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A Sure Sign of Spring



A TRACTOR SETS OUT WEST ON STATE ROUTE 17 outside Dwight Monday morning under bright blue skies, a sure sign of spring as farmers ready to plant their crops. 2020 could be another tough year for farmers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported last month. U.S. farm income is forecast to fall by 9 percent this year due to rising expenses, lower government payments and ultralow prices for corn and

soybeans -- this even though farm revenue is projected to increase 2.7 percent. Feed, labor, seed, pesticide, fertilizer and fuel expenses are all expected to increase. Dairy, beef and hog farm revenue is expected to grow. The USDA reported milk revenue should rise by about \$2.1 billion, or 1.6 percent, and hog revenue should rise \$4.2 billion, or 18.4 percent.

Dwight Considers Proposed Budget

DEA BBQ Fest Moves Downtown

by Madelyn Fogarty
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The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met on February 24 following an Administration Committee meeting where the proposed Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget was reviewed.

One major highlight of the upcoming budget is the Village of Dwight taking over the ambulance service with medics and basics being village employees. Other items in the proposed budget include a 2.1 percent salary increase for all village employees; a five percent increase in water and sewer rates; \$50,000 allocated for alley repair; and MFT revenues that will allow for a street repair project.

A public hearing with regard to the proposed budget will be held on March 23 at 6:15 p.m. in the Public Services Complex.

Also during the Administration Committee meeting, the Dwight Economic Alliance made its annual appeal for renewed funding from the Village of Dwight. DEA President Rodney Connor addressed the committee with the DEA's request for \$40,000 in funding.

Connor provided a recap of the DEA budget expenditures which show approximately 23 percent of the DEA budget going towards hosting community events; 16 percent of budget used toward community promotions; 26 percent on business development, expansion and retention -- mostly related to Economic Development staff; 19 percent on operations and maintenance; and 16 percent for community outreach.

Funding for the DEA comes from various sources including 41 percent from the Village of Dwight; 34 percent from business memberships; approximately 20 percent from the

annual DEA Gala fund raiser; and smaller portions coming from promotional item sales and individual memberships. Connor noted the DEA incurs an approximate 3 percent loss on events. Connor also touched on funds currently in the bank which are earmarked for upkeep around the depot, the canine fund, and the downtown banner project.

"As president of the Dwight Economic Alliance, I very much view our relationship with the Village as a partnership," said Connor. "I think we are all growing in the same direction and trying to make the same things happen. I hope you think of the Dwight Economic Alliance as an extension of the work that you do, a volunteer base, and a sort of activism inside of the community."

Connor also discussed the development of a small business incubator using space in the former Bank of Dwight location on East Main Street which will also be the DEA's new office location. The idea behind the business incubator is to give a new business opportunity startup space, at a minimal commitment, for its professional development.

In village board business, the DEA Route 66 Smoke Out / BBQ Competition will move its location downtown to Dwight's Main Street area this year with the Dwight Village Board of Trustees approving associated downtown area street closures for the festival.

This year's main KCBS BBQ Competition will take place on Saturday, May 2 in conjunction with the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor event. Other added competition features this year will include an SCA Steak Competition and a Backyard BBQ (Amateur) Competition on Friday night, May 1.

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ILLINOIS SENATOR PATRICK JOYCE, right, talks with a farmer. A fourth-generation farmer himself from Essex, Joyce is seeking to keep his seat in the state's 40th district, to which he was appointed after Toi Hutchinson took a position in Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration.

Joyce Aims to Keep His State Senate Seat in March Primary

Democrat Patrick Joyce, a lifelong resident of Kankakee County and 4th generation family farmer in Essex, is hoping to retain his seat in Illinois' 40th Senate District in the March 17 primary election.

He was appointed in early November to fill Toi Hutchinson's seat after she took a position in Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration.

He faces three other Democrats on the ballot -- Lori Wilcox of Chicago Heights, Monica Gordon of Flossmoor, and Marta Perales of Mokena -- and one Republican, Eric Wallace, also of Flossmoor.

The 40th District includes south suburban Cook County, down into most of Kankakee County and parts of Will and Grundy counties. Kankakee County has the largest portion of the district's population -- about 40 percent -- and Will County residents another 25 percent.

Joyce has been endorsed by U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, and recently introduced

a bill that would restore state funds to local governments. A graduate of Illinois State University with a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness, Joyce is also endorsed by the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, IBEW Local 176, The Kankakee Federation of Labor, Planned Parenthood and more.

The Paper asked him to answer some questions about his campaign and what makes him the best candidate.

Tell us a little more about your career and your career in politics, your family, and your interests.

I am a small businessman, a fourth-generation family farmer who also owns a recycling business. I'm new to elected office, but no stranger to the political process. In fact, I've been involved in it my entire life. My father and then mother served this same area in the Illinois Senate many years ago.

I grew up in Reddick and now live in Essex, so I know the challenges facing rural Illinoisans. I served for nearly 20 years on the Kankakee County Farm Bureau board, and I've been a lifelong advocate for conservation and environmental awareness. I'm an avid outdoorsman and love to hunt and fish here locally on our fertile grounds.

I'm married to a wonderful and patient wife, Rita, and have been blessed with three children. One, my sweet daughter Katelyn, lost her courageous battle with leukemia in 2011, and we have spent significant time since then working with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society to raise money and awareness against this terrible disease. I'll fight for all families in the 40th District to have good health care coverage they can afford.

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by Tom Tock

I was stunned to learn last week that Pilot Flying J was not going to open a new station at the west side of Dwight. How this news got by us for two weeks or more is rather embarrassing, as the station had received high expectations, especially after first announcing it was planning to build in Gardner, and then deciding on Dwight.

The Paper was unsuccessful in reaching Pilot Flying J officials in time for any of their comments.

President Donald Trump beat his impeachment rap, so he almost had to do something controversial to keep his name in the papers — commuting former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich's 14-year prison sentence must have been at the top of a list.

Trump caught a lot of flak for lessening Blago's sentence. (Personally I was getting tired of feeding Blago at the public trough.)

While Trump was rather roundly condemned for granting the commutation, we should note that, in the words of a Crain's recent editorial, Donald is "a relative piker" in such sentence reductions, having granted only 10 commutations and 25 pardons during his first term.

Barack Obama holds the presidential record for issuing the most commutations — 1,715; President Franklin Roosevelt the most pardons — 2,819, according to Crain's.

Blago hasn't shown much

remorse for being convicted of numerous crimes while Governor, but we can presume he now understands that freedom should be considered "golden," too.

With so many Democratic candidates bludgeoning one another with words for the opportunity to receive their Party's Presidential nomination, it's interesting to read some history of our country's first Presidential election.

George Washington didn't want to be President.

By one account, he likened it to the "feelings of a culprit who is going to the place of his execution."*

After leading the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War, Washington wanted to go back to his farm at Mt. Vernon. But duty called, he was the obvious one to continue leading the fledgling colonies, and was unanimously elected to be President.

Again, after his first term, Washington wanted to retire to Mt. Vernon. He "sent out a letter of retirement and just went home."*

But Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, among others, talked him into a second term.

I am not a real student of American history. But imagine, if you can, the importance of the actions taken, and the dedication, by those early patriots.

Today, well . . .

*The American Story, David Rubenstein



It's Time to Turn Your Clock Ahead -- Daylight Saving Time Returns Sunday, March 8

At 2 a.m., Sunday, March 8, 2020 clocks in the Central Time Zone will be moved ahead one hour as we begin Daylight Saving Time 2020.

Temps - 2020

Feb. 20 – high 23°, low 10°
 Feb. 21 – high 36°, low 11°
 Feb. 22 – high 49°, low 24°
 Feb. 23 – high 56°, low 32°
 Feb. 24 – high 39°, low 32°
 .25" precip.
 Feb. 25 – high 36°, low 28°
 1" snow
 Feb. 26 – high 29°, low 17°
 trace snow
One Year Ago – March 4, 2019
 high 22°, low -2°
 trace snow

Ransom Man Involved in Single-Vehicle Crash

On Sunday, February 23, at 3:15 p.m., LaSalle County Sheriff Deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident on IL Rt. 170 – near N. 2350th Rd. (Brookfield Township).

William C. Miller, 80, of Ransom, was traveling southbound on IL Rt. 170 when he struck two dogs that ran onto the roadway.

No injuries reported and no citations issued.

FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

February 20: John R. Hawkinson, 19, Bradley, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Cameron S. Vonburg, 21, Streator, driving/no license/permit/age, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

February 21: Jazmine A. Felton, 19, Kankakee, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Diaz A. Rodriguez, 49, Dwight, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; James E. Dittmer, 53, Pontiac, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

February 22: Jordan C. Kohrt, 27, Dwight, fail obey stop sign.

February 23: Krista L. Burris, 35, Germantown Hills, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

February 24: James M. Beier, 74, Dwight, fail report vehicle accident; Jesus A. Garcia, 31, Union, MO, DL expired more than a year.

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

7 Written Warnings

Only one headlight – 3; fail to stop at sign – 2; no registration plate light – 2.

Dwight Police Blotter

February 24: 2:44 a.m., a 48-year old female advised Dwight Police that money was missing from her purse, while she had been at an establishment on Main St.

February 25: 12:08 p.m., Dwight Police were notified by a local bank of a senior citizen who had been a victim of a phone scam.

Accident Report

Friday, February 21, 1:32 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2020 Freix, driven by Darryl Robinson, Phoenix, AZ, which struck a 2020 Kenwood, driven by Guillermo Moreno, Rock Hill, SC, while backing.

Saturday, February 22, 8:12 p.m., an accident was reported at 13 E. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2014 Chevrolet utility, driven by Adam Young, Dwight, which backed into a stopped 2015 Nissan sedan, driven by Doug Schou, Dwight.

Monday, February 24, 4:00 p.m., an accident was reported at 214 E. Mazon Ave. involving a 1999 Lincoln Towncar, driven by James Beier, Dwight, which struck a parked 2008 Chevrolet TBZ, owned by Michael Graham.

Wednesday, February 26,

1:17 a.m., an accident was reported at 1 Aldi Dr. involving a 2015 Volvo, driven by Francisco Ariza, Las Vegas, NV, which struck a parked 2012 Freix. while backing, driven by Martin Petrov.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

February 21: Williams, medical, Morris; John, trauma, Morris.

February 22: Mazon, medical, Morris; John, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Chippewa, medical; Mazon, trauma, Morris; Seminole, medical, refusal; Main, medical, Morris; Prospect, assist; Waupansie, medical, St. James.

February 23: Mazon, medical, Riverside; Mazon, medical, Morris; Prospect, medical, assist.

February 24: Mazon, medical, Morris; Union St., medical, Morris.

February 25: Main, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris.

February 27: South St., medical, Morris; Mazon, assist.

People Helping People in Grundy County

Grundy Community Lending Closet and Grief Support, Ltd., formerly Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice, has been in Morris for over 35 years – providing much needed medical equipment and personal supplies for the community, as well as supporting people in their times of great sorrow.

Joan Sereno, Executive Director, takes great pride in helping people, and she has an



"Open Door" policy – offering services free of charge and inviting anyone in need to contact them, no questions asked.

Equipment available to the

public for short-term loans include: wheelchairs, transport wheelchairs, rolling walker, rollator with a seat, canes, quad canes, crutches, commodes, bath benches, transfer bath benches, and knee scooters (knee scooters require a \$50 deposit).

Grundy Community Lending Closet and Grief Support, Ltd. is a non-profit and welcomes any contributions and donations.

Senior Services Available Through Community Care Program at ICPHD

The Senior Services team at the Iroquois County Public Health Department is dedicated to serving citizens, age 60 or older, by providing a number of services that facilitate healthy living. The Community Care program assists senior citizens, who might otherwise require nursing home care, to remain in their homes by providing in-home and community-based services.

This program is essential to Iroquois County due to the increase in aging population. Ac-

ording to the Iroquois County Community Health Improvement Plan, 21.1% of the population of Iroquois County is age 65 or older, considerably higher than the 14.6% state average.

Eligibility for the program includes people who are: 60 years old or older, a U.S. citizen or legal alien and resident of Illinois, with non-exempt assets of \$17,500 or less (your home, car, or personal furnishings are classified as exempt assets).

This program assists seniors to maintain their independence by providing cost effective alternatives to nursing home placement such as automated medication dispensing, emergency home response, and in-home services.

To learn more about the Community Care Program, contact Emily Shay, Director of Senior Services, by calling the Iroquois County Public Health Department at 815-432-2483.

Vermilion Valley ETSB Committee Meeting March 12

Vermilion Valley Emergency Telephone System Board will hold its meeting Thursday, March 12, in the Public Safety Complex 911 Training Room (downstairs), 844 W. Lincoln St. in Pontiac, at 11:00 a.m.

This meeting has been rescheduled from its originally advertised date of March 11.

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Don't Let Coronavirus Infect Your Investment Strategy

As you know, the coronavirus has become a major health concern, not just in China, but in other parts of the world, too – and it's also shaken up the financial markets. As an individual investor, how concerned should you be?

The impact of the coronavirus on the markets isn't surprising. China is the world's second-largest economy, and when it experiences factory closures, supply chain disruptions and city lockdowns, the ripple effect on the world's other economies is considerable. Plus, the financial markets simply don't like uncertainty – and there's a lot of that associated with this outbreak and the efforts to contain it.

Nonetheless, instead of worrying over events you can't control, try to focus on what you can do in this investment climate. Here are a few suggestions:

Don't panic. The coronavirus may well cause continued market volatility over the next several weeks, or even months. But it's important for investors to take a long-term view. Market corrections – typically defined as a drop in investment prices of 10% or more – are a fairly common occurrence, and we may have been overdue for one even before the coronavirus scare. In any case, it's generally a good idea not to radically revamp your investment strategy unless you experience a major change in your personal life – a significant career move, medical condition, change in family situation, etc.

