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Locked Down in Lombardy: *Dwight Woman's Daughter at Center of Italy's Pandemic*

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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When Rachael Carmichael was a sophomore at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., she met a foreign exchange student from Italy named Arianna whose mom manages Pingu's English School. Arianna talked about Rachael going to work for the school after graduation, and on Sept. 15, 2019, Rachael arrived in the northern Italian province of Bergamo.

It was a dream come true for Rachael, but little did she know that a new virus the world has never seen would trap her thousands of miles from home in Lombardy, the world's hot spot for COVID-19.

"I've been watching the news nonstop," said Rachael's mother Tina Carmichael, born and raised in Dwight and back living here after 20 years in Indianapolis. "I am very frightened for her and I'm very frightened for us because we only know now what's to come."

Rachael lives with Arianna and her parents, Giorgio and Lorella, in Capriate San Gervasio, about half an hour from Lombardy's capital, Milan. The Alpine region of Lombardy is home to the world's global hub of fashion, Leonardo da Vinci's painting of "The Last Supper" and sweeping scenery that's home to high-end resorts and restaurants.

As of late, it has borne the brunt of Italy's coronavirus contagion, having seen nearly 35,000 of the country's 80,500 cases, and nearly 5,000 of the country's 8,200 deaths. In one fell swoop, the virus claimed 793 people in one day.

Rachael, 23, has been quarantined for three weeks, and there could be many more to come. Her host father Giorgio is fighting the disease in the hospital after being sick for weeks and finally testing positive for COVID-19.

"It was similar to America. People didn't take it as seriously," Rachael said in a face-to-face Facebook call. "Being in the middle of it all … it's definitely not just the flu."

The U.S. has now surpassed the number of coronavirus cases in Italy, even though social distancing and shelter in place mandates have swept the country. Whether our health care system can stem the tide, only time will tell. But on March 12, Rachael got an up close view of Italy's war zone.

She woke up that day feeling nauseous, hot and shaky. She passed out in the hallway, hit a sharp part of a door and split her head open.

An ambulance dropped her off at San Marco Zingonia Hospital, but she had to wait outside in a dock area before she could get in because the hospital was so full. When she did, she was put on a stretcher and left in the hallway for five hours until it was her turn to be seen. She had a neck brace on, but in her peripheral vision she saw dozens of people lined up, some laying on gurnees and some on ventilators. Doctors and nurses passed in hazmat suits. Rachael became nervous.

"I could just hear coughing and moaning and very miserable people," she said. "There were patients just bed after bed lined up next to the wall." There just wasn't enough room for them all.

Rachael finally got stitched up for the 1½-inch gash in her head in someone's office. She was not tested for coronavirus because she was otherwise young and healthy, and didn't have a fever.

RACHAEL CARMICHAEL, second from left, is shown on Sept. 15 getting ready to leave O'Hare International Airport for Italy to teach English. She is with her fiance Nicholas Rohrman, at left, mother Tina Carmichael, of Dwight, and Mike Tomasko.

Giorgio wasn't so lucky. He had been home sick for a while. It started slowly with a slight cough, runny nose and headache, and dread came over the family. He eventually became bedridden. He couldn't eat or stay hydrated and had shortness of breath. He didn't want to go to the hospital but when his fever spiked to 101.5 on March 19, they called for an ambulance. It took two hours for them to arrive.

"Everybody here is scared. They don't want to go to the hospital. They think you go in and you won't come back out," said Rachael, whose fiance, Nicholas Rohrman, is finishing up his studies at Ball State University.

He tested positive for

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Community Tackles COVID Concerns

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If you turn on the news, chances are you're going to hear more reports of gloom and doom as the COVID-19 pandemic spreads throughout the world.

It's a time of uncertainty and fear, but friends, neighbors and entire communities are coming together to help one another. Dwight is no different.

Here we share three stories of people doing their share, little by little, in hopes of making a big difference.

Microfood Pantry Opens for Those in Need

Jane Anderson, coordinator at the Dwight Economic Alliance, has been thinking about a food pantry for the town for some time now.

