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**SOUTH WILMINGTON PARTY IN THE PARK 2019.** It's a Wrap! And, so much fun for all ages. Above, children ride motorized animals. At right, Sheriff Briley's servers at the Spaghetti Dinner Sunday noon in the park. More Party-in-the-park photos on page 8 today.



**YANN GILLAN, pictured, won a paragliding competition last week.**

## Competitive Paraglider Lands in Dwight

An Aurora man paraglided into Dwight Wednesday and landed at the water tower by LSC Communications as part of a competition by the Chicago Paragliding club.

Jara Krupa, advanced instructor, said that Yann Gillan ended up winning the competition which was held Wednesday-Saturday last week.

Thirteen paragliders took off each day from a private property in Cullom on open distance races. Competitors scored points based on how far they flew each day -- one competitor traveled 126 miles.

It was all part of the 2019 Corn Alps competition, a fun name for a race in the Midwest. Paragliding in the Swiss Alps is a unique experience, but Krupa said Chicago is also a popular destination for the sport. The club brings in paragliders from all over the world for the Windy City's magnificent views.

## Dwight Economic Alliance Plan Is to Build Some Homes

by Tom Tock

Following the July 22 Village Council meeting, Dwight board members once again postponed a decision on transferring ownership of five vacant village lots.

Five of the lots received a bid of \$1 each from the Dwight Economic Alliance when bids were opened July 3. Ryan Van Der Karr bid \$504 each for four of the five lots.

Action on the bids was postponed until July 22 when it was again deferred.

An option for the village is to refuse all the bids received, have the lots appraised at a cost of \$200-\$300 per lot, and then accept only bids at or above a fixed percentage of the appraised values.

The total cost to the village for the five lots was not immediately available, but legal and demolition costs were involved besides the actual purchase cost of the vacated lots.

The DEA bid was accompanied July 3 by a verbal announcement to the Council that DEA hoped to build homes on the lots if their bids were approved.

Bill Flott and Gibs Nielsen are DEA board members in charge of presenting and implementing the DEA plan. Neither had talked extensively with Village Council members about the details involved, with Flott telling *The Paper*, "I thought they would probably be calling us."

DEA believes local banks could finance the building of the first home, with costs ranging upwards from \$100,000.

DEA director Deb Karch told *The Paper* that DEA was not in a position to offer a lot of money for the lots and to also build a house thereon, but their hope was to try and help first-time house buyers move into a quality home.

Ryan Van Der Karr did not respond to requests by *The Paper* for his thoughts on the matter.

## New Gardner Grade School Principal

Gardner Grade School students: If you get a knock on the door next week, you should probably answer it. It's your principal calling.

Mike Merritt, the new principal and superintendent of Gardner School District 72C, has an annual routine of visiting the homes of registered students to personally greet them and get the excitement building for the new school year. And he's super excited about the rounds this year as he meets his new students and their families.

Gardner Grade School isn't just getting a fine educator as the district's CEO. They're getting the 2019 Illinois Elementary Principal of the Year. Merritt received the award in March, given by the Illinois Principal Association.

At the time he was serving as principal at Brentwood Elementary School in Des Plaines, where he worked for five years. The school is just minutes from one of the north runways at O'Hare International Airport, which was always interesting for the staff and 500 students as planes flew overhead.

"Think about the number of principals in the state," said Merritt. "To know that your peers think highly enough of you to select you for this honor and people at the state level respect you, it's very humbling."

Merritt, 42, lives in Joliet's Cathedral District with his wife Nikcole, a cake designer, and two children. The opportunity to serve Gardner came at the right time in his career, and a relief from the grueling five-year commute. He's able to spend more time with Saralyn, 8, a competitive dancer who is going into third grade, and Caleb, 12, a seventh-grader, who is on a traveling baseball team which Merritt head coaches.

He grew up in Decatur and, having played soccer and baseball, he decided to study P.E. and health at Illinois State University. He started his career in 2001 at Martinez Middle School in Romeoville.

His career took him toward administration, first receiving his master's degree and then a doctorate from the University of St. Francis in Joliet in 2005.

He's familiar with Gardner because he worked as principal at L.J. Stevens Intermediate School in Wilmington from 2012-2014. He's excited to bring some progressive new learning techniques to Gardner.

One of the reasons he won the Principal of the Year award is because of the changes he brought to Brentwood. One of the things they concentrated on was the social and emotional well being of the students. They wanted students to feel personally connected to their teachers, rather than a number in the classroom.

"I'm a firm believer that you would prepare them for real life and the next stage in their education once they left Brentwood. For instance, first-graders took on a project learning about math, geography and science by building boats and making sure they would float. It's the kind of "sticky learning" he embraces, a concept by Will Richardson, a world-renowned educator for educators.

"We really wanted kids to enjoy learning," Merritt said.

Education is evolving in this manner, and he'll be bringing these concepts to Gardner.

"I think they're very excited about it," he said.



**MIKE MERRITT, RIGHT, is the new Gardner Grade School principal and superintendent. He is pictured with his wife, Nikcole and children Saralyn and Caleb.**



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July 18: Lindsey R. Lages-tee, 35, South Holland, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Cheryl L. Lewis, 47, Kankakee, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

July 19: John T. Holderfield, 30, Dwight, driving under influence of alcohol, leaving the scene.

July 20: Jamon M. Toepper, 40, Manteno, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Jashar Kongjeli, 26, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Valencia D. Walker, 58, Joliet, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Paul M. Czech, 42, Ottawa, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Kimberly J. Trevino, 35, Clifton, 15-20 MPH above limit.

July 21: Andrew C. Madsen, 24, Bourbonnais, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Stephanie L. Landis, 41, Wilmington, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Mitchell A. Zelinko, 23, Dwight, driving during suspension; Chasity U. Lee, 25, Champaign, driving during suspension, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

July 22: Rachel D. Kane, 31, Dunlap, driving 11-14 MPH above limit.

July 23: Benjamin Davis, 33, Dwight, driving during suspension.

July 24: Amadou I. Diallo, 28, Indianapolis, IN, improper turn at intersection.

July 25: Lawrence L. Alderson, 32, Ransom, fail obey stop sign, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

12 Written Warnings

Expired driver's license – 3; speeding – 4; one headlamp – 1; driver's license not on person – 1; expired registration – 1; stop sign violation – 2.

Dwight Police Blotter

July 19: Dwight Police were dispatched to the area of E. Delaware and S. Franklin St. for an accident. John T. Holderfield, 30, of Dwight, had struck the building at 122 S. Franklin, as well as having run over the stop sign with a pickup and left the scene. Holderfield was located and arrested for DUI, and leaving the scene of an accident with damage. Holderfield posted bond and was given his court date.

July 22: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Delaware for a domestic issue.

Accident Reports

Friday, July 19, 6:34 p.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at E. Delaware at S. Franklin involving a GMC SRA, driven by John T. Holderfield, which struck a building.

Wednesday, July 24, 8:47 p.m., an accident was reported at Northbrook Dr. at Rt. 47 involving Amadou Diallo, the driver of a Kenwood Semi, who made too wide a turn – striking a Chevrolet TBZ, driven by Jaqueline Knuth.