Be aware of history. The coronavirus is certainly serious, but it's not the only viral outbreak we've seen in recent decades. During these earlier pandemics, the financial markets also took a hit, but they bounced back. For example, from late April 2003, in the midst of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) until late April 2004, the S&P 500 rose about 21 percent.* And other large gains were recorded following the outbreak and decline of the Ebola and Zika viruses. Of course, the past performance of the markets in pandemic situations can't necessarily predict future market developments; every situation is different, and over the next year, returns might be modest, as prices have already soared in the 11 years since they bottomed out during the financial crisis of 2008-09.

Don't try to time the market. We may well see coronavirus-based volatility in the near future – but volatility implies "ups" as well as "downs." If you try to time the market by guessing at highs and lows, and then "buying high and selling low," you might get lucky once in a while, but you could just as easily miss the mark.

Keep a diversified portfolio. In addition to avoiding efforts to time the market, you should also stay away from trying to pick "winners" and "losers" among individual investments in the marketplace of viruses. Instead, try to build and maintain a diversified portfolio, consisting of an array of different asset classes, with the allocation of these assets based on your risk tolerance and time horizon. Diversification doesn't prevent losses or guarantee profits in a declining market, but it may help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio.

You may not be able to totally quarantine your portfolio from this serious virus in the short term, but by following a consistent, long-term investment strategy that's appropriate for your individual needs, you'll be doing what you can to help yourself move toward your financial goals.

*The S&P 500 is unmanaged, not available for direct investment and is not meant to depict an actual investment.

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State Senator Patrick Joyce Seeks to Retain Seat

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You have said you want to make healthcare more accessible and affordable. What is wrong with the current system and how exactly do you think you can achieve this goal?

I realized just how complex our health care system was when my daughter Katelyn battled leukemia. Families facing life-threatening battles find themselves feeling alone: trapped by the fear of the unknown of what the future holds, of not knowing about how they will afford the care needed to save their loved ones' lives. No one should have to go through this alone.

My wife and I got active in the Leukemia Lymphoma Society after my daughter's death. I believe advocacy groups like LLS are essential for families suffering these catastrophic illnesses because they provide a safety net of support. Everyone should know when they are facing their worst, there are people with them to help them along the way.

More broadly, we need to have a frank, honest conversation about our health care system. When people cannot afford the treatment they need, their problems do not get worse — they grow, and become more expensive to treat. We need to encourage more preventive treatment, help employers provide reasonable health care to their employees and create support systems for those facing serious illnesses so that at every stage of our health, we have help to get the care we need at a price we can afford.

We can't control the weather, and we can't control the tariffs that drive up the costs of the goods we export around the world. But we can help farmers become more nimble, embrace conservation that will help our lands stay fertile longer and provide them the support they need to feed the world.

Our new capital construction bill in Illinois takes an important step by fixing the rural roads that have been beaten up for too long, slowing our harvests and driving up transportation costs to get our food and livestock to market. I have long fought for cleaning up and preserving the Kankakee River, battling the flooding that ruins nearby farmland. The sooner we can lower our property tax burden, the more farmers will benefit — and that's good news for our district.

What are the top five issues facing constituents in your district?

My constituents have hit these five issues repeatedly as I travel door to door throughout the district:

Property taxes: We're paying too much for property taxes, and the state has to step up to help.

Health care: Families shouldn't have to go through what mine did when my daughter died of leukemia. We need strong support systems and innovative ways to reduce costs while providing quality care.

Jobs: People need good-paying jobs in the 40th District. The capital bill investment in our roads, schools and other infrastructure is a good first step.

Education: Our future is dependent on the quality of education we provide today. We need more state support and ever-increasing opportunities for early childhood education.

Ethics: We have to clean up Springfield. I'll lead by example and take my oath seriously to work for the people. We shouldn't accept anything less.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed graduated income tax has sparked a lot of debate. Do you support it?

My constituents feel overtaxed. They know the tax system is unfair because too many people who already have so much take advantage of it to reduce their tax burden. Something has to change.

The Fair Tax is a much-needed equalizer because it will ensure those who can afford it will pay more, while the rest of us in the working and middle class get a break. I support the new income tax structure because it is the fairest way to provide the revenue we need to get our state back on track, while protecting the working families who have carried a heavy burden for too

long.

You are facing your first political challengers in the primary election. What makes you the best candidate?

I know the region, and I know how to help people from all backgrounds facing all sorts of challenges. I try to bring people together, not divide them. When residents in University Park have been struggling to get clean drinking water, I stepped in and forced the utility to step up for them. When residents in Pembroke Township have gone without natural gas to heat their homes, I've helped bring together decision-makers and resources to get the job done. I'm working to find ways to ease flooding on the Kankakee River. I won't stop fighting for better health care, more education funding, lower property taxes.

The bottom line for me? Judge me on results. I'll listen to the people of the 40th Senate District, work with them to find solutions for their problems, and then work until we get it done.

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What are the primary issues small businesses are facing in Illinois, and how will you accomplish the goal of creating more jobs?

High taxes are crippling small businesses, and driving too many people out of Illinois. Reversing the trend starts with state government stepping up to provide more education funding to ease the property tax burden, and better using our existing economic development resources to identify growth opportunities and take full advantage of them.

Once we lower our taxes and focus our economic development efforts, these will work hand in hand to identify businesses that can grow here with our support and make it easier for these employers to plant roots for the long term. When we get our fiscal house in order, we become much more attractive to employers, which leads to the small business opportunities and job growth we all want for this district and our state.

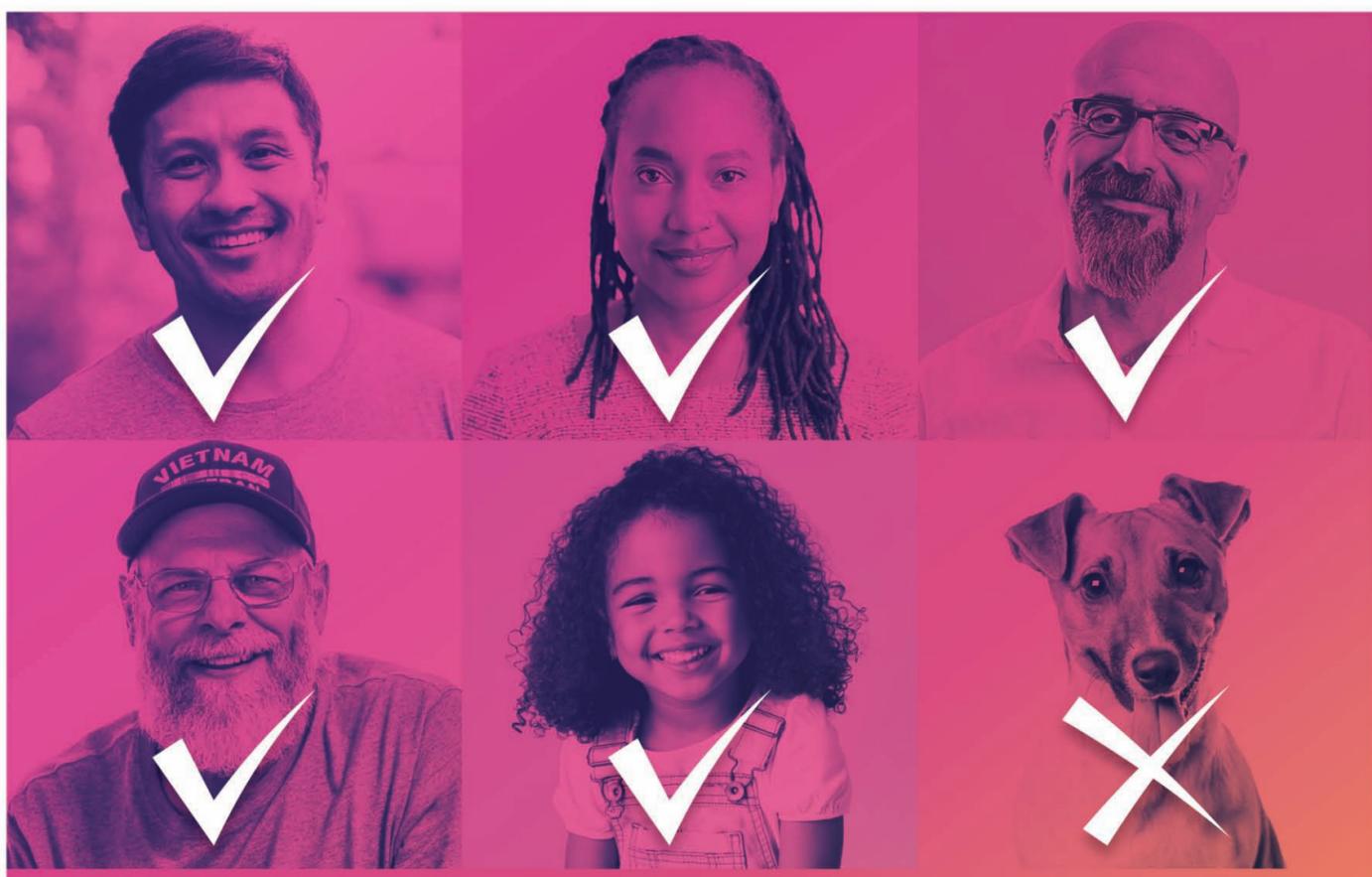
The 40th District is heavily rural. What are some of the biggest issues facing farmers?

Every day, I run into people I know in the small towns around the 40th Senate District who think fondly about how their life was better in the past. Why? Because we have lost sight of what made rural America our backbone for decades.

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Dwight Village Board

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In other board business, Village employee Leslie Houch presented information on the 2020 Census.

Beginning March 12, households will start receiving census notifications along with detailed information on completing the census. While a very small number of paper forms will be mailed, most will be expected to complete the census online. For those without computer or online access, the Dwight Village Hall will have computers available for use in completing the census. The Dwight Public Library also has public access computers to assist with the census process. Through April, weekly reminder notices will also be sent. At the end of the notification period, any household not completing the

census will be visited in person by a census taker.

Everyone currently living in the home at the time of the census should be counted. In situations of split residency, wherever the majority of the time spent is where the person should be counted. Village Administrator Kevin McNamara noted that, if there is any doubt, it is better to over count than under count to make sure no funding is lost since any funding lost is gone for ten years. Information provided for the census is 100 percent confidential. Visit www.2020census.gov for more information.

In reports, Adam Dontz, CEO of the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council, was present to provide an update on GLCEDC activity and initiatives currently taking place in Dwight and Livingston County. The GLCEDC is a public-private partnership comprised of businesses, individuals, and governmental agencies that believe in the importance

of controlling the area's economic future by taking a proactive and strategic approach to economic development.

Deb Karch of Dwight DEA reported on several items including plans by Alison Rhodes of Perfect Blend to expand her music studio; Studio 134's new location on East Main Street nearing completion; the DEA target date of April 1 for moving to its new location in the former Bank of Pontiac building; the DEA incubator model; and an initiative, with assistance from the Heritage Corridor, to move visitors from the Ambler/Texaco station to the downtown district noting that last year, 12,000 visitors signed the guest book at the historic gas station.

The board also approved:

- the payment of 2/10/20 bills totaling \$136,283.19.
- the payment of 2/24/20 bills totaling \$67,781.81.
- the January 2020 Treasurer's Report as pre-

sented.

- the annual Keeley Trust Resolution.
- a Superior Excavating pay request #2 in the amount of \$144,748.20 for James Street storm and sanitary sewer improvement.
- a Village of Dwight VFW "Buddy" Poppy Proclamation showing support for Buddy Poppy Days.
- a VFW Post 2608 Bucket Brigade Poppy Day request from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. on May 1 and May 2 at the intersection of Rt. 17 and Rt. 47.

Present at the February 24 session were Mayor Jared Anderson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbrodt, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board will be Monday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Services Complex. Meetings are open to the public.

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Wedding favors have changed — and in many cases for the better. According to Heather Jones of Wente Vineyards in California, favors have moved from “goodie bags” toward items that are experimental and fun. Wedding planners from across the country offer these wedding favor trends that couples may want to incorporate into their own celebrations.

Welcome bags

Rather than take-home bags, welcome bags have replaced the traditional favor trinket at some weddings. Many weddings have become multi-day events that ask guests traveling from out of town to attend a wedding weekend. To help greet them and make their experience memorable, couples may fill a gift bag with items guests can use or enjoy during their stay — like a bottle of locally sourced maple syrup or some handmade soaps from a nearby shopkeeper.

Experience gifts

Instead of a candle or a monogrammed cake server, think of experiences to offer guests. A coupon for free drinks at a nearby brewery, a tour of a local attraction while guests are in town or a group excursion for guests attending a destination wedding can be fun and will help guests create lasting memories.



Charitable donations

Some couples feel that favors are wasteful and would rather set aside a portion of their wedding budgets toward giving back. In such situations, a donation to charity in guests' names can be the way to go. Guests can vote on two favorite charities advertised on a special table at the wedding reception. The one with the most votes will

get the proceeds.

Late-night snacks

Some couples are eschewing traditional favors in lieu of making room for extra food or beverage expenses that can include after-party treats. These may run the gamut from wood-fired pizzas to food truck vendors to extra desserts.

4 Creative Ways to Save on the Reception

1. **Serve a custom-made cocktail:** A themed drink, such as punch or a classic spirit with a reimagined, wedding-friendly name, can be less expensive than offering full open bar service. Some couples also opt to pay for only wine and beer rather than a full open bar that includes liquor and mixed drinks.

