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## Charges Dropped, Reduced in Alleged Pontiac Prison Beating

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie

Two of the three guards at the Pontiac Correctional Center charged with beating an inmate back in February have had their charges dropped or reduced.

Jason Cremer, 45, of Odell, James Fike, 31, of Bloomington, and Giovanni Rodriquez, 21, of Normal, were each charged with one count of official misconduct, a Class 3 Felony, and one count of battery, a Class A misdemeanor, in February for allegedly beating an inmate serving time on a sex charge at the maximum-security Pontiac Correctional Center.

According to Livingston County court records, Jason Cremer, 45, of Odell, had his charges dismissed in court on July 16.

The same day, Fike pleaded guilty to the battery charge and prosecutors dropped the official misconduct charge. He was sentenced to 88 days in the Livingston County Jail and one year probation.

Rodriquez has pleaded not guilty and has a jury trial scheduled for Sept. 9.

It's unclear whether the three are still employed at the Pontiac Correctional Center. In a Facebook post, Cremer's wife said: "Well I can finally announce that the charges against my husband have been dropped. We are beyond excited. Hopefully he will be going back to work next week!"



THE VANFAB, INC. BUILDING IN UNION HILL was destroyed in a fire Friday, August 9. Because the town has no hydrants, water had to be trucked in from miles away.

## Historic Building, Post Office Destroyed in Blaze

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie

Water had to be trucked in from miles away and assistance was required from 35 area fire departments to extinguish a massive blaze at VanFab Inc. in Union Hill Friday afternoon.

Corey Eich, assistant chief for the Herscher Fire Department, said it was the biggest fire in the western part of Kankakee County in 30 years. The 7,000-square-foot building, which housed a metal fabricating production facility, offices and the Union Hill Post Office, was completely destroyed.

It started around 1:50 p.m. Friday. The building was occupied at the time but those inside were evacuated and there were no injuries to workers or firefighters who battled the blaze until 2 a.m. Saturday. Union Hill, a town of 60 residents, does not have water hydrants, Eich said.

Eich said the cause of the fire is believed to be accidental but it is still being

investigated. Published reports say a spark from a crane started the fire.

Although additions have been added, the building dates to 1896. VanFab, Inc. is owned by Hugh Van Voorst and his father, Grant.

VanFab, Inc. and Van Voorst Lumber are wood and metal fabricating companies. The lumber company dates back 110 years, with the Van Voorst family specializing in industrial lumber products for commercial applications, according to the company's Facebook page. The company grew out of a retail hardware store started in the 1890s by George Van Voorst. That business was developed through the 1950s by his son Gilbert Van Voorst.

In the 1960s, Gilbert's son, Hugh, began transforming the business into an Industrial Lumber Company specializing in industrial skids, crates and wood products. Up until the fire, the company provided industrial lumber products and services to companies in northern and central Illinois.



Barbara and Charles Riker

## Charles Riker Selected as Herscher Grand Labor Day Parade Marshal

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce and its Labor Day Parade Committee has announced that Charles (Chuck) Riker has been selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2019 Herscher Grand Labor Day Parade.

Chuck and his wife, Barbara, will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary the fifth of September. They have two daughters, Kim (Greg) Hibner, and Deborah (Todd) Datweiler, and one son, Chuck (Amy), along with six grandchildren – Nathan (Yiyang) Hibner, Eric (Danielle) Hibner, Trey and Tate Datweiler, and Chase and Kayleigh Riker.

The Rikers arrived in 1974 from Manteno, where Chuck was a bank officer and director for Manteno State Bank. During the first quarter of 1974, State Bank of Herscher engaged Chuck's services to be their new chief operating officer with the original office, located at the southwest corner of Main and Kankakee Ave. He was selected as the bank's president and director the following year and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2006.

As SBH continued its growth, new facilities were built at the present location of Park Rd. and Tobey Dr., with an addition completed in 1993. With continued growth, SBH opened a new facility in Limestone Township at the intersection of Route 17 and Limestone Road.

Chuck and family are members of St. Margaret Mary Church. He has been a member of the Herscher Chamber of Commerce since moving to the community, and he has served as president of the organization.

Assisting the community, Chuck was a member of the Herscher Fire Department and was one of their first trained and licensed Emergency Medical Technicians. Chuck also served as Treasurer and member of the Fire Dept. board.

Village of Herscher appointed Chuck to the then-combined Planning and Board of Review Commission early in his first year in the community. Paul Jordan was postmaster at the time and as Chuck was picking up mail, Paul, along with Wally Jordan, told

Chuck that the previous evening at the Village meeting, he was appointed to the above board. Paul added one of the reasons he was chosen: "You are new to the community and not knowing anyone, no criticisms will be directed due to possible personal knowledge." He continued serving as Chairman of the Planning Commission until earlier this year.

With the assistance of Ken Wenzelman and others, Chuck was instrumental in forming the Herscher Foundation – serving the folks of the community in need of various services.

Chuck and Barb enjoy spending a portion of the winter months in south Florida. There he remains active by his recent term of vice president of the home owners association, consisting of 842 units, as well as treasurer of his neighborhood, Greenwood Village.

During the summer months and since his bank retirement Chuck has donated a good portion of his time toward the maintenance and care of Sims Park.

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**Tickets Issued by Dwight Police**

August 1: Avery J. Mau, 26, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

August 3: Alyse R. Hodgins, 20, Bonfield, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

August 4: Eric Beazley, 27, Verona, fail obey stop sign.

August 5: James E. Melton, 24, Herscher, operate uninsured motor vehicle, driving during suspension; Joseph R. Fedele, 17, Gardner, fail obey stop sign.

August 8: David J. Lythberg, 45, Bourbonnais, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

**20 Written Warnings**

Speeding – 3; stop sign violation – 10; one headlamp – 2; no registration plate light – 3; expired registration – 2.

**Dwight Police Blotter**

August 2: 6:42 a.m., Dwight Police were notified about a suspicious subject in the 500 block of E. Seminole.

August 4: 11:04 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to W. Northbrook for a counterfeited \$100.00 attempting to be passed by two unknown females.

August 5: 9:09 p.m., Dwight Police took a report of a missing female. Elizabeth Appler, age 34, was last seen at the Joliet train station. If anyone has information, contact the Dwight Police Department

at 815-584-3132.

**Accident Report**

Sunday, August 4, 8:21 p.m., an accident was reported at 1 Aldi Dr. involving a 2017 Freix, driven by Jagpreet Saggi, who was making a left hand turn when his trailer struck a parked 2015 Dodge Caravan, owned by John M. Galik.



**Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

July 31: 6:48 p.m., Mazon, medical.

August 1: 8:03 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical; 12:28 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

August 2: 12:59 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; 8:44 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

August 3: 4:30 a.m., Main, medical, Morris.

August 4: 6:59 p.m., Prairie Ave., medical, refusal; 10:25 p.m., Seminole, medical, Morris.

August 5: 3:23 a.m., Mazon, medical; 2:35 p.m., Watters Dr., medical, Morris; 6:54 p.m., Verona Rd., fire, no pt.

August 6: 2:29 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 4:14 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 9:45 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

August 7: 12:01 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; Scott, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris; 6:51 p.m., Center St. – Campus, medical, no pt.

**Temps - 2019**

Aug. 1 – high 81°, low 56°

Aug. 2 – high 83°, low 56°

Aug. 3 – high 86°, low 61°

Aug. 4 – high 86°, low 64°

Aug. 5 – high 88°, low 66° .09” precip.

Aug. 6 – high 82°, low 62°

Aug. 7 – high 86°, low 65°

**One Year Ago – August 14, 2018**

high 88°, low 61°

Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington August 19

On Monday, August 19, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities’ Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food to St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (snow, rain, or shine).

Catholic Charities and the Northern Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce, and non-perishable 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.



THE TEXACO WELCOME CENTER IS BUSTLING. Visitors to the Dwight Texaco Welcome Center the first seven days of August were incredible. It’s obvious that Europe shuts down the month of August and evidently many of them are flying to Chicago to begin the trek on Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles. Over 700 visitors to Dwight signed the guest book in the first seven days of August. Volunteers are always needed to help staff the station daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If interested, contact the Village Hall for more information. Pictured are volunteers Rick Nelson, left and Leslie Houch, right with a visitor to the station.