Weekly Ambulance Runs  
by Dwight EMS

July 19: 7:19 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 11:14 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 1:04 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

July 20: 12:36 a.m., Aldi, medical, St. James; 3:04 a.m., Mazon, medical, mutual aid to Gardner; 10:15 a.m., N. 2300 East, medical, Morris; 2:00 p.m., Northbrook, medical, Morris; 2:42 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris; 8:19 p.m., Rt. 47, trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Gardner, Odell, Duffy, Coal City; 8:46 p.m., 3000 N. Rd., trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Morris; 10:10 p.m., Delaware, fire, refusal.

July 21: 7:16 p.m., Delaware, medical, St. James; 9:33 p.m., Mazon, medical, refusal.

July 22: 4:43 a.m., I-55, fire, cancelled, mutual aid to Gardner; 6:48 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 10:54 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

July 23: 11:23 a.m., Mazon, fire; 1:29 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 9:25 p.m., I-55, medical, Morris.

July 24: 7:52 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; 12:45 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, no pt.; 5:10 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

July 25: 10:10 a.m., 2300, medical, Morris; 1:49 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. James.



Dwight Residential Structure  
Suffers Total Loss in Fire

The Dwight Fire Protection District responded to a 4:24 p.m. civilian report of smoke showing from the attic of a single story residential structure on Spencer St. in Dwight July 26. Upon arrival at the scene, DFPD advised dispatch that flames were visible and requested mutual aid.

An initial primary search confirmed that no residents were in the home. Fire crews made an aggressive attack and were able to contain the fire to the building of origin. There is no foul play suspected at this time, but fire investigators were called to the scene per protocol. "The home suffered signifi-

cant damage with an estimated total loss of \$200,000," said Deputy Chief Justin Dyer. "We are grateful to report there were no civilian or firefighter injuries or loss of life."

Several Mabas 15 and 23 division fire agencies reported to the scene for mutual aid.

Car Wash  
in Cullom  
August 9

The Tri-Point National Honor Society will have a car wash Friday, August 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Cullom Fire Station.

Free will donations are suggested and appreciated, and will be used to purchase high school student planners, in addition to helping fund other various school and community activities throughout the year.

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Correction

Cooper Walker was incorrectly named in a caption in the July 24 edition of *The Paper* featuring the Dwight Pinto Baseball All-Star Team.

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Dwight Resident Involved  
in 5-Vehicle Crash on I-55

Illinois State Police have released preliminary information regarding its response to a crash which occurred on Interstate 55, northbound, south of Lorenzo Road at 4:31 p.m. on July 25.

According to preliminary investigations, a truck tractor semi-trailer (unit one) was traveling on I-55 northbound, south of Lorenzo Rd., prior to entering the construction zone.

Traffic was backed up beyond the construction zone and the semi failed to stop before striking the rear of a pick-up truck (unit two). This caused a chain reaction into a third unit, another truck tractor semi-

trailer, a Chevrolet Monte Carlo (unit four, driven by Kevin Cap, 39, of Dwight), and a Toyota Prius (unit five).

Unit's one, three, and four became engulfed in flames. The driver of unit one was pronounced deceased on the scene. The driver of unit two was transported to an area hospital for serious injuries.

All northbound lanes were shut down until 2:00 a.m for the vehicles and debris to be cleared from the scene.

There are no other injuries reported at this time, and the investigation remains ongoing by the ISP, with no further information at this time.

Job Seeker Workshops  
in Pontiac During August

Livingston Workforce Services will host the following upcoming workshops at its Pontiac Location, 211 E. Madison St., Room 222:

- August 5, 1:00 p.m. – "Digital Literacy On-the-Job"
- August 15, 9:00 a.m. – "Resume Development"

- August 21, 12:00 p.m. – "Job Search"
- August 27, 10:00 a.m. – "Preparing for a Job Interview"

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# Smoke Free Parks Gain Support

## July 22 Dwight Village Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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Teens Terminating Tobacco has gained support for the adoption of an ordinance banning, or at least limiting to designated areas, the use of all tobacco products and vaping devices in Village of Dwight parks. The group of DTHS teens pursued the endeavor as part of their health class studies and made their initial presentation to the board in May advocating for smoke free parks in Dwight.

Previously, on July 2, members of the Village’s Ordinance Committee voted 2-1 not to recommend adoption of a tobacco/smoke free park ordinance citing enforcement issues and concerns around adding more rules and regulations to the municipal code and suggested instead signage to encourage smokers to be more mindful of others and their surroundings. However, on July 8 board members voted 3-2 to revisit the matter with Mayor Jared Anderson encouraging setting a positive environment for youth particularly where athletic events take place and youth gather, or where an environmental impact to wildlife exists. At the July 22 meeting, other board members shared similar views.

“I agree and I think it is our duty to protect those areas of high concentration,” said Trustee Justin Eggenberger. “We have to be respectful of everyone but, where there are high concentrations of youth, we need to protect them...the pool and all the baseball diamonds – I think you are on track.”

Trustee Randy Irvin, who initially opposed implementing a smoking ban in village parks, told the group he can get behind an ordinance limiting the use of tobacco and vape products to designated areas, such as parking lots, in places where organized youth activities occur, like Garrett Park and the Stevenson Pool.

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara questioned how the village was going to address the use of marijuana in these areas if a full smoking ban is not put in place. According to McNamara’s interpretation of the law, municipalities have the ability to set its own regulations around marijuana use. Marijuana use becomes legal in Illinois January 1.

Several students were on hand to again make their request to the board and provide evidence they collected at Renfrew Park showing the environmental impact caused by tobacco and vaping use. They also shared evidence of the health impacts of smoking.

“Just like schools, parks and baseball/softball fields are places for kids to have fun and learn,” said the group in their initial presentation. “By making them tobacco-free and vape-free, we keep these places healthy and safe for everyone, especially kids.”

One student expressed concerns for younger relatives and the negative influence of tobacco. “I would love to see a change in our community for them and future children,” the student told the board.

Another shared his experience as an employee at Stevenson Pool where he witnesses smokers just outside the pool’s fence, telling the board that he believes “it sets a bad example for the kids...”

“We would like your consideration in keeping Dwight cleaner, safer and healthier for the future,” DTHS Health Teacher Mitch Thompson told the board. Thompson, along with Livingston County Health Education and Marketing Director Erin Fogarty, led the group as part of a curriculum to develop advocacy skills with the students choosing the tobacco ordinance as its mission “to provide a healthful environment for today’s youth.”

Also present was Dwight’s Chief of Police, Tim Henson, who spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance calling it a “good thing” and told the board he was not concerned about enforcement of the proposed smoking policies.

“I think that when we enact something, 90 to 95 percent of the people respectfully obey it without enforcement,” Henson told the board.

DTHS Principal Dan Kaiser was also on hand to support the group and shared his experience with enforcement when schools enacted smoking bans on school properties.

“We went through this 20 years ago at schools where tobacco is prohibited on any school property,” Mr. Kaiser told the board. “I know there have been questions about how do you enforce that...how do you make sure people are going to follow those rules? You have

to step up as an administrator, as someone who is in charge, and set the example that this will not be tolerated. Once you make that precedent set, it is followed by 95 to 98 percent of the population.”

The board referred the matter to the Administration Committee for more discussion. The consensus was to ban smoking at Garrett Park (Dwight youth baseball/softball fields), Stevenson Pool and Spencer Park with smoking allowed only in designated areas of Lions Lake and Renfrew Park. The committee will look at developing an ordinance with regard to smoking policies in Village of Dwight parks at its next meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12. Possible action will take place at the following board meeting.