2. **Book a weeknight:** Weekend weddings are easier on guests' schedules, but not on couples' budgets. Couples can save thousands of dollars by hosting weeknight weddings instead of weekend affairs. Book the venue from Monday through Friday, as even Sunday prices have escalated. The further away from the weekend, the lower the prices tend to be.

3. **Fake the cake:** The Knot indicates a wed-

ding cake runs roughly \$530. Consider displaying a mock cake for photos and then serve a sheet cake during dessert hour. Decorating foam tiers to look like an extravagant cake can save a few hundred dollars, and guests won't know the difference when they're biting into a delicious, less costly dessert.

4. **Skip the extras:** Reception venues may upcharge for all the little details, such as linens in custom colors or chair covers. If you can live without these extras, do so. Ask for a list of itemized extras so you can assess what you want to pay for and what you'd prefer to avoid.

Wedding receptions are costly, but there are many ways to save money and still enjoy a memorable evening.



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Cater Menus to Guests' Dietary Needs

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Thanks to modern diets, couples hoping to accommodate guests may need to provide a wide array of food choices.

It is impossible to pinpoint an exact number, as there are no definitive surveys classifying all dietary preferences, but there are believed to be around 7.9 million people in the United States who follow a vegetarian-based diet. Of those people, around one million are strictly vegan, according to data in The Economist. In addition, NYU Langone Health says one-third of Americans are trying to avoid gluten. The Gluten Free Agency, which is a consulting group dedicated to helping advertisers, says some nine million people in Canada are going gluten-free now for medical or personal reasons. Toss in the scores of people with peanut or other allergies and even more caution is needed when designing wedding menus.

Savvy couples who have guests' health and comfort in mind recognize the importance of offering a varied meal plan for wedding-related parties and receptions.

The following are some ideas to consider when planning wedding menus.

- Consider a buffet-style service. Although couples might like the tradition and flair that a seated/plated meal offers, it creates a much more limited selection of meal options. Buffet-style dinner service often provides couples with multiple choices, and it's much more likely they can come up with a



combination that caters to any food allergies or dietary restrictions guests may have.

- Opt for food stations. In lieu of one long buffet table, a modern approach is to have staffed food stations. Foods as well as their ingredients can be clearly stated on food table placards so guests can make appropriate choices.

- Offer alternatives for dessert. Wedding cake can be a challenge to someone with a gluten sensitivity or an egg or a nut allergy. While not every guest indulges in dessert, make it a point to offer an alternative to cake. Perhaps a groom's cake can be revamped into gluten-free cookie bars or a nut-free truffle.

Couples who know in advance which types of dietary restrictions their guests have can work with caterers to devise a menu that suits everyone.



Ann and Ole Thorne

Ole and Ann Thorne to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Ole and Ann Thorne of Reedsburg, WI, formerly of Odell, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on March 6.

Arnold J. (Ole) Thorne and the former Anna Hoggins were married on March 6, 1960, at Rooks Creek Methodist Church in Graymont. They farmed in the Odell area for many years until moving to the Reedsburg, WI, area in 1979, and continued to farm.

They have two children, Steve (Ellen) Thorne and Cindy (Denny) McCauley – both of Hillpoint. They are the proud grandparents of five grandsons: Jason (Toni) Thorne, Matt Thorne, Marcus (fiancé Alexa Piskule) McCauley, Mason (Mackenzie) McCauley, and Carson McCauley; and two great-grand-



children: Colt and Briar Thorne.

On Sunday, April 26, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., their family will be hosting an open house held at St. Anthony's School in Cazenovia, WI.

Send congratulatory wishes to:
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To Have And To Hold

Band or DJ? How about both?

When it comes to music, the two main options for weddings are a live band or a disc jockey. Each has its share of advantages and disadvantages. A live band may be more expensive, but it can get the crowd excited. A good bandleader also acts as a master of ceremonies and can pay attention to the vibe of the room, tailoring a playlist around that overall mood. Plus, bands offer live performances, which adds an extra special element to the occasion that can't be replicated at home.

A DJ is a popular choice, and today's DJs are often artists in their own right. They know just how to select and seamlessly mix music to create the mood and really keep the party going.

Couples who can be flexible with their entertainment budgets may be able to enjoy the best of both worlds. There is nothing that says a wedding

cannot feature both a live band and a DJ. Such a wedding may just take a little more planning. Consider the scenario of bringing in a band for the cocktail hour and perhaps an hour or more during the dinner service of the reception when live music can accompany the meal. After that, a DJ can take over and drive the festivities up another notch with a late-night dance party.

Some music vendors also do

a combination of live and pre-recorded music. They may have live singers who accompany recorded tracks, or digital instruments like keyboards and drum pads that can enhance recorded songs. These also are options when selecting wedding music.

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St. Paul Spaghetti Dinner, Auction March 7 in Dwight

The 8th Annual St. Paul Catholic School spaghetti dinner and auction is Saturday, March 7, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight.

The event serves over 300 for dinner and is standing room only during the live auction. Proceeds from the night will be used to fund the purchase of a new school bus, make repairs to the school building, and for daily expenses. All donations go directly to St. Paul School.

The menu features spaghetti by Station 343 and fried chicken cooked by the Dwight Knights of Columbus. The doors open at 4:00 p.m. to view the auction items, dinner is served from 5:00-8:00 p.m., and the live auction gets underway at 7:00 p.m.

The auction items include student artwork, Kenny Chesney concert tickets, Chicago Cubs and White Sox tickets, private airplane tickets, and much more.

There's an experience on the auction block this year – a six-night stay at Zulu Nyala Heritage Safari Lodge or Tented Safari Camp in South Africa for two people. The trip includes three meals a day (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), two game-viewing activities per day on Zulu Nyala Game Reserve, and a host ranger who will assist you in the planning of your safari and activities



ST. PAUL SCHOOL'S seventh and eighth graders with the three projects they made. Pictured, from left, are Steven Kincade, Hayden Miller, Libby Imhoff, Gianna Giacometti, Hannah Miller, and Emerson Peters.

during the day.

You can also bid on more local experiences, such as horseback riding at an area farm, securing the front row pew to the St. Paul Christmas program, or throwing a pie at Father Chris Haake.

Auction items are posted online at www.biddingowl.com/StPaulSchool. This is the same site used for the online silent auction bidding during the event. The silent auction goes live at 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 6.

The night also includes a 50/50 raffle, basket raffles, wine pull, roulette wheel, and more.

This year, St. Paul is trying to raise money for a new school bus. Currently, the Dwight bus is nearing the end of its life span. Both the Dwight and



FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS from St. Paul School make one of their three garden pavers. Pictured are Coe Peters, Joe Duffy, and Graham Wolf.

Campus/Emington buses are at full capacity, and with the increase in enrollment numbers, the school could easily need not one, but two buses, as well as a bus garage to house all of them.

Currently, St. Paul School is serving the educational needs of 64 students from the Dwight, Gardner, Herscher, Tri-Point, Odell, and Pontiac school districts.



PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, Seneca Banking Center, sponsored the Seneca FFA Pizza Time. Operations Supervisor Amy Kern presented a \$100 check to members of the local chapter to use toward their lock-in, which celebrated the kick-off to National FFA Week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote 'Yes'

I am writing again to ask the citizens of Livingston County to *once again* vote yes on the two referenda to reinstate the community health care program provided by the county Public Health Department. The county finance committee voted to end the program. At the next election the voters overwhelmingly approved the reinstatement of the program but, once again, the Board ignored the will of the citizens and would not even discuss the outcome of the election. At the upcoming primary election the citizens will have another chance to reinforce the message they have been expressing for the past few years. For the

decade that the program was in effect, it proved to be a valuable program that supported people to stay in their homes for as long as possible before seeking admission to an assisted living or skilled care setting. When people were able to remain in their own homes with the limited support provided by the program they remained a contributing member of the community, spending money in local businesses, paying their taxes and paying rent or mortgage payments. And, they also were able to maintain their desired quality of life.

Sincerely yours,
Rodney A. Patterson

Moral Courage

Editor:

The Corner on 1-15-20 by Tom Tock was excellent as he talked about a subject that most people do not want to think about, talk about, and almost never want to do anything about. Thanks for the moral courage to reveal the buried truth about abortion.

Since Roe v. Wade in 1973, Americans have aborted about 62 million babies. I would like you to start counting or writing to 62 million, and picture a baby's face with each count. Oh, abortion is legal? So was slavery, and we know how evil that was.

Abortion in many cases is celebrated by racists. 36% of all abortions have been black babies even though blacks make up only 12.5% of our population. Since 1973, 22 million black lives have been aborted. The most dangerous place for a black American in 2020 is in

the womb.

Margaret Sanger, the racist founder of Planned Parenthood, started her creation of "a race of thoroughbreds" by putting clinics in black neighborhoods. Today, 70% to 80% of Planned Parenthood's centers are in minority neighborhoods.

In 2014, 49.6% of all Michigan abortions were performed on black women while blacks were only about 14% of Michigan's population.

Not until this year did an American president personally attend the annual March For Life, even though they have marched for 47 years. Our presidents either supported abortion or didn't have the moral courage to stop being a politician. Thank you, Donald Trump.

Sincerely,
Pastor William Landers Gutel
Lansing, Michigan 48910

MVK Seniors Meet

The MVK Seniors met February 18 at the Mazon American Legion Hall, thru Community Nutrition Network (CNN), for a lunch from R-Place Restaurant in Morris.

President Rita Mills called the meeting to order and members gave the Pledge of Allegiance. She thanked CNN, Marge, and their many volunteers who help serve the meal.

Marge Johnson also thanked members for their gift to her and for her special helpers, Shirley Sterba and Robin Homerding, who help make everything run smoothly. There was a silent prayer for their ill and deceased members, military, police, firemen, and prayers for elected officials.

Get-well cards were signed for Linda Poppleton and Nancy Burchfield for her upcoming surgery. Members sang "Happy

Birthday" to Paul McIntosh, who is in Heritage Health Rehab in Dwight.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Robin Homerding read a patriotic poem about the red, white, and blue flag – "Grand Old Flag". Door prizes went to Robin Homerding, Carol Bryant, and Frank Phillips.

Lou Witt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marlene Claypool seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, with euchar starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting.

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

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OBITUARIES

Susan Lynn Alger

CORAL SPRINGS, FL – Susan Lynn Alger, age 65, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2020 at her home in Coral Springs, Florida. She was born the daughter of Claude and Mary DeLong, and grew up in Dwight, Illinois, where she met her high school sweetheart, Don Alger.



brother, Ron (Trudy) DeLong; her sister, Kathie Patterson; her children: Kristin (Michael) June, Stephanie (Michael) Cunningham, Amy (Zachary) Smith, and Ryan Alger; her four grandchildren: Leah, Joshua, and Benjamin June; and Cecilia Cunningham; and many nieces and nephews.

She was a graduate of Dwight Township High School and Illinois State University. She and Don were married on September 9, 1978. Susan went on to become a preschool teacher, administrative assistant, and mother to her four children.

Susan's life was full of happiness, friends, adventure and the adoration of her wonderful family.

A celebration of her life will be held in Coral Springs, Florida on May 31, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society.

Susan is survived by Don, her husband of 41 years; her

John Robert Price

DWIGHT – John Robert Price, 70, of Dwight passed away Saturday, February 22, 2020 at his home in Dwight, IL.



Morgan of Taylorville, IL; stepmother, Maureen Price of Penacook, NH; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

According to John's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

He was preceded in death by his father.

There was a visitation from 1 until 3 p.m., Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

John was raised in Lafayette, IN, attending local Catholic schools. He married and moved to the Dwight area in the 1970s and became involved in the community. He was a member of the Dwight Lions Club, Dwight ESDA, the American Motorcycle Association, the NRA, and the Twin River Riders Motorcycle Club.

A service was held at the funeral home immediately following the visitation with Father Chris Haake officiating.

He worked for more than 25 years with ComEd and most recently worked for Show Bus Public Transportation.

Burial will take place at a later date.

A respected and honorable man, John was always first in line to help his community and people around him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

John was born November 14, 1949 in Gary, Indiana to William John and Betty (Mordenti) Price. His mother survives in Lafayette, IN.

Memorials in honor of John may be made to the Dwight Lions Club or ustoo.org for cancer advocacy.

He is also survived by daughters: Sharon Price of Fort Worth, TX and Jessica Price of Downers Grove, IL; sister, Annette (Steve) Kline of Indianapolis, IN; brother, Richard (Shannon) Price of Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren: Taylor Ervin of Houston, TX; Austin Ervin of Fort Worth, TX; ex-wife, Mary "Fran"

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Jacquelyn 'Jackie' Eskins

Jacqueline Lee "Jackie" Eskins is permanently vacationing on Heaven's beaches on Friday, February 28, 2020.



them their first cuss words.

Jackie was known for her outrageous humor, fancy jewelry, love of all animals, her straight-shooting mouth, and how well she loved her family.

Jackie started waitressing at a young age, continued waitressing at Starks, The Harvest Table, and eventually became a stay-at-home mom. After the kids were grown, she worked at Odell Grade School as the head cook. Her cooking skills are unmatched! She also sold Avon, helped organize the Odell town garage sales, and coached Odell grade school cheerleading for a year.

Jackie will be missed beyond compare. Where there is great love, there is great loss!

Jackie was the sun that everyone orbited around. Thankfully her light will shine on in everyone who loved her.

