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## 2020 - Year in Review - Continued

### March

#### Charles Johnson Named Volunteer of The Year at DEA Annual Gala

Dwight Economic Alliance named Charles Johnson Volunteer of The Year at its annual Gala.

Charles volunteered for many organizations in Dwight and Emington, and belonged to First Congregation UCC in Dwight. He had been the Deacon, the long-time President of the Trustees, and one of the people who started the Feed The Kids program.

Johnson was a member of the Danish Brotherhood, the VFW Auxiliary in Dwight, the Sons of American Legion in Dwight, and the Bloomington Moose Lodge.

For many years, Charles placed flags on servicemen's

graves for Emington.

Johnson was a weekly volunteer for the Ambler/Becker station from the time it opened, and volunteered weekly at St. James Hospital in Pontiac for 14 years.

He was a member and volunteer of the Dwight Historical Society, volunteered for Emington's 3rd of July Celebration, and sold buttons and 50/50 tickets for DEA and Dwight Harvest Days.

#### Aidan Scholwin Wins at Sectional

Dwight Common School wrestler Aidan Scholwin extended his wrestling season with an IESA Sectional Championship – qualifying for the State Championship in DeKalb.

#### A Pandemic Rocks the Nation Local Businesses Prepare to Meet Crisis

Area restaurants found themselves trying to figure out how to keep a stream of revenue coming in following Governor J.B.

Pritzker's announcement that bars and dine-in restaurants would close on March 16.

Pete Meister, owner of Station 343 in Dwight, said "It's going to affect a lot of people. You don't know if you're going to survive or not."

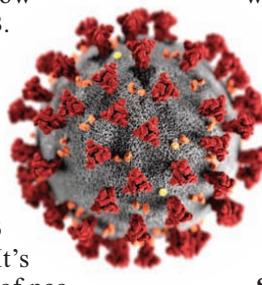
Sue Miller, who owns Cherry Red Roasters, Dwight, with her husband, Duncan, added, "It's going to be hard. I hope this really makes these cases subside. But it's going to

be a very, very tough couple of weeks."

John Moyement, owner of JT's Saloon in Dwight, said he will also take a financial hit, not only from the lack of patrons but in alcohol that

will have to be tossed out because of expiration dates.

"I won't have any income. It'll have a heckuva impact," he said.



#### Stay-at-Home Order Issued

On March 21, at 5:00 p.m., Illinoisans went on a "shelter in place" mandate.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said the order requiring all residents to stay in their homes is to prevent the further spread of the corona-

virus. The order prohibited things like visiting the homes of friends and holding gatherings of any size and closes all nonessential establishments, including most retail, recreation and entertainment businesses.

Essential businesses, such as Healthcare and Public Health Operations, Human Services Operations, and Essential Infrastructure were allowed to stay open for business.

#### Facebook Fitness: Local Gym Offers Free Online Workouts

Gov. Pritzker ordered all gyms, bowling alleys, and movie theaters closed to help curb the spread of coronavirus.

But Jennifer Woodburn, owner of Agamemnon CrossFit/Trojan Fitness in Dwight, had already made her decision two days before the governor's

announcement.

She had nearly 400 members and on any given day some 150 people go through the doors of the gym. But with half her clientele aged 50 and over, she decided to close on March 17.

With Illinoisans ordered to shelter in place until April 7, she started daily virtual fitness classes on Trojan Fitness' Facebook page – filming from her front porch.

In lieu of regular gym equipment, she encouraged viewers to use weighted objects they could find at home.

#### Livingston County Reports

##### 1st COVID-19 Case

The Livingston County Health Department announced the first case of COVID-19 on March 21 – a woman in her 60s (continued on page 4)

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## FOR THE RECORD

Written Warnings  
Speeding – 1.

## Dwight Police Blotter

December 23: Dwight Police completed four reports for victims of Illinois Dept. of Employment Security fraud.

December 24: Dwight Police completed a report for a victim of Illinois Dept. of Employment Security fraud.

December 25: 1:02 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched for a domestic disturbance to the 200 block of E. Waupansie.

December 28: Dwight Police completed three reports for victims of Illinois Dept. of Employment Security fraud; 10:23 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Watters Dr. for a possible domestic disturbance. Arrested was Artesha Tomkins, 24, of Chicago, for Obstructing Identification. She was taken to Livingston Cty. Jail.

## Accident Report

Sunday, December 27, 11:28 a.m., an accident was reported at 102 Watters Dr. involving a 2005 GMC 4Wheel D., driven by Steve Wilkey, of Dwight, which struck a parked and unoccupied 2019 Buick Encore, owned by Donald Burton, while backing up.



## Temps - 2020

Dec. 24 – high 16°, low 5° trace snow

Dec. 25 – high 20°, low 6°

Dec. 26 – high 37°, low 15°

Dec. 27 – high 50°, low 27°

Dec. 28 – high 29°, low 12°

Dec. 29 – high 38°, low 16°

2.5" snow

Dec. 30 – high 38°, low 17°

## One Year Ago – Jan. 6, 2020

high 37°, low 29°

trace snow



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## Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 24: Main St., medical, Morris; Chippewa, medical, Riverside; Park, medical, refusal; Clinton, medical, Morris; William, medical, Riverside.

December 25: Renfrew, medical, refusal.

December 26: Bannon, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, refusal.

December 28: Mazon, fire; Chippewa, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, citizen assist.

December 29: William, trauma, St. James; I-55, trauma, refusal; Prospect, assist; Prospect, trauma, refusal; Rt. 66, medical, Morris; 3100, trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Gardner.

December 30: Main, medical; 2900 N. Rd., trauma, no pt.; Washington, medical, refusal; Northbrook, medical, Morris.

December 31: Spencer, medical, Riverside.

## Mobile Food Pantry in S. Wilmington January 11

On Monday, January 11, 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](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).

