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JOSH DELONG, OF DWIGHT, is Gardner-South Wilmington’s new superintendent. He’s shown with wife Deanna and sons Dalton and Dawson.

DeLong New ‘School CEO’ at Gardner-South Wilmington

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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In high school, Josh DeLong didn’t quite know what his career path would be. Had you told him he’d be the new superintendent at Gardner-South Wilmington High School and Braceville Elementary School, he might not have believed you.

But come August, DeLong takes the helm as the new superintendent, replacing Mike Perrott, who retired at the end of June.

DeLong was born and raised in Dwight, and still lives here with his family. He’s a hometown boy, and the perfect job fell in his lap at the perfect time.

“These jobs don’t come up very often ... especially so close to home,” said DeLong, 38.

DeLong graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1999, and attended Joliet Junior College for his associate’s degree. Heading to Illinois State University, he remembered volunteering his time to work with an autistic boy during high school, which turned out to be a special time in his life and sparked some interest in teaching.

Two years later, he stepped out with his bachelor’s degree in elementary education.

He could have gone anywhere at the time; some states were offering signing bonuses for teachers.

“I thought it’d be a good idea to come back to the area,” he said, and started teaching fifth grade at Dwight Elementary School. He also coached

junior high baseball and high school wrestling.

He led a busy schedule, but decided to go back to school. He received his master’s degree in principal leadership from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, taking night classes.

After five years teaching fifth grade, he was hired as the Dean of Students at Pontiac Junior High School. His career flourished in Pontiac over the next 11 years.

He spent two years as Dean of Students, then was hired as the assistant principal at the school. He spent two years in that role before becoming principal at Washington Elementary School, which he held for six years. He was then promoted to Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the district.

During this time, DeLong decided to go back to school once again. The next step in his career was superintendent, and he was encouraged by his wife, Deanna, a special education teacher at Prairie Central in Fairbury. They decided it was a good time in his career -- and for his family -- to earn his doctoral work and receive his superintendent endorsement certificate.

Taking night classes again wasn’t easy, but the couple knew it was the right time, before their boys, Dalton, 8, and Dawson, 6, began getting into more activities. They are already playing baseball and on the swim team.

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Seneca Caps Off Year With Successful State Convention



MARK MEHOCHKO, OF THE SENECA FFA, was the state winner in the prepared public speaking Career Development Event. He now advances to compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. More photos from the convention can be found on Page 10.

The 91st annual Illinois FFA Convention was held June 11-13 at the Bank of Springfield Center in Springfield. Each June, over 5,000 Illinois FFA members, including over 30 from Seneca, gather in Illinois’s capital to listen to speakers, attend a career fair, compete in career development events (CDEs) and await the results of individual and chapter awards.

The Seneca FFA Chapter ranked fifth in the state in the premier chapter competition. This ranking is based off multiple events the Seneca FFA Chapter held during the 2018-19 school year, including 30 MPH, the Farm Toy Show, management of the Land Lab, and the annual Veterans Day program. Each year, the ranking is centered around three major areas of agricultural education: building students, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Seneca swept Section 7 in these categories. In addition, Seneca placed fourth in the Heritage Award.

Three recent Seneca graduates, Brandon Calhoon, Torie Knibbs, and Lane Weber, were honored for receiving their American FFA Degrees. Six Seneca FFA members also received their State Degrees: Brody Baudino, Gabby Clubb, Mark Mehochko, Sydney

Poyner, Ian Wilkinson, and Dylan Woodard.

Seneca also succeeded in the finals of Career Development Events held at the State Convention. The Horticulture Team was honored as state champions. Mark Mehochko competed in and won the state prepared speaking CDE. He will compete in October at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Both the varsity and novice parliamentary procedure teams competed on Monday with the varsity placing eighth and the freshmen placing fifth. Miranda Araujo placed third as novice secretary. The Greenhand quiz bowl team placed fourth in state among some very tough competition.

A highlight of the week was the announcement of the Stars of Illinois, the highest award given from the Illinois FFA. Although not the state winner, Joey Thomas, of Mazon, was a finalist in the area of Star in Agribusiness.

Les Maierhofer was presented with the Honorary State Degree for 30 years of volunteer service to Section 7 and District II competitions. Bill Graves received the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois FFA Foundation for his 60 consecutive years of donating to the FFA Foundation.



Fireworks fly over Dwight as the town’s windmill shines in the night during the Fourth of July Celebration.
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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

June 28: Lisa L. Schmidgall, 55, Fairbury, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Shannis Ziad, 33, Davie, FL, driving 15-20 MPH; Shane M. Skinner, 21, St. Joseph, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Jazmine N. Rudder, 23, Calumet City, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

June 29: Jennifer L. Moats, 39, Gardner, op. mtr. veh./regis./suspended; Ryelee O. Bolden, 20, Pontiac, failed yield to emergency veh.; JR V. Lockett, 77, St. Anne, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Kathryn S. Vonachen, 50, Dunlap, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Summer M. Crosser, 18, Cedar Lake, IN, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Heather M. Smith, 48, Madisonville, KY, canc./revoke/suspend regis./il.

June 30: William T. Neely, 30, Chicago, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Sarah R. Rodriguez, 18, Angeltown, TX, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

July 1: Sara J. Gallet, 44, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Adam J. Young, 30, Dwight, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Patricia S. Walsh, 76, Tomah, WI, operate uninsured mtr. vehicle.

July 2: Cheryl L. Doherty, 57, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

July 3: Deanna N. Parker, 26, Essex, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Tabetha M. Jones, 18, Kankakee, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

July 4: Takerria Williams, 19, Bloomington, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Steven J. Derrico, 44, Manteno, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Melisa Queiro, 37, Chandlerville, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Lanise L. White, 37, Kankakee, driving 21-25

MPH above limit.

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

29 Written Warnings

Speeding – 13; fail to yield – 1; expired registration – 1; no lights when required – 1; crossing fog line – 2; no signal – 1; improper display of registration – 1; no front license plate – 1; improper signal – 1; open title – 1; no valid insurance – 1; disobeyed stop sign – 3; one headlight – 1; no registration plate light – 1.

Dwight Police Blotter

June 28: 10:55 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Main St. A subject had walked on the freshly poured concrete.

July 1: 2:10 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Mazon for a Domestic Battery. Arrested was Jason R. Shumard, 39, of Dwight. He was taken to Livingston Co. Jail.

July 2: 12:16 p.m., Dwight Police were called to the 300 block of W. William for damage to property. The resident advised some unknown person had damaged their entry door; 5:19 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook Dr. for a drive off. The clerk stated a male driving a black SUV failed to complete his gas transaction.

July 3: 5:44 p.m., Dwight Officer met with a female at Dwight Police Dept., advising her children’s father failed to meet for a child return at the designated time.

Accident Report

Friday, June 28, 5:08 a.m., an accident was reported at 1

Aldi Rd. involving a 2012 Volvo, driven by Hassan Yasin, Hickory Hills, which was backing into a dock door and collided with a parked 2013 Intr, driven by Muluken Mada.

Saturday, June 29, a hit-and-run accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook involving a parked 2013 Volvo Semi, which had a driver in the sleeper, that was struck in the left front by an unknown unit.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

June 27: 3:37 p.m., William, fire, mutual aid to Fire; 3:45 p.m., Washington, medical; 7:51 p.m., to Gardner, fire, cancelled, mutual aid to Gardner.

June 28: 9:40 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Riverside; 3:26 p.m., John St., medical, Morris; 4:25 p.m., Mazon, fire, mutual aid to Dwight Fire; 8:03 p.m., Mazon, trauma, refusal.

June 29: 8:43 a.m., Mazon, med., Morris; 3:26 p.m., Chicago, medical, St. James.

June 30: 12:19 a.m., 2400 East, medical, Morris; 4:56 p.m., James, medical, Morris.

July 1: 1:46 a.m., Union, trauma, Morris; 4:16 p.m., I-55, trauma, mutual aid from Gardner; 6:43 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 9:18 p.m., Washington, medical, St. James.

July 2: 1:39 p.m., Mazon, fire, no pt.; 5:12 p.m., Prospect, medical, Morris; 7:11 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

July 3: 12:04 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 4:36 p.m., Watters, medical, Riverside.

July 5: 5:14 a.m., Bannon, medical, Morris.