Once coronavirus made its way onto our shores and into our communities, prompting shelter in place mandates and loss of jobs, there was no other choice.

"We've really talked about all this before," she said, "but it was just time to get it out there."

Anderson is heading up the new micro food pantry at the Dwight Economic Alliance. She started it two weeks ago with generous donations from the town.

The local PTO collected money and purchased a tall Rubbermaid cabinet. The Dwight Grade School student council gave the DEA a check to buy $250 in groceries. And it snowballed from there.

"People were going to have more and more of a need for it," she said. "I just knew when I put the bins out there people would fill them."

There are three large bins and a cabinet full of food, located under the shelter on the west side of the building at 119 West Main Street.

"Anybody can drop anything off; anybody can pick anything up," Anderson said.

If anyone is in need of perishables, such as milk, meat or eggs, they can get free DEA Bucks which can be used at Berkot's. DEA Bucks are worth $1 for $1.

"We have a generous town."

Pastor Offers Words of Comfort

The weight people are carrying is almost tangible, Pastor Randy Randle said.

Even though New Life Assembly of God is closed to the public, he's had many people reach out to him through text, Facebook and facetime, asking for prayers and answers. How can this be happening? If God is true and real, why is he letting people suffer and die?

"Life happens, but God, to me, he's eternal. He's there, life happens, but God helps us through," Randle said.

He is addressing the weight of the world with "Randy's Two Cents," a daily message he posts publicly on his personal Facebook page, Victor Randle. The six- to 10-minute clips are light but powerful, and he hopes they will give people some solace in these trying times.

He's been posting them for less than a week, addressing

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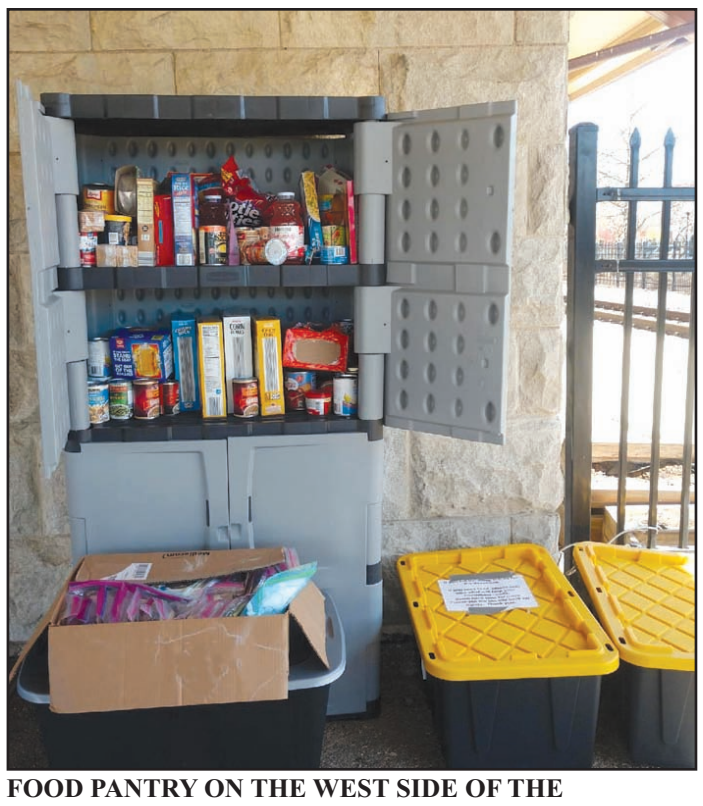

FOOD PANTRY ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE HISTORIC DEPOT in Dwight is available for those in need.

ARBOR MANAGEMENT FOOD SERVICE went into Dwight Common School early March 29 to prepare 1,120 meals that were delivered to students March 30. Pictured, from front, are Betsy Larsen, Kathleen Jury, Becca Lawson, and Darla Leonard. At this time, they are serving 280 students daily – 560 meals per day. "I want to publicly thank these ladies, as well as the food service supervisor, Sharon Soto," stated Superintendent Richard Jancek. Any student not currently receiving free delivered meals may request, at any time, by e-mailing food@dwightk12.org. Leave your address, number of children, and phone number.