**In other business**, following up on a previous recommendation calling for Public Works to shop for a new chipper at an estimated cost of \$37,000, the board decided instead to move forward with repairing the existing chipper at an estimated cost of \$8,800 and not to exceed \$9,500. The board had previously discussed future options with regard to tree branch removal, including implementing a fee or no longer offering the service to residents. However at the June 22 meeting, Mayor Jared called the no service suggestion “a terrible option” since there are no other branch removal alternatives for residents. As a reminder for residents, branch removal is on Monday and Friday alternating between the north and south side of town each week. Branches should be piled by the curb with all branches cut to a reasonable size and neatly stacked with all branches going in the same direction and cut end facing the street. A six inch diameter branch is the maximum allowed. There is no alley pickup. Residents taking down large branches or whole trees must have that waste removed by a tree service provider.

**In a report to the board**, Deb Karch, representing the Dwight Economic Alliance, provided an update for the board with regard to local business news. Mrs. Karch reported that an auction of kitchen equipment at the Country Mansion recently took place. According to Karch, the new

model for the business is more of a catered type venue rather than one utilizing a full service kitchen. Regarding another vacant business in Dwight, Karch reported that several potential national tenants have been identified for the former Shopko building. The building has been for lease or sale, with a \$1.9 million price tag, following the closing of the retail chain earlier this year.

The 2020 United States Census will soon be taking place and Mrs. Karch is encouraging all Dwight residents to take part. It is estimated that five percent of children under the age of five were not counted in the 2010 Census which is about 1 million young children nationwide. By accurately completing the 2020 census, there is more assurance that programs and services along with funding and grants will be offered where most needed. 95 percent of households will receive their census invitation in the mail and can respond online. It was also noted that census jobs are available with more information found at [www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/)

Mrs. Karch also thanked the board for approving this year’s DEA funding request and assured the board that the DEA is working to be proactive in efforts to be self-sustaining.

“On behalf of the board, we listened, we heard you, and we want to thank you for the investment,” stated Karch.

The DEA meets at 7 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the lower level of the Public Services Complex. All are welcome to attend.

**In other business**, the board approved:

- payment of bills totaling \$141,623.95.
- the June 2019 Treasurer’s Report.
- approved a D Construction final pay request of \$493,171.06 for Clinton, Wilmac and St Louis Street reconstruction.
- Tobey’s Construction & Cartage, Inc. downtown streetscape improvements pay request #2 for \$169,874.55.

The board continued in Executive Session to discuss the sale of village properties. No action was taken.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12, in the Public Services Complex.

# Ice Cream Social August 4 at Dwight Historical Society



CLEO AND ALEXIS DRECHSEL sampled ice cream as the Dwight Historical Society members, including the girls’ grandparents, Kim and Patti Drechsel, met to prepare for the upcoming Ice Cream Social to be held at the historic depot Sunday, August 4, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. In addition to indulging in ice cream sundaes, cookies, and root beer floats, enjoy the music of Luke and Sarah Windham – whose performance is sponsored by the Dwight Economic Alliance, compliments of Edward Jones/Max Sulzberger.

# Open House at Humiston Woods Nature Center Aug. 4

On Sunday, August 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Humiston Woods Nature Center will host an Open House to commemorate 40 years since its incorporation as a not-for-profit institution.

In 1925, Harriet Humiston established the Camp-Humiston Trust to benefit the people of Pontiac. In 1975, the Trust, with the leadership of Joe Jobst, began to develop the Hu-

miston Woods Nature Center, for recreational and educational purposes.

Today, the original Humiston land is now a natural retreat for individuals, families, and groups. The Nature Center provides a space for small group inservices, meetings, and workshops.

The public is invited to join, explore, and learn some of the Center’s history.

# ‘Herscher Style’ BBQ Chicken Dinner August 10

Herscher United Methodist Church is hosting its “Herscher Style” BBQ Chicken Dinner in Village Park Saturday, August 10, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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## Grundy County Heroes & Helpers Host Christmas in July Toy Drive

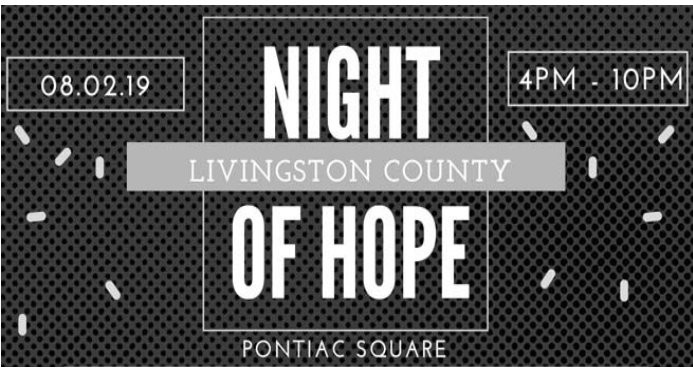
Grundy County Heroes & Helpers raised over \$4,500 in toy and monetary donations on July 21 at their Christmas in July Toy Drive, held at Walmart in Morris.

Heroes & Helpers volunteers were stationed at each door handing our fliers, sharing what the organization's mission was and then collecting new, unwrapped items as customers exited from their shopping.

All the donations will go to provide Grundy Co. children, who will be selected via an upcoming application process, a joyous Christmas celebration on December 14. Children ages five to 15, chosen from schools and the Heroes & Helpers committee members, will be given the opportunity to Shop with a

Hero. Each child will be given a set dollar amount to shop for clothes, shoes, coats, and more, and will be taken on a shopping spree at Walmart with a local hero: Sheriff, EMS, Fire, and Police. The children will then be invited to a lunch with Santa Claus and be given the opportunity to shop for toys that were collected at Christmas in July and upcoming donation opportunities.

Application packets for children to be a recipient will be available by October 1 at the Sheriff's office in Morris. If people would still like to contribute donations, a collection box is currently available at the Sheriff's office, with several more soon to be made available.



## Livingston County Night of Hope Celebration August 2 in Pontiac

On Friday, August 2, the American Cancer Society of Livingston County will host the Livingston County Night of Hope from 4:00-10:00 p.m. on the Pontiac Square.

The event is open to the community. Following a brief welcome, cancer survivors and caretakers can take part in a survivor reception from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

A food truck rally will take place from 4:00-8:00 p.m., or while supplies last. Vendors include "Come Get This!" Food Truck, Cup & Scone, Lemonade Shakeup's by Tool's, Three Rose's Bed and Breakfast, Sexi Mexi Tacos, Steidinger Foods, and free Snow Cones courtesy of Pontiac Bible Church. A food voucher will be given to every survivor for a complimentary meal.

Opening ceremonies begin at 6:15 p.m., and will feature a mission update, team and sponsor recognition, and a word from honorary survivors Linda Abels and Patrick Killian. Ceremonial survivor laps and team laps around the courthouse will follow.

The event will also feature live performances by local artists such as the Pontiac Municipal Band, the Unemployed Architects, Johnny Whitecotten, The Wednesday Night Crew, and Justin Lindsey. True Essence Tranquility and Pontiac Massage Therapy will provide massages from 5:00-8:00

p.m. Nola & Kennedy Clothing Boutique will also be on site from 4:00-8:00 p.m. A silent auction featuring several local baskets will take place from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Youth activities will feature face painters, inflatable games, and a balloon artist from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Game On Mobile Gaming will be on site with their state-of-the-art mobile gaming truck from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Admission to the youth area requires a donation, and includes unlimited access during youth area hours.