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## Grundy County Awarded Local CURE Economic Support Grant

Grundy County was made aware of a grant program which provides the County an opportunity to assist local restaurants and bars impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Restaurants and bars located within incorporated and unincorporated Grundy County are encouraged to complete grant applications which can be found at: [www.grundyco.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Local-CURE-Subrecipient-Application.pdf](http://www.grundyco.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Local-CURE-Subrecipient-Application.pdf).

Grant submission information is detailed below:

- Submission must include:
  - Completed application
  - Signed State of Illinois grant certification
  - Applicant's restaurant or bar must be located in Grundy County
  - Priority will be given to

If you have any questions, contact Grundy County ([mmelvin@grundyco.org](mailto:mmelvin@grundyco.org) or [ggray@grundyco.org](mailto:ggray@grundyco.org)), GEDC ([nmornon@gcdc.com](mailto:nmornon@gcdc.com)), or Grundy Chamber ([director@grundychamber.com](mailto:director@grundychamber.com)).

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**YES, WE HAVE ALL SEEN TREES.** The ice and snow this past weekend caught on branches around the town was really something to see. Very powerful. Enjoy!

photos by *The Paper*

## Driver Services Facilities Set to Reopen Statewide Jan. 5

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding the public that Driver Services facilities statewide are reopening Tuesday, January 5. Face masks are required, and social distancing and other safety measures will remain in place. White is reminding the public that driver's licenses and ID card expiration dates have been extended until June 1, 2021. As a result, people do not need to rush to visit a facility, especially during winter weather conditions.

The Chicago West facility, 5301 W. Lexington Ave., will remain closed due to the city's sewer repair work, which has closed Lexington Ave. around the facility. In addition, the James R. Thompson Center and Chicago Loop Express, 69 W. Washington St., Driver Services facilities will remain closed because they are located in public buildings that are not open.

Additionally, White stressed that many transactions can be conducted online at [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com) instead of waiting at a Driver Services facility. Some of these services include:

- Renewing a license plate sticker;

- Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers;

- Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have free, non-expiring IDs);

- Obtaining a driver record abstract;

- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports; and

- Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact [adminhearings.ilsos.gov](http://adminhearings.ilsos.gov).

In an effort to reduce facility visits for in-person service, White has expanded online renewals for driver's licenses and ID cards. Not everyone qualifies, particularly those who are required to pass a written or road test. For qualifying drivers, individuals will receive a letter with a unique PIN approximately 90 days before the expiration date. The PIN is required to renew online. For more information on determining one's eligibility for online renewal, visit [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com) and click on "Read more on how to renew your driver's license or ID card online" near the top of the main page.

More than 34,000 customers

have already taken advantage of the expanded driver's license and ID card online renewal program, which results in fewer customers waiting in person at Driver Services facilities.

To ensure the public's health and safety, customers visiting Driver Services facilities, along with Secretary of State employees, will be required to wear face masks. Plexiglass dividers have been installed at all workstations and tape has been applied to the floor in 6-foot intervals to follow social distancing guidelines, which limits the number of customers inside a facility. As a result, customers should go prepared to wait outside in cold weather because of the limited number of people allowed in a facility at one time.

For drive tests, employees will wear face masks and face shields due to the close proximity with the customer inside the vehicle. Customers will be required to wear face masks. Disposable plastic will be used to cover the vehicle seats during the drive test and then discarded immediately after the conclusion of the drive test.

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# 2020 - Year in Review - Continued

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with a history of travel.

## April

### Community Tackles COVID Concerns

In a time of uncertainty and fear, friends, neighbors, and entire communities came together to help one another. Dwight was no different, with the opening of a Microfood Pantry for those in need – spearheaded by Dwight Economic Alliance.

In addition, New Life Assembly of God Pastor Randy Randle began offering daily messages via posts on his Facebook page – offering words of comfort.

Jill Sorenson-Davis received a call from her quilting group to start sewing face masks for those on the frontlines fighting the COVID-19 crisis.

"I'm just trying to do it because you just feel so helpless at home. I just want to do a good deed," she said – adding that she had been at her sewing machine eight to ten hours a day for eight days.

### Disaster Proclamation Signed for Livingston County

On March 26, Livingston County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast signed a proclamation of disaster for Livingston County – activating the County's emergency operations plan and assisting County residents by and through its Emergency Management Agency and coordination of federal, state, county, and municipal resources and response activities.

### Grundy County Has Fourth Confirmed Coronavirus Case

The Grundy County Health Department announced its fourth positive case of coronavirus disease – a woman in her 40s.

### Teaching With the Help of Electronics - E-learning is Essential During Pandemic

Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered schools closed during an extended shelter-in-place mandate through April 30 – causing teachers and administrators to swap full-time brick and mortar instruction with internet instruction.

"It's a unique situation that takes a lot of creativity and I think our teachers are doing a great job," stated Dwight public schools superintendent

Richard Jancek.

### Friday Night Lights – Class of 2020

The Dwight Township High School staff devised a plan, following the announcement that students in Illinois would not return to the classroom, to honor the seniors of the Class of 2020 by shining the lights at Oughton Athletic Field for 20 minutes and 20 seconds, beginning at 8:20 (20:20 Military time).

Senior students backed into parking spaces in front of the school and were greeted by a parade of community members cheering and honking as they drove by.

### Thousands of Free Meals Being Distributed to School Kids

Following the announcement that all Illinois schools would remain closed for the rest of the 2020 school year, a dozen part-time cafeteria workers in Dwight continued to keep young bellies full until the end of the school year, preparing and delivering ten free meals to 297 Dwight school children.

### First COVID-19-Related Death in Livingston County

The Livingston County Health Department reported the first death of a County resident due to complications related to COVID-19 on April 19.

The individual was a female in her 80s who had been hospitalized.