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Dwight Police Blotter

March 23: 3:16 p.m., Dwight Police were called by a resident in the 200 block of W. Seminole St. The resident thought some paperwork may have been taken from their unlocked vehicle. The resident was unsure if the paperwork was in the car or misplaced elsewhere; 6:53 p.m., Dwight Police were called to the 100 block of Karen Dr. for a subject removal.

March 24: 11:21 a.m., Dwight Police were called by a resident from the 100 block of W. Chippewa. The resident advised the rear license plate had been removed from their vehicle.

Accident Report

Saturday, March 21, 10:26 a.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2012 Intr., driven by John Smith, Rockville, IN, which struck a parked 2016 Intr., driven by Nancy Estes, Tulsa, OK, while backing into a parking lot.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

March 19: John, medical; Bannon, medical, refusal; Julie, medical, St. James; Bannon, medical, St. James; Prospect, trauma, refusal.

March 20: Spencer, assist; Prospect, assist, refusal; James, medical, Morris.

March 21: Watters, fire.

March 22: Northbrook, medical, Morris; Northbrook, trauma, St. James; Mazon, medical, St. James.

March 23: Spencer, medical, Morris.

March 25: Chicago, assist; Susan Dr., medical, Morris.

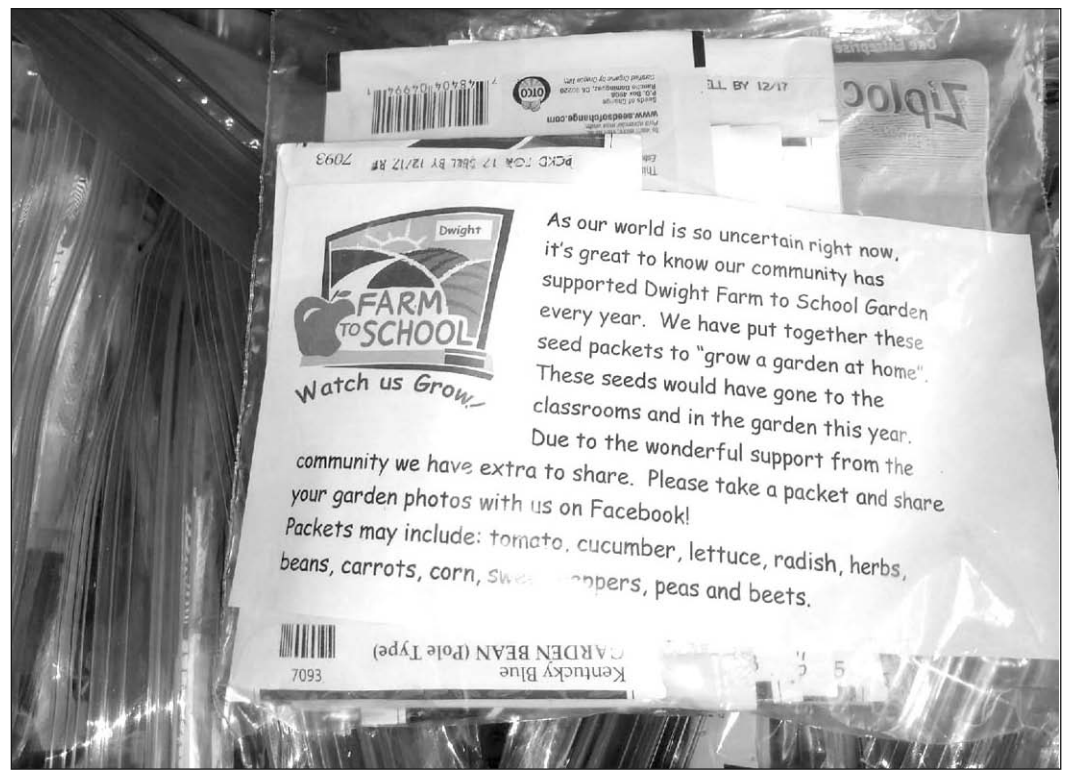
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) *What to Do When Feeling Ill*

Grundy County First Responders continue to monitor the current pandemic situation, and issued a safety announcement letting residents know they are still here to serve them in full force.