A HOLE IN THE ALLEY of North Washington Street in Dwight is believed to be a sinkhole 12 feet wide.

Small Pit in Dwight Alley Hides Sinkhole Below

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

Steer clear of the North Washington Street alley between West Waupansie and West Seminole streets. There’s a sinkhole not to be messed with.

The hole itself is only about 5 inches wide, but Steve Kinkade, director of Dwight Public Works, speculates underneath is a three- to four-foot-deep hole that’s 12 feet in circumference.

He doesn’t believe it’s a village issue that caused the problem. He said he believes a nearby home, that has been bank repossessed, has a broken sewer line coming from it that caused a washout.

Kinkade said he is waiting for an answer from village officials on how to proceed. But it will likely cost about \$5,000. They’ll have to dig out the asphalt, fix the main or whatever else might be causing the sinkhole, cover it with rock and dirt, then cover it back up with asphalt.

In the meantime, stay away. Sinkholes can be dangerous. According to spartnerships.com,

aging waste and sewer systems can cause sinkhole effects, but they can also occur naturally.

There have been more than 20 ground collapses in the last two decades in Asheville, N.C., that have been attributed to human error. Nearly all of these land cave-ins were caused by underground pipe failures. One of the sinkholes has been gradually swallowing up two homes, forcing tenants out and making them unlivable. Three years ago, \$5.6 million was spent to replace 2,500 feet of pipes to drain away rain water.

The most damage from natural sinkholes tends to occur in Florida, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Pennsylvania. In 2014, a 40-foot-wide, 20-foot-deep natural sinkhole opened in Bowling Green in the middle of the National Corvette Museum, swallowing eight vintage cars, spartnerships.com reports. In 1994, Polk County, Fla., had a 15-story sinkhole open up beneath an 80-million-ton pile of toxic industrial waste. Cleaning up around 90 percent of the county’s drinking water ran into the millions.

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Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington July 15

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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

take bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency.

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

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CCSI Offering Area Outreach, Support Groups and Classes

Community Care Systems, Inc. will be available to assist senior citizens and people under the age of 60 with disabilities in signing up for federal, state, and local programs at the following area locations: • **Cullom – Thursday, July 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m., at the Cullom Village Office, 119 N. Oak St.**

• **Dwight – Wednesday, July 24, 9:00-11:00 a.m., at the Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Ave.**

No appointments are necessary. Call 815-844-2272 for more information.

Creative Caregiver Support Group

On Tuesday, July 23, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., CCSI will be co-facilitating a support group for adult family members or other individuals who are informal providers of in-home care to a frail person 60 years of age or older.

This support group is available to current and previous caregivers in the community. The purpose of the group is to promote a more positive experience, provide empowerment with resources, and offer innovative approaches and ideas.

This meeting will be held in the Activity Room at Heritage Health in Dwight, 300 E. Mazon Ave., on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

For more information, contact Brandie Taylor, Caregiver Advisor, at 815-844-2272.

Matter of Balance Class

Matter of Balance classes will be held Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. starting July 10 and continuing for eight consecutive weeks at Heritage Woods in Dwight, 701 E. Mazon.

Class dates are July 10, 17, 24, and 31, and August 7, 14, 21, and 28.

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

This class is free and those who complete all eight sessions will receive a special gift. People can register by calling 815-584-4806, and for additional information – contact Brandie Taylor.

Vermilion Valley ETSB Meeting July 10

The Vermilion Valley Emergency Telephone System Board is holding a meeting at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, in the 911 training room (downstairs) in the Public Safety Complex, 844 W. Lincoln St. in Pontiac.

Board members include: Jim Woolford, Gary Bird, Tony Childress, William Flott, Tim Henson, Paul Johnson, Scott Runyon, and Robert Turner.

The next regular meeting of the Vermilion Valley ETSB will be Wednesday, August 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the same location.

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June 27 – high 89°, low 69°
June 28 – high 90°, low 67°
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Marriage – Newlyweds often discover they bring different financial habits to a marriage. For example, one spouse may be more of a saver, while the other is more prone to spending. And this holds true for investment styles – one spouse might be more risk-averse, while the other is more aggressive. A financial advisor can help recommend ways for you and your spouse to find some common ground in your saving and investment strategies, enabling you to move forward toward your mutual goals.
New child – When you have a child, you will need to consider a variety of financial issues. Will you be able to help the child someday go to college? And what might happen to your child, or children, if you were no longer around? A financial advisor can present you with some college-savings options, such as an education savings plan, as well as ways to protect your family, such as life insurance.
Career change – You may change jobs several times, and each time you do, you’ll need to make some choices about your employer-sponsored retirement plan. Should you move it to your new employer’s plan, if transfers are allowed? Or, if permitted, should you keep the assets in your old employer’s plan? Or perhaps you should roll over the money into an IRA? A financial advisor can help you explore these options to determine which one is most appropriate for your needs.
Death of a spouse – Obviously, the death of a spouse is a huge emotional blow, but it does not have to be a financial one – especially if you’ve prepared by having the correct beneficiary named on retirement accounts and life insurance policies. Your financial advisor can help ensure you have taken these steps.

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Blood Drive in Dwight July 16

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Communities depend on local leaders to host blood drives so they can give the gift of life. The fact is, patients need blood every single day – and enough blood can’t be provided to patients in need without partners hosting regularly scheduled blood drives.

A blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, from 12:30-5:30 p.m., at St. Pat’s Hall in Dwight.

Every pint of blood collected can help save up to three lives.

Substitute Teaching License Easier To Obtain Than You Think

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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The Regional Office of Education #17 is holding a substitute teacher sign-up day and training on July 17. If you’re a retiree, college student or someone in between jobs, substitute teaching pays well and can potentially provide you with full-time work.

Debbie Conroy, district secretary for Dwight Public Schools, said Dwight, not unlike other districts throughout the state, is having a hard time securing substitute teachers. Part of that, she believes, is because people may not realize that regulations have loosened up and you don’t even need a bachelor’s degree to become a substitute teacher.

Angie Riethmaier, administrative assistant for the Regional Office of Education, said there are two types of substitute teacher licenses.

The first is a regular sub. You must have a bachelor’s degree in any field, and they are allowed to sub long-term.

The other, a Short Term Sub (STS), is relatively new and has different stipulations. First, there is no need to have a bachelor’s degree. You only need to have 60 hours of college credit to apply, which makes it a great option for college students looking for a part-time job -- especially education majors. They can only teach up to five consecutive days per licensed teacher, meaning they can’t take over a classroom for a teacher on maternity leave or an extended illness like a regular sub can.

“People don’t realize that and think there are too many hoops to jump through [to get a sub license],” Riethmaier said.

Districts often struggle to find substitutes because they may only want to work at certain schools or on certain days. Many subs are retirees, and often limit themselves to a day or two a week. Because of this, it takes a huge pool of subs to cover for teachers, Riethmaier said.

Once licensed, substitutes can register with districts in which they would like to teach. Districts in ROE #17 pay anywhere from \$85 to

A Short Term Sub (STS), is relatively new and has different stipulations. First, there is no need to have a bachelor’s degree. You only need to have 60 hours of college credit to apply, which makes it a great option for college students looking for a part-time job -- especially education majors.

\$120 a day, and often pay more for working on a Friday. The need is so great for subs, you could get full-time work. The ROE #17 covers Livingston, McLean, DeWitt and Logan counties.

The sign-up day is being held at the Regional Alternative School, 905 W. Custer Ave. in Pontiac. Paperwork submission is from 1-3 p.m., followed by a STS training from 3-6 p.m. To begin the process visit roe17.org and click on the License tab. That will get you started. You’ll need to bring the official transcript showing your bachelor’s degree or 60 hours of college credit, the completed substitute authorization packet found on the website, a Photo ID and cash/check/debit for fingerprinting which is available on site.

The fee to register is \$25, there is the \$60 fingerprint cost and a one-time physical cost.

The STS is valid for substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools, PreK-12 and is valid through July 30, 2023.

Lions Program to Combat Deafness July 16 in Dwight

Deafness has no respect of age, wealth, or rank – it strikes people of all economic, social, and age categories with equal frequency. To help protect the hearing of the public through an early alert system, to increase public awareness not only of the problems of the deaf, but also the capabilities of hearing impaired. The Lions Clubs of Illinois, every year, sponsor free hearing screenings for persons 18 and older and ten to 17 with written parental consent, in communities all over the state.