The Luminaria Ceremony will take place at 9:00 p.m. prior to closing ceremonies. Luminarias honor every life touched by cancer and can be dedicated to a loved one lost, someone currently battling, or anyone who's overcome cancer. Luminarias will be decorated and displayed around the courthouse with names and sometimes messages to the people they're dedicated to. Participants can dedicate luminaria in advance by visiting [www.relayforlife.org/livingston](http://www.relayforlife.org/livingston) IL or on the day of the event by visiting the luminaria station. Proceeds from luminaria benefit the ACS.

Times and vendors are subject to change. For the most up-to-date event information, visit their website and click on Event Details or follow them on Facebook at: @LivingstonCountyACS.

## Steak Dinner in Cullom August 8

Saint John's Catholic Church, Cullom, will be hosting a New York strip steak dinner Thursday, August 8, at the Cullom Community Building from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Along with the steak, the menu includes baked potato, corn, salad, drink, and dessert.

A fee applies for dinner and a children's menu is also available.

## Fairbury Garden Club Meets

Fairbury Garden Club met July 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairbury. The group discussion included the "...because it makes me smile" campaign, and the Prairie Central Elementary Flower Show – which will be held Friday, September 13.

The program for the evening was given by President Deb Kicmal, about the history of Fairbury Garden Club. The club began as part of the Fairbury Women's Club.

The group also shared gardening tips with each other.

The next meeting will be

held Tuesday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. This will be one week earlier than usual due to the Fairbury Fair. The program will be presented by Dorothy Deany from Herb Guild of McLean County. She will be talking about "Cooking with Herbs."

During the August meeting, a nominating committee for 2020 officers will also be formed.

For more information, contact Vice President Bethany Brucker at 309-212-0721.

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Check-in and start of race will be at the Herscher High School football field, located just south of the intersection of Illinois Route 115 and N. Elm St. All runners and walkers should check in between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Both the 5K and 2-mile Fun Walk take place on Herscher's streets. The course is flat and mostly shaded. It will be painted on the street to direct runners. Refreshments will be provided after the race.

Registration fees apply per participant, with the fee increasing after August 19 through race day. Kankakee Running Club members receive a discount. Must be registered by Aug. 19 to be guaranteed a shirt.

5K age divisions include:

**Male:** 14 and younger, 15-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70 and older; **Female:** 14 and younger, 15-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 and older; **Masters Division:** Male and female – 40 and older.

Championship awards will go to the overall men's and women's champions for first, second, and third place finishers in each age division. Also, a heavyweight award will go to the fastest runner who weighs at least 200 pounds.

Awards will be received by the top ten finishers in the two-mile non-competitive Fun Walk.

The Bunny Dash is for kids seven and under and will be on the track, starting immediately after the completion of the 5K/Fun Walk.

Police protection will be provided during the race. Awards will be presented at the football field after the race.

You may register online at [www.racerpal.com/races/herscher.html](http://www.racerpal.com/races/herscher.html).

Contact the race director, the Kankakee Running Club, at [KRRClub@gmail.com](mailto:KRRClub@gmail.com) for more information.

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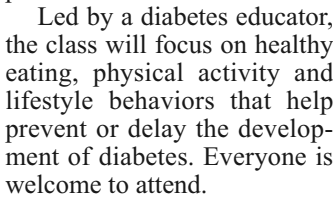
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OBITUARIES

Lori A. Call

Lori A. Call was called home Monday, July 22, 2019.

Per Lori's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

A service will be Saturday, August 3, with a memorial visitation from 9 until 10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Dwight.

Inurnment will follow in McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight.

Immediately after the committal service, family and friends are invited to the VFW Dwight Post #2608 for a luncheon.

A service was held Saturday, July 27, with a memorial visitation from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Plainfield Congregational UCC in Plainfield. A celebration of her life began at 12 noon, followed by a repass meal at the church.

She was born May 5, 1963 in Morris, daughter of Bill and Helen Michaels Call.

She will be extremely missed by her loving life-



partner, Kenneth W. Roberts. Lori was a dedicated member and servant of the Lord at PCC UCC, where she touched many lives through various roles. She was loved and appreciated at her workplace, Bethesda Lutheran Homes & Services.

Lori was loved by her entire family.

Surviving are three sisters: Linda Gutel of La Porte, Texas; Bev (Bob) Parker of Dwight; and Kelly (Roy) Tisdale of Shorewood.

Also surviving are nephews: Mark, Dan and Blaine; nieces: Christina, Jaime, and Jenny; many great-nieces and great-nephews; extended family: Diane (Jack) Rancour, Michael Roberts, Kim Fischer, Melody (Tom) Norwood, Doug (Darlene) Roberts, and Roger (Amber) Roberts; and goddaughter, Madiangela Reyes.

Farkas Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Charles Greer

KEMPTON — Charles Phillips Greer, 82, of Kempton passed away at 12:36 p.m., Sunday, July 21, 2019 at his residence in Kempton.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 27, at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Cullom. According to the family's wishes, cremation rites were accorded.

Charles was born January 29, 1937 in Farley, Missouri, a son of Charles Leonard and Maudie Marie Dunlap Greer. He married Helen Tuttle July 30, 2004 at their home in Kempton. She survives.

Also surviving are his step-children: Richard Marrs of Jordan; Marcy Krause and Linda

MacDonald, both of California; and one brother, Robert Greer of Valparaiso, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings: Judy Utterback, Warren, Donald, Eugene and Larry Greer.

He proudly served his country in the United States Navy, and then worked for 50 years as a pipefitter for Local #597.

Charles enjoyed collecting tractors, cars, antiques, and even an airplane.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: calvertmemorial.com

Joan Frable Klemp

LITTLE FALLS, MN — Joan Frable Klemp of Little Falls, Minnesota; Dwight and Highland, Illinois passed away peacefully June 20, 2019.

A Memorial Mass will be in St. Patrick Church, Dwight, at 10 a.m., Monday, August 5, with visitation for one hour preceding the Mass.

Inurnment will be August 6 in Fountain Cemetery, Fostoria, Ohio.

Joan was born August 13, 1922 in Toledo, Ohio.

She is survived by brothers: Dr. Frank L. Frable, Jr., Aurora, Indiana; and Dr. William J. (Dr. Mary Ann) Frable of Richmond, Virginia; daughter, Marie (Brian) McNamara, Pequot Lakes, Minnesota; and son, Peter Klemp, Fox Developmental Center, Dwight; grandsons, Leo (Jessica) Mc-



Namara of Minneapolis, MN; and Brendan and Ian McNamara of Pequot Lakes, MN; great-granddaughters, Nora and Maeve; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank L. and Geraldine Stahl Frable.

Joan was a courageous and dedicated advocate and gave generously of herself, caring for her son and family, while maintaining fulfilling employment as a secretary and bookkeeper throughout her working career.

Her beautiful smile, laugh, and loving appreciation for others will be missed.

Memorials preferred to Peter Klemp Trust Fund, c/o Fox Developmental Center, Dwight, IL, and Fox Center Family and Friends, 134 W. Main St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Marla C. Hagerman

DWIGHT — Marla C. Hagerman, 56, of Dwight passed away at 11:12 a.m., Friday, July 26, 2019 at Joliet Community Hospice Home in Joliet.