### Boucher Farms Wins the 'Carbon Cup'

Matt Boucher, of Boucher Farms, was awarded Indigo Ag's Carbon Cup for having



ROUTE 66 FAMILY RESTAURANT in Dwight began renovating its location in May.

the highest carbon sequester in the state, meaning they were able to keep more carbon in the ground than releasing it into the air.

### Pritzker's Stay-At-Home Order Modified, Extended

Gov. Pritzker extended, but modified, the stay-at-home order until May 31 – with outdoor recreation and non-essential businesses being allowed to re-open, but with restrictions. New essential businesses included greenhouses, garden centers, nurseries, and animal grooming services.

### May

Odell Proclaims May 1 as

### Art Leach Day

The Village of Odell honored long-time resident Art Leach by proclaiming May 1 as Art Leach Day.

Leach, who had recently turned 100-years old, was a veteran of World War II.

### DTHS Senior Josephine Snyder - Student of the Year at LACC

Dwight Township High School announced that senior Josephine Snyder was selected as Student of the Year at Livingston Area Career Center in Pontiac.

She was chosen as a student of the month in January for outstanding achievement in the Early Childhood Education II

program.

Josephine is the daughter of Jim and Melissa Snyder of Dwight.

### Route 66 Uses Downtime to Renovate

With restaurant and hospitality becoming one of the hardest hit industries during the pandemic, Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight chose to invest during the pandemic in a combination of risk and success.

"Even though it is the worst time for the world, it's a good time for us," said Maria Ahmed, whose family owns the restaurant.

Construction began on a

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Thank you to everyone for the generous contributions and also to the volunteer shoppers for making this program a tremendous success. Your extraordinary generosity will long be remembered by those Odell area youngsters and their families whose Christmas was brightened.

Christmas Angels  
Odell Knights of Columbus

## Reading is Snow Much Fun with Prairie Creek Library

Prairie Creek Library, Dwight, has announced its new winter reading program for adults, Reading is Snow Much Fun!

This program is for patrons aged 18 and older, and will take place through January 29. Since many people will be whiling away some winter hours by reading, the library decided to make a game of it – a Bingo game to be exact.

To play, simply request a Bingo card from the library staff. Then patrons simply need to get to reading and following the directions in each square to make a Bingo and win an entry in the prize drawing. For any patron who would like to enter more than once, keep your card and complete an-

other Bingo up to, and including, a "cover all".

The staff will prepare Bingo bundles for anyone who would like to play. These bundles of five books will include the right books that you will need to score a Bingo.

Once a card is complete, it can be either scanned in and e-mailed or returned inside an envelope placed in the book drop. Not that, even though some of the squares may require a reader to participate on the library's Facebook page, there are also options for patrons who would prefer not to be online. Stay tuned to the library's Facebook page for book reviews and recommendations throughout the month.



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## 2020 - Year in Review - Continued



Bill and Mary Flott

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1,400-square-foot renovation and expansion to the south side of the building.

Renovations included a slightly bigger kitchen with new appliances. The waitress area was reconfigured, along with the addition of a pick-up and delivery area. They also added 20 more seats to the current 130 capacity, as well as redesigning the entryway.

Area artist Steve Connor, who painted the original outdoor artwork 18+ years ago, was commissioned to paint a new mural inside the restaurant.

Ahmed said the decision to renovate did not come easy. But they had been wanting to renovate for some time, and when all hope was lost that they would be able to reopen during the state's stay-at-home order, they decided it was now or never.

### Dwight's Pool Closed for 2020 Summer Season

In another disappointing result of the pandemic, Dwight Village Administrator Kevin McNamara announced Dwight's public swimming pool would not open for the summer 2020 season.

### DTHS Holds Drive-By Graduation Ceremony

Dwight graduates, unable to experience the normal graduation exit that most students would have due to COVID-19, were celebrated with a drive-by congratulations from friends and family.

### Dwight Resident Among Students on Nationally Recognized UIS Cyber League Team

Brandon Brant, of Dwight, was one of the members of the University of Illinois Spring-

field Cyber League team, named the 404 Society, that placed in the top 2% in The National Cyber League competition – enabling students to prepare and test themselves against practical cybersecurity challenges they would likely face in the workforce.

### June Barbershop Opens with Sheer Delight

The busiest person in town might have been Jeremy Connor, the owner of Jeremy's Barbershop in Dwight.

With Phase 3 of Illinois' Restore Illinois plan opening, so did his barbershop – and he was working non-stop, confronted with home jobs gone wrong, unruly locks, or just a ridiculous amount of hair.

He made it clear on Facebook before he reopened: "Yes, I can fix that."

### Date Meetz Zip - 6.04.20

A "Once In A Century" event was held in Dwight June 4, 2020 (6-04-20), as the Village's zip code met the date.

Though plans had to be readjusted due to the global pandemic, residents still found ways of celebrating remotely.

At 6:04 p.m. on June 4, Dwightites went outside and rang bells and wind chimes, tapped on glass jars, and made some noise for 20 seconds – many doing so in their new "60420 - Once In A Century" t-shirts.

Residents, both current and former, took photos in their t-shirts, purchased special 60420 postcards at the Historic Depot and had them stamped with a special postmark, bought antique 60420 pottery gifts, visited area businesses that had since reopened, donated to charities and organizations in amounts similar to 60420, and some families made a time capsule to be buried – then opened June 4, 2120.

### UMC Says Good-Bye to Rev. Ebersohl

After 30 years as a pastor, Michael Ebersohl retired as pastor of United Methodist Church in Dwight – where he served since 2017.

In retirement, Ebersohl planned a "ministry of music," hoping to get back to the organ once UMC is open for public service.

Rev. Mary Arnold took the pulpit at Dwight UMC on July 5.

### Governor Cancels 2020 State Fairs by Executive Order

State Fairs in Springfield and Du Quoin were canceled by executive order of the governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## the corner

by Tom Tock

Mischiefous Donald, our President, has done it again. Playing Democrat For A Day, he decided Americans afflicted by the pandemic, and those not afflicted by the pandemic, should receive \$2,000 in stimulus money instead of the paltry \$600 that was okayed by Congress.