As part of that program, the Dwight Lions Club is sponsoring screenings from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 16, in the parking lot of St. Patrick Church, 114 W. Mazon Ave. in Dwight.

Hearing loss is probably the single most common chronic disability in the United States, occurring nearly four times as often as blindness. There are nearly 720,000 hearing impaired persons in Illinois alone. Of these, 106,000 are deaf, 26,000 of these were deaf before the age of 19. Unfortunately, the problem is made worse since the deaf are least understood of all handicapped populations.

“For many years,” said Eric Stewart, Club President and Club Hearing Chairman, “many associated deafness and

stupidity together, even though deaf and hearing impaired people have IQ’s equal to those of the hearing population. The deaf have shown to be just as qualified as the hearing for job opportunities. They should be shown, and deserve, every consideration.”

He noted that hearing loss takes many forms. In some, the problem is simply that they feel like the sound has been turned down. But others may have trouble understanding various pitches or sounds. The causes, too, vary a lot, and there are many medical and mechanical treatments to help people with hearing loss.

“Since protection of our hearing is so important,” Stewart adds, “we hope that the people of our community will take full advantage of the hearing screenings. The screening takes but a few minutes and persons who fail the screening are referred to hearing professionals for further evaluation and treatment.”

The Mobile Hearing Screening activity is conducted through cooperation of the Lions of Illinois Foundation; the charitable arm of the state’s more than 700 Lions Clubs, and is funded primarily from Candy Day, held statewide the second Friday of every October.



DeLong Hired as Superintendent

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So during the day, he worked as principal, and at night, for the past two years, he drove every Wednesday night to Illinois State University in Bloomington for classwork. He finished this spring.

He came across the Gardner-South Wilmington job posting and was encouraged by Pontiac’s Superintendent Brian Dukes to apply. He was hired in the fall, while still earning his certificate. He officially became superintendent on July 1.

He’s very familiar with the area. He has many friends in South Wilmington, and grew up spending summers swimming and fishing at the South Wilmington Fireman Beach, where he

brings his family to this day.

He calls his role the “CEO of the district,” overseeing operations at Braceville Elementary School, which has a population of about 110, and Gardner-South Wilmington High School, which has a population of about 220. He hopes to continue updating the 100-year-old high school building, getting to know every student and their family, and making the environments at both schools the “best place our students can call home.”

He never envisioned becoming a superintendent, but believes advanced degrees and career advancement has kept him fresh and continuing to learn. He’ll never doubt those decisions.

“I’m excited to be here and excited for the adventure ahead of me,” he said.

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Morris Hospital Honors Nurse Supervisor for Commitment to Excellence

Veteran Registered Nurse Beth Bomba has come a long way over the past 40 years. From volunteer candy striper at age 16 who took water to patients and helped them get ready for bed to a well-respected supervisor of the Morris Hospital Emergency Department, Bomba was recently recognized for her commitment to excellence when she was honored as the hospital's May Fire Starter of the Month.



A native of South Wilmington, Bomba says she always knew she wanted to be a nurse, likely as a result of having health issues as a child. She started her career at Morris Hospital as a CNA on the medical/surgical units right after graduating from high school in 1979. After completing her RN degree, she worked on the Medical/Surgical units, Emergency Department, Performance Improvement and Recovery.

As Bomba became a more seasoned nurse, it was natural for her to assume leadership roles, first as charge nurse of the Emergency Department in 2000 and then as Emergency Department Supervisor in 2015. As her career evolved from working directly with patients to a supervisory role, Bomba's focus today is on overall quality of care in the emergency department and staff engagement.

"Beth understands that all of us like to be recognized for our

accomplishments and hear how our work benefits the organization," says Tony Bucki, Director of Emergency Services at Morris Hospital. "She goes out of her way to improve the interpersonal relationships among the ED staff on a daily basis. Her actions improve our team as a whole and help create a family atmosphere where staff know that the work they do makes a difference in the lives of the patients and community we serve."

Bomba is one of a handful of employees at Morris Hospital who has been twice recognized as Fire Starter of the Month, first in 2007 and now 2019. Another example of her stellar commitment to excellence was in 2017 when she completed her bachelor of science in nursing degree so she could "encourage and inspire" others.

In early civilizations, fire starters were individuals who had the important job of keeping the flame alive.



THE NORTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS COORDINATING COUNCIL, which includes Omicron and Gamma Phi Chapters of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, gathered in Utica June 19 for their summer outing. After a brief meeting and social time at the Heritage Center, members began their tour of the LaSalle County Historical Museum Campus. First stop was the blacksmith shop, where a demonstration was given. The Canal Warehouse Museum was next, followed by a visit to the Aikin one-room school. The tour concluded with a presentation on the Radium Girls and lunch was enjoyed at Canal Port. Pictured are Omicron and Gamma Phi Chapter members attending the event.



THE VAN VOORST FAMILY held their annual July 3 party for several hundred of their friends at their Union Hill estate. Food, a fireworks display, and live music celebrated the nation's birthday.



Cullom Historical Society Holds Monthly Meeting

The Cullom Historical Society held its monthly meeting June 24 at the Museum. President Sandy Gunther presided, with six members present.

A coffee hour with pastries will be held Saturday, July 13, at the Museum – starting at 9:00 a.m. Phyllis Moritz will be hostess.

A fund-raiser was discussed for the Cullom Historical Society celebration. It was voted to do a dime toss stand. They will need people to take clean miscellaneous glassware, cups, vases, mason jars, bowls (that hold money when tossed), and more. No plastic items. Also, ball caps, old jewelry, McDonald toys, boxes of crayons, pencils for school, erasers, pens,

and more that can be put in a glass or cups to win a prize. Items can be taken to the coffee hour on the second Saturday of the month – July 13 or anytime. Contact Sandy Gunther to drop off.

Cullom Organizations:


They are in need of all organizations to have a display of what your organization has done or do (will be one panel of the white trellis). These are to start going in after celebration. Watch for more details.

The Cullom HCE will have its annual Cemetery Walk Saturday, October 5, at the Cullom Historical Society Museum. This year will feature businesses.



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The Tentative Budget for the BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for said fiscal year ending April 30, 2020 is conveniently available for public inspection at the BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT station.

Dated July 10, 2019.

BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Grundy Co. Heroes & Helpers Committee Benefiting this Christmas Season ‘Shop with a Hero’ for Local Children



THE HEROES & HELPERS COMMITTEE, pictured, front from left, are Lori Werden – Grundy County Treasurer, Melanie Elias – Lisbon Grade School Superintendent, Wendy Briley – Executive Secretary for the Chief of Investigations & Intelligence Department of Corrections, and Cortney Clampitt – Brandt Printing. Pictured back row, left to right, are Sheriff Deputy Chief Eric Werden, Sheriff Detective Vic Elias, Sheriff Ken Briley, and Sergeant Detective Paul Clampitt.



PUBLIC SPEAKER AND DWIGHT FIRE LT. JOSHUA JAHN shares his story, and is excited to join Heroes & Helpers in their efforts towards their July Toy Drive and December’s Shop with a Hero.

Grundy County Heroes & Helpers hosted their first benefit June 29 at the Cardinal Transport in Coal City. The benefit raised funds for their first give back to the community event, Shop with a Hero, that will take place December 14 in Morris.

Shop with a Hero will match a local hero: Sheriff, Police, Fire, and EMS, with a child from Grundy Co. ages five to 15 to shop for necessities such as clothes, socks, and shoes. The children will then be treated to a magical Christmas event where they will be able to shop for brand new, unopened toys that have been donated by heroes and helpers throughout the community from now until the December event.

That evening, Heroes and Helpers treated their guests to a fun and festive time with entertainment provided by the Windy City Dueling Pianos and a generously donated dinner by Geo’s Pizza of Coal City. The event was open to the public with guests given the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to raise funds while also being given the chance to take home over 40 different basket items and gift certificates that were generously donated by

several local Grundy County businesses and individuals from the community. Included in the evening was a 50/50 raffle with \$6,200 total raised, with half going to raffle winner Julia Morrissey of Morris and the other half going to Heroes and Helpers.