Marla was born in Hoopeston on January 11, 1963, daughter of Robert and Karen Sue Smith McCluey. Her mother survives.

Also surviving are Marla's children: Robert (Erica) Hagerman of Florida; Alicia (Kurt Fritz) Horrie of Dwight; Heidi (Jeremy) Schulz of Fairbury; and Brittany (Jacob) Evans of Coal City; a dozen grandkids: Leyla, Duke, Vera, Maverick, Skylar, Caiden, Madison, Keegan, Braxton, Paisley, Parker, and Phinley; brothers: Tom Hagerman of Florida; and Ed Hagerman of Peoria; sisters: Tina Fonck of Diamond; and Laura Stroud of Braidwood; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father; step-father, Jimmie Hagerman; close cousin, Lonnie Jo Vaughn; cousins, Raymond Smith II, Ronald Smith Jr. and Dennis R. Smith.



Marla was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church. She worked as a rural mail carrier in Plainfield until her retirement. Her children and grandchildren were her world and she loved spending time with her family.

She also enjoyed country music. She will be deeply missed by her friends and family.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 30, in the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Burial followed in Braceville - Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

Visitation was from 9 a.m. Tuesday until the time of services.

Memorials in her name may be left to Joliet Community Hospice Home, Joliet.

Her guestbook may be signed at: www.hagermemorial.com

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

Eugene L. DeGrush

DIAMOND — Eugene L. "Pee-Wee" DeGrush, 93, of Diamond passed away Friday morning, July 26, 2019 at The Gardens at Park Pointe in Morris.

He was born July 29, 1925 in Mazon, son of Forest and Luella Steinberger DeGrush. He was raised in Coal City, attended Coal City High, and went on to honorably serve in the United States Army during World War II.

Eugene married Margaret Gallo September 21, 1946 in Assumption Catholic Church. They made their home in Diamond and raised their daughter there.

PeeWee owned and operated DeGrush Poultry House prior to becoming an operating engineer with Local 150, from where he retired. He was a member of the American Legion, and was active in local government over the years, having served on the Zoning Board with the Village of Diamond.

PeeWee loved Chicago Sports, especially the Cubs and Bulls. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time at the club.

Survivors include his grandson, Thomas Jacobs, and great-



granddaughter, Savannah Jacobs, both of Diamond; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Margaret in 2005; daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Anthony Olivo; granddaughter, Maria Jacobs in 2017; and ten brothers and sisters: Vernon (Dorothy) DeGrush, Burnette (Louise) DeGrush, Lyle DeGrush, Wayne DeGrush, Kenneth (Lucille) DeGrush, Gladys (Warren) Trotter, Evelyn (Ralph) Brooks, Amphoon (Mabel) DeGrush, Howard (Adeline) DeGrush, and Eleanor (John) Phillips.

Per PeeWee's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

A private inurnment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, where his wife, daughter and granddaughter are laid to rest.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share PeeWee's memorial page online at: www.ReevesFuneral.com/notices/Eugene-DeGrush

Arrangements have been made under the direction of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City.

Another Obituary appears on page 9.

Ah, love, let us be true To one another!  
— Matthew Arnold

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I'm not entirely shocked that I need to revisit this topic, but here we are. I want to address the topic of Cubs social media, and just Cubs discussion in general.

There seems to be growing momentum in the Cubs community that Joe Maddon's time as manager needs to come to an end. Joe Maddon, who in the last 11 years has won 90 games nine times. In the other two, his teams won 84 and 77. He's been close to, if not the best manager in baseball over the last decade and has been the most successful Cubs manager in team history.

How people can see that and still want him gone is something that I just can't comprehend. The two most popular arguments I see is that the team is far too talented to be "only" advancing to the NLCS. (Granted they didn't last year.) Along with that one I also see he mismanages the bullpen, which again, if you view the track record of success, is a wild thing for which to criticize the most successful manager at the highest level of baseball.

The assumption that Joe and the Cubs don't have copious amounts of information on pitcher-batter data for a given matchup, and that in some instances the decisions are made prior to the game even starting, is baffling. It's 2019, the second the lineup is out they have everything under the sun in terms of information that shows what pitcher would fare best against particular batters.

That's why when I see people criticizing his decisions, I'm not sure they fully understand what goes into making baseball decisions in 2019. It's largely excel sheets, and massive amounts of data that goes into making decisions and not as much "the manager's decision."

Until Joe Maddon stops winning 90 games every year, I want him in that dugout running things. People are quick to forget what it was like before he got there. It involved a lot of losing.

Go, Cubs.

Aaron J. Boma  
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Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is August 30, 2019.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on July 12, 2019.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Community Banc Mortgage Corporation, Case No. 2019CH39
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holders of record is: Phillip G. Dohman
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 26 North, Range 6 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Livingston County, Illinois, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter, which point is 531 feet West from the Northwest corner of said East Half; and running; thence South, perpendicular to said North line, 300 feet; thence West, parallel with said North line 233.35 feet, thence North, perpendicular to said North line, 300 feet; and thence East, along said North line, 233.35 feet to the point of beginning.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 22430 E. 500 N. Road, Fairbury, Illinois
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Mortgagor: Phillip G. Dohman  
Name of Mortgagee: Citizens State Bank of Cropsey  
Date of Mortgage: October 23, 2006  
Date of recording: November 14, 2006  
County where recorded: Livingston County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 00575463

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Public Notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2019, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Bud's Woodcrafts, located at 15528 E. 3000 North Rd. Blackstone, IL 61313.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2019.

Kristy A. Masching  
Livingston County Clerk

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

VILLAGE OF FORREST, An Illinois municipal corporation, Plaintiff,  
and  
DAVID L. TAYLOR and SUZANNE F. TAYLOR; and all UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants

Case No: 2019-CH-28 Foreclosure of Demolition Lien

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, DAVID L. TAYLOR and SUZANNE F. TAYLOR; and all UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court regarding the Foreclosure on a Demolition Lien & Summons.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Livingston County located at 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764 on or before the 23rd day of August, 2019, a JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT may be taken against you and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the Petitioners.

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# Dwight Historical Society Ice Cream Social

## Sunday, August 4

The Dwight Historical Society is having an ice cream social Sunday, August 4, from 6-8 p.m. at the museum inside the downtown depot to help celebrate their newest exhibit.

Mary Flott, president of the society, said volunteers and staff are working on “Dwight’s Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives” and visitors on Sunday will have the first look at the exhibit in progress.

The exhibit chronicles Dwight’s now-closed eateries. They have some artifacts, photos, advertisements and menus, and will be organizing the exhibit into categories from drive-ins, taverns, bakeries, cafes and fine foods to pizza and ice cream.

Anyone remember the Sip ‘n’ Bite or the Watters A&W Drive-In? Flott is looking for more artifacts and relics from past restaurants and if you would like to loan them to the exhibit, you can call her at 815-584-2107.

The exhibit will be interactive and there will be opportunities for people to post memories of the places they loved to eat.

The historical society will be selling ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and cookies, and Luke & Sarah Windham will be singing on the patio.

### Dwight Preschool Screening

The Dwight Early Learning Program is hosting a birth to six-year old developmental screening Tuesday, August 13.

This is a play-based screening in the areas of learning, motor, speech, and social development.

The screening will be located at the Dwight Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call Dwight Early Learning Team at 584-6278 or 584-6254.

### Piper City Sesquicentennial August 2-3

Piper City will hold its Sesquicentennial celebration, *Past, Present & Future*, Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3.

