 11, at 12 p.m. in Holy Angels Catholic Church, 120 S. Lancaster Ave., Aurora, IL 60506, followed by a private burial in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, favored charities are St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Waterleaf Women's Center of Aurora, and Herscher American Legion Post 795.

Services were handled with care by Conley Funeral Home. For more information, to leave memories and tributes, or to see his full life story, please visit the Conley Funeral Home Facebook Page or http://www.conleycare.com

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IN RE: The matter of the Estate of)
) 2020-P-97
CARL W. CARLSON, Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of CARL W. CARLSON, whose place of residence at the time of his death was 27081 N. 2500 E. Rd., Odell, Illinois 60460, and who died on October 7, 2020.

Letters of Office as Independent Executrix of the Estate of CARL W. CARLSON were issued on October 21, 2020 to OLIVIA NICOLE JOHNSON, 37 Charvel Drive, Belleville, IL 62226 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be 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 date of first publication of this notice is October 28, 2020. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in Cause No. 2020-P-97 or with the Independent Executrix or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent administrator and the administrator's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRISTY STANTON, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.
No. 20-CH-36

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgement of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 9 in D.S. Myers' First Addition to the City of Pontiac, and a parcel of land in Lot 1 in Block 1, in E.M. Schrock's Addition to the City of Pontiac, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 1, thence extending South along the West line of said Lot 1 to the North line of the first alley South of Wabash Street, thence East to the line of the right-of-way of the Wabash Railroad, thence Northwest along the line of the right-of-way of the Wabash Railroad to the Place of Beginning, all situated in Livingston County, Illinois.
PIN: 15-15-487-017
Commonly known as: 1228 N. Walnut St., Pontiac, IL 61764
The title holder of record to the above described real estate is CHRISTY STANTON. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on June 13, 2018 and recorded on June 14, 2018 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2018R-02334. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 20-CH-36 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.
Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before November 30, 2020, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit,
Livingston County, Illinois

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:
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A Marine Remembers Korea and the 'Frozen Chosin' Veterans Day 2020

by Dr. Mark DePue

For many of us, the Korean War is truly a "forgotten war", lost to our consciousness between America's triumph in World War II and the tragedy of the Vietnam War. But for the last two decades the Korean peninsula has once again caught our attention, chiefly because of the incessant saber rattling by one of the newest nuclear powers, North Korea, led by the world's most enigmatic leader, Kim Jong-un.

With that in mind, it is worth remembering the Marine Corps' desperate fight in late 1950 at the Chosin Reservoir, deep inside North Korea. Carl Greenwood, a young Marine with the First Marine Division, was there, fighting in bitter cold as the Marines and U.S. Army troops were overwhelmed by a flood of Chinese soldiers. The Marines were forced to withdraw, but with such valor that the Chosin Reservoir is heralded as one of the Marine Corps' finest moments.

Greenwood was 19 in 1950, a young kid from the river town of Havana, IL, where his father hunted and fished in order to keep food on the table. Greenwood followed his dream and joined the Marines in 1947.

The Korean War began in June 1950 when Kim Il-sun, Kim Jong-un's grandfather, unleashed the North Korean Army in an attempt to unite the Korean peninsula under communist rule. The United States rushed troops to the port city of Pusan and, with the aid of the United Nations, halted the Communists just short of their goal. Then came the Marines' surprise landing at Inchon, followed by the UN's drive deep into North Korea toward the Yalu River and the border of China. By the end of November, the Marines had reached the Chosin Reservoir.

Greenwood was assigned as a machine gunner in his unit's heavy machine gun platoon. His weapon was a water cooled .30 caliber machine gun they named Beulah. Their mission: dig in at Koto-ri and guard the road connecting the lead Marine and Army units a few miles north at the Chosin Reservoir with the Korean port city of Hungnam.

But then came one of the worst intelligence failures in American history. The Chinese launched a massive offensive on November 27 with hundreds of thousands of seasoned troops, veterans of the Chinese Civil War, who caught the Americans flat footed. They quickly surrounded the UN

forces at the Chosin and along the entire length of the road, cutting it in several places.