The love of Jackie's life was her husband, Jim, who she lovingly called 'Fussy.' They were best friends and had a fairytale love story until her final breath. Jackie and Jim spent their weekends together working in the yard, doing home improvement projects, hanging out in the garage, and jamming to old country music songs.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight.

Jackie's other favorite activities were swimming in her pool, working on her tan, shopping, spending time with girlfriends, mowing the grass, collecting sparkly trinkets, watching HGTV and the Real Housewives.

Funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m.

Jackie was not only an incredible mom and role model, she was also a best friend to her daughters: Chelsey Stacy, Billie Kimmell, and Kimberly Eskins. Jackie was the best "Yaya" to her grandkids: Hayden and Paisley Kimmell. She adored the kids, spoiled them rotten, and accidentally taught

She will be laid to rest in St. Paul Cemetery, Odell, following the funeral.

Any and all monetary donations should be made to Livingston County Humane Society, 21179 E 1358 N Road, Pontiac, IL 61764 or the Community Cancer Center, 407 E. Vernon Avenue, Normal, IL 61761.

This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to the family at: hagermemorial.com

Violet Laverne Daniels

BRACEVILLE – Violet Laverne Daniels, age 101, of Braceville, IL passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home in Joliet, IL.



children: Ryan O'Connor, Shane O'Connor, Tyler Winynger, Alexis Winynger, Tallis Kochan, Aloysius Kochan and Savannah Morrall; brother-in-law, Billie (Joanne) Daniels; her dog, Mandy; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and special little friend, Everett.

Born February 14, 1919 in Magnolia, IL to the late Charles and Myrtle Phillips. She married Cecil Preston Daniels on September 12, 1947 at Streator, IL and they made their home and raised their family in Braceville.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Cecil Daniels, who passed away on December 14, 1998, and many siblings.

She served as the longtime treasurer of the Braceville United Methodist Church and was also the past president of the United Methodist Women.

Funeral services were at the R. W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with the visitation two hours preceding the service.

Vi was also involved with the Dwight Women's Golf Association and a former cub scout master. An avid Chicago Cubs fan, she also enjoyed watching golf, baseball and game shows.

Interment followed in the Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville.

Surviving are her sons: Michael (Cathy) Daniels and Ken (Colleen) Daniels; five grandchildren: Erin (Pam O'Connor) Daniels, Jennifer Daniels, Dawn Kochan, Anthony (Tia) Kochan and Lilith Ristenpart; seven great-grand-

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Braceville United Methodist Church.

For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpatte rsonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Minutes with Boma



Pictures

For Christmas, I received a camera. If you considered every possible camera you could purchase, my camera is not the best by any means, but better than your entry level ones.

I've tried dabbling in other things - like trying to play the piano, playing guitar, and like most of those things, there's an incredible amount of small detail that goes into making the final product sound, and in this case, look good.

Initially, I noticed, just from bouncing questions off photographers I know, everyone has a slightly different viewpoint when it comes to photography - what type of camera to use, what lens, what settings to shoot on and if you asked 100 different photographers, I think it's possible you would get 100 different answers.

This, juxtaposed to something like learning guitar, or a piano is very different. For the most part, learning to play a guitar or piano involves the same repetitive learning techniques. Whether it's YouTube, by ear, or learning by having someone teach you, there are only so many possible ways when it comes to learning an instrument.

I've slowly started to pick it up over these last couple weeks primarily shooting live concerts and different shots of city architecture. In Chicago, that's basically limitless.

I'm still just getting started but it's been very enjoyable to actually grasp a new hobby and a new concept compared to when I've tried other things in the past. Those ventures did not go as well.

I'm looking forward to building on what I've learned and I hope everyone can work to find something new that they're passionate about.

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RONALD KROMINGA, SHELLY KROMINGA Defendants

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2019, the Sheriff of Livingston County will at 10:00 AM on April 7, 2020, at the Livingston County Courthouse, West door of the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, PONTIAC, IL, 61764, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$58,687.62.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTEISTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 310872. E-Mail: iplleadings@potestivolaw.com

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Notice - Spring Cleanup Braceville - Gardner Cemetery

All grave decorations must be removed by March 15th or they will be discarded. Also, during the year, all wilted, faded and broken grave decorations will be removed. Also reminding everyone that all benches, borders and rocks must be removed.

Do not replace decorations until cleanup is completed. During the year, please use garbage cans by Maintenance Building. Do not throw weeds and plants on road. You brought it, Clean it up!

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery Association Board of Directors

7295 W. Braceville Rd., P.O. Box 246, Braceville, IL 60407 (815) 237-8696

ATTENTION: Mona Township Voters - Your HELP is Needed -

The Kempton Hill Cemetery is privately owned and has been left with no available funds to maintain it. Currently, a gracious group of VOLUNTEERS are donating their time & personal equipment to keep the Kempton Hill Cemetery from falling into total disrepair and for that, we should all be grateful.

The average basic maintenance of the Mona Township Cemetery is \$1,900 annually. The required basic upkeep of Kempton Hill Cemetery should not exceed that amount. This tax would be based on the assessed value of your property. Example : A home with the assessed value of \$20,000 would be required to pay an additional \$9.84 annually.

Therefore, we are asking you - the voters - to vote FOR a tax referendum on March 17, 2020 to create a tax to allow Mona Township to take ownership of & responsibility for the Kempton Hill Cemetery. Your additional tax dollars will be used to maintain the Kempton Hill Cemetery in addition to the Mona Township Cemetery which is already being cared for by the Township.

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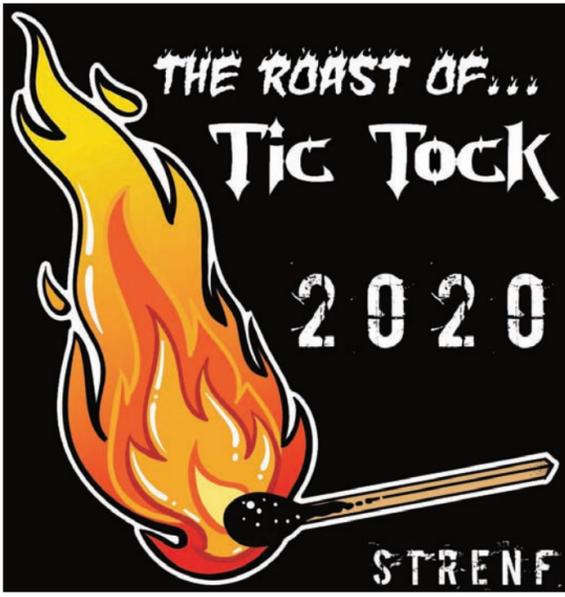
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the township of Odell, in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020, and ending March 31, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment at the Odell Township supervisor's office, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois from and after 8:00 o'clock a.m., Friday, March 13th, 2020.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:15 o'clock p.m., Monday, April 13th, 2020 in this Odell Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken by the board of town trustees at a meeting to be held at the Odell Township meeting room, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois at 7:15 o'clock p.m., Monday, April 13th, 2020.

Susan La Borence, Clerk Robert Legner, Supervisor



Students Can Check Out AR Books at Prairie Creek Library

Since Dwight Common School is a participant in the Accelerated Reader program, Prairie Creek Library is making it more convenient for patrons to find books for AR tests.

Library staff has marked books, from picture books to young adult, with the AR-assigned book level and points. The book level is determined by using a readability formula and represents the difficulty of the text. For example, a book level of 4.5 means the text could likely be read independently by a student whose reading skills are at the level of a typical fourth grader during the fifth month of school.

Every AR book has a quiz and is assigned a point value.

AR points are computed based on the difficulty and length of the book. For example, "I Survived: The Battle of D-Day, 1944" by Lauren Tarshis is a 4.7 and worth 2.0 points. In Prairie Creek Library books, this will be marked typically on the inside cover near the pocket or barcode as AR: 4.7. Pts: 2.0.

Students might want to try Prairie Creek Library to check out more popular titles. Students also have the option of putting titles on hold or requesting a copy from another library within the sharing system. If anyone needs help in getting a library card, they can stop by the main circulation desk during the library's normal business hours for assistance.

Sophie Reaches Her 1,000 Book Goal



Sophie has been participating in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program at Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight, and recently reached her 1,000 book goal – receiving her prizes of a book, a stuffed animal, and a gift card with which she may purchase more books.

All toddlers in Prairie Creek Library District may participate in the 1,000 Book program.

Sophie also attends Toddler Time at the library, which meets every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:00 a.m. The children hear stories and enjoy activities and crafts. Sometimes special visitors come to celebrate holidays or events. On Wednesday, February 26, Cat in the Hat visited Toddler Time to honor Dr. Seuss's upcoming birthday.

Recently the library has added a new book reading program for the older children. Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade may participate in the 500 Book Challenge.

For information on either of these programs or any other special activities held at the library, check out the library Facebook or contact the library staff at 815-584-3061 for more information.

Prairie Creek Library Receives Sizable Memorial Donation

Prairie Creek Library, Dwight, recently was the recipient of a generous donation from the George Roth Estate Trust in the amount of \$25,982.94.

This gift was given in memory of Walter and Alma Krudup, Dwight residents who passed away in 1983 and 1984,

respectively. Mrs. Krudup was an elementary school teacher. Mr. Roth formerly resided in Dwight as well.

No restrictions have been placed on the funds, so the library board will use the funds where the money is most needed.

SWGS Fun Night Out Fund-raiser March 7

South Wilmington Grade School Parents' Club is hosting a *Fun Night Out* fund-raiser Saturday, March 7, at Rury's in South Wilmington.

The night will start with a euchre tournament, with registration from 4:00-5:00 p.m. A registration fee applies.

There will be live music, featuring BOGO Free, from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Cover fee applies.

In addition to cards and music, the night will also include an auction and raffle baskets.

From the Desk of the Dwight Economic Alliance

We Can All Help Local Businesses Be Successful



Rodney Connor
DEA President

During casual conversations, a lot of people tell me that they would like to help the Dwight Economic Alliance, but they don't feel they have a lot to offer. I'm certain that's not true. Everyone in town has some experience, skills, or network that would move the needle in Dwight if it was focused on our mission. Dwight needs resources in almost everything, and every hour we can get a volunteer to share some expertise raises the bar for the whole town. Still, it had me thinking. What are some things that anyone can do to help our village's businesses be successful?

1. Be quick with public praise. Did you have a great experience at a business in town? Were you surprised with something they had to offer? Was your food especially good? Did you find something cheaper or higher quality in town than you would have at a big box store? Take the time to share it. Facebook is an easy way to tell your friends that you had a great experience, but why not post it right to the businesses Facebook page so it's seen by a broader audience? Take the time to like their page and add a recommendation. It takes only a second and shows up every time a tourist on Route 66 searches on their phone for a place to stop as they pass thru. If you have a few extra minutes, search the business on Google and take the time to write a review. These reviews are the first thing to show up for most businesses during an internet search and a bunch of positive reviews make a big difference when a visitor is deciding where to stop. Tell them what you liked and why. Five stars matter here, so if you are feeling compelled to leave a four-

star review, just keep it to yourself. A community should give a business the benefit of the doubt.

2. Be slow with public criticism. The urge to go straight to social media to vent your bad experience can be overwhelming, but it doesn't help anything. Even though it may feel good now, it will ultimately result in avoiding someone at the grocery store or a high school basketball game. If you had a bad experience, take the time to think about the issue. Was it core to their business? Probably not. Small businesses may struggle with issues they didn't foresee when they started the business. That doesn't mean you should have to put up with it forever. Find an opportunity to quietly share your concern with the owner. Nobody likes negative feedback, but they would like it a whole lot more than a negative review to the world.

3. Shop local first. Some items may not be available in town, but take the time to check your local businesses before heading out of town. It may save you a trip. In some nonurgent cases, certain items may be special ordered for you.

Local businesses are the lifeblood of our community. Their tax base funds our schools and our services, while they open their wallets to sponsor our youth sports. They are convenient, and they are our neighbors. Do what you can to help them succeed. It matters.

Cullom World Day of Prayer March 6

On Friday, March 6, the World Day of Prayer will be held across the globe, and Cullom's World Day of Prayer celebration will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Cullom United Methodist Church.

All are welcome with fellowship and a light breakfast afterwards.

This year's program is written by the women from Zimbabwe.

Braidwood K of C March 22 Corned Beef, Cabbage Lunch

The Braidwood Council Knights of Columbus Council #1574 are hosting a Corn Beef and Cabbage lunch Sunday, March 22, from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Berst Center, 245 S. Kankakee St. in Coal City.

The menu consists of corn

beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, coffee, tea, green lemonade, and water. Carry-outs will be available and free will donations will be accepted. Proceeds help the Assumption Religious Education classes.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, the 17th of March, 2020, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the City of Fairbury, County of Livingston and State of Illinois.

PROPOSITION

CITY OF FAIRBURY PROPOSITION TO ALLOW THE SALE AND MANUFACTURING OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS

Shall the City of Fairbury, in light of state legislation legalizing the possession, consumption and sale of cannabis, allow the sale and manufacturing of recreational adult use cannabis within its jurisdiction?

- YES
 NO

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this _____ day of February, 2020.

Kristy A. Masching

Kristy A. Masching, County Clerk
The County of Livingston and State of Illinois.

LEGAL NOTICE

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PROPOSITION

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE A NEW TAX RATE

SHALL LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY A NEW TAX FOR SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROGRAM, AND HAVE AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF 0.025% OF THE EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY THEREIN EXTENDED FOR SUCH PURPOSES?

The following supplemental information is included in accordance with 35 ILCS 200-18-190:

- (1)The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$7,301,703.56 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$7,485,929.98.
(2)For the 2020 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$15.62.