Wendy Briley, one of four committee members, thanked guests for attending while also sharing their mission of enhancing the lives of children in Grundy Co. She invited folks to participate in their next event, Christmas in July Toy Drive, taking place Sunday, July 21, at Walmart in Morris.

“Throughout the different roles we each serve in our individual employment and participation in our community alongside the experiences that we hear from our local heroes, several of which are our husbands that come home with stories of such need, we knew that we had the desire and capacity to help bring change, hope and relief to many children and their families. Bringing Christmas joy and magic to children experiencing loss, trauma and poverty is just our first efforts,” said Briley.

Briley introduced Joshua Jahn, a public speaker and

Dwight Fire Lieutenant, to speak to the audience. Jahn briefly spoke of the loss of his wife and two small children 11 years ago to a drunk driver that occurred in Grundy Co. In the years since he has dedicated himself to empowering young and old alike to make choices for good. Last year, he hosted a toy drive in November in memory of Mandy, Ryan, and Kaitlyn.

“After learning more about Heroes and Helpers mission and realizing their first big give back was a Christmas toy event, I knew it was a perfect organization to partner with for our second annual toy drive in my late wife and children’s memory,” said Jahn. “The more we are able to work together, the more good we can do.”

Several first responder organizations were invited to attend the event as a result of generous table donations from Bob’s Advanced Auto and Tri State Asphalt. First responder personnel in attendance included the Coal City Police Department, Dwight Fire Protection District, Grundy County Dispatcher, Grundy County Sheriff’s Department, Minooka Police Department, and Verona Fire Department.

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Marijuana: The Risks

There is big money to be made from the state’s recent legalization of the recreational use of marijuana. At least the numbers so far quoted would have everyone believe that the financial glory days for The Prairie State lie just ahead, when on January 1, 2020, we can all light up some weed without fear of legal consequences.

It takes a little time to research the harmful effects of long-term marijuana use -- but those studies are out there -- just not widely publicized. One of the most damning indictments is a non-fiction book by Alex Berenson: *Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence*.

Excerpts from his book appeared in a January 1, 2019, article in *Imprimis*, a monthly publication from Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Berenson stated, in his *Imprimis* article: “. . . a mountain of peer-reviewed research in top medical journals shows that marijuana can cause or worsen severe mental illness, especially psychosis, the medical term for a break from reality. Teenagers who smoke marijuana regularly are about three times as likely to develop schizophrenia, the most devastating psychotic disorder.

“After an exhaustive review, the National Academy of Medicine found in 2017 that ‘cannabis use is likely to increase the risk of developing schizophrenia and other psychoses: the higher the use, the greater the risk.’ ”

Berenson summed up his article by stating, “Whether to use cannabis, or any drug, is a personal decision. Whether cannabis should be legal is a political issue. But its precise legal status is far less important than making sure that anyone who uses it is aware of its risks.”

The physical costs can be severe. The financial costs are also great, but largely unpublished. The Centennial Institute at Colorado Christian University commissioned a 2018 study to try and understand how Coloradans were paying for the consequences of their legalized marijuana.

Among their published findings: “For every dollar gained in tax revenue Coloradans spent approximately \$4.50 to mitigate the effects of legalization . . . costs related to the healthcare system and from high school dropouts were the largest cost contributors . . . calls to poison control related to marijuana increased dramatically since legalization . . . ”

We’ve been warned.

Tom Tock

Rep. Tom Bennett Reports

Unemployment Remains Low

Unemployment rate unchanged in May – Illinois’ unemployment rate is still hovering just outside the “full employment” status (unemployment below 4%) enjoyed by many of the other 49 states. The month of May saw a slight decline in total nonfarm payrolls, a decline estimated at 2,400 fewer workers than in April.

Specific sectors of the economy showing weakness were construction, leisure and hospitality, and financial activities. Those sectors were down by a total of 4,700 jobs from the month before.

In May, the education sector created 2,100 jobs – new jobs – during the month.

Broken down by region, our area is among those with some of the lowest unemployment in the state. The region centered around Bloomington had the lowest unemployment rate in the state, at 3.3% and the region around Champaign stood at 3.4%. The Danville area’s rate was slightly higher, at 4.5%, but this represents an improvement from the 5.5% unemployment figure a year ago. The Rockford area continued to have the highest unemployment in Illinois, coming in at 5.2%.

Under the previous law, such a citation led to a \$75 fine plus court costs and fees, but it was not considered a moving violation.

As of July 1, driving while using a hand-held phone will be a moving violation and will appear on the person’s driving record – starting with the first offense. The fine still stands at \$75, plus court costs and fees which add substantially to the cost. The fine increases upon the second and subsequent offense.

It is not an offense to use a hands-free phone or one that is connected to the car’s sound system. It is hoped that these tougher penalties might serve as further encouragement for Illinois drivers to put their phones down while behind the wheel.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$6,154,309,764 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$6.7 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 approximately \$130 billion.

Did you know? July 6 was the birthday of our state flag. The flag design was developed from a contest sponsored by Illinois chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1914. Lucy Derwent won the contest and earned a prize of \$25. The next year, the General Assembly approved

her design, and the flag became official on July 6, 1915.

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Franklin Michael Reuhl Baptized



Frankie Michael Reuhl

Franklin Michael Reuhl, son of Chelsea (Weller) and Brian Reuhl of Lake Zurich, was baptized on June 2 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church in Indian Creek.

His godparents are Jen Camden (aunt) of Wheaton, and Paul Rasmussen of Chicago (great-uncle). Frankie's Christening outfit was sewn by his Nana, Joyce Weller, and was made of material from Chelsea's wedding dress.

Frankie's maternal grandparents are Joyce Weller of Vernon Hills and Brad Weller of Gurnee. Maternal great-grandparents are Robert and Beverly Weller of Dwight and the late Richard and the late Dorothy Leskanich. His paternal grandparents are Bill and Betsy Reuhl of Naperville. Paternal great-grandparents are Vivian Reuhl (who passed away on June 7) and the late William Reuhl of Nisswa, MN, and the late Joseph and the late Mary Rasmussen.

Benjamin Bexson Earns Dean's List Honors From Greenville U.

Benjamin Bexson, of Gardner, earned a spot on the Greenville University Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

To receive Dean's List dis-

inction, students must earn a semester GPA of 3.7 (freshmen qualify with a GPA of 3.5).

Benjamin is the son of Jeff and Joy Bexson, of Gardner.

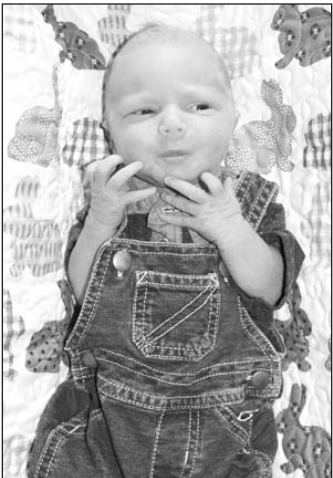
Children Invited to Read to a Puppy at Prairie Creek Library July 16

Children in grades one through four are invited to Prairie Creek Library, 501 Carriage House Lane in Dwight, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, to "Read to Noah."

Noah is a service dog-in-training whose need is being socialized.

The children will help Noah get used to being around people, and Noah will provide the children with an opportunity to practice their reading skills.

Children will take turns reading on a first-come, first-served basis.



Elliot Samuel Wauthier

A boy!

Wendy Bolen and Greg Wauthier, of Martinton, proudly announce the birth of their son, Elliot Samuel Wauthier.

Elliot was born at Riverside Hospital, Kankakee, on Father's Day, June 16, at 11:02 a.m. – weighing five pounds, ten ounces, and measuring 19" long.

He was welcomed home by his big sister, Shayna Lee Ann Bolen, Odell. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Bonnie Bolen. Maternal great-grandparents are Sheila Willhoite, Fairbury, and Tony Witte, Wing.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Kim Wauthier, Martinton.



Kelley Michelle Long, Michael Harry Wollgast

Long, Wollgast Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. William Long, Jr., of Whiteville, North Carolina, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelley Michelle Long, to Michael Harry Wollgast – son of Mr. and Mrs. David Roben Wollgast of Gardner.

Kelley is a graduate of North Carolina State University and is employed with Advarra in the Research Triangle Park. Michael is a graduate of Robert Morris University and is employed with Volkert in Raleigh, North Carolina.