A FAMILIAR SIGHT in Dwight this summer: Construction cones. East Main Street has been under construction since early June, and Franklin Street, pictured above, is also getting a facelift. Work is anticipated to be completed before the Dwight Harvest Days 40th Anniversary held the third weekend in September.

Grundy Co. Jail Compliant With County Jail Standards

Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley recently received confirmation from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that the Grundy County Jail is in full compliance with the Illinois County Jail Standards.

The 2019 Inspection Report was received from current IDOC Manager Edwin Bowen and the Office of Jail and Detention Standards on August 5.

The Inspection Report indicated improvements since the

2018 inspection have included: the replacement of three toilets throughout the jail; a new food service vendor contract with Abe’s Catering; and several new security cameras added to replace the old and failing cameras.

The Inspection Report will be on file and available for public review at the Grundy County Clerk’s Office, located at 111 E. Washington St. in Morris, during their normal business hours.

Herscher Grand Labor Day Parade Entry Forms Due August 16

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce Labor Day Parade Committee is reminding everyone that entry forms for the Grand Labor Day Parade need to be in by Friday, August 16, to: John Branz at P.O. Box 575, Herscher, IL 60941, dropped off at the Herscher Village Hall during normal hours, or dropped off at Midland States Bank, 654 N. Park Rd. in Herscher.

For questions, call 426-6183.

Jesse White Encourages Organ/Tissue Donation for National Minority Donor Awareness Week

Secretary of State Jesse White hosted the National Minority Donor Awareness Week event, “Wave Away the Waiting,” to promote organ/tissue donation for multicultural communities. White was joined by donor recipients and families.

Nationally, people of color comprise 59% of the waiting list for organ transplants; however, this year they accounted for only 33% of those who donated organs, according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

According to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network:

- Currently there are 1,464 African Americans on the waiting list, but in 2018 only 153 African Americans became donors.
- There are 823 Hispanic Amer-

icans on the waiting list, but last year only 137 Hispanic Americans became donors.

- There are 237 Asian Americans on the waiting list, but only 27 Asian Americans became organ donors in 2018.

In Illinois, 6.7 million people are registered as organ/tissue donors, yet there are approximately 4,700 people waiting for transplants. People of color are disproportionately affected by illnesses such as hypertension and diabetes, which can lead to the need for dialysis or a kidney transplant, increasing the number of patients on the organ transplant waiting list, according to United Network for Organ Sharing.

On January 1, 2018, a new law spearheaded by White went into effect allowing 16-

and 17-year olds to register to become organ/tissue donors. To date, more than 70,000 teens have registered.

Dozens of volunteers participated in the event, which was held on the plaza of the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago in recognition of the awareness week, August 1-7. Vicki Walker, a donor mom, spoke at the event along with Kim Gosell, a three-time kidney recipient, and Freddy Perez, a heart recipient.

A registration table was available at the event for people to join the Secretary of State’s Organ/Tissue Donor Registry.

Illinoisans can register with the Registry online at LifeGoes On.com, by calling 1-800-210-2106, or by visiting their local Driver Services facility.

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Of course, you might think that, one day, you’ll simply sell your business and live off the proceeds. But selling a business isn’t always simple, and there’s no guarantee you’ll receive enough to pay for a comfortable retirement – which is why you should strongly consider creating a retirement plan now.

**Here are some of the most widely used plans:**

**SEP-IRA:** You can contribute up to 25 percent of your compensation — as much as \$56,000 in 2019 — to a SEP-IRA. Your contributions are tax deductible and your earnings grow tax-deferred until withdrawn. This plan offers you significant flexibility in making contributions for yourself and your employees.

**SIMPLE IRA:** In 2019, you can put in up to \$13,000 — or \$16,000 if you’re 50 or older — to a SIMPLE IRA. As is the case with the SEP-IRA, your earnings grow tax deferred. You can match your employees’ contributions dollar for dollar, up to 3 percent of compensation. If you work for yourself, you can combine employee and employer contributions, so if you use the 3 percent matching rule, and you earn enough to fully match employee contributions, you can put in up to \$26,000 per year (or \$32,000 if you’re 50 or older). Alternatively, you could contribute 2 percent of each eligible employee’s compensation each year, up to a maximum of \$5,600, regardless of whether the employee contributes. Contributions to your employees are tax deductible.

**“Owner-only” 401(k) plan:** If you have no employees other than your spouse, you can establish an “owner-only” 401(k) plan. Between salary deferral and profit sharing, you can contribute up to \$56,000, in pre-tax dollars, to your owner-only 401(k), or \$62,000 if you’re 50 or older. Like a SEP-IRA and SIMPLE IRA, a 401(k) provides the potential to accumulate tax-deferred earnings. You could choose to open a Roth 401(k), which can be funded with after-tax dollars. Your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you’ve had your account at least five years and you don’t start taking withdrawals until you’re at least 59-1/2.

**Which plan is right for you?** To select an appropriate plan, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors. In any case, don’t wait too long. You’ll want to be prepared.

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THE NEW BRANCH at the corner of Chippewa and Franklin streets, Dwight.

# Bank of Pontiac Building Could Open by Dec. 1

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie

The new 3,000-square-foot Bank of Pontiac branch at the corner of Chippewa and Franklin streets in Dwight is coming along as planned and the hope is it will open Dec. 1.

Bill Kauffman, president and CEO, said electrical and plumbing will be finished next week and the outside of the building will be completed by mid-September.

La Macchia Group, which specializes in building banks and credit unions, began the

work in May. It is expected to cost \$2.5 million to complete, Kauffman said.

The former drive-up facility was demolished and operations at the former branch at 132 E. Main St. in Dwight will be moved to the new location.

Kauffman said that the Bank of Pontiac has entered into an agreement with a local agency to occupy the former location. Although he would not elaborate, he said the space would be donated to the agency.

The new branch is being built to better serve customers. It will have a conference room, four offices, lock boxes and three drive-up lanes, including a drive-up ATM, and employ seven full-time people.

Kauffman said they thought the time was right to invest in Dwight.

“We just felt like our facility was in need of a facelift.”

A temporary drive-up trailer is available in the parking lot of Cherry Red Roasters.

Bank of Pontiac also has full-service banking facilities in Coal City, Odell, Pontiac, Fairbury, and Forrest.

Rep. Tom Bennett Reports

## Every Body Counts

**Statewide census efforts picking up momentum.** Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires the federal government to conduct a census of the population of the entire United States of America.

These figures are then used for everything from drawing state and federal legislative districts to dividing up hundreds of billions of dollars in funds from federal programs. Our tax dollars go into those programs – an accurate count of our population is necessary to make sure our area gets its fair share from Uncle Sam.

To ensure that the state of Illinois, and every county and community within, is fully counted, the state has launched a complete count commission, led by Secretary of State Jesse White. The commission is encouraging local groups, whether they are governments, civic organizations or just concerned citizens, to form their own local complete count group to spread the word about the importance of a complete and accurate census of our area.

The Secretary of State recently shared information suggesting that an undercount of the Illinois population in 2010 might have cost our state and local governments as much as \$952 per person over the course of the decade. Visit [www.illinois2020.com](http://www.illinois2020.com) to find out how you can help organize a complete count commission in your town and help make sure everyone is counted.

**Tougher rules for foster homes.** The Illinois Department of Children and Family

Services (DCFS) has issued a new rule requiring Illinois’ licensed foster homes to comply with the federal government’s National Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards. The new standards are intended to better protect foster children and to discourage states from routinely transferring children from their birth families to foster homes. The national policy holds that a safe birth family, when it can exist, is always the best family, but acknowledges that in some cases, foster placement is necessary.

Most foster parents will likely already be in compliance with most or all of the new standards. They include home furnishing standards covering things like kitchens, bathrooms and swimming pools.

For example, a foster home will have to have a stove, oven, refrigerator, sink, toilet, shower and bathtub. The standards prohibit foster parents from smoking in their home or motor vehicle. If the home has a swimming pool, it will be required to have pumps, filtering systems and life jackets. Children will also be required to be vaccinated against contagious diseases.

As of June 30, DCFS was tracking 16,091 children statewide who had been removed from their homes by judicial process. In some of these cases, efforts are being made to remediate the situation and reunite the family. However, in about a third of them the process had advanced beyond that point and the kids were now considered to be foster children.