It didn't work out, but the Dems loved it. They had wanted to make it a larger payout from the beginning of discussions.

Trump shook up his own party with his expression of monetary benevolence, and continued to amaze everyone who loved him and hated him (about 50/50) in the recent election.

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The guy rocks. He says he hates most of the media, but he toys with their likes and dislikes, giving them oodles of copy for pages one through three in the daily papers.

He is going to miss the press and they are certainly going to miss him.

Whether or not the country we call the United States will miss Trump or not is yet to be determined, but January 20 will begin a reign by the gang of four . . . you know, Kamala, Barack, Hillary, and Joe. And Bernie Sanders will

be in the wings offering more advice than most socialists need.

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of it all is a statement made by Hillary before

the 2016 election, in which she was quoted as saying: "... deep seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed."

Hillary, who received the Margaret Sanger (mother of eugenics) award in 2009, never really expanded on her remarks. Or had to. Babies have become a commodity, while old people "outlive their usefulness."

At the end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787 Benjamin Franklin was asked: "Doctor, what kind of government have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" Franklin quickly answered, "A republic, if you can keep it."

We'll have to wait a while to see how it all works out, but *Crain's Chicago Business* recently ran a list of the largest employers in the Windy City -- Government was number one by a large margin, employing 49,860. You have probably read how that's working out.

"The trouble with socialism," said Britain's former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, "is that you eventually run out of other people's money (to spend)."

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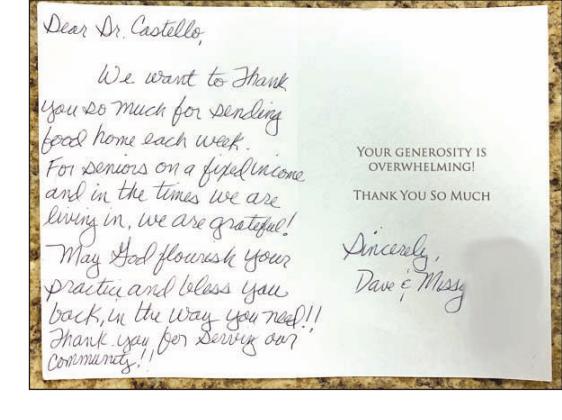
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**JAC CONTEST WINNERS:** Top row, left to right: Addyson Kinnaird, Alexis Donley, Ava Reinhardt, Ava Fehr, Grace Steindiger and Melanie Tamayo. Bottom row, left to right: Jack Goembel, Josie Kleist, Lainey Bertrand, Lauren Sawyer, Lily Breedon and Olivia Cleary.

## Gov. Thomas Ford Chapter of NSDAR Awards JAC Contest Winners

The Governor Thomas Ford Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) presented awards to winners of the Junior American Citizens Contest.

The Junior American Citizens (JAC) contest entries in art and creative expression were judged by age and category. Students in first through 12 grades from the Tri-Point, PBL, and GCMS school districts were given the opportunity to enter. The contest theme was "The 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment — American Women Rise and Shine." The year 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing

and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Students were to create a poster, stamp design, a short story or a poem about the 19th Amendment.

JAC Contest chair, Carol Camp, said that the chapter received 66 entries for the contest. Tri-Point Jr. High was one of the five schools participating. Twelve projects were chosen at the chapter level to be sent on to the state level. Ten of those projects won first place at the state level, eight of them received first place at the North Division level, and one placed second. Those nine students went on to place at the National level.

The following Tri-Point stu-

dents won a chapter award: Melanie Tamayo (Poster), Lainey Bertrand (Poster), and Alexis Donley (Poster). Each of these students received first place certificates at the state level.

At the North Central Division level, students competed with students from seven states — Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Tamayo, Donley, and Bertrand each placed at the North Central Division, as well as at the National level.

At the National level, Tamayo (Poster entry) and Bertrand (Poster entry) both won first place. Donley took

second place with her poster entry.

The Gov. Thomas Ford Chapter of NSDAR presented the chapter winners with a certificate and pen. The state winners received a certificate and a trophy. North Division winners were presented certificates and ribbons. First place and second place National winners received a medal and a certificate, with first place winners receiving the book, "Lincoln: A Photobiography" by Russell Freedman.

To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit [www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org). Contact the Gov. Thomas Ford Chapter at [crcamp1@outlook.com](mailto:crcamp1@outlook.com).



## LTLD Still Serving the Community

Library services at Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) have not stopped, but the way they serve people has.

They are open only for curbside service, as the state continues with Tier Three of the remediation plan. However, they still have Virtual Programming on their Facebook page and YouTube channel, as well as Grab-and-Go projects.

They have Storytime every Tuesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook with Ms. Holly and Ms. Karyn.

On Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m., Karyn Bowman will give a Book Talk on Facebook Live featuring book series to get lost in during this season of winter snow and cold.

Every Saturday and Tuesday, they have a new Grab-and-Go craft people can pick up, which can be picked up through their Curbside Service. When you call to schedule a curbside pick-up, ask if any

crafts can be placed in your bag, as well.

On the last week of January, they will start their programming year. Keep watch on their Facebook page and website for the kick-off announcements.

LTLD is offering Curbside Services by appointment. Library patrons can order items from the library by phone, e-mail, or holds placed on their Prairie Cat account, accessible from the limestone library.org website. They provide copying and faxing services through their Curbside Service also.

They are putting the bag of materials through an open window on an available rear car seat or in the trunk of your car.

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

## COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Drives Scheduled for OSF Saint James

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP) drives from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays, January 8, 15, and 22, in the conference rooms at OSF HealthCare Saint James — John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac.