An October wedding is planned.



Weston Brooks and Katelyn Kamphorst

Brooks, Kamphorst to Be Wed

Darren and Pam Brooks, of Gardner, and Jason and Crisha Kamphorst, of Mascoutah, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children – Weston Brooks and Katelyn Kamphorst.

The bride elect is a 2014 graduate of McKendree University and is a department manager at the Menards in O'-Fallon.

The future groom is a 2012 graduate of Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville and is a department manager at the Menards in O'Fallon.

The wedding will take place on September 21, 2019, at The Weingarten in Belleville.

Blood Drive at Morris Hospital July 23

Morris Hospital is hosting a blood drive in cooperation with Heartland Blood Centers Tuesday, July 23, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in Whitman Assembly Room 1 on the lower level at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St.

In order to donate blood, potential donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and feeling well on the day of donation, and be at least 17 years old. In Illinois, 16-year olds may donate with written approval from a parent or guardian.

The entire process for donating blood takes about 45 minutes to an hour. Donors should take a photo ID with proof of age. Those planning to donate should eat within four hours preceding the donation.

Appointments are recommended by calling Morris Hospital at 815-705-7370 or visiting www.heartlandbc.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Larry Donovan Celebrates 35th Anniversary at LSC

Larry Donovan at LSC Communications in Dwight (formerly RR Donnelley) celebrated 35 years with the company on July 6.

Larry began working at the Dwight Manufacturing Division on September 6, 1983, as a Casual Material Handler in the Bindery. He transferred to the Pressroom in August of 1984 as a Seasonal Material Handler before becoming a full-time employee in May of 1985. Larry was promoted to Press Helper in September of

1988 and then to Flatcutter Operator in September of 1994. He became an Apprentice Assistant Press Operator in June of 1995, graduating as Journeyman in September of 1997.

Larry became a Press Leader in the DCP area in June of 2003 and currently holds the title of Press Operator 3.

Larry resides in Dwight. He and his wife, Karen, have three daughters – Danielle, Lyndsay, and Vanessa, and one son, Ryne.

'Herscher Style' BBQ Chicken Dinner July 20

Herscher United Methodist Church will host its "Herscher Style" BBQ Chicken Dinner in Village Park Saturday, July 20, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Half and quarter chicken dinners will be available for a

fee, which also includes chips, baked beans, applesauce or cole slaw, cookies, and a beverage.

Carry-outs will be available. All are welcome.

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How to Choose the Best Summer Camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers' lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families' disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families' decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp is \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they're more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

KIDS' INTERESTS

The ACA urges parents to consider the child's interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes



that summer camps should align with children's interests and maturity level.

LOCALE

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

SESSION LENGTH

Camps may last as little as one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want to commit their children to lengthy camp sessions, even if those sessions are close to home. If parents think their children can benefit from the same structure they're accustomed to during the school year, then an overnight camp that stretches for several weeks might be what they're looking for.

Summer camps give kids a chance to make memories that will last a lifetime. Choosing the right camp is an important decision that parents and kids should make together.



Town Clock Decorates Downtown Gardner

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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The Village of Gardner has a new addition to its downtown thanks to money raised through the annual Festival of Trees.

An eight-foot, vintage replica town clock has been installed near the gazebo, creating a distinct look in historic downtown.

Katie Bodine, branch manager of First Midwest Bank in Gardner, has volunteered to organize the Festival of Trees at the bank with Ida Schopp. In its fifth year, they have used funds in the past to upgrade Gardner's parks.

Money from the past two years was used to purchase the clock. They raised close to \$6,000, Bodine said, in 2017 and 2018. Each year trees from 3 to 8 feet along with raffle items and other donations are purchased through a silent auction held at the bank.

The town clock was installed last week. It replicates a vintage cast iron clock, with two faces and gold detail.

"It's a very nice addition to the downtown area," Bodine said.



Studies in Corn Stalks?

A STRAY CORN STALK pops up in the railroad tracks in Herscher. Corn should be "knee high by the Fourth of July" but crops still have a long way to go after planting was postponed due to heavy rains.

OBITUARIES

Martha Mae Patterson

BRAIDWOOD – Martha Mae Patterson, 98, of Braidwood passed away peacefully Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

She was born June 30, 1921 in Virginia, Illinois, the sixth of nine children born to Daniel Crockett and Elva Clara Miller Armstrong.

Martha graduated from Beardstown High School and soon after graduation worked for Douglas Aircraft in Chicago during World War II installing aircraft interiors.

She married James William Patterson January 28, 1950 in his parents' home, which was also the funeral home at the time, in Braidwood. Together they served Will and Grundy Counties in the family funeral business until their retirement in April of 1984.

In 1958, James and Martha built a second location of the Patterson Funeral Home in South Wilmington. In 1963 they built a new structure to house the Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood facility, on the spot previously occupied by the East School.

For many years they also operated Patterson Ambulance Service with the help of several local friends until the Braidwood Fire Department started an ambulance service in 1974.

Martha enjoyed giving back to the community in any way she could. She was a faithful parishioner of the First Presbyterian Church in Braidwood and a member of the Presbyterian Women for nearly 70 years. She was a former Sunday School teacher, Elder, Clerk of Session, and the treasurer for the Presbyterian Women, Past Matron of Holly Chapter #183 O.E.S. in Braidwood for over 70 years, and a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Wilmington.

Martha, along with the late Jessie Berg, began Santa's Helpers in Braidwood in February 1996; she was also the treasurer.

In her later years, she enjoyed baking sweets for her



grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed sewing – you could count on her to fix anything with material.

Martha was a kind and generous woman and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Surviving are two sons: James Robert (Sherry) Patterson of St. Joseph, Michigan and Roger William (Kathy) Patterson of Coal City; one daughter, Carol Kay (Sam) Bissel of Lafayette, Georgia; four grandchildren: Lisa (the late Tom) Moro, Holli (Tim) Washburn, Christopher (Christine) Patterson and Sara (Josh) Foote; two step-grandchildren: Tony (Allison) Crone and Adam Crone.

Also surviving are eight great-grandchildren: Ben and Kate Moro, William McArdle, Steven Patterson, Alex (Chris) De La Rosa, Isaac Sawyer, Lucas and Mackenzie Foote; three step - great - grandchildren: Parker, Palmer and Serena Crone; brother-in-law, Raymond Favero of Braidwood; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 64 years who passed away March 10, 2014; five brothers: Henry, William, Arthur, Ernest and Raymond Armstrong; three sisters: Thelma Young, LaVerne Way and Dorothy Zauratsky; sister-in-law, Mary Jean Favero; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Toni Patterson.

Funeral services were Wednesday, July 10, at 11 a.m. at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood, with Pastor Jan Chandler officiating.

Interment: Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Visitation was Tuesday from 4 until 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church or Santa's Helpers.

To sign her online guestbook, log on to: www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com

Brandie A. Barnett-Fisher

ODELL – Brandie A. Barnett-Fisher, 43, of Odell and formerly of Mazon and Gardner, passed away Monday, July 1, 2019 at the Richard Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

She was born July 6, 1975 in Joliet, daughter of Faith Jackson De-groat of Imlay City, Michigan and Terry A. Barnett, Sr.

Brandie enjoyed crafting, as well as spending time outdoors and tending to her yard. She also loved garage sales and took pleasure in restoring old furniture. She will be most remembered for being at home and spending time with her kids and family.

Survivors include her husband, Michael; mother; two children: Emily Wacholski and Noah Fisher, both of Odell; two brothers: Terry Barnett, Jr. of Marion and Jeremy Barnett



of Morris; one niece, Isabella Barnett; and one nephew, Hunter Barnett; along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brandie was preceded in death by her father; maternal and paternal grandparents; and her daughter, Tallan Crystal Fisher in 2012.

Per Brandie's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. She will be laid to rest privately alongside her father and daughter in Wolf Creek Cemetery in Marion at a later date.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, or share Brandie's memorial page online at:

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Michael Coyne

TUCSON, AZ – Michael Gordon Coyne, 58, of Tucson, Arizona and formerly of Odell, died Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 2:31 p.m. at his residence in Tucson.

Cremation rites were accorded, and a memorial service will be held Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the hour of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Inurnment will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Odell, with full military rites.