## Illinois Underfunds Tobacco Cessation Program

by Rebecca Anzel

Illinois compared favorably to other states in a report by a national advocacy group evaluating cancer reduction policies in all but one area – funding for its cessation program.

After a legislative session in which the General Assembly raised the minimum age to buy tobacco products, increased the usage tax on cigarettes and implemented a tax on e-cigarettes for the first time, an analysis by the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network found Illinois does not spend enough money helping those addicted to nicotine to quit.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that Illinois spend \$136.7 million on a tobacco prevention and cessation program. According to the report,

Illinois allocates \$9.1 million to the initiative, 6.7% of the recommended level.

The solution, the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network recommends, would be for the state to spend more money on its cessation program from a multi-state lawsuit it won against the tobacco industry in the late 1990s. Called the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, companies agreed to pay several states annual sums to compensate for medical costs related to smoking.

Illinois is being paid more than \$9.1 billion through 2025 as a result of the lawsuit, according to the Department of Public Health.

A spokesperson from the Public Health Department said in an e-mail that Illinois will spend about \$20 million of settlement-related money this fiscal year on “health related programs” – \$4.1 million to run the Quitline, \$5 million for anti-smoking program grants to local health departments, and additional funds allocated to an assortment of other health programs for community health centers.

It is important to fully fund initiatives to help those addicted to nicotine to quit or to prevent youth from beginning to use tobacco products, according to the Action Network report, because states will experience a “greater and quicker” cost savings impact.

No state supports its tobacco prevention and cessation program at the level the CDC recommends, according to the report. Only four states allocate enough money to fund their program to 50% of what the

CDC prescribes.

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law “Tobacco 21,” a measure raising the legal age to purchase products containing nicotine – including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, and chewing tobacco – from 18 to 21 in early April. Illinois is the first state in the Midwest to have such a statute.

And included in a law funding infrastructure projects is a usage tax increase of \$1 on cigarettes and a new tax on e-cigarettes of 15% of the wholesale price. Illinois was recognized in the Action Network report as a “success story” for these initiatives.



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- Connie Lemon, Executive Director Hospice of Kankakee Valley



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Hospice of Kankakee Valley is one of **ONLY** three hospices in Illinois to receive Elite Status in 2019.



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## Dwight Historical Society Meeting August 19

The Dwight Historical Society will meet Monday, August 19, in the Historic Depot Museum on West Main Street. The business meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The program will be given by Elaine Metzke and Lois Ely, sharing memories of growing up in Dwight.

Everyone is welcome. All meetings of the Historical Society are open to the public.

## MVK Seniors Meet

The MVK Seniors met July 18 at the Mazon American Legion Hall for a catered lunch from Coal City's Whistle Stop Restaurant, thru the Community Nutrition Network.

President Rita Mills called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge of Allegiance. She also thanked the staff for serving their meal, CNN, and their many volunteers.

There was a silent prayer for their ill and deceased members, the military, elected officials, and President. Get-well cards were signed for Carol Schmidt and Velda Gilmore, and a sympathy card for Barb Carter's family.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. President Mills read the poem, "Footprints in the Sand." Door prizes went to Shirley Peterson, Frank Sereno, and Rita Mills.

Frank Sereno made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Paul McIntosh seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, with euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and bingo following the business meeting.

Anyone 60 and older is invited to join for a small donation. Call CNN at 815-941-1590 and make a reservation.

## Tri-Point FFA Members to Compete Nationally

A local FFA chapter was recently selected to compete for national recognition in a career development event at the 92nd National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, October 30-November 2.

The Tri-Point FFA Chapter from Cullom will send members to Indianapolis as they vie for national honors in the area of livestock evaluation. Farmland Foods, Inc. and Merck Animal Health sponsor the event. Four FFA members will represent the chapter. Diana Loschen is the chapter advisor. Livestock evaluation is one

of 25 career/leadership development areas, covering jobs skills in everything from communications to mechanics. Participants evaluate classes of breeding and market beef, sheep, swine, and goats according to the latest ISDA market grades and cutability. They then provide oral reasons for their selections. Team members also collaborate on various team activities. CDEs and LDEs help students develop the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly, and perform effectively in a competitive job market.



SCHOOL IS JUST ABOUT TO START when the band is practicing on the field for the first home football game. August 10 at noon DTHS band members performed a few numbers and a lot of moves to the audience gathered in the bleachers. Dwight Township High School Band director, Justin Gund, is at left. See the band September 6 during the Trojan Football game against Reed Custer. Good luck this year in all you do!

## Yost, Jones, and Strevell Houses in Pontiac Open Third Saturday of Each Month

The Catherine V. Yost House and Museum, the Jones House, and the David Strevell House in Pontiac will be open Saturday, August 17, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. – and the theme is “Art.”

The Catherine V. Yost House and Museum, 298 W. Water St., will have a selection of paintings by Catherine Yost that have not been on public display for years. Volunteers have selected a variety of her works that span her prolific career. She produced literally hundreds of pieces nearly all of which are still in the museum. The selection includes some of her early sketches as well as various subjects, styles, and mediums. One of the featured pieces was an oil painting she produced for a Noel Coward comedy “Nude With a Violin.” The play which was produced by her brother John Paul Yost in 1966 was one of the first

Vermillion Players productions and was a benefit for Winston Churchill College.

The Jones House, 314 E. Madison St., will feature a number of works borrowed from the Art Center, plus works from a number of local studios. In addition, guitar and banjo music will be featured. There is also an exhibit on Pontiac resident Thomas Googerty, a nationally renowned metal worker who worked and taught in Pontiac from the late 1800's until the mid-1900's. His revolutionary techniques in making decorative ironwork are still viewed as some of the best ever made. A number of his works are on display throughout the Pontiac area, including Southside Cemetery Gates.

The David Strevell House, 401 W. Livingston St., features a number of paintings by a variety of local artists. The house, which is the last known home visited by Abraham Lincoln in Pontiac, now features a new life-sized Lincoln image. When

Lincoln visited the home in February of 1860 he was considering a run for President and for a biography he was measured against a door frame in the home. Through the years that frame has been lost, but with the new life-sized image visitors have a chance to get a selfie standing next to the 16th President.

Admission to each of the homes is always free. They are open from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Private group tours can be scheduled at other times by contacting the Pontiac Tourism Bureau.

### Master Gardeners Program at Yost House Aug. 24

The Catherine V. Yost House and Museum will also be hosting a special free program Saturday, August 24, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The Master Gardeners organization will present a program by Cathy Montgomery on “Making Succulent Wreaths.”

The Master Gardeners have been taking care of outdoor flowers and shrubs at the Yost House for several years. The flowers they have planted around the house are all heritage varieties, meaning their direct lineage can be traced to plants that were popular through the years the Yost Family lived in the home, from 1898-1988. They have been selected for a maximum of variety and color. At any time there is a rainbow of colors coming from the gardens around the house. Those gardens are available for the public to stroll through at any time.

The Master Gardener programs have been very popular. They are structured for maximum audience participation. Ms. Montgomery will show participants how to take succulent plants from gardens and turn them into wall and table wreaths. Wreaths made during the program will be given away. The program will be held outdoors on the lawn of the Yost House but facilities are available for rain or shine. The Yost House will also be open for free tours as well. Refreshments will be served.