The schedule of events is as follows:

**Friday, August 2**

- 5:00 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies.
- 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Games for all ages on Midway; Historical Show and Artifacts on Display at Community Building; Quilt Show at the Community Building.
- 6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour Barbershop Quartet-Under Big Tent.
- 8:00-11:00 p.m. – EshVan Project-Under Big Tent.

**Saturday, August 3**

- 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – Historical Show and Artifacts on Display at Community Building; Quilt Show at the Community Building.
- 9:30 a.m. – Kiddie Parade at Branch Park.
- 1:00 p.m. – Grand Parade.
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Activities and Contests at Branch Park; Show and Shine Car & Antique Tractor Show at Branch Park.
- 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Games for all ages on Midway.
- 6:00 p.m. – PC/FC Alumni Dinner-Catholic Parish Hall; Bags Tournament (Register at 5:45 p.m.).
- 7:00 p.m. – Dan Drilling and Jeff Walle-Under Big Tent.
- 8:00 p.m. – Quilt & Gun Raffle Drawing.
- 8:00-11:00 p.m. – The New Relation-Under Big Tent.

Food vendors will be ongoing throughout the celebration, with the schedule and events subject to possible change.

Contact [PiperCityEvents@gmail.com](mailto:PiperCityEvents@gmail.com) for more information.

### OBITUARY

#### Angela Lynn Scroggins

CHICAGO – Angela Lynn “Big Ang” Scroggins, 24, of Chicago passed away suddenly Saturday, July 27, 2019 in Chicago.

Her visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Thursday, August 1, at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, preceding the 3:00 p.m. funeral service with Pastor Greg Linkous officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

She was born April 13, 1995 in Greenwood, MS to David Scroggins and Frances A. Outlaw Scroggins. She attended DeKalb High School, Kishwaukee Community College and Northern Illinois University, where she graduated in 2018. Throughout her education, Angela was very involved with school activities and clubs.

She was an animal lover, who was especially fond of her Chihuahua, Bernie, as well as a loving TT (aunt) to Isabella, and had a special bond with her sisters and brothers.

Working out and spending time at the beach with friends and family were some of her favorite activities. She had a zest for life and lit up the room. Angela will be dearly missed.

Surviving are her parents: David (April) Scroggins of Braceville and Frances A. (Michael Biondo) Scroggins of Florida; sisters: Amber Scroggins of Florida and Breanne Wren of Braceville; brothers: DJ Scroggins of Braceville and Brandon Scroggins of Florida; grandparents, Loretta Scroggins, Pamela Lua, Mikki Morris and Patricia Pritchard; aunts and uncles: Mildred Scroggins, Brandy (Adam) Rochell, Billy Scroggins, Robert (Brittney) Scroggins, Jennifer (Mike) Beheler, Angela (Rodney) Ridgley and Jason Pritchard; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, Papaw and Nanny Albert and Lorena Clark, Papaw Rusty Morris, Granny Keys and Roy and Nancy Worley.

To visit her online guestbook, log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or on facebook.



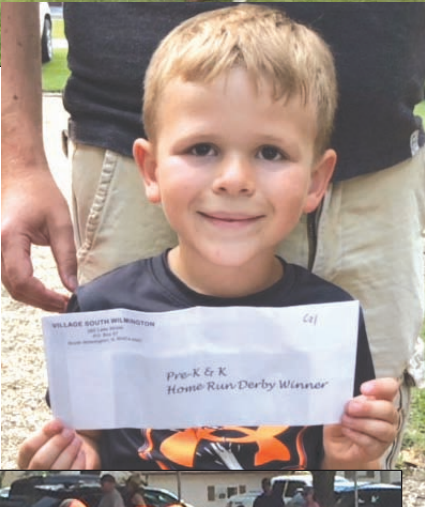
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THE DWIGHT PINTO ALL STAR TEAM took second place in the South Wilmington Party In the Park 8U tournament over the weekend. The team went 3-0 during pool play before falling to Seneca, a team they had previously beaten, 1-0 in the championship game. Front row L to R- Cooper Wright, Oliver Snyder, Nathan Wilkey. Back row L to R- Ameryn Wiles, Ace Eggenberger, Caleb Peters, Dalton DeLong, Isiah Oelschlager. The team was coached by Steven Snyder, Josh DeLong and Justin Eggenberger



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# 127th Annual Cullom Homecoming

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## Thursday, August 8

- 6:30 p.m. Balloon ascension
- 4:00-8:00 p.m. Catholic – Supper at the Cullom Community Building

## Friday, August 9

- 8:30 a.m. BBQ Cook Off registration – final prize given at 8:00 p.m.
- 11:00 a.m. Fireman Steak Sandwich meal
- JAM (on the midway by the Bank) – TBA

## Saturday, August 10

- 8:00 a.m. Tractor Show on football field
- 10:00 a.m. Volleyball Tournament starts
- 1:00 p.m. Tractor Pull on football field
- 5:00 p.m. Bags Tournament
- Registration – Bags fly at 5:30 p.m.
- Fireworks at dusk

## Friday and Saturday

- Cullom Flower Show (Community Building)
- Cullom Jr. Fair Domestic Arts – Jr. and Sr. (Community Building)

## Every Night:

- 6:30 p.m. Bingo Tent on the Midway
- Citizens for Cullom – Raffle Tickets on Midway
- Cullom Advisory Board – Selling Tickets on Midway
- Library – Quilt Raffle Tickets on Midway
- Historical Society – Dime Toss booth – west of Bingo tent
- Inflatables – Thursday and Friday, 6:30-10:00 a.m.; Saturday, 4:00-9:00 p.m.
- Games (same times as inflatables)
- St. John's Lutheran Food Tent on the Midway
- Wristbands nightly – fee applies

## Jr. Fair in the Park

### Wednesday, August 7

- 5:00 p.m. Rabbit Show Begins

### Thursday, August 8

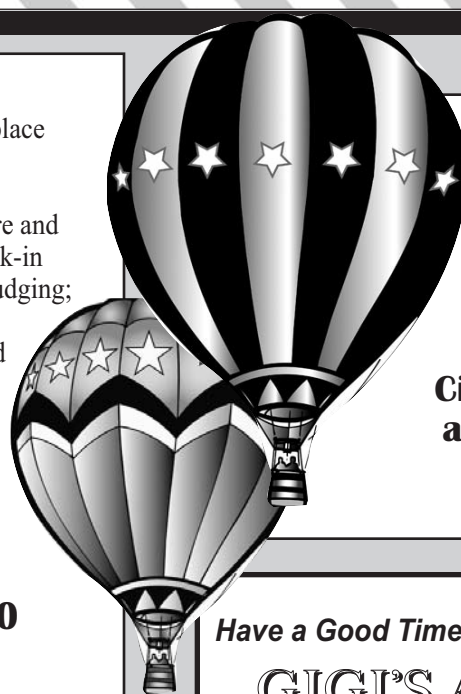
- 6:00 p.m. All swine must be in place and weigh-in begun

## Friday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. All livestock in place
- 8:30 a.m. Swine Judging
- 9:00 a.m. Dairy Judging
- 8:30-11:00 a.m. Floriculture and Domestic Arts Exhibits Check-in
- 1:00 p.m. Domestic Arts Judging; Flower Judging
- 1:30 p.m. Weigh Steers and Sheep
- 3:00 p.m. All Beef registration papers check
- 5:30 p.m. Sheep Costume Lead

## Saturday, August 10

- 8:00 a.m. Sheep Judging
- 10:00 a.m. Breeding Beef
- Immediately After Breeding Beef – Beef Steers
- 3:00 p.m. Release of Floriculture and Domestic Arts Exhibits
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## STUDENTS NEW TO THE DISTRICT

**Monday, August 5,** registration will be held from **9:00 a.m. to noon** in the DTHS Office for new students who have never been enrolled in District #230 or District #232. State law requires new students to take a copy of their birth certificate when registering. Paperwork and fee payment will take place at this time.