MVRBC collects plasma donations from patients who have recovered from a COVID-19 infection to help newly diagnosed patients fight the disease. The treatment, known as convalescent plasma therapy, requires plasma provided by donors who have recently recovered from a COVID-19 infection. These donors will have antibodies to help fight COVID-19. The treatment has been used in recent years to treat victims of Ebola, SARS, and H1N1 influenza.

**Eligibility criteria for donating COVID-19 convalescent plasma:**

- Must be at least 28 days from recovery of your COVID-19 infection.
- Must have had a positive

COVID test, showing you were infected with COVID-19.

- Must be at least 17 years of age.
- Must complete the self-referral process through Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center.
- Meet all standard eligibility criteria for blood donation.

Due to the vaccine producing a smaller antibody response, you must not have received the FDA emergency authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

All CCP donors are required to schedule an appointment, take a photo ID, and wear a face covering. Appointments must be scheduled by calling 833-610-1025 and leaving a message. All donors will earn a \$35 gift card as a thank you.

To learn more about donating convalescent plasma, call (800) 747-5401.

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## Morris Hospital Announces New Physicians on Medical Staff

Morris Hospital has welcomed several new physicians to its Medical Staff.

Matthew Bartindale, M.D., is an independent otolaryngologist/head and neck surgeon with ENT Surgical Consultants and has a special interest in ear disease, hearing loss, and skull base surgery. He is experienced in minimally invasive ear surgery, where he performs a large proportion of his surgeries completely through the ear canal, avoiding an external incision.

Mitchell Farag, M.D., is an independent radiologist with Grundy Radiologists and specializes in diagnosing and treating injuries and diseases using medical imaging procedures such as x-rays, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), nuclear medicine and ultrasound. Dr. Farag's office is located in the Imaging Services department at Morris Hospital.

Michaelia Fosses-Vuong, D.O., and Mark Wojdyla, M.D., are emergency medicine physicians with EPIC Group, the independent group of emergency physicians who serve the Morris Hospital Emergency Department.

As hospitalists, Ishtiaq Habib, M.D., and Kanchan Tiwari, M.D., manage and coordinate all aspects of a patient's hospital stay from admission through discharge.

Alexander Green, M.D., is a contracted cardiologist from Loyola University Medical Center who specializes in heart rhythm conditions and implantation of cardiac devices such as pacemakers, defibrillators and implantable cardiac monitors. He has office hours at the Morris Hospital Cardiovascular Specialists office.

Colin Kao, D.O., is a family medicine physician with over 15 years' experience providing primary care for patients of all ages. In addition to diagnosing and treating illness, he provides preventative care, routine checkups, health risk assessments, immunizations, screening tests, and personalized counseling on maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Dr. Kao sees patients at the Seneca Healthcare Center of Morris Hospital, 271 N. Main St., Seneca.

Samuel Quaynor, M.D., Ph.D., is a board-certified neurologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders that affect the brain, spinal cord and nerves, including stroke, headaches, concussion, seizures, speech and language disorders, infections of the brain and peripheral nervous system, traumatic brain injuries, movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease, sleep disorders, dementia disorders such as Alzheimer's, and multiple sclerosis.

He has office hours at the Morris Hospital Neurology Specialists' offices at 1802 N. Division St., Suite 703, Morris and 25259 Reed St., Channahon.

Robert Williams, M.D., is an independent orthopedic surgeon with Rezin Orthopedics. He treats a wide range of general orthopedic issues and has specialized training in shoulder and elbow replacement surgery and arthroscopy, rotator cuff injuries, shoulder and elbow instability, and sports and overuse injuries of the upper extremity.

For a complete directory of providers on the Morris Hospital Medical Staff, visit morrishospital.org/doctors.



**THE VILLAGE OF HERSCHER'S** new electronic sign was activated just before New Year's Day. It is on Route 115, across from the doctor's offices.



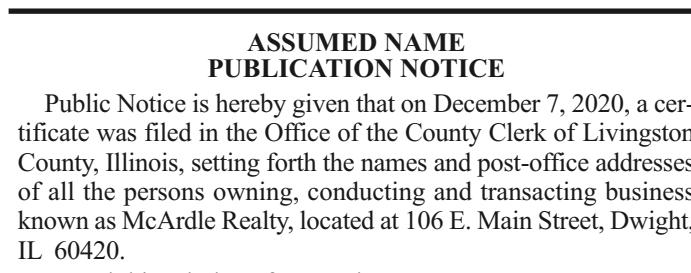
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## Dwight Township 2021 Meeting Dates

Dwight Township will hold meetings on the following dates in 2021:

February 2; March 2; April 6; April 13 – Annual Town Meeting; May 4; June 1; July 6; August 3; September 7; October 5; November 2; and December 7.

All regularly scheduled meetings are held in the Dwight Township Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.



## OBITUARY

### Paul J. DeSimone

Paul J. DeSimone, age 80, formerly of Odell, IL and Queens, NY, passed away peacefully at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL Sunday, December 27, 2020.

He was born April 7, 1940 to the late Josephine (nee Bonanza) and Paul DeSimone in Syracuse, NY, where he was raised and educated.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

He will be missed by beloved friends, James and Kim Paputsa of Emington, and their three daughters: Jennifer (David) Chi of Greenville, South Carolina; Anna (Eli) Pine of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; and Katie Paputsa of Emington; Karen Odom of Odell; and many others. Paul was appreciative of all the friendships he made over the years.

As a young man, Paul moved to Queens, NY, teaching drums and playing in "The Family Tree" band for many years. The band played throughout the Midwest and East Coast. He even played a few shows on Broadway. Later he resided in the south suburbs of Chicago working as a chef, moving to Odell 20 years ago. He was a member of New Covenant Community Church in Joliet, IL, a congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Paul's faith was to the Lord Jesus Christ and he rested on the promises of God.

As it was Paul's wish, cremation rites have been accorded and his final earthly remains will be interred at a later date in Union Cemetery, Emington, IL. Rev. Bruce Hollister will officiate.