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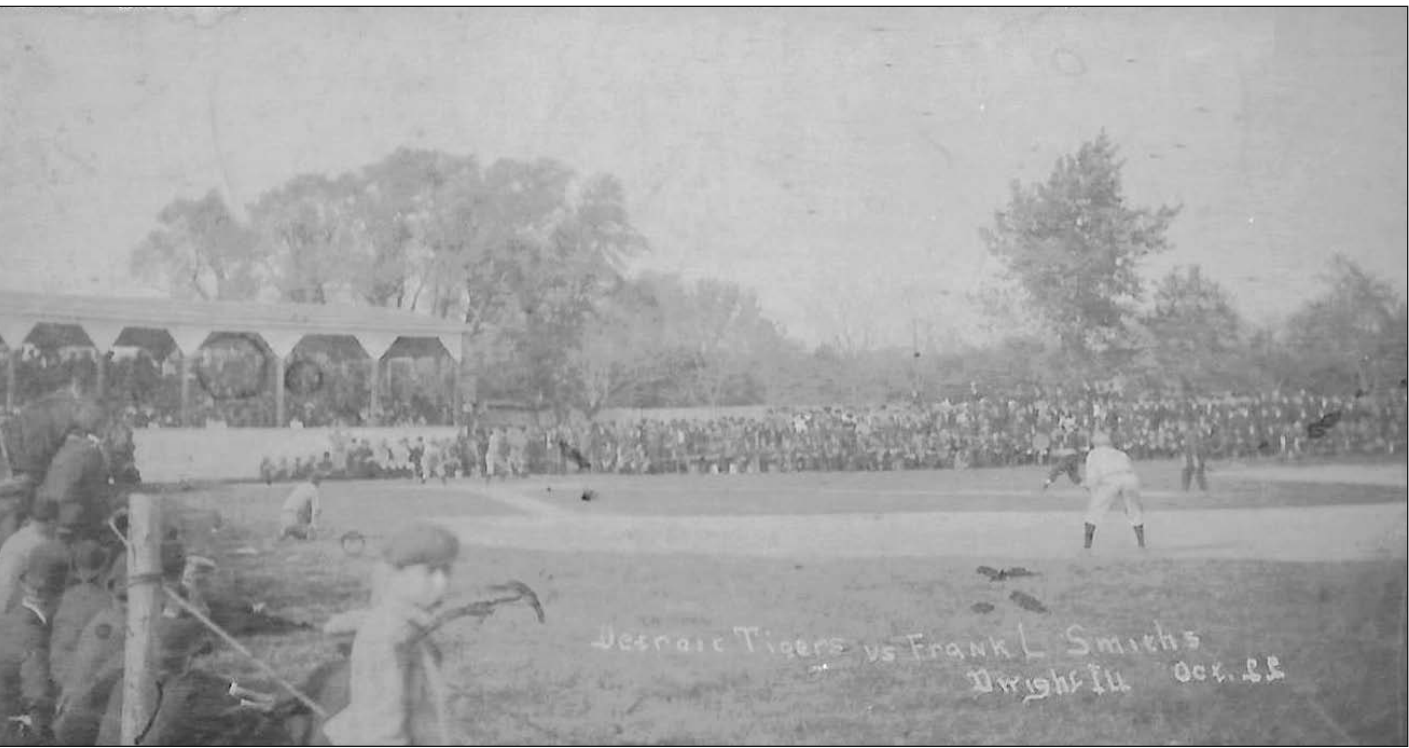
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# Dwight: Where Big-League Talent Met Smalltown America

*Editor's Note: Bill Peach, a DTHS graduate, researched and wrote an article about baseball in Dwight in the early 1900s for Society for American Baseball Research Journal. It tells about Frank L. Smith's team playing the Chicago Cubs and other pro teams in Dwight. He shared the article with The Paper. His parents are Bill and Mary Ann Peach, of Dwight.*

By Bill Peach

In her new book, *The Big Fella: Babe Ruth and the World He Created*, award-winning author Jane Leavy used a three-week barnstorming tour from October 1927 as the structure for telling the Sultan of Swat's life story. Baseball barnstorming tours were commonplace in the early 20th century long before free agency, multi-year contracts and life-changing salaries. For baseball fans living too far from major-league cities, barnstorming tours brought the national pastime much closer to home. These games weren't just exhibitions and sideshow events; these were opportunities for local semi-pro teams to measure their skills against that era's living legends.

Earlier this year, I had a chance encounter with Mary Flott, my former high school English and communications teacher. Recalling my insatiable interest in Chicago Cubs baseball during my days as a student at Dwight High School, she asked if I knew that the Cubs once visited the town and played against a local semi-pro team. Much to my astonishment, I did not. She introduced me to Kim Drechsel, a docent from the Dwight Historical Society.

During my electronic and face-to-face discussions with Drechsel, he unlocked the story of Dwight's semi-pro baseball team from the early 1900s, the F.L. Smiths. At the time – and possibly still today –

Dwight was best known as the home of the Keeley Institute, where alcoholics were administered the Keeley Cure (also known as the "gold cure"). The baseball team's name came from its founder and owner, Colonel Frank Leslie Smith. During his youth, Frank L. Smith was known for his aggressiveness and will to dominate. He had a passion for baseball, but enjoyed even more engaging in the on-field scuffles that oftentimes brought his sandlot games to an early end. As an adult, the Colonel is best known as the chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission who attempted to buy a United States Senate seat in 1926.

For a community with less than 3,000 residents at that time, the F.L. Smiths attracted several future major leaguers such as "Turkey" Mike Donlin (St. Louis Perfectos/Cardinals, Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, New York Giants, Boston Rustlers and Pittsburgh Pirates), George Cutshaw (Brooklyn Dodgers/Superbas/Robins, Pittsburgh Pirates and Detroit Tigers) and Eddie Higgins (St. Louis Cardinals). Between the years of 1907 and 1915, the F.L. Smiths played at least five barnstorming games against big-league talent from the American, National and Federal leagues. The Detroit Tigers, Washington Senators, Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh Rebels and Chicago Whales all passed through the village on the Chicago and Alton Railroad southwest of Chicago.

While news clippings exist for each of those games, the treasure of the Dwight Historical Society's collection is a sepia tone photograph from October 22, 1907. The photo is the only known record of the game between Ty Cobb's Detroit Tigers and the F.L. Smiths played at Dwight's West Side Park. The Tigers, having just lost the World Series to the Chicago Cubs, made a brief barnstorming tour through the

Midwest. Detroit hammered Dwight that afternoon, 8-1. Following the game, the locals hosted a banquet in honor of the American League champions.

Contemporary players are often labeled as prima donnas who complain about the difficulties of intercity travel and grueling schedules, but attitudes were much the same 100 years ago. Look no further than July 7, 1915. The Federal League's Pittsburgh Rebels had a nearly one-week-long gap in their schedule and stopped in Dwight for a mid-season exhibition game. Pittsburgh's manager "Rebel" Oakes refused to play his starting roster that afternoon due to players wading through ankle-deep mud at West Side Park. The Rebels were in a pennant race with the Kansas City Packers. As the Pittsburgh Press reported the next morning, "Manager Oakes will probably take defeat from the future greats rather than risk injuring his men."

Today, nothing remains of Dwight's West Side Park or the F.L. Smiths save for occasional photographs and a few tales documented in local newspapers. The site of the former park, located along what is now old Route 66, consists of apartments and homes today. Frank L. Smith would serve as a member of the United States House of Representative from Illinois' 17th District from 1919 to 1921. In 1921, he became the chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission. At the close of 1926, Illinois Governor Len Small appointed Smith to fill the U.S. Senate seat of the late William B. McKinley, but the Senate voted to not allow him to qualify due to questionable campaign donations from public utilities. During a special election in 1927, Smith was once again denied. Smith passed away in 1950 at 82.

## Dresden Station Hosts STEM Merit Badge Clinic

Scouts earned hundreds of merit badges August 10 at Dresden Station in Morris, where the nuclear energy facility hosted more than 400 people from throughout the region in a day-long hands-on STEM Merit Badge Clinic.

It's the seventh year in a row for the partnership between Dresden Station and Boy Scouts of America, which draws Scouts from surrounding towns and much of northern Illinois, as well as Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

It's the largest clinic to date at the station. Scouts, ages 11 to 17, chose from 17 different categories, including nuclear science, fingerprinting, first aid, and electrical maintenance.

While merit badge clinics exist in other places throughout the country, Dresden's partnership offers a unique element, in that it takes place at a nuclear facility. Additionally, parents and scouts alike praised the level of instructional and institutional knowledge being shared by volunteers – many of whom retired from Exelon after decades-long careers.

In addition to being the largest clinic ever, it was the first time girls participated

under the Scouts' recently broadened guidelines.

Bryan Schulte, an Instrument Maintenance Control System Technician at Dresden, organizes the event on behalf of the station and is also Scout Master of Rainbow Council's Troop 19, in addition to several other instructional roles within the council. As a father of a son and two daughters, he couldn't be more excited to welcome the new and eager participants.

Of the 288 kids signed up to earn badges, 30 of them were girls.

Scouts could potentially pursue two badges from those available: nuclear science; engineering; electricity; electronics; signs, signals, and codes; first aid; medicine; plumbing; bird study; automotive maintenance; farm mechanics; fire safety; traffic safety; railroad-ing; fingerprinting; pet care; and reptiles and amphibians.