- YES
 NO

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE INCREASING THE LIMITING RATE

SHALL THE LIMITING RATE UNDER THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BE INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO 0.025% ABOVE THE LIMITING RATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROGRAM FOR THE LEVY YEAR 2018 AND BE EQUAL TO 1.01586% OF THE EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY THEREIN FOR LEVY YEAR 2020?

- (1)The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$7,301,703.56 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$7,485,929.98.
(2)For the 2020 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$15.62.
(3)If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2020 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

- YES
 NO

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this _____ day of February, 2020.

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SPORTS



GARDNER'S MICHAEL ASHLEY DRIVES AROUND A YORKVILLE CHRISTIAN defender in a regional championship game where they fell short. Ashley finished with six points in the contest. Below, Nate Wise scans the floor for an open teammate.

Panthers Put Up Regional Wins Over DePue, St. Bede; Fall in Championship to Yorkville Christian

Tuesday, February 25
GSW vs. DePue
Varsity -
Regional

In round one action of the Putnam County regional, Gardner-South Wilmington advanced following a 69-36 beating of DePue.

"We played well tonight and took care of what we had to do," stated head coach Allan Wills. "Ten guys scored and everyone got a lot of minutes."

Chris Bexson was the Panthers' high scorer with 18 points – adding that to five boards and two assists. Connor Steichen (4 assists, 3 rebounds) and Nate Wise (2 rebounds, 2 assists) came up with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Wednesday, February 26
GSW vs. St. Bede
Varsity -
Regional

The Panthers were back in

Putnam County February 26, taking on St. Bede, and earned themselves a shot at the regional championship with a 57-45 victory – their 20th of the season.

"We had a nice lead at half," Coach Wills said afterwards, "then both offenses were cold in the third (St. Bede - 3 points/GSW - 2 points). We got some big buckets from guys in the fourth and hit some free throws."

Connor Steichen led GSW with 21 points, four rebounds, and three steals. Chris Bexson followed with 13 points, eight boards, and three assists, while Dylan Hill had eight points and six rebounds.

Friday, February 28
GSW vs. Yorkville Christian
Varsity -
Regional

It was the regional championship of the Putnam County

bracket February 28, and the Gardner-South Wilmington Panthers had their season come to a close – dropping a 68-47 decision to Yorkville Christian.

"This was a great game for the first three quarters," Coach Wills said. "We had a 34-32 lead with four minutes left in the third. They finished the third with a 10-1 run. Then, with 14 made free throws in the fourth – it got out of reach."

Nate Wise (7 rebounds) and Connor Steichen (6 rebounds) led the way for GSW with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Chris Bexson added eight points, five rebounds, and four assists, with Michael Ashley scoring six points. Brandon States and Chris Ruiz chipped in with four and two points, respectively.

The Panthers end the season with an overall record of 20-13, and an 8-4 RVC record (2nd place).

Trojans Whoop Woodland in Regional, Ousted in Semifinals by Newark

Tuesday, February 25
Dwight vs. Streator Woodland
Varsity -
Regional

In regional action in Somonauk February 25, the Dwight Trojans continued to look strong, putting down Streator Woodland 63-48.

Dwight held the Warriors to just two points in the first quarter, however, Woodland would come back with a vengeance in the second quarter – cutting the deficit to 25-23 at the half.

The Trojans would come out in the second half on fire, outscoring their opponent 20-6 in the third quarter.

The two teams would trade buckets throughout the fourth, but the Warriors didn't have enough, and Dwight advanced to the regional semis.

Brandon Ceylor scored a game-high 22 points, including two threes and 2-2 FT shooting. Wyatt Thompson had 12 points, going 6-7 from the line, while Bryson Connor chipped in with nine. Isaac Telford put up eight points, knocking down two three-pointers, with Lane Thompson and Abe Rieke adding five and four points, respectively. Trent Tilley drilled a second quarter three for the Trojans.

Wednesday, February 26
Dwight vs. Newark
Varsity -
Regional

Dwight was back in Somonauk February 26 for a regional semifinal match-up with Newark, and had its hot streak – and season – ended, as the Trojans fell by a score of 61-37.

It got rough early on, as the Norsemen dropped six first quarter threes on the Trojans, taking a 24-8 advantage into the second frame.

Dwight would tighten things up in the second quarter, with Isaac Telford hitting a couple of threes to keep it interesting. However, the Trojans would trail 39-20 at haltime.

To begin the second half, Dwight's defense stepped up and held Newark to just ten points – cutting the lead to 49-31 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Norsemen would prove to be too much for the Trojans late, outscoring Dwight 12-6 in the fourth and earning themselves



THE TROJANS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ended their season in Somonauk last week against Newark. Above, Isaac Telford and Lane Thompson defend their basket simultaneously. Below, Jarrett Jancek makes the effort for a save.



a shot at the regional title.

Dwight was led in scoring by Brandon Ceylor with 13 points, shooting a perfect 3-3 from the charity stripe. Telford followed with ten points, including the two threes, while Bryson Connor and

Lane Thompson each put in six points for the Trojans. Wyatt Thompson rounded out the scoring with two points.

Dwight ends the year with a record of 15-15 overall.



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MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, February 25
MVK vs. Ransom
6th Grade -

The sixth grade Lady Mavs won against Ransom, 15-3, 16-14, on February 25.

Hannah Paputsa led with ten points, followed by three from both Madison DeGrush and Lena Homberg. Tess Krull had a point and a block.

7th Grade -

In the seventh grade meeting, MVK was victorious, 23-25, 25-12, 25-11.

Audry McNabb had 13 points and a kill to lead the team. Kiley Francisco followed with nine points, a kill, and a block. Maison Yard had eight points, one kill, with Madison Kozbiel and Tessa Krull each scoring four points. Lexi Buis (2 kills), Lily Quinteros, Hannah Prohaska, and Shelby Welsh each scored three points.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade Lady Mavericks defeated Ransom 25-17, 25-10.

Sam VandeVelde (2 kills) and Faith Baker (4 kills) led with eight points each, fol-

lowed by Audry McNabb's seven points. Katie Arnold contributed six points, with Skylar Schultz-Conley coming up with three points.

Thursday, February 27
MVK vs. Reed-Custer
7th Grade -

In a match-up with Reed-Custer February 27, MVK won 25-12, 25-12.

Madison Kozbiel was high scorer with seven points. Maison Yard had six points, one kill, with Audry McNabb and Breanne Elias each supplying five points. Lexie Buis put up four points, while Natalie Misener scored three points. Madison DeGrush added two points and a kill, with Kiley Francisco adding three kills. Tessa Krull contributed a kill.

8th Grade -

The eighth graders were taken down by R-C, 16-25, 11-25.

Sam VandeVelde had eight points to lead the team. Stacie Farcus added three points, with Payton Enerson providing a kill.



DCS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, February 24
Dwight vs. Bishop Mac
6th Grade -

The sixth grade Lady Redbirds took on Bishop Mac February 24, winning in three sets - 13-25, 25-18, 25-14.

Taylor Heath was high scorer with 22 points, including ten aces. Makayla Wahl-Seabert added seven points, with two aces and a kill, while Maddi Ely put up six points (2 aces). Kamryn Folkers (2 aces) and Taylor Frobish each scored four points, with Melanie Colon and Sarah Parker having one point each.

"B" -

In the "B" game, Dwight lost 25-23, 27-25, 8-15.

Mikayla Chambers led with 14 points, including nine aces and a kill. Ella Payne provided four points (1 ace), with Avery Connor and Claire Sandeno (1 ace) coming up with three points each. Addy Sulzburger contributed two points, while Kit Connor added a point.

8th Grade - In the eighth grade match-up, Dwight lost to Bishop Mac 12-25, 19-25.

Megan Livingston (8 kills, 2 assists) and Lily McKelvey each led with three aces. Kassy Kodat added two aces, seven digs, four kills, and two assists, with Kaedyn Gonzalez contributing an ace and two digs. Milana Bradley had two kills, an assist, and a block, while Claire Robison came up with two digs and one assist. Avery Scheuer added a kill and a dig.

Thursday, February 27
Dwight vs. Odell 8th Grade -

Dwight's eighth grade girls won in three over Odell February 27, 25-17, 22-25, 25-13.

Leading the Lady Redbirds

was Kassy Kodat, tallying 12 aces, nine assists, seven digs, and two kills. Megan Livingston (15 digs, 4 kills, 1 assist), Lily McKelvey (2 kills), and Avery Scheuer (2 digs, 1 kill) each added four aces, with Kaedyn Gonzalez contributing three aces and a dig. Claire Robison put up two aces, five digs, and a kill, while Kaitlynn Streit had an ace and a dig. Milana Bradley came up with three kills, with Katy Parker adding one. Lisbet Soto had two digs, with one dig from Olivia Folkers.

Saturday, February 29
Dwight vs. GSWB
7th Grade - Regional

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds' season came to an end February 29 in regional action against GSWB. The girls played a hard fought game and battled until the end, but would fall 25-18, 20-25, 23-25.

Maci Johnson led with nine aces and a kill, while Leah Larson (8 kills) and Sophi Richie each had four aces. Adding three aces each were Samantha Harsh (10 kills) and Brynn Connor (2 kills). Kiah Handzus contributed two aces and three kills.



DTHS LADY TROJAN NORA ANDERSON advanced to the IHSA Country Companies State 3-Point Shootout February 27 at Illinois State University. Even though Nora did not advance to the finals, connecting on three shots in total, her coach, Jeff Froelich, said she had a great experience being able to compete against 32 other Class 1A players from around the state.
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'17 F150 Crew Lariat, 18K, 4WD, NAV, Sport Pkg.....	\$38,900
'17 Colorado S/C WT, 54K, 2WD.....	\$13,900
'16 F150 Crew XL, 92K, 4WD.....	\$18,900
'16 F150 Crew XLT, 63K, 4WD, NAV, Spec Ed.....	\$27,900
'16 F150 Crew XLT, 45K, 4WD.....	\$27,900
'16 C2500HD Crew, 45K, 4WD, 7" Lift.....	\$29,900
'16 F250 S/C Lariat, 21K, 4WD, Diesel, 8' bed.....	\$43,900
'16 F150 Crew Lariat, 75K, 4WD, NAV.....	\$26,900
'16 F350 Box Truck, 42K.....	\$23,900
'16 F250 Crew XLT, 32K, 4WD, Diesel.....	\$38,900
'16 Nissan Frontier King Cab, 28K, 2WD.....	\$13,900
'15 F150 Crew XLT, 28K, 2WD.....	\$24,900
'15 F150 Crew XLT, 44K, 4WD.....	\$25,900
'14 C1500 Crew LT, 105K, 4WD.....	\$19,900
'07 F250 Crew Lariat, 161K, 4WD, Diesel.....	\$9,900
'03 F150 S/C XLT, 220K, 4WD.....	\$3,900
'98 F150 S/C 131K, 4WD.....	\$1,900
CARS	
'19 Mustang Conv 27K, EcoPremium.....	\$23,900
'19 Mustang Conv 10K, EcoPremium.....	\$24,900
'19 Fusion SEL, Hybrid, 12K, FWD.....	\$19,900
'19 Fusion SEL Hybrid, 14K, FWD.....	\$19,900
'16 Fusion SE, 70K.....	\$11,900
'16 Fusion SE, 70K.....	\$11,900
'15 Taurus SEL, 70K, Leather, NAV.....	\$13,900
'15 Focus SE, 76K.....	\$9,900
VANS and SUVs	
'19 Transit Connect Titanium, 10K, NAV.....	\$24,900
'19 EcoSport Titanium, 15K, 4WD.....	\$18,900
'18 Transit 250 Cargo, 10K, Pwr Group, Cruise.....	\$24,900
'18 Transit 350 XLT, 24K, 15 Passenger.....	\$28,900
'18 Explorer XLT, 22K, 4WD, NAV.....	\$28,900
'18 Escape SE, 12K, 4WD.....	\$19,900
'18 Escape SE, 13K, FWD.....	\$18,900
'17 Escape SE, 31K, 4WD, Sunroof.....	\$17,900
'17 Escape SE, 13K, FWD.....	\$16,900
'17 Escape SE, 30K, 4WD.....	\$17,900
'17 Edge SEL, 15K, AWD.....	\$25,900
'17 Grand Caravan SE, 95K.....	\$11,900
'17 Escape Titanium, 18K, FWD, NAV.....	\$19,900
'17 Pacifica Touring L, 45K.....	\$19,900
'17 Explorer XLT, 32K, 4WD, NAV, New Tires.....	\$28,900
'16 Escape SE, 31K, 4WD.....	\$16,900
'15 Cherokee LTD, 66K, 4WD, Leather, NAV, Snrf.....	\$16,900
'14 Escape SE, 133K, FWD.....	\$9,900
'14 Escape SE, 40K, 4WD.....	\$13,900
'13 Flex LTD, 126K, AWD, NAV.....	\$10,900
'12 Edge SEL, 133K, AWD.....	\$9,900
'11 Edge SEL, 110K, FWD.....	\$8,900
'07 Explorer EB, 179K, 4WD.....	\$5,900
'06 Tucson, 200K, FWD.....	\$3,900
'01 Excursion LTD, 251K, 4WD, Diesel.....	\$7,900

Dwight Lady Trojans Hold Awards Night

The Dwight Lady Trojans basketball team held their Awards Night recently.

The 2019-20 squad, which went 12-14 overall and 4-2 in the conference, highlighted big moments during their season, including a second place finish in the Iroquois West X-Mas Tournament, in addition to third place in the Sangamon Valley Conference and in the SVC Tournament.