For information, please call 815-942-5040 or visit his Memorial Tribute at: www.fredcdames.com where you can share a favorite memory or leave a condolence.



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## 5 Minutes with Boma



### UGLY

This is probably the last week I'll be able to write about this particular topic for a while. That topic is none other than the Chicago Bears.

The Bears' season was basically a microcosm of the entire year 2020, starting out great, maybe even better than anticipated, then, it getting weird, and bad, and ugly. And then by the end of it, they somehow figured a way to exist with everything and still made it to the playoffs despite losing their last game. Much like all of us making it to the end of this year, despite it being kind of ugly.

The making of the playoffs for the Bears brings some temporary satisfaction but I'm not sure what it really means for them long term. Hopefully it changes nothing they were planning to do this offseason. Making the playoffs at 8-8 should in no way change what you plan to do going forward.



Now, will the Bears be smart enough to move on from some combination of Nagy, Pace, and Mitch? I think that might be expecting too much from the Bears and what they've shown as an organization the last few years.

With all that being said, the Bears are in the playoffs, even though it was expanded by one team this year and that's the only reason they're in. They're in the playoffs and they're eight and a half point underdogs as it currently stands. That line could move a little one way or the other, but as of now they're a little over a touchdown underdog.



All of this kind of adds up to be a bad thing, but ultimately, the end goal of the season is to end up here, to have a chance to win some games in the playoffs, as the underdog or not. I actually think they're going to beat the Saints as their running back is banged up and Brees can't throw downfield. I think the defense shows up and the Bears win something like 24-20.

Go Bears.

Aaron J. Boma  
2016 ISU Grad

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

*The Paper* welcomes letters to the editor on topics of current local interest. All letters must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. No letters will be published with fictitious names or if unsigned. All letters should be typed or neatly printed and should not exceed 250 words. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household. Political letters will not run the week prior to an election.

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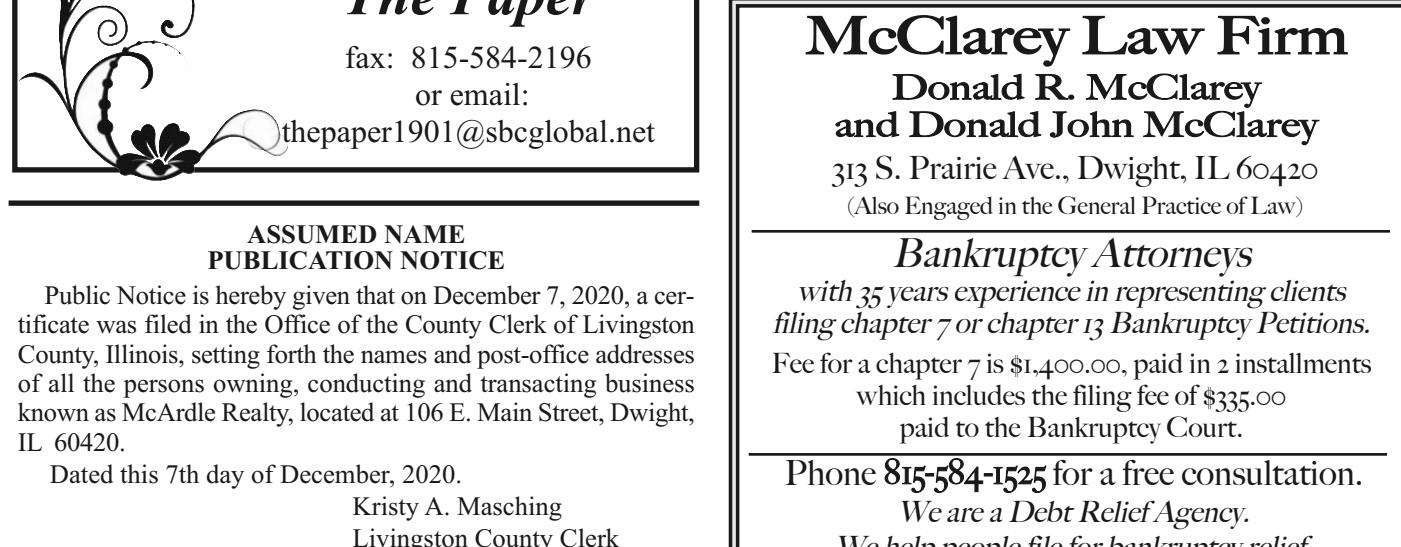
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If further information regarding specifics and duties of garbage collector is needed, feel free to contact Village Clerk, Nancy Haag at 815-832-4334 – leave a message and she will get back to you.

Bid proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to Village of Saunemin, P O Box 283, Saunemin, IL 61769 and marked clearly on outside of the envelope, lower left-hand corner "Sealed Bid Garbage/Recycle". Please include a Certificate of Insurance. Dead line is Monday, February 5, 2021.

Bids will be opened Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at the regular Village Board meeting. If Village Board has questions in regards to your bid, you will be contacted. Final decision will be made at the Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Village Board meeting.

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HSG: Gregg Jensen, 257;	Victory Lanes	4	0
Doug Gassman, 256; Rick	Hallam Elect.	4	0
Rambo, 256; Brandon Petry,	Rockey's Pub	3	1
255; Josh Gernentz, 247. HSS:	Star Trucking	3	1
Doug Gassman, 722; Josh Ger-	Willy's Pub	3	1
nentz, 699; Bob Whicker, 667;	Jensen BP II	3	1
Bosco Gassman, 660; Brandon	Rury's Tap	1	3
Petry, 653. HHG: Rick Rambo,	Rambo Construct.	1	3
267. HHS: Doug Gassman,	DeLong Ford	1	3
722. HSG/HHG: Victory	Jensens	0	4
Lanes, 1068. HSS/HHS: Vic-	Jeremy's Barber	0	4
tory Lanes, 3146.			