About 100 of the Scouts at the clinic camped at the nearby Rainbow Council Scout Camp for the weekend. Dresden Station bussed the scouts from the camp to the station for the day, providing lunch and hours of hands-on educational experience.

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The Livingston County HCE (Home, Community and Education Association) \$1,000.00 student scholarship for 2019 has been awarded to Jacob Larkin of Pontiac. He is a 2017 graduate of Pontiac Township High School and 2019 graduate of Parkland College and will be attending South Dakota State University as a junior with a major in Precision Ag Technology/Farming. His parents are Dale and Jenny Larkin of Pontiac.

The scholarship is open to any student graduated or who will graduate from a Livingston County High School or who resides in Livingston County prior to college or university attendance. They must be enrolling as a full-time student in an accredited two-

or four-year college.

For more information, contact the Livingston Co. Extension office in Pontiac at 815-842-1776 or your guidance counselor at your school.

The scholarships are funded partially thru donations made by family and friends of deceased HCE members.

The scholarship judges for 2019 were Shirley Meenen and Ann Hoke, members of the Pleasant Ridge HCE, and Deb Hanson and Connie Kostelc, members of Rooks Creek Starlighters HCE.



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City/Village	August 14	August 7
Dwight	\$2.67	\$2.78
Kankakee	\$2.62	\$2.62
S. Wilmington	\$2.81	\$2.86
Streator	\$2.51	\$2.53
Odell	\$2.69	\$2.79
Pontiac	\$2.64	\$2.65
Gardner	\$2.74	\$2.78
Braceville	\$2.94	\$2.94
Morris	\$2.73	\$2.75
Herscher	\$2.54	\$2.69
Chicago	\$3.09	\$3.43
Illinois	\$2.84	\$2.95
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ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL’S CLASS OF 1959 recently held its 60th year reunion during the annual St. Paul Alumni banquet at Walker’s Barn in rural Odell. Class members pictured, from left, are Frank Stahler, Amiel Gernentz, Ron Fogarty, Marjo (Hare) Stadel, Don Stadel, Barb (Niesen) Salvator, Jim Stahler, Eileen (Duffy) Hitchcock, Don Neitz, and Ray Masching.

## Gray/Combs Family Reunion Held in Indiana

The descendants of Orland Perry and Florence Melinda Cox Gray met July 21 at Turkey Run State Park in Marshall, Indiana.

This reunion was their 84th recorded reunion, with the following attending:

Charles and Harry Johnson – Dwight; Mitchell and Sherri Maze – Gary, IN; Stephanie Ciaccio and Katie Shumaker – Milwaukee, WI; Heather Jon – Roscoe; Jim and Linda Goodman – Toledo, OH; Marylyn Combs – Leander, TX; Michael Rogers – Varna; John and Cami Rogers – Clay City, IN; Daniel, Laura, Wyatt, and Owen Rogers – Toledo, OH; Jim, Julia, Molly, Jimmy, Ella, and Julianna Goodman – Erlanger, KY; Greg and Loreli Snell – Varna; Matthew, Lili, and Benjamin Jon – Rockford; Austin Rogers – N. Pekin; Tom, Amanda, Calvin, Seth, Savannah, and Calli – Cleveland, OH.

Traveling the farthest – Marylyn Combs.

Oldest - Marylyn Combs (85 years). Youngest – Benjamin Jon (7 months).

The next reunion will be held July 19, 2020 at Turkey Run State Park.

## Herscher Legion Euchre Party August 22

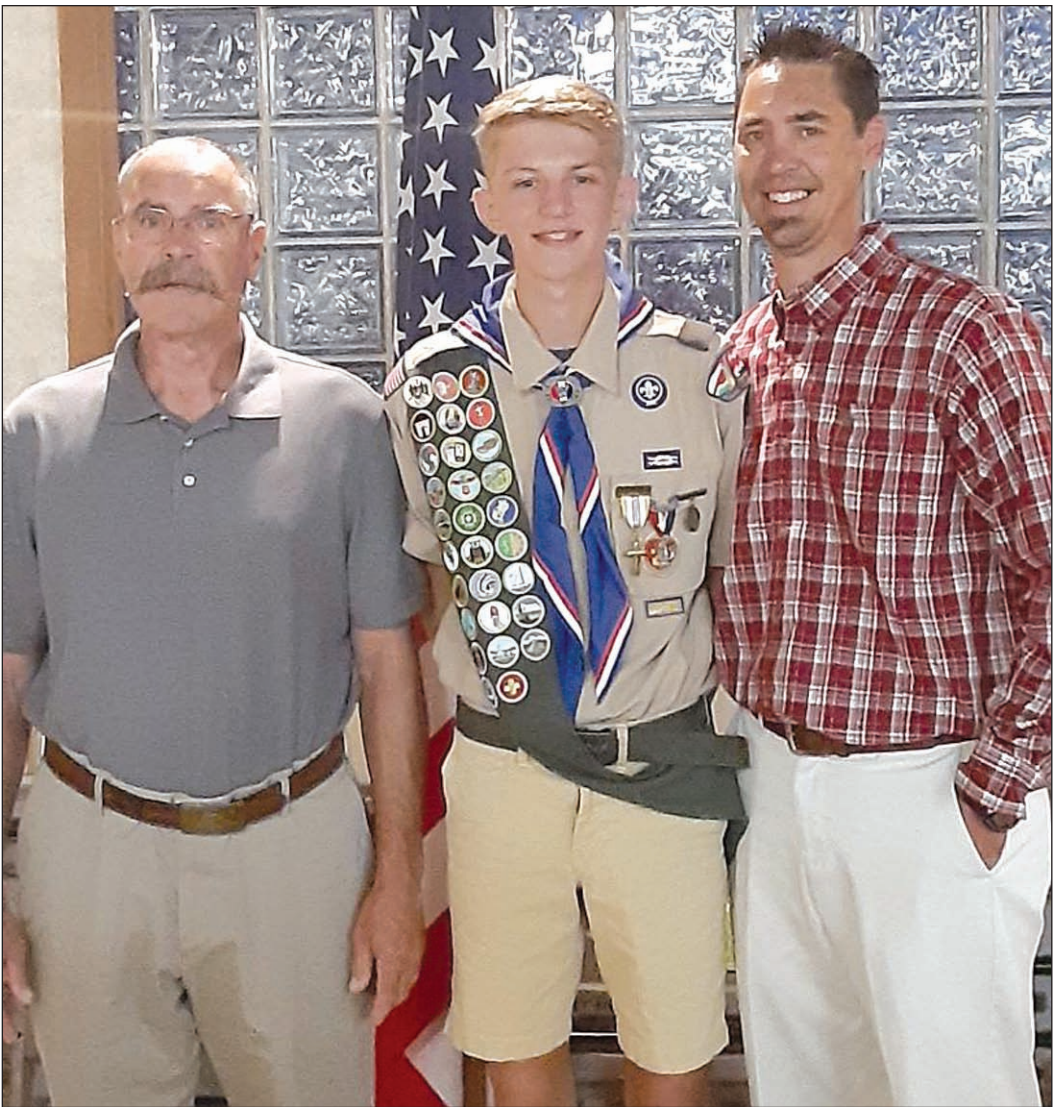
The Legion Community Center in Herscher will host its next monthly euchre party Thursday, August 22, starting at 7:00 p.m.

A suggested donation is asked for an evening that includes snacks and prizes.

The euchre parties will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month until Thanksgiving.



BRYSON CONNOR, DWIGHT, center, son of Jeremy and Jennifer Connor, spent a week at University of Maryland – attending a National Youth Leadership Forum for National Security and Diplomacy July 28-August 2. Bryson was nominated for this program by his principal, Dan Kaiser. He is a senior at Dwight Township High School. While participating in the program, with 270 high school students from around the country, Connor entered and won an essay contest to participate in the wreath laying ceremony for The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Bryson wrote of the positive impact volunteering and community outreach can have on diplomacy around the world, and the example set by many members of his family, including his great-grandfather, Irvin B. Anderson, a veteran of WWII. Connor said the experience was an extraordinary honor.



THREE GENERATIONS OF EAGLE SCOUTS in the Schramm Family. Gavin Schramm received his Eagle Scout Award on August 5 from Troop 85 in Herrin. Gavin’s Eagle Scout project was the construction and placement of a receptacle for used American flags that will later be retired by the Herrin American Legion. Since the placement of the “drop off” box, which is about the size of an outdoor U.S. Mail box, the container has been almost constantly filled with flags to be retired. Gavin, center, is the son of Eagle Scout Mark Schramm, right, Troop 88 in Watseka, and the grandson of Eagle Scout Ron Schramm, Troop 88 of Cullom.