## 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**  
**Freshman Orientation** (Students only) will be held in the Auditorium from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

**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).

## FEES ARE DUE AT REGISTRATION

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 health care provider’s indication of a past case of chickenpox. The **LAW** states that all students with a diagnosis of ASTHMA have their doctor provide an asthma action plan to the school. Students failing to present evidence of physical examinations and immunizations will not be allowed to enter school until these requirements have been met. Physical and Dental exam forms are available in the high school office.

**Incoming seniors:** All students entering 12th grade (seniors) will be required to show proof of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) upon school entry. This law is to prevent a severe form of bacterial meningitis. Some students have already received a meningitis vaccine. If the vaccine was received after age 16, only one vaccine is required. If the vaccine was received prior to age 16, two vaccines are required.

# Back to School Celebration at New Life Church August 8

New Life Church, 903 S. Old Route 66 in Dwight, is hosting a Back to School Celebration, “Building Strong Foundations,” from 5:00-7:00

p.m. Thursday, August 8. The event will feature food, games, candy, crafts, and Bible lessons.

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Braceville UMC 5K*

The 2nd Annual Braceville United Methodist Church 5K was held July 20 in Mazonia/Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area, with 25 runners and walkers competing in the event – in spite of the extreme heat.

It was organized and directed by Pastor Karen Fabian, who was assisted by many volunteers from Braceville UMC, as well as one from Life Church of Morris.

Both Braceville and Gardner Emergency Units were on site to ensure the safety of the participants, in addition to an officer from the Grundy County Sheriff’s Department.

Their timer was Dave Bohlke of the Kankakee River Running Club.

Trophies and medals were awarded as follows:

Youngest Finisher – Angelina Laseman (16); Oldest Finisher – Bill O’Brien (75); 1st Overall Male – Joe Bornac (20:25); 1st Overall Female:

Kathy Laseman (22:38); 2nd Overall Male – Wayne Bisailon (21:27); 2nd Overall Female – Angelina Laseman (26:01); 3rd Overall Male – Brian Fisher (23:58); 3rd Overall Female – Rebecca Amble (32:16); 1st Place F 15-19 – Allie Roland; 1st Place F 20-24 – Delaney Laseman; 1st Place F 30-34 – Amanda Reyelts; 1st Place F 40-44 – Kacey Rowland; 1st Place F 50-54 – Rev. Harriette Cross; 1st Place F 60-64 – Janice Studer; 1st Place F 65 and over – Darcy Welsh; 2nd Place F 65 and over – Jan Rossi; 1st Place M 15-19 – Collin Quinn; 1st Place M 35-39 – Joseph Quinn; 2nd Place M 35-39 – Matthew Sanders; 1st Place M 40-44 – Bruce Fatlan; 1st Place M 45-49 – Aaron Sims; 1st Place M 55-59 – Hartley Rowland; 1st Place M 60-64 – Carroll Lulay; 2nd Place M 60-64 – Gary Westefer; 1st Place M 65 and over – Raymond Smith; 2nd Place M 65

and over – Bill O’Brien; 3rd Place M 65 and over – Pete Rossi.

You can see more photos by visiting their 5K Facebook page: [facebook.com/groups/bracevilleumc5k](https://facebook.com/groups/bracevilleumc5k).

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Spider-Man: Far from Home (PG-13) No Passes Allowed Thu: 12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:30

Yesterday (PG-13) Thu: 12:30, 3:30, 7:00, 9:50

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• AUG. 5: 12 - 12:30 p.m., Set up for Food Distribution; 3 - 5:30 p.m., Food Distribution.  
• AUG. 6: 4 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army / Compassionate Care Ministry.  
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584-3433 church  
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The top readers for the K-2 grade group were Adaleigh and Jeffrey. Leanne and Honore were the top readers for the 3-5 grade group. Clara, Piper, Samantha and Landon were drawing winners.



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THIS SUMMER, 18 TEENS REGISTERED for summer reading at Prairie Creek Library. The teens participated in an ongoing Jeopardy game. With each checkout, they chose a category and amount from their Jeopardy board. As part of their final event, they completed the game with a final Jeopardy round. The winner for the summer was Katy, with Jace taking second place. Both received AMC gift cards.

Dwight Peace Meals

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Wed., July 31: Ham salad, creamy broccoli soup, gelatin w/fruit, assorted crackers, peaches.  
Thurs., Aug. 1: Sloppy Joe, Midori blend veggies, corn, bun, apple slices.  
Fri., Aug. 2: Pork tenderloin, potato casserole, mixed vegetables, Texas toast, pears.  
Mon., Aug. 5: Chicken Enchiladas, baked beans, Harvard beets, whole grain wheat (1), apricots.

Tues., Aug. 6: Pulled pork sandwich, baby baker potatoes, vegetable blend, bun, Mandarin oranges.  
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## Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom Members Attend Convention of the ALA Dept. of Illinois

The 99th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois was held Thursday through Saturday, July 11-13, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel – A Doubletree by Hilton, in Springfield.

Four members (Marsha Haag, Diane Shapland, Judy Ehlers, and Linda Vercler) of the American Legion Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom attended as delegates to the convention. Susan Spangler and Gabby Spangler were guests for two days.

Opening of the Convention was the morning of July 11. Advancement of their colors, Department, then Division and District Colors were followed by their respective Division and District Presidents. 17th District Colors were carried by Jane Magee, Washburn Unit, and Susan Spangler, followed by 17th District President Diane Shapland.

Call to order by Department President Deb Lewis, who presided. The formal opening was observed. President Lewis gave the welcome. She introduced Gabby Spangler, Past Department Junior Honorary President, as her personal page for the morning session. Springfield’s Mayor James Langfelder took greetings and welcomed everyone to Springfield. The Department Officers, Division and District Presidents were introduced. Nominations of Department Officers for the coming year were given. Approval of Division/District Presidents and Vice Presidents was given, along with Delegates-at-Large to National Convention.

Greetings were given from Department Commander Michael Carder, Senior Vice

Commander Roy Weber, SAL Detachment Commander Eugene Gort, and the leading candidate for National Commander.

Reports of Officers and committees were given. Twenty-five Nurses’ Scholarships at \$1,000.00 each were awarded. In Americanism: Elise Bruner, Tri-Point High School tenth grader, received fourth place in Class II – the Americanism Essay Contest. She was sponsored by Skinner Trost Unit 122 of Cullom. The 2020 Americanism Essay Contest title will be “What Can I Do To Unite Our Country.” In Junior Activities: Cullom Junior Unit 122, with Junior Activity Leader Marcia Stalter, received a certificate for the Most Juniors at Junior Conference.

That afternoon, National Central Division Vice President Teresa Isensee, of Wisconsin, spoke to the members.