One step must start each journey.



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

In the Matter of the Estate )  
of ) No. 2020-P-129  
)  
MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON, Deceased.)

#### CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS UNDER 755 ILCS 5/18-3 AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OF MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON, DECEASED, PURSUANT TO 755 ILCS 5/6-10

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON, who died on November 30, 2020, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of his death was 30847 N. 3100 East Road, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to George William Hoffman, a/k/a William G. Hoffman as Independent Executor of the Last Will and Testament of MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON dated April 23, 2013, by Order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois dated December 11, 2020.

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 first date of publication of this notice is December 23, 2020. Six months after the first publication date shall be June 24, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before the above determined dates is barred.

Claims should be e-filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois under the instructions as set forth below. Claims may also be filed with the Independent Administrator or the attorney for the estate, or both. If a claim is 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 Livingston County Circuit Clerk, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Administrator or the attorney for the estate, or both, and provide proof to the Livingston County Circuit Clerk of such mailing or delivery. All claims filed with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk must be filed electronically, as more specifically set forth below.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, under Independent Administration pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq., unless pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-4 an interested party Petitions the Court to Terminate Independent Administration by e-filing a Petition to Terminate with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, pursuant to instructions found on the Circuit Clerk's website, such Petition to Terminate shall be as provided under Supreme Court Rule 110, Explanation of Rights in Independent Administration; Form of Petition to Terminate with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois by filing such Petition electronically as set forth below.

An explanation of the rights under Supreme Court Rule 110 – Rights of Interested Parties During Independent Administration, and the Form of the Petition to Terminate Independent Administration are as follows:

#### Supreme Court Rule 110 Explanation Rights of Interested Parties During Independent Administration; Form of Petition to Terminate Administration

A copy of the Order granting Independent Administration of the decedent's estate dated December 11, 2020 may be obtained from the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois and/or the Independent Executor, or the Independent Executor's attorney, at the addresses as stated herein.

Independent Administration means that the executor or administrator will not have to obtain court orders or file estate papers in court during probate. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the Court to become involved.

Under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person may terminate Independent Administration at any time by e-filing a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration to the Clerk of the Court (as set forth below). However, if there is a Will which directs Independent Administration, Independent Administration will be terminated only if the Court finds there is good cause to require Supervised Administration; and if the petitioner is a creditor or nonresiduary legatee, Independent Administration will be terminated only if the Court finds that termination is necessary to protect the petitioner's interest.

A petition in substantially the form set forth below may be used to terminate Independent Administration:

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

In the Matter of the Estate  
of  
MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON, Deceased.

#### PETITION TO TERMINATE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

, on oath states:

1. On December 11, 2020, an order was entered granting independent administration to George William Hoffman a/k/a William G. Hoffman, 11220 S. Gorman Road, Gardner, IL 60424 as Independent Executor of the Estate of Michael K. Bennington.

2. I am an interested party in this estate as

(heir) (nonresiduary legatee) (residuary legatee) (creditor) (representative)

3. The Will does direct Independent Administration.

4. I request that Independent Administration be terminated.

Signature of Petitioner

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## 2020 - Year in Review - Continued

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Gatherings of more than 50 people would not be allowed until Phase 5.

#### **Julie Schultz Named Principal at DCS**

Dwight Common School named Julie Schultz the new principal, effective July 1.

Mrs. Schultz, a Dwight native, joined DCS as the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director in 2018.

"As a lifelong member of the Dwight community, I have a special interest and connection in continuing to build strong, successful Redbird learners," she stated. "We are facing a monumental challenge in education with the impact of COVID-19, and I am committed to making decisions, in leadership and collaboration with my dedicated Redbird staff, in the best interest of our students and families."

#### Alliance Grain in Cabery

##### **Expanding; \$4 Million Renovation**

Alliance Grain Company underwent a multi-million dollar rehab at its Cabery location.

The project began at the end of March at a cost of \$4 million to \$4.5 million.

"This is a much needed expansion," said Jaime Stein, operations manager for the company.

Improvements increased output to 15,000 bushels an hour, up from receiving just 6,000 bushels an hour prior to the renovations.

#### **DTHS Class of 2020 Receives Diplomas**

The Class of 2020 at Dwight Township High School finally received their diplomas on June 20, at a graduation ceremony held outside at Oughton Athletic Field – with graduates' family and friends present.

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#### **Notary Public**

(end of form)

In addition to the right to terminate Independent Administration, any interested person may also have such further rights as set forth under 755 ILCS 5/28-1, et seq.

**The following additional Notice is hereby given pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/6-10 as follows:**

Notice is hereby given with respect to the above proceeding to probate a Will to any unknown heirs at law of Michael K. Bennington, deceased, and/or heirs at law or legatees whose names or addresses are not otherwise known and/or stated in the Petition for Probate of Will and Letters Testamentary – Independent Administration, that an Order Admitting Will to Probate and for Issuance of Letters Testamentary – Independent Administration was entered by the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois on December 11, 2020, admitting the Last Will and Testament of Michael K. Bennington dated April 23, 2013 to probate, and appointing George William Hoffman, a/k/a William G. Hoffman, as the Independent Executor thereof.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open Court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

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## Area COVID-19 Stats as of January 4

Town	Tested	Cases	Numbers as of 01/04/21
Dwight	6,225	382	
Herscher	1,769	176	
Gardner	1,297	148	
Odell	1,314	116	
Mazon	956	104	
Essex	716	100	
Braceville	974	97	
S. Wilmington	505	63	
Cullom	624	58	
Buckingham	482	53	
Reddick	565	52	
Saunemin	660	38	No Data for: Kinsman
Verona	352	34	Statistics via: <a href="http://dph.illinois.gov">dph.illinois.gov</a>
Cabery	344	27	
Ransom	417	27	
Emington	223	24	
Kempton	271	23	
Blackstone	146	17	
Campus	219	13	
Union Hill	71	10	

County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	138,759	10,776	156
LaSalle	94,626	8,512	186
Grundy	31,818	3,953	45
Livingston	47,317	3,180	52
Iroquois	30,570	2,365	49
Ford	18,172	1,259	37

**Illinois - Confirmed Cases:** 979,821; **Deaths:** 16,755; **Probable Deaths:** 1,567; **Total Tests Performed:** 13,482,117; **Recovery Rate:** 98%.