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OBITUARIES

Jean Ann Schou

DWIGHT — Jean Ann Schou, 78, of Dwight passed away at 4:40 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Jean Ann was born in Dwight July 13, 1941, a daughter of Lester and Helen Jensen McConnell. She married Paul Schou in December of 1964 in the First Congregational Church of Christ in Dwight.

Surviving are sons: Gregory (Julie) Schou of Laveen, Arizona; and Douglas (Jen Corrigan) Schou of Dwight; a daughter, Sandra (Paula) Schou of St. Paul, Minnesota; a brother, Donald (Laurie) McConnell of Dwight; sisters - in-law: Meletta Schou of Rockford; and Audrey Schou of Streator; step-brother, Lee (Beverly) Jensen of Dwight; and grandchildren: Sidney, Colton, Keegan, Braelyn and Kai.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, who passed away July 29, 2013; step-father, Milton Jensen; and sister, Juanita Bateman.

Jean Ann was a member of



the First Congregational Church of Christ. While a member of the church, she was very active and helped as a Sunday School teacher and enjoyed playing the piano for the children. She was a member of the Women's Guild of the church, and helped with funeral dinners.

Jean volunteered with the youth bowling program; was an avid Cubs, Bears and Bulls fan; and had a special place in her heart for the Dwight Trojans.

Funeral services were at 12 noon, Saturday, August 10, in the First Congregational Church of Christ in Dwight.

Burial followed in McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight.

Visitation in the church was from 10 a.m. until the services.

Memorials in her name may be left to the American Diabetes Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Her guestbook may be signed at: [www.hagermemorial.com](http://www.hagermemorial.com)

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

Jeffery D. Brooks

REDDICK — Jeffery D. Brooks, 63, of Reddick succumbed to Alzheimer's disease in the comfort of his own home, which he and his father built, surrounded by his family on August 2, 2019.

A celebration of his life will be held Sunday, August 25, at 4 p.m. at his home.

Jeff was born to parents, Robert and Carole Brooks, April 7, 1956 in Kankakee. He graduated from Reddick High School and went to work for his family business in carpentry soon after graduation.

He married Sheryl, the love of his life, in 1980. She survives.

Jeff is also survived by sons: Michael Brooks, and wife, Sara; Curt Brooks, and wife, Ashley; a daughter, Julie Thomas, and husband, Brad; one sister, Beverly Leutloff,



and husband, Greg; and his grandchildren: Dylan, Tyler, Madeline and Abrielle.

Jeff was known for his love of laughter, and diligence. After working with his father for many years in the carpentry business, Jeff joined the maintenance department of Herscher School District. There he was loved for his quick wit, warm smile, willingness to help, and signature suspenders.

He was always there to help relatives and friends with household projects and spent much of his free time helping others.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that people make donations in support of Alzheimer's Research.

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

Richard E. Kafer

FAIRBURY — Richard E. "Dick" Kafer, 78, of Fairbury died Saturday, July 20, 2019 at OSF St. James Medical Center, Pontiac.

Dick was born February 3, 1941 in Weston, son of Ben and Elsie Neth. He married Jeanne Smith April 8, 1960 in Fairbury.

Surviving are his wife; children: John Kafer of Dwight; Leanne (Tim) Kopischke of Savoy; and Josh (Dana) Kafer of Fairbury; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two sisters and one brother.



A 1959 graduate of Fairbury - Cropsey High School, he received his teacher's degree from Illinois State Normal University. His family opened D & J Foods in Dwight in 1990.

His memorial service was Wednesday, July 24, in the First Presbyterian Church, Fairbury.

Inurnment will be in Grace-land Cemetery, Fairbury, at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be given to the First Presbyterian Church or Dominy Memorial Library, both in Fairbury.

Landon J. Olsen

The exciting moments of pregnancy have turned to sorrow and heartfelt loss with the death of Landon J. Olsen, who was stillborn at 37 weeks on August 1, 2019 at 6:53 a.m.

Landon was three pounds, eight ounces and 16.25 inches long. He is the son of A.J. and Jessica Olsen. He had furry siblings excited to meet him at home.

Private funeral services were held in the Cullom United Methodist Church with burial in West Lawn Cemetery, Cullom.

He leaves behind a family who deeply loves him and forever will: grandparents,

Michael and Gena Haberkorn and Chris and Vickie Olsen; aunts and uncles: Jared Haberkorn, Mandy Keating, Shannon and Steve Mahnke, Michael and Emma Keating and Allie Olsen; great-grandparents: Gene and Betty Webster, Linda Haberkorn, Mike and Carol Haberkorn, and Judy Anderson; and many cousins and great-aunts and great-uncles.

The guestbook may be signed at: [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Cullom, was in charge of arrangements.

Charles E. Ozee

BRACEVILLE — Charles E. Ozee, 80, of Braceville passed away Monday, August 5, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

He was born June 15, 1939 in Shawneetown, son of William and Martha Roberts Ozee. He married Carolyn Ziegler June 1, 1963 in Joliet.

Charles served in the United States Army from 1963 until 1965, and retired from Caterpillar in Joliet. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. Christmas was always his favorite time of year, from cutting down the tree to all the decorations.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Ozee; son, Chuck (Christina) Ozee; grandchildren: Gabrielle, Abigail, Jacob and Christopher Ozee, all of Braceville; brother, Jim (Cleona) Ozee of Omaha, Illinois; sisters: Betty Lampert of



Eldorado and Eva Ewen of Pontiac; sister-in-law, Suzette Ozee of Equality, Illinois; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his brother, Leonard Ozee, and brothers-in-law, Bob Ewen and Odie Lampert.

His funeral service was Friday, August 9, at 9 a.m. at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home with Pastor Karen Fabian officiating.

Visitation was Thursday from 5 until 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) or Braceville Fire Department.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Braceville Elementary School District #75

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE School Board of Braceville Elementary SD #75, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 209 North Mitchell Street, Braceville, Illinois in this School District beginning 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 15th day of August, 2019. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing, on said budget will be held at 6:30 p.m., on the 17th day of September, 2019, in this School District #75. Dated this 8th day of August, 2019. School Board of Braceville Elementary SD #75, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois.

Board of Education, Braceville Elementary SD #75  
Beth Fatlan, BOE Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Budget Hearing

South Wilmington CSD#74

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 375 5th Avenue, South Wilmington, Illinois in this School District from and after 8:00 o'clock AM, on the 19th day of August, 2019. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing, on said budget will be held at 7:45 o'clock PM, on the 19th day of September, 2019, in this School District #74.

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Woodstock

It was recently brought to my attention that this year was a very big anniversary for one of the biggest festivals and events in our country's history. This event being Woodstock.

Over 400,000 people attended the 3 day festival during its inaugural event in 1969. There have been attempts to recreate the event throughout the years, but nothing has quite lived up to the spectacle that was the original.

There was an attempt this year to have a 50th anniversary Woodstock festival, but the festival was cancelled after permits and regulations called for the festival to move from Watkins Glen International to Columbia, Maryland. Once this move was announced the festival lost a lot of its bigger acts and ultimately the festival that was planned for the third week in August was no more.

I understand wanting to recreate it, and to pay homage to something that was so big. The word "Woodstock" can be used as an adjective to describe festivals now. In practicality it's just going to be very difficult to redo because a lot of what made the first one so cool and unique is that it was the first of its kind.

It's kind of how Michael Jordan is basketball, or Babe Ruth is baseball, if you're the first to be great at something you get to retain the claim forever.

This isn't to say there aren't good festivals that take place now, ones like Coachella, and Lollapalooza, Governors Ball. All are bigger and take place in California, Illinois, and New York respectively, but there probably won't be anything that carries the allure that the original Woodstock had.

For the sake of entertainment, however, I hope people keep attempting it, there's something about failed large scale festivals that makes for very good content. The Fyre festival debacle being example A for that. Another one being Woodstock '99 which was successfully completed from start to end, but not without much scrutiny over the safety conditions for the people who attended the event.

I hope people keep trying, I think it's impossible to recreate anything close to the original, but maybe someday, eventually someone will pull it off.

Happy 50th anniversary of Woodstock and Go, Cubs.