Off the court, the girls combined to boast an impressive 3.76 team GPA, for which they will receive the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award.

Eight of the 13 student athletes had perfect 4.0 GPAs for the first semester.

Individual awards went to Kayla Kodat, Most Valuable Player, and Nora Anderson, Most Improved Player.

Kodat was the team's leading scorer and rebounder, recording nine double-doubles this season. She qualified for the sectional 3-Point contest, she shattered the DTHS girls basketball record for three-pointers for the season (59), moved to #2 in season scoring with 456 points, #2 in season scoring average (17.5 ppg), and



Nora Anderson and Kayla Kodat

to #5 in steals for a season and career.

She was also named to the Iroquois West All-Tournament Team, and will receive many other awards through the spring.

After being out last season, Nora Anderson returned this season with a little chip on her shoulder, according to her coach, Jeff Froelich.

"I think she wanted to prove something to us - and she did - she got to the point where we couldn't take her off the floor," Froelich stated.

Anderson was the team's second leading scorer and second leading rebounder, and had a game-high 18 points and 13 rebounds during the 2019-20 campaign.

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EARLY VOTING, VOTE BY MAIL, and GRACE REGISTRATION DATES
General Primary Election - March 17, 2020

Early Voting, Vote by Mail, and Grace Registration and Voting will be conducted on the following dates prior to the March 17, General Primary Election.

Regular Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.
*See the Livingston County Website for additional registration and voting deadlines information.

Dates	Location	Hours
MONDAY-FRIDAY February 6 - March 16	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W Madison St - Pontiac	8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
SATURDAY February 15, 22, 29 March 7, 14	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W Madison St - Pontiac	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
WEDNESDAY March 11 (Extended Hours Voting)	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W Madison St - Pontiac	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
TUESDAY March 17 (Grace Registration & Voting Only)	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W Madison St - Pontiac	6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

What is Early Voting? Early Voting starts February 6 and ends March 16, 2020. This process allows any registered voter in Livingston County to use the above location to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Early voters must be registered Livingston County voters. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply.

Vote by Mail Voting: Starts Thursday, February 6 and continues through Thursday, March 17, 2020. A person may request a Vote by Mail ballot by USPS no later than March 28 without specifying a reason. In order to be counted the ballot must be postmarked by midnight or returned in person by 7 PM to the County Clerk's Office on March 17.

Grace Registration and Voting begins February 19 and continues through March 17. This is for new registrants and those who have transferred or moved and did not update their voter registration before March 1. Voting takes place at the same time registration is made in the County Clerk's Office.

Additional election information, as well as Applications for Ballots and Sample Ballots may be obtained from the Livingston County website at: www.livingstoncountyil.gov (Click on "County Services", "County Clerk", and "Elections").

If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact
County Clerk Kristy Masching (815-842-9313)
or Election Deputy Gail Smythe (815-842-9318)

Herscher HS Earns Over \$700 Through Riverside Healthcare's Scores for Schools Program



HERSCHER HIGH SCHOOL received a check for \$760 from Riverside Healthcare – through its Scores for Schools program. Pictured, from left, are Matthew McBurnie, VP of Institutional Advancement – Riverside Healthcare, Todd Schwarzkopf, Jordan Pierce, Delanie Fay, Joel Huizenga, Dan Wetzel, Cody Zugenbuegler, Colin Tedford, and Dr. Andrew Toftoy and Dr. Jessica Shin – Riverside Healthcare.

Riverside Healthcare's annual Scores for Schools program gave more than \$12,000 to area high schools.

Each year, a check presentation is held at the Riverside Medical Center to celebrate the athletic achievements of the area high schools. Participating schools are invited to take coaches and one to two athletes from each sport to enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and personally accept their check.

Matthew McBurnie, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Orthopedic Surgeons, Dr. Jessica Shin, and Dr. Andrew Toftoy personally

presented the checks to each school.

Schools have the opportunity to earn \$25 for every home varsity football touchdown, \$20 for every home volleyball game won, and for those schools without a football program, \$10 for every home varsity boys soccer goal.

Herscher High School accepted \$760 from the Scores for Schools program.

For more information on Riverside's Scores for Schools program, high resolution photos, and participant names, visit www.riversidehealthcare.org/news-and-media/ or con-

tact Katie Salwei at ksalwei@rhc.net.



DTHS Drama Department Presents Annie March 6-8

PERFORMANCES WILL BE FRIDAY, March 6, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the DTHS auditorium. The cast and crew of 53 members is under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Stewart, with music direction by Mr. Justin Gund.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the road purposes of the Odell Township, in the county of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment at the Odell Township Supervisor's office, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois from and after 8:00 o'clock A.M. Friday, March 13, 2020

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:15 o'clock P.M., Monday, April 13, 2020 at the Odell Township meeting room, 208 E. Elk Street in this Odell Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at 7:15 P.M. at the Odell Township meeting room, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois at 7:15 o'clock P.M., Monday, April 13, 2020.

SUSAN LA BORENCE, CLERK
ROBERT LEGNER, SUPERVISOR

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. DONNA STEHLE, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED, CONNIE FRIEDMAN, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED, DONNA STEHLE, STEVEN STEHLE, CONNIE FRIEDMAN, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED AND UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED, Defendants.

CASE NO. 19-CH-65
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
321 N. WILLIAMS ST.
FORREST, IL 61741

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Steven Stehle, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 321 N Williams St, Forrest, IL 61741, more particularly described as:

- The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
- The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
- The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs of Jeffrey L. Stehle, deceased.
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot 7 in Block 9 of I.J. Krack's Second Addition to the Village of Forrest, Livingston County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 26-26-03-306-001
- A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 321 N Williams St, Forrest, IL 61741
- An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Names of the Mortgagors: Jeffrey L. Stehle
Names of the Mortgagee: National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank
Date of the Mortgage: March 25, 2009
Date of the recording: March 26, 2009
County where recorded: Livingston County
Recording document identification: Document No. 00593106

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Livingston County Courthouse, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764-0320 on or before March 13, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

CLERK OF THE COURT

THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Meredith Pitts (36280878)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 740
Decatur, IL 62525

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'19 Chevy Equinox Premier, AWD, 2.0 Turbo Power Lift Gate.....	\$25,990
'17 GMC Acadia SLE, heated Cloth, V-6, 29,500 miles.....	\$22,990
'17 GMC Acadia Limited, AWD, Power Lift Gate.....	\$23,990
'17 GMC Sierra SLE, 2WD, Crew Cab, 20,000 miles.....	\$31,500
'17 GMC Acadia Limited, NAV, Power Lift Gate.....	\$24,990
* '17 GMC Terrain SLT, AWD, Sunroof, NAV, Power Life Gate.....	\$21,990
'17 GMC Sierra SLT, Crew Cab, 4x4, Heated Leather.....	\$34,500
'17 GMC Chevy Trax LT, Remote Start, Rear Camera.....	\$18,995
'17 Chevy Suburban Premier, 4x4, Only 22,000 Miles.....	\$50,995
'17 GMC Sierra SLT, Chrome Wheels, 4x4, Crew Cab, Loaded.....	\$38,000
'17 GMC Acadia Denali, Heated & Cooled Leather Seats.....	\$29,990
'17 GMC Denali, Sunroof, NAV, Leather Seats.....	\$27,990
'17 Chevy Cruze, Great Economy, Nice Car.....	\$12,990
'17 Buick Envision, AWD, Sunroof, Heated Leather.....	\$29,990
'16 Chevy Equinox LT, heated Cloth, AWD, Power Lift Gate.....	\$18,990
'16 Chevy Malibu, Sunroof, Heated Cloth, Remote Start.....	\$15,000
'16 GMC Yukon Denali, 4x4, Sunroof, DVD Player, Power Running Boards.....	\$43,765
* '16 Chevy Cruze LT, Only 13,000 Miles.....	\$14,500
'16 Buick Regal, Sunroof, Chrome Wheels, Sharp.....	\$17,500
'16 GMC Sierra 2500, HD, SLT, 4x4, Crew Cab, Duramax.....	\$43,990
'15 Chevy Silverado LT, Crew Cab, 4x4, Z71, 41,500 Miles.....	\$29,990
* '15 Chevy Tahoe, 4x4, Sunroof, NAV, Tow Pkg.....	\$32,750
'15 GMC Terrain SLT, Only 28,500 Miles, Sunroof, Loaded.....	\$18,990
'15 Chevy Silverado LT, Crew Cab, 4x4, Only 42,500 Miles.....	\$29,990

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'19 GMC Yukon Denali, 4x4, Power Boards, NAV, Only 9,000 Miles.....	\$59,990
'19 GMC Terrain SLT, Power Liftgate, 13,000 Miles.....	\$25,700
'19 GMC Acadia SLE, Heated Cloth, AWD, Power Lift Gate.....	\$26,990
'18 Hyundai Tucson, Only 10,000 Miles, Special Buy.....	\$18,200
'18 Jeep Compass Trail Hawk, 4x4, Heated Leather.....	\$24,990
'18 Subaru Outback, AWD, Heated Leather.....	\$21,990
* '17 Chrysler Pacifica, Rear DVD, NAV, V-6.....	\$26,360
'17 Cadillac XT5, Premium Luxury, 1 Owner, Local Trade, Nice.....	\$26,000
'17 GMC Terrain SLT, AWD, Sunroof, Htd, Leather, Chrome Wheels.....	\$18,990
'17 Jeep Wrangler, 11,000 Miles, 4x4, V-6.....	\$29,990
'16 GMC Sierra SLT, Crew Cab, 4x4, Tow Pkg.....	\$28,990
* '16 Jeep Renegade Latitude, Remote Start.....	\$14,800
'16 Dodge Dart, Alloy Wheels.....	\$10,990
'16 GMC Sierra SLT, Crew Cab, 4x4, Z-71, Remote Start.....	\$27,990
'16 Buick Envision Premium 1, AWD, 2.0 Turbo Power. Lift Gate.....	\$17,990
* '15 GMC Sierra SLT, Z71, 4x4, Heated Leather Buckets, One Owner.....	\$21,500
'15 GMC Acadia AWD, SLT, V-6, Remote Start, Tow Pkg.....	\$14,990
'15 Chevy Cruze, Remote Start, Great Economy.....	\$9,995
'15 Chevy Equinox, Heated Cloth, Remote Start.....	\$14,700
* '14 Buick Encore, 52,000 Miles, Remote start.....	SOLD
'14 GMC Sierra SLE, Crew Cab, Heated Cloth Seat, Remote Start.....	\$21,500
* '14 Chevy Equinox, LTZ, Sunroof, Chrome Wheels.....	\$12,000
'14 GMC Sierra SLT, Crew Cab, 4x4, Local, 1 Owner Trade.....	\$23,990
'14 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 4x4, 5.7 Memi, Loaded.....	\$18,500
'14 GMC Acadia SLT, Power Lift Gate, Remote Start.....	\$17,990
'14 Dodge Ram, 5.7 HEMI, 4x4 Chrome Wheels, Crew Cab.....	\$20,990
'14 Cadillac XTS, Platinum, Loaded, Only 27,999 Miles.....	\$23,990
'14 Chevy Impala, Sunroof, Heated Leather, V-6.....	\$13,300
'14 GMC Sierra SLE, Crew Cab, Z-71, 4x4, Remote Start.....	\$23,990
* '14 Chevy Equinox, AWD, Nice Car.....	SOLD
'14 GMC Sierra SLE, Crew Cab, 4x4, Lots of Extras.....	\$24,500
'14 Ford Edge Limited, V-6, Heated Leather.....	\$14,990
'14 Chevy Silverado, Crew Cab, 4x4, Heated & Cooled Leather, 45,500 Miles.....	\$30,990
* '13 Hyundai Santa Fe, Sunroof, 1 Owner, 52,000 Miles.....	\$12,250
'13 Chevy Silverado, LT, Ext., 4x4.....	\$17,900
'13 Ford F-150 XLT, 6.6 Box, 4x4, 3.5 V-6.....	\$17,990
'13 Kia Optima EX, Sunroof, Heated Steering Wheels, Loaded.....	\$7,990
'13 Cadillac SRX, Sunroof, 1 Owner, Nice.....	\$14,990
'13 Cadillac ATS, Sharp.....	\$10,990
'12 GMC Sierra, Crew Cab, 4x4, Local Trade.....	\$12,700
'12 Ford Mustang Convertible, V-6, 62,000 Miles.....	\$11,990
'12 GMC Canyon, Crew Cab, V-8, Z-71, Off Road.....	\$13,990
'11 Dodge Durango, Sunroof, Heated Leather Seats.....	\$13,990
'11 Chevy Impala LT, V-6, Good Miles.....	\$6,990
'11 Cadillac SRX Performance Pkg., NAV, Sunroof Chrome Wheels.....	\$10,990
'10 Chevy Silverado, 2500 HD, Crew Cab, 4x4, Diesel.....	\$28,990
'10 Dodge Journey, V-6, Great Car Low Miles.....	\$5,990
'10 GMC Sierra SLT, 2WD, Remote Start, 63,000 Miles.....	\$19,500

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Gas Prices For This Week

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City/Village	March 4	Feb.26
Dwight	\$2.46	\$2.45
Kankakee	\$2.63	\$2.65
S. Wilmington	\$2.43	\$2.43
Streator	\$2.28	\$2.44
Odell	\$2.49	\$2.49
Pontiac	\$2.42	\$2.40
Gardner	\$2.41	\$2.42
Braceville	\$2.49	\$2.49
Morris	\$2.46	\$2.59
Herscher	\$2.45	\$2.49
Chicago	\$3.19	\$3.11
Illinois	\$2.60	\$2.63
U.S.	\$2.44	\$2.47

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

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The intention of the program was to provide in-home care to those Livingston County residents age 60 and older who are able to remain safely in their home with help provided on an intermittent basis.