Michael was born January 9, 1961 in Pontiac, son of James Francis Coyne Jr. and Gertrude E. Robinson.

Surviving are one daughter, Shandell (Mark Todd) Baker of Odell; two grandchildren: Dalton and Kayla Baker; three brothers: Jim (Lenka) Coyne

and Jeff (Amber) Coyne, both of Streator; and Donnie (Danielle) Coyne of Pontiac; and one sister, Marcia (Gary) Eckel of Pontiac.

He was preceded in death by his biological parents, Donald and Joanne Coyne.

Michael was educated in Odell schools and was a graduate of Odell High School. He had been employed at Crop Production and FS in Pontiac for several years before moving to Arizona.

He was an avid golfer and loved the Dallas Cowboys. He was a loving father and loving uncle to his nieces and nephews. He was a past member of the Pontiac VFW Post #886.

Memorials in Michael's name may be made to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:

The Paper
email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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.

The Paper reserves the right to edit or reject any or all submitted items. Address letters to: Editor, *The Paper*, P.O. Box 245, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420.

We welcome your thoughts.

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of)
)
VINCENT J. FURLANO, Deceased.) No. 18-P-48

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of VINCENT J. FURLANO, whose place of residence at the time of his death was 1928 N. 3100 E. Rd., Cullom, Illinois 60929, and who died on March 2, 2018.

Letters of Administration of the estate of VINCENT J. FURLANO were issued on March 2, 2018 to DAVID FURLANO 625 N. Holcomb, Carbon Hill, IL 60416; and TONY FURLANO, Box 45, 201 E. Main, Emington, IL 60934; 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 June 26, 2019. 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. 18-P-48 or with the Independent Administrator 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.

DONALD R. McCLAREY
Attorney for the Independent
Co-Administrators of the Estate of
VINCENT J. FURLANO, Deceased
313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9
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I've seen a few games cancelled due to the cross over arena with hockey and then the ice creeps up through the floor and makes the floor wet, but that's an arena issue. I've even seen games cancelled due to the lights, or technical issues.

This weekend however a game was cancelled due to an earthquake. The earthquake, to my understanding, took place in California (or at least that's where the fault line is,) and the game was being played in Las Vegas as that's where the NBA holds their summer league games.

The live footage from the game was pretty shocking as there's just a regular possession taking place and the camera footage starts to shake, and I saw a few reports of the scoreboard in the arena swaying back and forth, which probably wasn't a welcomed site to those taking part in the game.

There hasn't been a major one in Illinois in a little while now, and they're probably not nearly as prevalent as they are in the state of California given the number of fault lines there as here, but they do happen. In fact, there have only been two recorded earthquakes in Illinois since 1987. Meanwhile California has had 24 recorded ones in that time span.

I feel like the comment I often see or run into is that California can't have everything nice and that earthquakes are an offset for the weather, Illinois' most common mother nature opponent is probably the tornado, but the weather isn't that great here, so I'm not sure why we get those, not sure that one is really offsetting any consistently great weather or anything, unfortunately.

Stay safe from mother nature this summer, whether it be a tornado, an earthquake or even just the sun, sun burns aren't fun either.

Also, Go Cubs.

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT,)
an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,) No. 18-CH-65
vs.)
JAMES A. SPRANDEL, LISA E. SPRANDEL,)
UNITED STATES)
OF AMERICA, and unknown owners and)
non-record claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 211 W. Cleary, Pontiac, IL 61764.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: The West Half of Lot 6 in Block 1 in Cleary's Second Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, EXCEPT all coal and other minerals underlying the surface of the land.

PIN: 15-22-216-008

Commonly known as: 211 W. Cleary, Pontiac, IL 61764.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family 1 1/2 - story residence; includes 3 bedrooms and 1.75 bathrooms, plus crawl space; no garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: August 6, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

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CASE NO. 2016-TX-1 P-15

To: Tracey Lee; Spouse of Tracey Lee; Village of Dwight, Jared Anderson, Village President; Village of Dwight, Gary Neville, Village Attorney; Dion Martin; Cody Lee; Kristy Masching, Livingston County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: 410 S Lincoln St, Dwight, IL

Property Index No. 05-05-09-152-004

Tax Sale Certificate No. 2015-0057

This property was sold on November 17, 2016 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2015. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 13, 2019.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 31, 2019. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Pontiac, Illinois on November 15, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. before Judge Black, or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner

Angela L. Tucker, Esq.

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8:00 PM - OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM - "THE CLIENTS" STREET DANCE

SATURDAY, JULY 13

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9:00 AM - 12:00 AM (MIDNIGHT) - BEER TENT OPEN
9:00 AM - SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - FACE PAINTING/BALLOON ARTIST
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - KIDS INFLATABLES/ROCK CLIMBING WALL
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM - LOCAL MUSIC FEATURING - KYLE SCHOTT
3:00 PM - ADULT TRACTOR PULLS/
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4:00 PM - BAGS TOURNAMENT
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - PORK CHOP SANDWICHES
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Dwight Common School Registration Information

Starting the week of July 14, Dwight Common School will open online registration for all returning Redbird students.

Parents/Guardians may begin the process by logging into Skyward Family Access (this is the same process to check grades). Skyward Family Access is found by visiting the school website, clicking on the MENU option at the top of the page, and select *Family Access (Parent/Guardian Login)*. Parents/Guardians must complete all required information and forms.

Skyward Registration will close Friday, August 9. School fees must be paid online by August 9, or paid in person at the Dwight Common School Main Office.

If you are new to Dwight Common School or do not have internet access, stop by the office to obtain the necessary registration paperwork.

Required Records for Grade Levels:

Kindergarten – proof of health examination/immunization records, dental examination, eye examination, and birth certificate.

Second Grade – proof of dental examination.

Sixth Grade – proof of dental examination and health examination/immunization records.

Important Dates and Times

Tuesday, August 6
New/Late Student Registration – 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Monday, August 12
Fifth-Eighth Grade schedule pickup and locker decoration; class lists posted – 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday, August 13
Pre-K Screenings.
Open House
Pre-K-Fourth Grade – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Meeting in the Gym – 5:00-5:15 p.m.
- Open House – 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Fifth-Eighth Grade – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Meeting in the Gym – 5:30-5:45 p.m.
- Open House – 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15
First Day of School

Wow, Can This MVK Kid Play!



COLTON BAUDINO, A FOURTH-GRADER FROM MVK, recently qualified for two national basketball competitions. The first took place in April for the Elks Hoop Shoot. He began his journey in Pontiac at the local level. He then had to participate in the district, state, and regional competition. After winning those divisions, he took himself and his family to the national competition in Chicago. The Elks hosted the participants and family with a weekend full of events. Out of the 12 national qualifiers, Colton came in fourth – scoring 27/30 free throws. His family was treated to a banquet with Jim Cornelson singing the National Anthem. The same weekend, Colton traveled to a gym in Chicago to try his hand at qualifying for the Jr. NBA Skills Challenge trip to NYC. He won for the second time in a row and took his family with him to NYC to participate in the national competition at Basketball City in Manhattan. That same day, he was able to participate in various drills with all of the draftees in the first round of the NBA draft, including Zion Williamson. He was able to play some one-on-one with him! Baudino then attended the NBA draft at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn on June 20. He greeted the first round draftees on stage on ESPN and was able to help present the 21st pick his new team’s hat. Colton practices basketball every single day and has loved the game since a very early age.