Aaron J. Boma  
2016 ISU Grad

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

ROAD AND DISTRICT AND SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

Revenue Summary:

Road & Bridge

Property Tax	\$97,161.78
CPPRT	20,930.31
Interest Income	9.28
Transfer From	
Bridge	19,708.09
Road and Bridge Revenue	\$137,809.46

Special Bridge

Property Tax	\$18,855.96
Interest Income	29.69
Special Bridge Revenue	\$18,885.65

Compensation Summary:

Compensation Under \$30,000

Jim Wren	
Total Compensation:	\$17,153.19

Expenditure Summary:

Fed./State Taxes	\$ 6,425.40
Grainco FS	8,728.58
Central Limestone	7,884.66
Scott Biros Trucking/	
Excavating	39,489.65
Absolute Auto	4,342.41
Village of Mazon	4,267.34
Sandeno Inc,	
Morris Asphalt	11,551.10
Reds Truck Repair	5,212.75
ConTech	8,246.00
Bill Walsh Automotive	15,000.00
Disbursements Less than	
\$2500	16,769.97
Total Expenditures	\$145,071.05

Summary Statement of Conditions:

	Road/Bridge Fund	Special Bridge
Beginning Balance	\$ 74,142.48	\$41,453.48
Interest	9.28	29.69
Revenues	137,800.18	18,855.96
Disbursements	145,071.05	19,708.09
Ending Balance	66,880.89	40,631.04

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More Obituaries appear on page 13.

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## Lillian Smith Celebrates 100



Lillian Smith, a resident at Heritage Health in Dwight, doesn't eat much these days. In fact, she's survived on Ensure and chocolate milk for the past two years.

It was fitting, then, that at her 100th birthday celebration Saturday, that friends, family and staff at the nursing home toasted the milestone with tall glasses of cold, frothy chocolate milk.

Lillian's son, Larry Smith, of Dwight, said she's isn't real communicative at her age, but when they told her she turned 100 on Friday, Aug. 9, she responded, "You're kidding!"

Lillian has been a resident at Heritage Health for about 10 years. She and her sister, Barbara Francisco, arrived the same day. Sadly, Barbara passed about a month later.

Lillian has been going strong as one can be at 100. Larry said she grew up in Gardner and Blackstone, one of six kids. She married in 1947 to his dad, Robert, who passed away about five years ago.

Robert and Lillian had six children: Larry, Roger, Charles and twin daughters, Eilene and Arle. One son, Gerome, passed in 1993.

They raised their kids on a farm in El Paso, Ill., and were married for 21 years before they divorced.

When her children were grown, she worked as a housekeeper for St. James Hospital in Pontiac for 16 years, retiring at age 67. She's been blind for 35 years and lived with relatives before moving to Heritage Health.

She loved to crochet, Larry said, and is a devout Catholic.

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- Contact airlines or other transportation companies if you require special accommodations. The U.S. Department of Transportation notes that passengers are generally not required to provide advanced notice for disability-related accommodations. However, it makes sense to provide such notice anyway. By doing so, men and women with limited mobility can ensure they will have adequate assistance during their trips. When made aware of passengers' mobility issues, airlines or other travel companies may arrange for wheelchairs to be available at the gates or train platforms so passengers can easily make connecting flights and trains. In addition, advance notice gives companies a chance to provide seating accommodations that can make for a more enjoyable trip.
- Contact security agencies. Security is part of modern travel, so travelers, especially those traveling by air, should expect to go through security checkpoints during their trips. Travelers with limited mobility should contact the security agencies in their home country as well as those in any country they plan to visit to get an idea of what they can expect. Knowing these guidelines in advance can help people with limited mobility determine if they should arrive extra early so they can make it through security checkpoints in time to make their flights or trains.
- Contact hotels directly. Each country has its own laws regarding how to accommodate people with physical disabilities or mobility issues, so don't leave things to chance. Before booking a hotel room abroad, travelers with limited mobility should contact the hotel directly to confirm that it can accommodate their needs.

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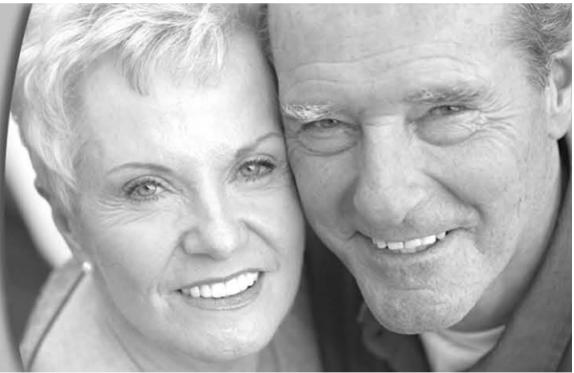
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Pros and cons of joint replacement surgery

To people outside the medical field, joint replacement surgery might sound like a solution that’s considered only after all other options have been exhausted. But joint replacement surgery has become very common, even though some studies have suggested certain procedures are being performed unnecessarily. A 2014 study published in the journal Arthritis and Rheumatology found that one-third of patients who undergo knee replacement surgery may not be appropriate candidates for the procedure because their symptoms are not severe enough to merit aggressive intervention like surgery.

The decision to undergo surgery is always a patient’s to make. Weighing some pros and cons of joint replacement surgery can help patients make the most informed decisions possible.

**Pros**

The Cleveland Clinic notes that many patients who have undergone joint replacement surgeries have experienced dramatic improvement within a relatively short time after undergoing the surgery. Much of that improvement is related to pain, which for many people becomes overwhelming prior to surgery.

Another benefit to joint replacement surgery is the recovery time. For example, the Cleveland Clinic notes that patients who have knee replacement surgery are usually standing and even moving the joint the day after their surgeries. Within six weeks, those same patients are typically walking comfortably with very little support. While each patient is different, any fears that joint replacement surgery will require patients to be immobile for months after surgery are unwarranted.



Joint replacement surgery also can be a long-term solution, whereas the alternatives might not be. The Cleveland Clinic says that roughly 85 percent of knee implants will last 20 years, and that life expectancy figures grow as technology advances.

**Cons**

As beneficial as joint replacement surgery can be, it’s not without downsides. Cost is one such disadvantage. How much a patient pays for the surgery depends on his or her coverage, but AARP notes that the average knee replacement surgery costs \$31,000. Such costs can be prohibitive for aging men and women who are no longer working.

Another potential disadvantage to going under the knife, especially for those who are borderline candidates for replacement surgeries, is the likelihood that surgery won’t have a significant impact on quality of life. A 2017 study published in the journal BMJ found that knee replacement had minimal effects on quality of life, especially for patients whose arthritis was not severe.

Joint replacement surgeries are common. When deciding if surgery is their best option, patients should consider the pros and cons of going under the knife before making their final choice.



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Tues., Aug. 20: Roasted pork, zucchini bake, broccoli-cauliflower mix, whole grain wheat (1), Hawaiian salad.

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OBITUARIES

Richard L. Forneris

FAIRBURY – Richard Leo Forneris, 75, of Fairbury and formerly of Reddick, passed away at 11:55 a.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.



Cremation rites have been accorded.

A visitation will be held from 9 until 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 14, in the First United Methodist Church of Fairbury preceding the memorial service at 11:00.

Inurnment will be at 3 p.m. in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Campus, following the service at the church. Military funeral honors will be accorded at the cemetery.

Richard was born August 14, 1943 in Campus, son of Secondo and Angelene Zeller Forneris. He married Beverly Mathison October 18, 1969 in Campus.

His wife survives in Fairbury. Other survivors are: a daughter, Lori (Mark) Schahrer of Fairbury; a son, Brian (Lesley) Forneris of Amherst, Ohio; a sister, Darlene (Jim) Steichen of Campus; two brothers, Joseph Forneris of Herscher and Wayne (Glenda) Forneris of Buckingham; five grand-

children: Alexandra Forneris, Jack Schahrer, Tony Schahrer, Dominic Forneris and Donovan Forneris.

His parents; one daughter, Dana Forneris; one brother, James Forneris; one sister, Donna Denker; sister-in-law, Janet Forneris; and brother-in-law, John Denker, preceded him in death.

Richard served our country in the U.S. Army from 1965-1967. He was a 1961 graduate of Reddick High School and was employed at Armstrong World Industries in Kankakee for 44 years.