That evening, the Gold Star/Past Presidents Parley Dinner was held at the Wyndham Hotel Ballroom, hosted by Jill Layton and Marsha Haag. Diane Shapland, Judy Ehlers, and Linda Vercler attended.

The session began July 12 with more committee reports. The VA Volunteers were recognized and the Volunteer Renewal Ceremony was held. That afternoon, a Quarter Auction fund-raiser was held at the Wyndham Hotel, with many prizes being won.

The morning of July 13, the Joint Memorial Service was held at the BOS Convention Center, with Diane Shapland, Judy Ehlers, and Marsha Haag attending. Shapland, 4th Division Chaplain, took part in the Memorial service – lighting the candle in memory of their 162

departed 4th Division sisters.

The Poppy Poster presentation took place following the Memorial Service, at the BOS Convention Center for the Legion and Auxiliary combined. Skinner Trost Unit 122 had three poppy poster winners. Two of the three were present to receive their awards. Fourth grade – 1st place, Lexa Porth, age ten, Tri-Point Upper Elementary, Piper City. Fifth grade – 1st place, Melanie Tamayo, age ten, Tri-Point Upper Elementary, Piper City. Ninth grade – 2nd place, Melina Schuette, age 15, Tri-Point High School, Cullom. She was unable to attend.

That day’s session reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Election of Department Officers was a unanimous vote. President – Sue Cunniff Coughlin; 1st Vice President – Patti Williams; 2nd Vice President – Janet Bacon; Treasurer – Mary Beth Revoir; Historian – Angela Golightly; Sgt-at-Arms – Linda Oakley. Education Report – one of the two Junior Member Scholarships was received by Alexis Waller, sponsored by Skinner Trost Unit 122 of Cullom. National President, Kathy Dunagan, spoke to the members.

The morning session was recessed for Installation of Department Officers, Division and District Presidents. The Installation reception followed. The 2019-20 theme is, “Celebrate Our Past and Awaken Our Future.”

At the Legion Installation at the BOS Convention Center that afternoon, Ron Shapland (American Legion Skinner Trost Post 122 of Cullom) was installed as the 2019-20 4th Division Commander.

## Caffeine



by Nikki Rogers  
Evenglow Lodge

In a morning cup of coffee or tea, daily can of soda, late-night chocolate bar, and even certain medications, most people take in moderate amounts of caffeine throughout the day. Caffeine is an addictive substance that stimulates your central nervous system, and can be harmful when taken in excess.

Caffeine reaches its peak in the body within an hour of consumption, and can make you feel more awake and focused. In most people, caffeine leaves the system within six hours.

However, too much caffeine can have lasting effects on the body. According to the U.S. National Library of Medicine, taking in more than 400mg of

caffeine (4-6 8 oz. cups of coffee) everyday can lead to serious health problems, such as dehydration. Caffeine is a diuretic, meaning that it helps the body get rid of salt and water, but in excess this can lead to dehydration. Therefore, if you take in large amounts of caffeine, be sure to drink plenty of water, in order to stay hydrated. Other serious effects of excess caffeine include insomnia, anxiety, or caffeine dependency.

Even in moderate consumption, caffeine can cause headaches, lightheadedness, heartburn, sleeplessness, and increased heart rate.

People with osteoporosis or high blood pressure are recommended to avoid caffeine altogether, as caffeine can raise blood pressure and can disrupt the body’s absorption of calcium.

Since drinking coffee is often a social event, seniors consume more caffeine than any other age group, according to a 2014 study. Older adults are often more sensitive to changing fluid levels in the body, and may be more susceptible to dizziness and lightheadedness, which can lead to falls. This, along with seniors being

more likely to suffer from high blood pressure or osteoporosis, means that seniors are more likely to suffer the negative side effects of caffeine consumption.

Seniors are not the only group of people who could be affected by caffeine consumption. Children can also be especially sensitive to caffeine, and should avoid food and beverages that contain it. Those who are pregnant or breastfeeding should avoid caffeine as well, since caffeine is passed on to the child.

If you already suffer from insomnia, anxiety, migraines, or another effect of caffeine, consuming caffeine could make those symptoms worse.

Ordering decaffeinated coffee when out with friends or choosing a caffeine-free soda can make all the difference. Avoid the symptoms of caffeine withdrawals, such as headaches, trouble concentrating, dizziness and irritability, by slowly cutting back on your caffeine intake.

Caffeine is an addictive substance, so cutting back before you become dependent on it can help improve your lifestyle and health.

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# Help for Hope Receives \$1,000 Grant from Community Foundation of Grundy County



HELP FOR HOPE WAS A RECIPIENT OF A \$1,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Grundy County. Pictured are Devan Gagliardo, Program Director at Community Foundation of Grundy County, and Cathy Milne, Executive Director of Help for Hope.

Help for Hope has been chosen as a recipient of a \$1,000 grant celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Community Foundation of Grundy County. The mission of Help for Hope is to give hope to those in need by providing basic life necessities to anyone, regardless of

age, income, or residency. Help for Hope was nominated to receive a grant because according to the nominator, "their programs are easy to understand and are not bogged down with extensive qualifications. They truly believe in their mission to provide hope

and help to any and all." If you would like to donate for Help for Hope, checks can be sent to 100 S. Baima St., Coal City, IL 60416. For more information on this organization visit their website, <https://help4hope.weebly.com>. As a part of the Community Foundation's 20th anniversary year, 20 \$1,000 grants will be awarded to nonprofits serving Grundy Co. as nominated by the community. The Community Foundation welcomes nominations from anyone in the community who wants to celebrate and honor the work of a friend, neighbor, relative, or colleague. Nominations can also be for a nonprofit in general whose work is impacting the quality of life in Grundy Co.

Nomination forms are online at <http://cfgrundycounty.com> or available for pick up at 520 W. Illinois Ave. in Morris. Call 815-941-0852 if you have questions.

Nominations are accepted at any time and grants will be awarded throughout 2019.

# Groovy...



HEADING HOME from a Corvair convention in St Charles, IL and stopping for a bite to eat at Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight, July 27, before going home to Indiana.



## Dwight Meadery to hold Grand Opening

Dwight's Impossible Mead -- one of only a handful of meaderies in the state -- is finally celebrating its grand opening on Saturday, August 3, from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Owner Brian Galbreath said the government shut-down earlier this year had him tied up with regulatory paperwork, but he is now crafting plenty of honey wine and is ready to release some new varieties this weekend. The grand opening just so happens to be on National Mead Day, which was established in 2002 by the American Homebrewers Association as a way to increase mead awareness and foster camaraderie among meadmakers. He will be serving a strawberry mead, a blackberry mead, a Blend Berry mead made with black currants, blueberries and vanilla, and a traditional orange blossom mead aged four months in a Whiskey Acres bourbon barrel. People can sip the sweet meads in the tasting room or enjoy the beer garden. Galbreath is also planning a bottle release, including the limited edition orange blossom with only 100 bottles for sale. Galbreath opened the meadery at 111 E. Chippewa last September during Harvest Days. He gets honey all over the world to craft his meads, and even has a hive on the roof of the building in which he'll nurture and hopefully start harvesting honey next year. The craft brewing industry is waking up to the burgeoning popularity of meads made with honey. He said half his clientele is from out of town. "I'm hoping for a good turn-out," he said, mentioning that he's hired a label artist to create unique packaging for the bottle releases. Regular hours are 6-11 p.m., and he has three more barrel-aged meads that will be ready for Harvest Days.

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