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chronic illnesses. All nursing care provided was under a physician's orders and individualized. Qualifications for the program included completion of a free, in-home assessment and demonstration of functional/determination of need.

Survey, in Illinois a semi-private room in a nursing home costs an average of \$5,916 per month, or \$197 a day. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services estimates that someone age 65 has nearly a 70% chance of needing some type of long-term care services and supports.

According to Genworth's Cost of Care

NOTICE
COLOR OF PRIMARY BALLOTS
ANNOUNCEMENT IS HEREBY MADE THAT THE COLORS OF THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOTS TO BE USED BY THE RESPECTIVE POLITICAL PARTIES AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on MARCH 17, 2020 in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois

DEMOCRATIC SPECIMEN BALLOT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
MARCH 17, 2020
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020.

FEDERAL
FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
(Vote for one)
AMY J. KLOBUCHAR
DEVAL PATRICK
BERNIE SANDERS
JOSEPH R. BIDEN
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
ELIZABETH WARREN
PETE BUTTIGIEG
TOM STEYER
ANDREW YANG
MICHAEL BENNET
JOHN K. DELANEY
TULSI GABBARD
CORY BOOKER

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
(Vote for one)
RICHARD J. DURBIN

CONGRESSIONAL
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
(Vote for one)
DANI BRZOZOWSKI

FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION
SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
(PLEASE NOTE: Next to the name of each candidate for delegate appears in parentheses the candidate's preference for President of the United States or the word "uncommitted".)
(Vote for not more than four)
STEVE STADELMAN (BIDEN)
WENDY LaFAUCE (BIDEN)
ASHWIN PURI (BIDEN)
AMY SIPOVIC BOYLES (BIDEN)
ELSA VON HUBEN (YANG)
EDWARD CAPUTO (YANG)
QUINTON ROSSER (YANG)
JASON ROCKFORD (YANG)
TIMOTHY BRADLEY (BUTTIGIEG)
JOHN REIS (BUTTIGIEG)
MICHAEL SOTO (BUTTIGIEG)
JOAN GARNIER (SANDERS)
JUSTINE TROUT (SANDERS)
ART BARDSLEY (SANDERS)
JJ WETT (SANDERS)
ELIZABETH LINDQUIST (WARREN)
JOHN GEDNEY (WARREN)
ELAINE PANNELL (WARREN)
COURTNEY "COURT" SCHUETT (WARREN)
JAMES K. RILEY (KLOBUCHAR)
ANGIE BODINE (KLOBUCHAR)
CAROLYN MOORE (KLOBUCHAR)
CHARLES GENTERT (KLOBUCHAR)

REPRESENTATIVE
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SEVENTY-SIXTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)
LANCE YEDNOCK

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)
CHEMBERLY CUMMINGS

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

COUNTY
FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

FOR CORONER
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
(MASON, TAZEVELL AND WOODFORD COUNTIES)
(For an unexpired 2-year term)
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

COUNTY BOARD
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT ONE
(Vote for not more than four)
DANIEL R HOBART

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT TWO
(Vote for not more than four)
No Candidate

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT THREE
(For a full term)
(Vote for not more than four)
No Candidate

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT THREE
(For an unexpired 2-year term)
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

JUDICIAL

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Robert L. Freitag)
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

PRECINCT
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
AMITY
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
AVOCA
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
BELLE PRAIRIE
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
BROUGHTON
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
CHARLOTTE
(Vote for one)
No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
CHATSWORTH 1
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GERALD GORDON

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
DWIGHT 1
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DWIGHT 2
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CHRISTINE M. LATHAM

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FAYETTE
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DANIEL R HOBART

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FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
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PROPOSITION

LIVINGSTON COUNTY
PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE A NEW TAX RATE

SHALL LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY A NEW TAX FOR SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROGRAM, AND HAVE AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF 0.025% OF THE EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY THEREIN EXTENDED FOR SUCH PURPOSES?

The following supplemental information is included in accordance with 35 ILCS 200-18-190:
(1)The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$7,301,703.56 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$7,485,929.98.

(2)For the 2020 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$15.62.

YES
NO

LIVINGSTON COUNTY
PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE
INCREASING THE LIMITING RATE

SHALL THE LIMITING RATE UNDER THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BE INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO 0.025% ABOVE THE LIMITING RATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROGRAM FOR THE LEVY YEAR 2018 AND BE EQUAL TO 1.01586% OF THE EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY THEREIN FOR LEVY YEAR 2020?

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(2)For the 2020 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$15.62.

(3)If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2020 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

YES
NO

CITY OF FAIRBURY
PROPOSITION TO ALLOW THE SALE AND
MANUFACTURING OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS

Shall the City of Fairbury, in light of state legislation legalizing the possession, consumption and sale of cannabis, allow the sale and manufacturing of recreational adult use cannabis within its jurisdiction?

YES
NO

CITY OF PONTIAC
PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE NON-HOME RULE
RETAILERS' AND SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX

Shall the City of Pontiac impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax (commonly referred to as a "municipal sales tax") at the rate of 1.0% for expenditure on public infrastructure, for property tax relief and for municipal operations in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Section 8-11-1.3 and 8-11-1.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.3 and 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.4)?

YES
NO

CITY OF STREATOR
PROPOSITION TO INCREASE ANNUAL
CORPORATE LIBRARY TAX

Shall the annual library tax for corporate purposes in the City of Streator be increased from 0.15% to 0.23%?

YES
NO

EL PASO-GRIDLEY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11
PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$20,000,000
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Shall the Board of Education of El Paso-Gridley Community Unit School District Number 11, Woodford, McLean and Livingston Counties, Illinois, build and equip a new school building in Gridley, Illinois, alter, repair, demolish, renovate and equip portions of the existing facilities of the District, make site improvements and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$20,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

YES
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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY - PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR REO TRUST 2017-RPL1 Plaintiff

vs. RONALD KROMINGA, SHELLY KROMINGA Defendants

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2019, the Sheriff of Livingston County will at 10:00 AM on April 7, 2020, at the Livingston County Courthouse, West door of the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, PONTIAC, IL, 61764, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 424 W. REYNOLDS STREET, PONTIAC, IL 61764

Property Index No. 15-15-27-201-001

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$58,687.62.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 310872. E-Mail: ipleadings@potestivolaw.com

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SCHOOL HEALTH CARE AIDE

Tri-Point School District is seeking to employ a school health aide. Requirements include High School Diploma or GED, documented work experience as an LPN, CNA, health assistant or other equivalent experience in the medical profession. Current First Aid and CPR certification from an approved provider is desired. Prior experience with physically challenged children a plus. Exhibits empathy when caring for disabled persons and injured/ill students.

Job duties will include: provide short term health care to enhance the comfort and safety of a student, administer and record medications in accordance with District policy, record any health information gathered at school, may be required to perform specialized healthcare procedures after proper training, ability to handle multiple tasks, ability to prioritize and organize.

This is a full-time position with the hours of 8:00-3:30 on school days. Pay will be based on experience and education level of the candidate.

To apply, send or email resume to Jeff Bryan, Superintendent of Tri-Point Schools, 101 East Main Street, Kempton, IL 60946. Email address: bryanj@tri-pointschools.org.

VILLAGE OF DWIGHT EMS PERSONNEL

The Village of Dwight, an equal opportunity employer, is accepting applications for the position of EMT - Paramedic and EMT-Basic.

Successful EMT-Paramedic candidates need to possess a State of Illinois Paramedic License, ACLS card, PALS card and CPR card. The base salary range for EMT-Paramedics is from \$44,928-\$58365.

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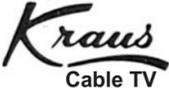
Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or equivalent, and must be a minimum 21 years of age. If selected, successful candidates will have to test into the Morris Hospital EMS system. Also, completion of a background check, physical, functional capacity evaluation, and drug screen are required. Starting pay will be commensurate with experience.

Applications are available online at www.dwightillinois.org or may be picked up at the Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL. Please return resume to Village Administrator, Village of Dwight, 209 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight, IL. 60420 by March 9, 2020.

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School Custodian

Tri-Point CUSD #6J is seeking a Full-Time Custodian at Tri-Point Junior High School in Piper City to start work May 17, 2020. Specific duties include daily cleaning of classrooms, restrooms, locker rooms, gymnasium, hallways, cafeteria, and kitchen. Additional duties include opening the building on school days, sidewalk snow removal, monitoring the heating/cooling system, floor stripping and waxing, and minor maintenance work. This is a 12-month position and an Individual Health Insurance plan is provided. Call (815) 253-6299 ext. 100 to apply or visit the district office for a job application. Resumes may be emailed to bryanj@tripointschools.org.

Tri-Point CUSD #6J

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SEVENTH GRADE SCIENCE STUDENTS at Tri-Point Junior High received a \$11,000 Pollinator Grant to help pollinators by using native plants. Students, pictured at their fall prairie research trip, include Aubree Mathena, Spencer Moreno, and Dani Taylor.

Tri-Point 7th Grade Science Class Receives \$11,000 Pollinator Grant

The seventh grade science students at Tri-Point Junior High have received a grant to plant a prairie, woodland, garden, and landscape using native plants to help pollinators. The class did research and wrote the grant, which is funded by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

Students presented their research to the Tri-Point PACE (Partnership, Action, Community, and Education) committee, who is helping with the matching funds, and they also presented their plan to the school board.

They intend to turn 1½ acres west of the football field on the Piper City campus into an outdoor classroom, with over 100 native trees and a section of prairie.

The students have been studying native prairies and trees in the area, and are looking forward to getting started with their own projects as the spring approaches.

“Working outdoors has brought me much more of an understanding of the science of plants,” said Alli Schuette, one of the students, “and we also get

to get out of the classroom.”

“We plan to demonstrate the history of the habitat changes in our area from the time of glaciers until the present,” said Scott Saffer, science teacher at the junior high. “As you walk along the trail, you will travel forward in time – from the first lichens and mosses to colonize after glaciers, into the evergreens, to maples, then to hickories and oaks, and finally prairie. The trail will then lead up to the existing trees and cropland brought by settlers, showing the change in our

landscape, while providing a diversity of habitats for native pollinators, and most importantly – getting kids outdoors and active.”

A landscaper will be hired to plant the area at the entrance of the school with native plants as well. Several local donors have volunteered to provide materials, services, and guidance, including KKR Land Management (Cullom), Don Gardner, and Carol and Howard Haley. Work will start soon, and the students have 18 months to complete the project.

“We’ve all worked really hard trying to get the grants and researching so we can provide food and habitat for pollinators,” said Aubree Mathena, one of the students working on the project, “and spend time together helping our planet and nature.”

All students in grades K-8 will take part in planting trees and the prairie, which will be used by students to study science, art, math, and history, and will offer an opportunity for kids to get active outdoors.

Glo Bingo at Kankakee Fairgrounds Benefits KC-CASA

Glo Bingo is set for Friday, March 27, at Kankakee County Fairgrounds Expo Center, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. (open seating) and bingo beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Glo Bingo is not your Grandma’s bingo, but it’s a special 18 years and older night of high energy, loud music, black lights, raffles, and fun.

A cash bar and food will be available for purchase. Ticket fees apply, which include six bingo cards, glow hat, and bingo dauber. Tickets are available online at kc-casa.org/events or you may purchase tickets by calling 815-932-7273.

Can’t make the event but still want to support survivors? Sponsorship is a way to promote your business or organization while making a difference. Contact Shlinda at 815-932-7273, ext. 210, or strudeau@kc-casa.org to make a donation. All proceeds raised will aid in efforts to support survivors in the community.



Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Hugh Grant, Colin Farrell
Director: Guy Ritchie
Genre: Crime, Comedy, Drama
Rated: R
Rating: 8/10

It may feel familiar to fans of director Guy Ritchie’s previous films, yet the humorously violent exploration of London’s criminal underworld in *The Gentlemen* is entertaining nonetheless. The film tells the story of Mickey Pearson, played by McConaughey,

The Gentlemen

an American who became rich building a marijuana empire in London. He rose to prominence through his ruthless reputation as a businessman and is respected by most, including his wife and loyal henchmen. However, it is soon out in the open that he is looking to sell his business and retire from the criminal life he’s built. As a result, a complicated chain of events is set in place in which unknown characters attempt to dethrone Mickey and take his business as their own. Bribery, blackmail, threats of violence, and much more ensue as we follow the twisted tale of deception and mysterious plots surrounding the coveted empire at the center of the story.

Ritchie assembled a stellar cast as always and his characters deliver the fast-paced, humorous banter that audiences expect from his films. The numerous conversations between Mickey’s right hand man, Ray (Hunnam), and a slimy reporter, Fletcher (Grant), are es-

pecially funny and the rest of the film’s dialogue is written in similar fashion. The laughs come often, but not at the expense of lessening the drama or violence; it will still please fans of gritty gangster movies, even if it relies on a few formulas and tropes from other well-known crime dramas. The important thing is that the jokes, plot twists, and criminal antics still resonate with audiences, even though they feel familiar at times. The cast sells it and they all turn in good performances, creating a fun, oftentimes, dark comedy. If you are looking for a completely fresh and original experience, *The Gentlemen* may not check those boxes for you. Although, if you are a fan of ever-changing plot twists, snappy dialogue, and A-list casts playing delightfully despicable individuals, then it is likely that you will be pleased.