In retirement, he volunteered at Miller Rehab Center in Kankakee. He enjoyed golfing with friends and family, rides in his golf cart, and his John Deere mower. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Rich requested memorial contributions be directed to the Disabled Veterans National Foundation or Livingston County Humane Society.

Duffy - Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary E. Pritts

DWIGHT – Mary E. Pritts, 85, of Dwight passed away at 2:45 p.m., Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Morris Hospital in Morris.



Visitation will be from 4 until 6 p.m., Wednesday, August 14, at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, August 15, at the funeral home.

Burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight, will follow the services.

Mary was born in Dwight November 25, 1933, a daughter of Albert J. and Mary Margreth “Mae” Duffy Bessen. She married Jimmy Pritts June 6, 1953 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kinsman.

Her husband survives along with daughters: Debbie (Terry) Sarff, Peggy Krug, Phyllis (Mike) Christensen, and Sharon (Dan) Voigts, all of Dwight; brother, Francis “Bub” Bessen of Dwight; sister-in-law, Dorothy Bessen of Verona; and brother-in-law, Darrell Condon of Dwight.

Twelve grandchildren and

23 great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Joe and John Bessen; sisters, Dorothy Mae Condon and Margaret Ann Denyes; sister-in-law, Beverly Bessen; son-in-law, Richard Krug and Dale Noble.

Mary graduated from Dwight Township High School and was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, where she served in the Altar & Rosary Society.

She made her own patterns and enjoyed quilting and sewing. She also enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, especially when they played Jimmy’s Chicago Bears. She spent her time working and caring for her family.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Memorials in her name may be left to the American Heart Association.

The guestbook may be signed at [www.hagermemorial.com](http://www.hagermemorial.com)

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

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Jeffrey Jardine Celebrates 40th Anniversary at LSC Communications

Jeffrey Jardine at LSC Communications in Dwight (formerly known as RR Donnelley) celebrated 40 years with the company on August 13.

Jeff began his RR Donnelley career August 13, 1979, as a Material Handler in the Bindery. He was promoted to

Router Mailer in February of 1984, and then to Bindery Helper in January of 1995. In June of 2007, Jeff was promoted to his current position of Bindery Operator 2.

Jeff resides in Dwight with his wife, Jackie. They have two children, Sean and Joshua, and two grandchildren.

Riverside Healthcare Partners with Comer Children’s Experts

Riverside Healthcare has expanded its partnership with the University of Chicago Comer Children’s experts by bringing pediatric cardiology to the community.

Board-certified Pediatric Cardiologist, Utkarsh Kohli, MD, will be seeing patients on Tuesdays at 300 Riverside Drive, Suite 2400, in Bourbonnais beginning August 13.

Dr. Kohli is board-certified in general pediatrics and pediatric cardiology. His clinical interests include congenital and acquired heart disease in children and adults, arrhythmias, syncope, LQTS, Brugada syn-

drome, and other inherited channelopathies. His procedural expertise includes implantation of pacemakers, subcutaneous and transvenous defibrillators, subcutaneous loop recorders, electrophysiology studies, and catheter ablation of cardiac arrhythmias.

Dr. Kohli will be seeing patients inside of Riverside Medical Group Pediatric Specialists office every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For consultations, referrals, or patient appointments call 773-702-6169.

Learn more about Dr. Kohli at [riversidehealthcare.org](http://riversidehealthcare.org).

OSF Saint James Welcomes Dr. Andrew Wherley

OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center is pleased to welcome Andrew Wherley, M.D. to its medical staff.

Dr. Wherley specializes in family medicine, caring for patients throughout the lifespan.

Dr. Wherley received his Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, and his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in

Rockford. He also completed a four-year rural medicine education program. His areas of expertise include chronic management of diabetes, hypertension and respiratory disease, and dermatologic procedures.

Dr. Wherley’s office is located in Suite 207 at OSF HealthCare Saint James. Appointments can be made by calling 815-844-2001. More information can be found at [www.osfmedicalgroup.org](http://www.osfmedicalgroup.org).

OSF Diabetes Support Group September 3

The next meeting of the OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center Diabetes Support Group will be Tuesday, September 3, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room – and all who are facing the challenges of diabetes are welcome.

The program will be “Lessons Learned on My Journey to a Healthy Lifestyle,” presented by Heather Schweizer, M.D., OSF Health-

Care Medical Group. Dr. Schweizer has achieved a transformation in her own health, and she will share valuable advice on ways she has learned to cope with the stumbling blocks of maintaining weight loss and good heart health.

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584-3420 church  
[Dwightumc.org](http://Dwightumc.org)  
Pastor: Michael Ebersohl  
• AUG. 14: 8:30 a.m., UMW meeting; 7 p.m., Real & Ignite Munch & Message.  
• AUG. 15: 5 p.m., Scouts #4877; 5:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.  
• AUG. 16: Children/Youth Leader Retreat.  
• AUG. 17: Children/Youth Leader Retreat; 7 a.m., Men’s Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat; 9 a.m., AA meeting; 6 p.m., YAGOS - Rt. 66, Dwight.  
• AUG. 18 – Backpack blessing; 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School;

9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship.  
• AUG. 19: 9 a.m., UMW Executive Board meeting; 6 p.m., Kiwanis meeting; Scouts #4877; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.  
• AUG. 20: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study; 2 p.m., UMW bingo - Heritage Health.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS**  
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584-3433 church  
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• AUG. 15: 6:30 p.m., Board of Church Properties.  
• AUG. 18: 9 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.  
• AUG. 21: NO Wednesday Devotions.

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• AUG. 14: Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.  
• AUG. 18: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.  
• AUG. 21: Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
200 W. Delaware St.  
584-1260 church  
Rev. Grant Speece  
• AUG. 18: 10:30 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: “The Chapter on Faith”  
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Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
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• AUG. 21: 7 p.m., Trustees meeting.  
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• AUG. 15: 7 p.m., Worship practice.  
• AUG. 18: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Church and Nursery; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.  
• AUG. 19: 7 p.m., Prayer Night.  
• AUG. 20: 7 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.  
• AUG. 21: 7 p.m., Bible Study.  
• AUG. 22: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• AUG. 23: 7 p.m., Outdoor Movie Night.

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
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815-584-3522 Office  
Father Chris Haake Reconciliation;  
• AUG. 14: – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 6 p.m., Mass.  
• AUG. 17: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.  
• AUG. 18: 10:30 a.m., Mass.

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• AUG. 16: 9:30 a.m., Women’s Bible Study at Hudson’s in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA.  
• AUG. 18: 9:15 a.m.,

Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for All Ages; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship.  
• AUG. 20: 4 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army / Compassion Ministry; 5:30 p.m., The Invitational Christian Study.

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Father Chris G. Haake, Pastor  
• AUG. 14: NO 8 a.m. Mass or Reconciliation.  
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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN DWIGHT held a Vacation Bible School, “Miraculous Mission,” July 22-26. Twenty-two children and 20 staff learned how “Jesus Saves the World.” Offerings collected will be used to purchase hardback Arch Books to be placed in

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DWIGHT’S VERY OWN, JAMES “NAKO” NAKASHIMA’S FIGHTING CAREER has allowed him to travel all over the world. Most recently, he won his 12th pro fight at the Mall of Asia Arena in Manila, Philippines. It took place on August 2nd as a part of the One Championship – Dawn of Heroes card and he defeated Yushin Okami (35-14) in a 3rd round decision. This was his 12th pro win in just as many matches. He is impressively undefeated at the professional level. The 30-year-old Nakashima is 5’10” and weighs in at 170 pounds using his mature wrestling knowledge to grapple and take down opponents. His strength is the ground game but while in school at the University of Nebraska, he trained in jiu-jitsu to help his striking.

ONE Championship photo



KLOE LONGTIN, HERSCHER, VOLLEYBALL, was one of 17 Kankakee Community College student-athletes to receive NJCAA honors for their academic achievement during the 2018-19 school year, being named All-Academic First Team with a 4.0 grade point average.



CLAY HARBOR IS BACK ON TELEVISION and he is a contestant on the hit show *Bachelor in Paradise*. Clay was on Season 14 of *The Bachelorette* but had to depart the show due to injury. Harbor, from Dwight, has played for five NFL teams and is currently training to sign. Be sure to tune in Mondays and Tuesdays and if the show keeps airing at this pace, the season finale should air on September 10, 2019.



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