*Probable cases are individuals who have been tested and are found to have a positive test result by a local clinic using "rapid" tests that are not, at this time, IDPH-approved tests.*

## Grundy County Provides COVID-19 Vaccine Plan Update

Grundy County began receiving COVID-19 vaccine on December 20, when a neighboring county had 20 Pfizer vaccines that they didn't intend to use within the required timeframe. These initial vials resulted in 120 vaccines, each administered to Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers personnel. A second shipment was received directly at Morris Hospital on December 28, and these 700 Moderna vaccines were administered to hospital and EMS personnel.

A third shipment of 400 Moderna is expected to arrive in Grundy soon, and this will continue to be used for Phase 1a persons: healthcare personnel not associated with Morris Hospital. The method by which these will be administered varies and the Health Department is coordinating local resources in preparation of each method. One such method may include a mass vaccination clinic at a centralized community location. Those licensed medical professionals seeking vaccination and not yet in contact with GCHD should call 815-941-3404 for more information.

Presently, Grundy remains in Phase 1a, which includes healthcare personnel and long-term care facilities. It is unknown how long we will remain in this phase, as timing depends on the quantity of vaccine received each week and the number of interested persons in this phase.

Phase 1b, which currently includes Essential Frontline Workers (as defined by ACIP) and adults ages 75+ years, may begin as early as February. Additional information will be made available in the weeks ahead.



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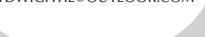
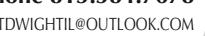
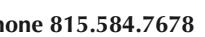
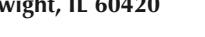
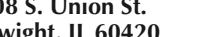
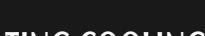
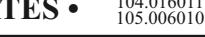
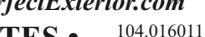
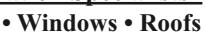
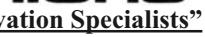
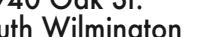
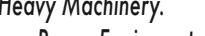
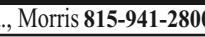
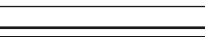
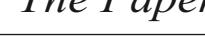
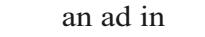
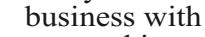
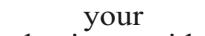
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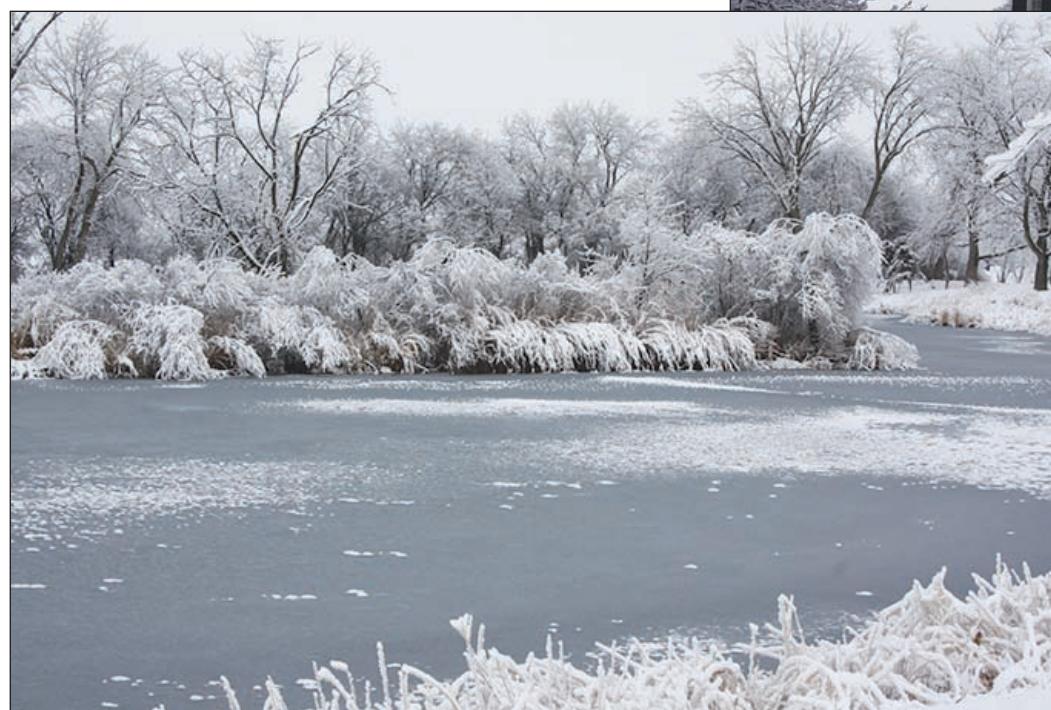
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### Liv. County COVID-19 Vaccination Update

The LCHD has been working closely with all Livingston County health care systems, to ensure efficient and safe distribution of the vaccine. Priority will be given to those persons:

- Providing direct, in-person services, especially to vulnerable populations;
- Caring for patients diagnosed with COVID-19;
- Cleaning areas where COVID-19 patients are admitted, treated, and/or housed;
- Performing procedures with higher risk of aerosolization, invasive dental procedures, invasive specimen collections, etc.;
- Administering COVID-19 vaccine to others;
- Providing death care.

Any healthcare worker or caregiver working in Livingston County not affiliated with a hospital system is encouraged to call the LCHD to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment at 815-844-7174, ext. 216.

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