- Ryan Beier

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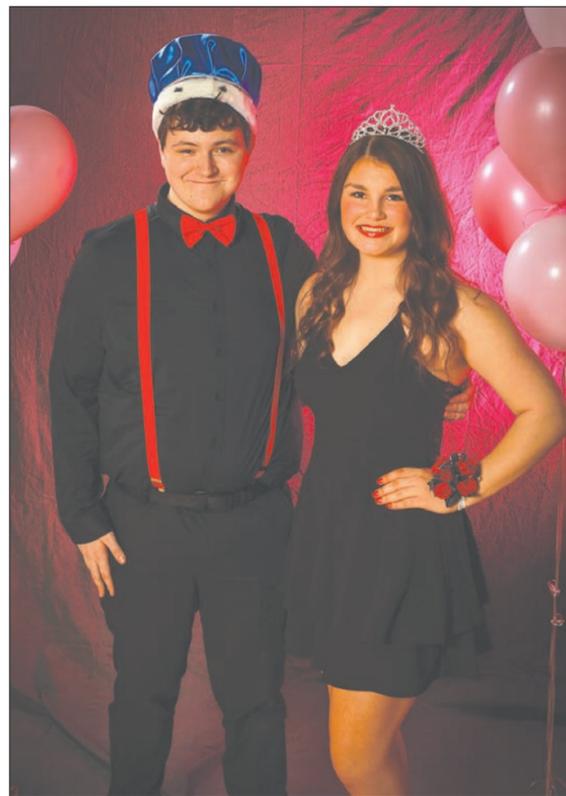
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 Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor
 • MAR. 4: 4 - 5 p.m., Catechism Classes; 5 p.m., Lenten meal; 6 p.m., Lenten Service; Handbells and choir.
 • MAR. 7: 8:15 a.m., LWML Lenten Inspiration at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Joliet.
 • MAR. 8: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion. Deacons meeting.
 • MAR. 10: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., “Sew Blessed.”
 • MAR. 11: 4 - 5 p.m., Catechism Classes; 5 p.m., Lenten meal; 6 p.m., Lenten Service; Handbells and choir.
First Baptist Church
 401 N. Clinton St.
 815-584-3182
Home of Dwight’s Christian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM
 Pastor Dan Woodward
 • MAR. 4: Wednesday Evening Service and King’s Kids Children’s Program.
 • MAR. 8: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
 • MAR. 11: Wednesday Evening Service and King’s Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.
First Congregational United Church of Christ
 200 W. Delaware St.
 584-1260 church
 Rev. Grant Speece

• MAR. 6: World Day of Prayer, 1 p.m., New Life.
 • MAR. 8: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Sermon title: “What Does Born Again Mean?” Holy Scripture Readings Genesis 12:1-4 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17
 • MAR. 11: 7 p.m., Guild.
 * “Feed the Kids” program – Donations welcome.
New Life Assembly of God
 903 S. Old Route 66
 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
 • MAR. 5: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
 • MAR. 6: 10 a.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 1 p.m., World Day of Prayer at New Life.
 • MAR. 7: 8 a.m., Men’s breakfast at McDonald’s.
 • MAR. 8: 9 a.m., Bible Study “Back To The Altar;” 10 a.m., Main Worship Service; Nursery and Kids Church; 5 p.m., Leadership training; X-treme Youth Group.
 • MAR. 9: 7 p.m., Prayer Night.
 • MAR. 10: 5:30 p.m., Stampin’ Up Group; 7 p.m., Finding Recovery.
 • MAR. 11: 7 p.m., “How to Fight for Joy” Study.
 • MAR. 12: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
St. Patrick Catholic Church
 Mazon Ave. at Prairie
 815-584-3522 Office
 Father Chris Haake, Pastor
 • MAR. 7: 9 - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.
 • MAR. 8: 10:30 a.m., Mass.
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
 326 W. Chippewa St.
 815-584-1199
 Pastor Chrissy Salsner
 email:chrissytherev@att.net
 • MAR. 4: 6:15 p.m., Lenten Soup Supper at St. Peter’s; 7 p.m., Lenten Worship.
 • MAR. 6: World Day of Prayer at New Life Assembly; 9:30 a.m., Women’s Bible Study at Hudelson’s in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA (for all addictions).
Trinity Lutheran Church “Goodfarm” LCMS
 515 E. Stonewall Rd.
 Rev. William Mitschke
 815-725-1341
 • Holy Communion first and third Sundays.
BRACEVILLE
Braceville United Methodist Church
 106 W. Goold St.
 815-237-8512 Church
 815-483-9343 Cell
 bracevilleumc.com
 Pastor Karen Fabian
 • 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service.
 • Youth Groups on Wednesday: 3 p.m., K-6th; 7 p.m., 7th grade - H.S.
CABERY
Cabery United Methodist Church
 Ames & Chester
 815-949-1681
 Pastor John Lyons
 815-257-5751 cell
 • SUNDAYS: 8:45 a.m., Worship Service; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School.
CHATSWORTH
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
 406 N. 7th St.
 815.635.3127
 Father David Sabel
 • SUNDAY: Mass, 10 a.m.
 • THURSDAY: Mass, 8 a.m.
CULLOM
St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church NALC
 511 W. Jackson
 815.689.2120
 st.johns@frontiernet.net
 Pastor: Gabriel Baumgardner
 • MAR. 4: 10 a.m., Lydia’s Ladies.
 • MAR. 5: 10 a.m., Text Study at St. John’s, Danforth.
 • MAR. 7: 5 p.m., Worship.
 • MAR. 8: 8:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Worship/HC.
 • MAR. 9: 7 p.m., Council meeting.
 • MAR. 10: 5 p.m., Prayers, Planning and Bible Study; 6 p.m., Soup, Sandwiches and Worship.
 • MAR. 12: 10 a.m., Text Study at St. John’s, Danforth; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Pre-School screening.
Cullom United Methodist Church
 103 E. Van Alstyne St.
 815-689-2484
 Pastor John Lyons
 815-257-5751 cell
 • SUNDAYS: 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.
EMINGTON
Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
 103 Division Street
 Rev. Grant Speece
 • MAR. 8: 8:45 a.m., Worship Service. Sermon title: “What Does Born Again Mean?” Holy Scripture Readings Genesis 12:1-4 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17
ESSEX
Essex United Methodist Church
 114 Waverly St.
 • SUNDAY, 9 a.m., Children Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study; 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service. Services led by Lay Servants Terry Goodwin and Linda Michel.
GARDNER
Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (USA)
 202 N. Monroe
 P.O. Box 248
 Janet Chandler, Pastor
 Office hours:

T-W, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 815-237-8312
 ChurchofHope@sbcglo bal.net
 • Sunday Worship, 10:15 a.m.
United Lutheran Church ELCA
 309 E. Jefferson St.
 815-237-2227
 pastorulc@att.net
 Pastor Greg Olson
 • Sundays: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament.
HERSCHER
Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS
 255 E. Third St.
 P.O. Box 414
 815-426-2262
 email: trinityher1@com cast.net
 Rev. Eric J. Brown, Pastor
 • Services with Holy Communion: Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays: 8:30 a.m.
Herscher United Methodist Church
 274 N. Elm Street
 Phone: 815-426-6169
 Pastor Kevin Boesen
 Sunday Service, 11 a.m.
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
 Main Street
 Pastor: Rev. Show Reddy Allam
 815-426-2153
 • Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.
 • Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.
 • Monday and Friday, Masses, 8 a.m.
 • Saturday confessions, 4:15 p.m.
Herscher Christian Church
 30 Tobey Drive
 Discipleship Minister, Jacob Garrett; Youth Minister, Andy King; Children’s Minister, Kathleen Brown; Worship Minister, Dustin Honn
 815-426-2908 or 823-6072
 Staff e-mail: life@herscherchristian.com
 herscherchristian.com
 On Facebook: Herscher Christian Church
 • Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
KEMPTON
Kempton United Methodist Church
 305 Main Street
 815-253-6373
 Pastor John Lyons
 815-257-5751 cell
 • SUNDAYS: 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.
Kempton Church of the Nazarene
 105 E. Main St.
 815-253-6250
 Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor
KINSMAN
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor
 • Sundays, 8 a.m., Mass
MAZON
Mazon United Methodist Church
 509 7th Street
 815-448-5677 Church
 815-483-9343 Cell
 mazonmethodist.com
 Pastor Karen Fabian
 • 9 a.m., Sunday Service.
 • 10 a.m., Sunday School.
Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ
 806 Park Street
 Pastor Tyler Carrell
 Phone 448-5514
 • Sunday Worship Services, 9 a.m.
 • Sunday School: “Blast Off”, 9:10 a.m.
 • Coffee hour, 10:15 a.m.
 • Sr. High Youth Group and Small Study Group,
ODELL
St. Paul Catholic Church
 200 S. West St.
 Father Chris G. Haake, Pastor
 • MAR. 4: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m. Mass.
 • MAR. 8: 8 a.m., Mass.
United Church of Odell
 109 N. Morgan Street
 Phone 815-998-2271
 Rev. Janeen Tronc
 • Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.

RANSOM
Ransom United Methodist Church
 102 E. Plumb Street
 Church: 586-4504
 Parsonage: 586-4657
 Pastor Jonathan Wisdom
 • Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.
St. Patrick Catholic Church
 110 Wallace Street
 Pastor, Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA; Parochial Vicar, Fr. Augustin Kassa, SMA; Deacon Ron Wackerlin
 Parish Office: 815-795-2240 (Marseilles)
 Email: stjtoorino@gmail.com
 Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 • SUNDAYS: 7:30 a.m., Mass.
 Confessions: Saturday, 3 until 3:45 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Seneca, or by appointment.
REDDICK
Reddick United Methodist Church
 35900 E 3200 N Road
 Pastor Kevin Boesen
 815-426-6169
 • 9:30 a.m., Sunday Service
Zoar Community Church
 18172 W. Route 17
 P.O. Box 87
 Reddick, IL 60961
 Phone: 815-365-4291
 • SUNDAY: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Morning Worship.
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
 Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor
 • Saturdays: 5:30 p.m., Mass.
SAUNEMIN
Saunemin United Methodist Church
 90 North Street
 815-832-4935
 Pastor Jane Bradford
SOUTH WILMINGTON
South Wilmington United Methodist Church
 225 Rice Street
 Pastor Kevin Boesen
 815-426-6169
 • Sunday Service, 8 a.m.
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
 Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor
 • Saturdays, 4 p.m., Mass
 • Sundays, 10 a.m., Mass
 • Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Mass.
 • Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Mass.
VERONA
Verona United Methodist Church
The Wayside Chapel with a Warm Heart
 433 Anne St.
 Phone: 815-287-2491
 Pastor Jonathan Wisdom
 • Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m.

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DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA WINTER BALL TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 15. Pictured above, left, is the court. Front row, left to right, Avery Ohlendorf, Addison Bean, Josie Snyder, future Queen Willow Riber and future King Vincent Liriano. Back row, left to right, Harlie Boucher, Lola Furbee, Izzy Burkhardt, Owen Van Der Karr, Brendon Sullivan, Peyton Sulaica, Lucas Kisner, Ella Kargle, and Rachele Heath. Pictured, above, right, is the King Brendon Sullivan and Queen Addison Bean.

DTHS FCCLA Members to Give Social Media Safety Presentation March 7

Members of Dwight Township High School's FCCLA will deliver a social media safety presentation for parents and guardians at noon on Saturday, March 7, in the DTHS library.

Attendees should go in the main entrance of the school.

The presentation will guide parents step by step as they learn to navigate a variety of platforms, such as Instagram, Tik Tok, and SnapChat. De-

tailed handouts will be given, so parents will have all the steps needed once they return home. The students delivering the presentation also will answer questions parents may have on how to keep children safe on social media.

The presentation will be given by Daniela Frauli, Darien Guyer, and Cheyenne Holzhauser. Anyone with questions can contact: guyer@d Dwight.k12.il.us

Area Schools Calendar of Events

- Bonfield Grade School**
 - Friday, March 6 – Mother-Son Event.
 - Thursday, March 12 – 1st Grade Music Program.
 - Thursday, March 19 – 3rd Grade Music Concert.
- Herscher Intermediate School**
 - Thursday, March 19 – 3rd Grade Music Concert; Kids Day at the Farm (4th Grade).
- Limestone Middle School**
 - Saturday, March 7 – Boys Wrestling at Sectionals, TBD.
- Herscher High School**
 - Friday, March 13 – State Wrestling, TBD.
 - Saturday, March 14 – State Wrestling, TBD.
 - Thursday, March 19 – Solo and Ensemble at LMS: 15 minute time slot between 4:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, March 7 – HHS IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest, all day.
 - Saturday, March 14 – HHS Show Choir Competition.

Gardner Lions Breakfast March 8

Gardner American Legion Hall

The Gardner Lions Club will serve breakfast at the Gardner American Legion Hall Sunday, March 8, from 7:00 a.m. until noon.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice, and milk.

A fee applies, with kids ages five to ten receiving a discount, and children ages four and

under eating for free. Proceeds will benefit GSW Youth Baseball, visually and hearing impaired, and community projects funded by the Gardner Lions.

A donation of canned goods for the local Food Pantry are also accepted and appreciated, in addition to donations of used eye glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones.

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- Revel Stoke Flavored Whiskey 750 ml. \$14.99
- Black Velvet Whiskey 1.75 liter \$16.99
- Jack Daniel's Whiskey 750 ml. \$19.99

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- Heineken, Goose Island or Blue Moon 12-pack bottles \$12.99

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- Mamma Mia Red Blend 750 ml. \$6.99
- Barefoot or Bota Box Wines 3-liter box \$14.99

Jack Daniel's COUNTRY COCKTAILS \$5.99 6-pack bottles



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