Greenwood remembers one night vividly. It was bitter cold, and he and his squad mates were fighting a losing battle to stay warm.

"We had a cup of cocoa out of the C rations," he explained during an interview with the Oral History Program at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. "That cocoa tasted pretty good...Just before dark, before we settled in - we're just finishing off this little cup of cocoa and Lucas said, 'I thought I heard a bugle.' And I said, 'Well, I know darn well I did.'"

"The bugle blew and here they come, screaming, hollering. Well, they walked into a pair of heavy machine guns down on the flat ground."

Before it was done, recalled Greenwood, some 300 Chinese lay in the snow.

That was only the beginning of a desperate fight against a relentless foe, fought in the rugged North Korean terrain where temperatures dropped as low as 40 below zero.

"It was a combination of hell," said Greenwood. "It's bad enough just trying to survive during that condition...that cold weather just plays on you."

"You're sleeping on the

ground, and it's just a gradual deterioration of your body," he continued. "...and then when the people are shooting at you at the same time, it's a nightmare. But when you look around, you see your other guys doing the same thing, and if they can do it, you know, by God, you can do it."

Greenwood and his buddies kept their sector of the road open, then fought their way south along with the rest of the UN forces, with the Marines taking their casualties and their equipment with them. Over 2,900 Americans died during the battle, and thousands more were wounded. Another 7,000 Marines suffered cold weather injuries, including Greenwood, who ended up with a case of "walking pneumonia". His lungs have been scarred ever since.

"I'm not a hero," Carl stated at the end of his interview. "I didn't do anything that anybody else didn't do."

The Marine Corps takes a different view, however. They consider the fight at the Chosin Reservoir to be one of their finest moments, a heroic stand against overwhelming odds.

Mark DePue is the Director of Oral History at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

True American Heroes

Every day we wake up free is a good day. We have all lived a lifetime of good days and we owe that to our veterans and to those who are currently serving.

Those who live in freedom should always be grateful for those who fought to preserve it. On this Veterans Day, and every day, American citizens

should show their respect and gratitude to our Veterans for their service, dedication and sacrifice. They are true American heroes.

America is the land of the free because of the brave. Thank you to all of our Veterans.

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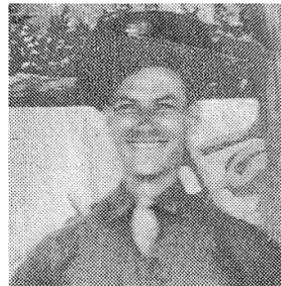
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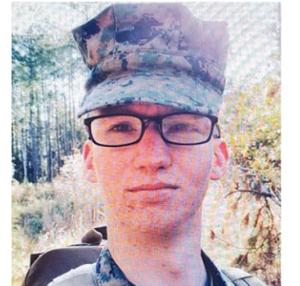
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From the Secretary of State...

Dear Editors and Reporters:

On this upcoming Veterans Day, I encourage all Illinoisans to take a moment to honor and thank our veterans who bravely and honorably served our country.

Originally known as Armistice Day to honor and celebrate the end of World War I, Congress expanded the federal holiday in 1954 - renaming it Veterans Day - to recognize all U.S. veterans who served honorably in the military during wartime or peacetime.

I had the privilege of serving as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and as a member of the Illinois National Guard and Reserve. This experience helped

shape me into the person I am today. I remain grateful to all those with whom I served and to those who served before and after me.

The United States is the greatest country in the history of the world. We serve as a beacon of freedom and hope to many in the world living under hostile rule and deplorable conditions. Yet our freedom is not and has never been free. Those serving in the U.S. Military defend our freedom both at home and abroad.

As Secretary of State, I am proud to have initiated efforts to help veterans and to honor them for their service to our nation.

In 2017, I initiated a law that makes it easier for military vet-

erans to get jobs in the trucking industry. Public Act 100-0223 allows for an exemption from the Commercial Driver License (CDL) test requirement for qualified current or former military personnel who participated in military heavy-vehicle driving programs. Illinois was the first state in the nation to take advantage of changes to federal CDL regulations that grant state driver licensing agencies the authority to exempt veterans from the written and road skills testing, a move known as the "Even Exchange" process.