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CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND:	
Balance on hand May 1, 2018	\$39,071.24
OTHER CASH RECEIPTS:	
Livingston County Treasurer (tax monies)	\$37,500.64
Richie Brothers	\$2,635.00
Davis Mail Services	\$782.31
Auto Owners Insurance	\$611.80
Campus State Bank (interest)	\$73.30
	\$41,603.05
Total	\$80,674.29
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Compass Insurance Company	\$4,981.00
TSC Truck	\$2,582.97
Thomas E. Herr Attorney	\$2,318.78
NAPA	\$2,098.87
Vermilion Valley ETSB	\$1,688.00
KC Communications	\$1,394.90
MES	\$1,296.38
Village of Campus (rent)	\$1,200.00
Quad County Fire Equipment	\$1,113.99
Dibble Trucking	\$982.67
NICOR Gas	\$890.46
Kankakee Spring	\$865.86
Romanetto Welding	\$700.00
Dwight Napa Auto Supply	\$655.60
Frontier (telephone)	\$624.48
Big R Store	\$465.26
The Firefighting Depot	\$457.00
Mack & Associates Auditors	\$450.00
Route 66 Tire	\$339.00
Moore Medical	\$293.02
Reddick Fire Department	\$200.00
Motorola Solutions	\$200.00
Jason Simmons	\$134.75
Mabas Division 23	\$125.00
The Paper	\$111.00
Verizon Wireless (telephone)	\$104.52
USPS	\$50.00
Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts	\$50.00
Gate House Media of Illinois	\$30.78
Campus State Bank (safe deposit box)	\$29.76
Pontiac Auto Parts	\$24.97
	\$26,459.02
RECAPITULATION:	
Receipts	\$80,674.29
Disbursements	\$26,459.02
Balance in Campus State Bank on April 30, 2019	\$54,215.27
The foregoing is a true and correct statement of all receipts and disbursements for the year ended April 30, 2018 and the state of the treasury as of April 30, 2019. Ted Turner, Treasurer	
Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said Ted Turner, Treasurer of the Emington-Campus Fire Protection District, this 3rd day of July, 2019. Althea M. Harris, Notary Public	

FFA Honors for Seneca



ABOVE: THIRTY-SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE SENECA FFA attended the Illinois FFA Convention in Springfield in June and came home with a multitude of awards.

RIGHT: JOEY THOMAS, the son of Jamie and Becky Thomas of Mazon, was a finalist for Star In Agribusiness for the Illinois FFA. Thomas manages and operates “Canopy Joe,” an online tree sales service.

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EMINGTON-CAMPUS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Tort & Liability Insurance Statement	
CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND:	
Balance on hand May 1, 2018	\$551.34
OTHER CASH RECEIPTS:	
Livingston County Treasurer (tax monies)	\$5,251.51
Total	\$5,802.85
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Compass Insurance Company	\$722.00
Liberty Mutual Insurance	\$1,520.00
Campus State Bank - check printing	\$7.32
	\$2,249.32
RECAPITULATION:	
Receipts	\$5,802.85
Disbursements	\$2,249.32
Balance in Campus State Bank on April 30, 2019	\$3,553.53
The foregoing is a true and correct statement of all receipts and disbursements for the year ended April 30, 2018, and the state of the treasury as of April 30, 2019. Ted Turner, Treasurer	
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STUDENTS NEW TO THE DISTRICT
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RETURNING STUDENTS – Schedules and Payment
Parents/Guardians of returning students will begin this process by logging into their student's High School Skyward account (July 8-August 9) as they have done to check grades and communicate with the school with the login information from the previous year. Once logged into Skyward, you will see a new tab labeled "Required Paperwork." Parents/Guardians must click on this tab and complete the required paperwork. Fees must be paid online July 8 through August 9 or in person August 5-9 for registration to be complete.

NO INTERNET? If you do not have internet access, you may complete the required online forms and pay online or in person at the High School on August 5-9 for registration, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES
Friday, August 9

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Thursday, August 15, will be the first day of school for students. Classes will begin at 8:10 a.m. and dismiss at 3:10 p.m.

SCHOOL FEES
Two school approved combination locks are to be purchased by incoming freshman (ninth grade), and students new to the district. One is to be placed on the student's hall locker and the other for the physical education locker. The fee for the two locks is \$12.00.

Other student fees include: Registration Fee (required by all students – \$60.00; Behind the Wheel Driver's Education Fee – \$50.00; P.E. Uniform – \$16.00 S-XL or \$18.00 XXL; Athletic Participation fee – \$75.00 (per athlete).

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Students/Guardians may also be required to pay other fees for consumable workbooks or project fees for supplies and materials depending upon courses for which they are enrolled.

Parent/Guardians will be required to supply the following information at registration: Name of Health Insurance; Parent's place of employment and phone numbers; Family Physician and phone number; Adult to contact in case of emergency (if parent/guardian cannot be reached); e-mail.

State law requires students entering ninth grade and students new to the district (at any grade) to present evidence of a physical examination, and immunization records. Students entering ninth grade will be required to show proof of current dental examination, immunizations, including Tdap, MMR, polio, hepatitis B, and two doses of Varicella vaccine or a



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Sources: GasBuddy.com

City/Village	July 10	July 3
Dwight	\$2.78	\$2.62
Seneca	\$2.81	\$2.63
S. Wilmington	\$2.89	\$2.71
Streator	\$2.80	\$2.44
Odell	\$2.89	\$2.55
Pontiac	\$2.84	\$2.53
Gardner	\$2.89	\$2.71
Braceville	\$2.87	\$2.87
Morris	\$2.83	\$2.63
Herscher	\$2.87	\$2.63
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OBITUARIES

Scott Allen Carter

Mazon — Scott Allen Carter died at the age of 58 Sunday, July 7, 2019 at the Joliet Hospice House following a brief illness.



Visitation will be held from 4 until 7 p.m., Monday, July 15, at the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home. Enhanced video tributes will be played during the visitation.

A Celebration of Scott's Life will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, at the funeral home, officiated by Dr. Daniel Woodward of the First Baptist Church of Dwight.

Aqua cremation rites.

Scott was born September 20, 1960 and graduated in 1978 from MVK High School in Mazon.

Scott was a devoted husband who dedicated much of his time to caring for Vicki, his surviving wife of 12 years, during her illness.

He will be missed by his two dogs, Parker and Max. Scott's passion for stock car and midget racing began at an early age, attending many races at the Mazon Speed Bowl and the Grundy County Speedway.

He was a respected competitor on the track, seeing many checkered flags throughout his racing career while competing in races throughout Illinois with his father and brother.

Scott went on to continue the Carter family tradition with the Grundy County Fair, serving most recently on the fair board as secretary while operating the Grundy County Fair and the Grundy County Speedway.

Scott truly loved being at the fair grounds and the race track. He had many friends in the racing and fair community and will be greatly missed.

A lifelong resident of Mazon, he is survived by his wife, Vicki Reader Carter; mother, Barbara Cotter of Mazon; brother, Kerry (Donna) Carter of Mazon; twin nephews, Kameron Carter of Bloomington and Keenan Carter of Mazon; step-daughter, Sara Gallet of Dwight; step-son, Terry Wilkey of Dwight; and seven grandchildren: Jack Gallet, Luke Gallet, Jackson Launius, Terry Wilkey, Jr., Jacob Wilkey, Nathan Wilkey and Allison Wilkey.

Scott was preceded in death by his father, Burdette Carter, in 2016; his grandmother, Mae Carter; and grandparents, Claud and Florine Bolen.

Memorial contributions may be made in Scott's name to the Grundy County Fairgrounds and Speedway.

Online condolences may be directed to the family by visiting the website: www.ucdaviscallahan.com

Donald L. Zehr

PONTIAC — Donald L. Zehr, 90, of Pontiac passed away Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 11:03 p.m., at Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac.

His service will be today, Wednesday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m., in the Prairieview Mennonite Church, Gridley, with Pastor Russell Zehr and Pastor Noah Porzelius officiating.

Burial will follow in Rooks Creek Cemetery, Pontiac.

Visitation was Tuesday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac.

Don was born August 15, 1928 in Flanagan, son of Lester S. and Mae C. Frobish Zehr. He married Shirley Gregory October 1, 1950. She survives in Pontiac.

Also surviving are his children: Carol (Skip) Jones of Gridley; Lynn (Mona) Zehr of Graymont; Gary (Tricia) Zehr of Pontiac; Lori (Jeff) Bohm of Graymont; and Jan (Jim) Girard of Pontiac; and a brother, Merle R. Zehr of Pontiac.

Grandchildren surviving are: Heather (Bryan Long) Jones, Brandon (Cathy) Jones, Katie (John) Goulden, Brandey (Mikey) Morse, Amanda (Kim Verdun) Bohm, Russell Zehr, Danny (Courtney) Zehr, Addie (Lucas) Folk-



erts, Adam (Amanda Schumm) Girard, Rosalee Zehr and Wyatt Zehr; and grandchildren: Madelyn, Charlee, Chandler, Ian, Alexa, Aria, Jasmin, Ethan, Brianna and Jayden.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, June Follmer; brother-in-law, Charles Follmer; and sister-in-law, Mary Zehr.

Don was a graduate of Flanagan High School, class of 1947. He was a member of the Prairieview Mennonite Church in Gridley. He attended the First Baptist Church of Graymont with his wife and family.

He was a lifelong dairy farmer and was inducted into the Land of Lincoln Dairy Hall of Fame in 2016. He was a member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, serving as president on the local board and board member of the state board.

Memorials may be made to the Evenglow Lodge Employee Christmas Fund, Prairieview Mennonite Church in Gridley, and First Baptist Church in Graymont.

Online condolences may be made to the family at duffyfuneralhome.com or on facebook.

Jesse White Issues Statement Regarding Policy on Granting Access to DL/ID photos

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White said today that his office does not share information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or any other law enforcement agency on the issue of a person's legal status in the United States.

White made his comment in response to published stories saying that ICE and the Federal Bureau of Investigation use photos from Drivers Li-

cense offices nationwide as a means to identify undocumented persons. Illinois was not mentioned as one of the participating states. White's statement serves to underscore this fact.

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Murder in Bel-Air by Cara Black; Skin Game by Stuart Woods; City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert; Unsolved by James Patterson; One for the Money by Janet Evanovich; The Summer of Sunshine & Margot by Susan Mallery; The Laird and I by Patience Griffin; The Potting Shed Quilt by Ann Hazelwood; Where Hope Dwells by Elizabeth Ludwig; The Basement Quilt by Ann Hazelwood; Quilters of the Bunco Club: Phree & Rosa by Karen DeWitt; Blame It on Scotland by Patience Griffin; The Lemon Sisters by Jill Shalvis; Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand; Lost and Found by Danielle Steel; Paranoid by Lisa Jackson; Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner; The Friends We Keep by Jane Green; The Summer Guests by Mary Alice Monroe; Sisters of Summer's End by Lori Foster; Big Sky by Kate Atkinson; Unleashed by Diana Palmer; Amish Outsider by Marta Perry; Pass of Fire by Taylor Anderson; Summer on Mirror Lake by JoAnn Ross; The Burning Chambers by Kate Mosse; The Last House Guest by Megan Miranda.

DVD

Outlander, Season 4; Hunter Killer; Secrets of the Dead: King Arthur's Lost Kingdom; Bubble Guppies: We Totally Rock!; The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part; Cold Pursuit; George Carlin: 40 Years of Comedy; Captain Marvel; Five Feet Apart; Orange Is the New Black, Season 6; National Geographic: Dawn of the Maya; PJ Masks: Birthday Cake Rescue; Wonder Park; The Aftermath; A Dark Place; 13 Reasons Why, Season 2.

Large Print

Murder on Trinity Place by Victoria Thompson; A Scandal in Scarlet by Vicki Delany.

Young Adult

Honor Bound by Rachel Caine; Ghosts of the Shadow Market by Cassandra Clare; The Rest of the Story by Sarah Dessen; Storm and Fury by Jennifer Armstrong; Soul of the Sword by Julie Kagawa.

Adult Nonfiction

Protecting Pollinators by Jodi Helmer; How to Become a Federal Criminal by

Mike Chase; Love Thy Neighbor by Ayaz Virgi; The Ice at the End of the World by Jon Gertner; Wildlife Gardening by Kate Bradbury; High Achiever by Tiffany Jenkins; Normandy '44 by James Holland.

Easy/Juvenile

I Am Not a Fish! by Peter Raymundo; The Hideout at the Abandoned Fish Hatchery by Leslie J. May; Ghost Cat by Kevin Atteberry; Get Me Out of This Book by Deborah Cholette; Cece Loves Science and Adventure by Kimberly Derting; The Cook and the King by Julia Donaldson; Just Like Rube Goldberg by Sarah Aronson; The Someone New by Jill Twiss; Escape from the Isle of the Lost by Melissa de la Cruz; Max Attacks by Kathi Appelt.



Upcoming Events at Limestone Library

Limestone Township Library District, 2701 W. Tower Rd. in Kankakee, is hosting the following upcoming events:

- **Little Rockers – Wednesday, July 10, 10:30-11:00 a.m.** Get ready to jump, scoot, and boogie with your little one (age birth to pre-k). Little Rockers is a music, sensory, and reading-based program, focusing on parent-to-child interaction.
- **Puppet Theatre – Wednesday, July 10, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** Grade three through five are invited every Wednesday for puppet theatre. Learn how to make your own puppets, props, and create a story. Set the stage and perform a show for family and friends.
- **Stitch by Stitch – Wednesday, July 10, 6:15 p.m.** Grab your crochet hooks, knitting needles, scrapbooks, or other crafting project for a night at the library. Work on your project while talking and laughing with others. You supply your craft; they supply the space.
- **Senior Yoga – Thursday, July 11, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Take a pause from your summer errands and join for yoga at the library. Chairs are provided if needed.
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• **Coloring and Coffee – Friday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. to noon.** Take your coloring books, pencils, and markers for a morning session of coloring and socializing with others. Coffee and pastries provided.

Summer Reading Program

Reading logs for Summer Reading are due by 5:00 p.m. Take them to the front desk and receive your final raffle basket tickets.

Registration for programs is required prior to the day of the event. For more information or to register for any programs, stop in at the library, call them at 815-939-1696, or visit www.limestonelibrary.org to see a listing of all programming.

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At the Churches

DWIGHT
Dwight United Methodist Church

701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Michael Ebersohl
• JULY 10: 8:30 a.m., UMW Breakfast meeting at Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m. - noon, VBS.
• JULY 11: 9 a.m. - 12 noon, VBS; 5:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.
• JULY 12: 9 a.m. - 12 noon, VBS.
• JULY 13: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting.
• JULY 14: 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship.
• JULY 15: 9 a.m.,

UMW Executive Board meeting; 6 p.m., Kiwanis meeting; Scouts #4877; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.
• JULY 16: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS

325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor
• JULY 10: 6 p.m., Wednesday Devotions with Holy Communion.
• JULY 14: 9 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
• JULY 16: 9 a.m., VBS meeting.
• JULY 17: NO Wednesday Devotions.
• JULY 18: 9 a.m., VBS meeting; 6:30 p.m., Board of Church properties.

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Home of Dwight's Christian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM
Pastor Dan Woodward
• JULY 10: Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.
• JULY 14: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• JULY 17: Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Rev. Grant Speece
• JULY 14: 10:30 a.m., Worship; Sermon title: "The Good Samaritan"

Readings:
Amos 7:7-17
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

New Life Assembly of God

903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
• JULY 10: 7 p.m., Bible Study.
• JULY 11: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• JULY 14: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Church and Nursery; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
• JULY 15: 7 a.m., Teens leave for camp; 7 p.m., Prayer Night.
• JULY 16: 7 p.m., Finding Recovery.
• JULY 17: 7 p.m., Bible Study, meet at Dairy Queen.
• JULY 18: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• JULY 13: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.
• JULY 14: 10:30 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

326 W. Chippewa St.
815-584-1199
Pastor Chrissy Salser
email:chrissytherev@att.net
• JULY 12: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at Hudelsons in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA.
• JULY 14: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship; 2 p.m., Worship at Heritage Health..
• JULY 16: NO Salvation Army / Compassion Ministry;

BRACEVILLE
Braceville United Methodist Church

106 W. Goold St.
815-237-8512 Church
815-483-9343 Cell
bracevilleumc.com
Pastor Karen Fabian
• 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service.
• 2nd Annual 5K, Mazonia-Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area July 20. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Race starts at 9 a.m. \$35 cash or check only. Pre-registration online at Active.com for \$30.

EMINGTON

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Rev. Grant Speece
• SUNDAY, JULY 14: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Ser-

mon title: "The Good Samaritan"
Readings:
Amos 7:7-17
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

ODELL
St. Paul Catholic Church

200 S. West St.
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• JULY 14: 8 a.m., Mass.
• JULY 17: No Mass nor Reconciliation.

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Fourth of July Fun



DWIGHT POST OFFICE retirees enjoyed some relaxation on the Fourth of July at the home of Tom Bergan, east of Campus. Pictured, front row, Shirley Zeedyk, left, and Judy Mobley. Back row, from right, Jon Bogert, Charles Johnson, Tom Bergan, Kerry Kociss and Dee Bergan.

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