We have also implemented the policy that gives U.S. military veterans the opportunity to obtain an updated driver's license/ID card with the word

"VETERAN" displayed under the signature on the front of the card. This applies to veterans who have received an Honorable or General under Honorable Conditions discharge. The veteran's designation helps ensure military veterans living in Illinois receive the services and benefits for which they are entitled, including healthcare, education and employment assistance.

Please take time Wednesday, November 11, to thank veterans for their service. It is the least we can do to recognize our heroes with a heartfelt gesture of gratitude and appreciation.

Sincerely,
Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State

Resources for Veterans and Information for Volunteers

by Bridget DeWard
Veteran's Outreach Program

For Veterans seeking employment, a State Law was enacted, so that with proof of four years or more of service, points can be issued toward a "passing grade," an essential first step to state employment. Some with lesser service might still be able to receive other benefits through the program. There is an application to complete, and the process involves scheduling an appointment.

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Those wishing to help receive training on: military culture, risk factors, various action plans for a multitude of scenarios and ways to connect servicemembers to helpful resources.

The program was brought to the United States fairly recently, in April 2017. According to the site, since then, the organization has trained more

than one million people throughout the country through a network of 12,000 certified instructors.

There are additional ways to help besides certification, such as becoming an instructor, or via donation to the organization.

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2016 Chevrolet Pick-Up Truck (To Sell At Approx. 12:30 P.M.): 2016 Chev. Silverado 1500, LT, 4x4, Crew Cab, 6 Ft. Bed, 5.3 Liter V-8, Auto. Trans., Power: Locks, Windows, Seats, Rear Window, Spray-On Bed Liner, 56,800 Miles, Color: Red (Hot) w/ Jet Black Cloth Interior (A Very Nice/Clean Truck); Dixon Zero-Turn Mower (To Sell At Approx. 12:30 P.M.): Dixon ZTR 4421 Zero-Turn Lawn Mower, 13 H.P. 44" Cut; 7-Guns (To Sell At Approx. 12:00 Noon) Gun Transfer will be handled by R&J Firearms, All Gun Laws and Waiting Periods will Apply: Long Guns: Browning "Sweet Sixteen", 16 Ga. Semi-Auto. Shotgun; 2- Winchester Model 1897, 12 Ga. Pump Shotguns; Remington "Sportmaster", 22 Short Long or Long Rifle, Bolt Action Rifle; Remington "Nylon 66", 22 L.R., Semi-Auto. Rifle w/ Nylon Stock; Marlin Model 42, 22 L.R., Rifle w/ Scope; Hand Guns: Smith & Wesson "Regulation Police" 38 Cal., Revolver; Rohm GMBH Sonthelm/Brenz (Germany) 22 Long, Revolver; B.B. Guns: 2- Daisy B.B. Rifles; Coins (To Sell At Approx. 12:00 Noon): 1850 Large Cent; 1853 1/2 Dime; Shield Nickel; 1897 Barber Quarter; 3 Cent Silver; 2- Seated Liberty Dimes; 1897 Barber Quarter; 2- Standing Liberty Quarters; 1924 Peace Silver Dollar; 4- Franklin 1/2 Dollars; 2- 1964 Kennedy 1/2 Dollars (90% Silver); 45- Post 1964 Kennedy 1/2 Dollars (Clas); 49- Buffalo Nickels; 6- Liberty "V" Nickels; 18- Indian Head Pennies; Mercury & Roosevelt (90% Silver) Dimes; Wheat Pennies; Assorted Older Foreign Coins; Gold Jewelry (To Sell at Approx. 12:00 Noon): Men's Diamond Ring (Cluster of 7- Stones) in 14 Kt. Gold Mounting; Ladies' Diamond Wedding Ring in 14 Kt. Gold Mounting; 2- 14 Kt. Gold Wedding Bands; Pr. of Diamond Earrings; Men's Pocket Knives; Household Furnishings: Appliances: Maytag (Hvy. Dty. Super Capacity) Auto. Washer & Matching Elect. Dryer, (Both White); Maytag 30" Elect. Stove, w/ Flat Glass Cooktop, (White); Char-Broil Gas Grill, (Small Size); Whirlpool Microwave; Kenmore Dehumidifier; Kenmore Upright Vacuum; Kenmore Elect. Mixer; Furniture: Knotty Pine 3 Pc. Bedroom Set (Queen); Hard Rock Maple 4 Pc. Bedroom Set (Full); Dinette Table w/ 8 Chairs, (Dark Oak); Lazy-Boy Rocker/Recliner, (Tan Velour); "Schweiger" Tweed Sofa; Lane Cedar Chest, (Blonde); 2- Oak 4 Compartment Bookcases; Oak Quilt Rack; Wood Poker Table; 2- Pecan Finish Coffee Tables; Octagon Drum Table; Handicapped Items: Folding Wheelchair; Shower Stool; Folding Walker; Miscellaneous Items: Upright Gun Cabinet, (6 Hole); Omega 7x50 Binoculars; Set of Golf Clubs; Antiques & Collectible Items: Furniture: Lg. Oak "Curved Glass" China Cabinet w/ Mirrored Top, (Nice); Round Oak Dining Table, (45" Dia.), (Nice); Walnut Lamp Table; Child's Roll-Top Desk; Old Platform Rocker w/ Rattan Back & Seat; Mahogany Telephone Stand; Lg. Wooden/Folding Clothes Rack; 4- Matching Old Captains Chairs; Small Antiques: Roseville (#286-12") Vase; 2- Old 5 Gal. Crockery Jugs; Redwing 2 Gal. Crock; Assorted Glass Paperweights; Set of J&G Meakin (England), Ironstone China, (Sweet Pea); Old Black Telephone w/ Ringer Box; Old Seth Thomas Wall Clock; Old Cast Iron Banks; 2- "Aladdin" Metal Oil Lamps; 2- Portable Display Cases; 3- Quilts; Assorted Advertising Wooden Yardsticks; Assorted Old Glassware & China; Toys: 9- Die Cast Semi-Tractor Trailers; Case Corporation Die Cast Airplane; 24- Matchbox Cars in Case; 2- Baseball Card Albums, (1960's & 1990's); Baseball Scrapbook, (1960's); 2- Football Card Albums, (1980's & 1990's); Tools: Husqvarna (Gas) String Trimmer; Worx Elect. Hedge Trimmer, (22"); Lg. Craftsman Shop Vac., (Wet/Dry); Associated Port. Battery Charger; Long Handled Tools.

THIS IS A LIVE AUCTION, MUST BE PRESENT TO BID!
AUCTIONEERS' NOTE: This is a nice auction of clean/quality items. Many more items that are not listed. View photos at www.bradleyauctionsinc.com and Plan to Attend!!!
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Pet of the Week

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GARDNER GRADE SCHOOL held an outdoor Halloween parade on October 30, giving students a chance to show this year's fun costumes. All students received a bag of treats, generously donated by local businesses. Gardner Grade School's PTG helps to coordinate the annual event.

Gas Prices For This Week

Since November 2nd, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has decreased by one cent to \$2.11, which is three cents less than a week ago, seven cents less than a month ago, and still significantly less than last year (-50 cents). As demand remains low, American drivers should expect pump prices to continue to decline this fall.

City/Village	November 9	November 2
Dwight	\$2.01	\$2.06
Kankakee	\$2.22	\$2.08
Streator	\$2.07	\$2.03
Pontiac	\$2.05	\$1.93
Gardner	\$2.29	\$2.32
Braceville	\$2.24	\$2.24
Morris	\$2.04	\$2.05
Herscher	\$2.22	\$2.23
Chicago	\$2.34	\$2.58
Illinois	\$2.25	\$2.22
U.S.	\$2.11	\$2.14

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

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

2020 Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 21
Sunday, November 22
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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