CDC Signs and Symptoms: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html

IDPH Frequently Asked Questions: www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/faq

Grundy County Health Department: www.grundyco.org/health/#COVID19



ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE HISTORIC DWIGHT DEPOT, Farm to School has packaged seeds available for free. They would have gone to classrooms this year, but due to the Coronavirus, they decided to give some away in appreciation of the community's support.

Sales Tax Still Over a Million, But Shows Decreases

by Tom Tock

In spite of a decrease in the number of those paying sales tax in Dwight and a $32,000 decrease in annual sales tax revenue, the village still managed to have more than a million-dollar sales tax year in 2019, the third in a row since 2016 when the village passed a 1¢ non-home-rule addition to its retail sales tax.

The number of taxpayers, as reported by the Illinois Department of Revenue, decreased from 216 during 2018 to 199 during 2019 (Grundy and Livingston Co. combined), and the total annual municipal sales tax revenue for Dwight decreased from $1,131,995 to $1,099,390.

The Grundy County part of Dwight provided $329,831, or 30%, of Dwight's total 2019 sales tax revenue, a typical percentage.

In the fourth quarter of 2019, Dwight had sales tax income of $272,167 compared to $272,661 in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Municipal sales tax earned in the category of *Automotive & Filling Stations* during 2019 increased to $388,095 from $354,095 in 2018.

The total of Dwight sales tax from *Drinking & Eating Places* increased slightly from 2018 ($144,222), to $145,710 in 2019.

It is impossible to determine which sales tax category, or combination of sales tax categories, are responsible for the $32,000 decrease in total sales tax revenue shown for 2019. When the Department of Revenue determines that a business category has less than four taxpayers, "no data is shown to protect the confidentiality of individual taxpayers."

Sales tax figures for area communities are below:

FULL YEAR

	2018	2019
Dwight	1,131,995	1,099,390
Fairbury	601,909	676,944
Pontiac	2,595,701	2,637,760
Odell	45,385	46,659
Saunemin	18,006	15,750
Gardner	302,933	256,055
Mazon	66,754	48,082
Morris	7,043,935	6,889,462
S. Wilm.	51,454	25,872
Herscher	317,283	313,540

4TH QUARTER

	2018	2019
Dwight	272,661	272,167
Fairbury	141,272	181,243
Pontiac	632,093	653,349
Odell	11,120	10,774
Saunemin	4,168	3,827
Gardner	75,429	106,678
Mazon	14,096	12,287
Morris	1,748,312	1,789,228
So. Wilm.	7,679	4,187
Herscher	72,268	86,437

Disaster Proclamation Signed for Livingston County; Meeting April 2

On Thursday, March 26, Livingston County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast signed a proclamation of disaster for Livingston County.

This proclamation will activate Livingston County's emergency operations plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within Livingston County, will assist the residents of Livingston County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency and through coordination of federal, state, county and municipal resources and response activities, in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property, and provide emergency response.

The proclamation shall continue for a period not to exceed seven days, unless extended by the County Board of Livingston County.

A special meeting of the County Board will take place Thursday, April 2, at 5:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, this meeting will be held remotely. You may access the meeting through Zoom (Meeting ID 157 686 619; Password 112110844) or by telephone (312-626-6799, Meeting ID 157 686 519; Password 11211088). Links are provided on the County website, along with the agenda:

www.livingstoncountyil.gov

Grundy County Has Fourth Confirmed Coronavirus Case

The Grundy County Health Department (GCHD) announced the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Grundy County on March 23. A second positive case was identified on March 25. Then, on March 28, a third positive case was announced. Now, the GCHD has announced a fourth positive case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Grundy County.

This resident is a female in her 40s. Public health officials are identifying and working with all close contacts. Federal privacy restrictions prohibit the release of any additional information.

COVID-19 is a novel virus. Most people have little to no immunity due to the lack of exposure to the virus or similar viruses. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, person-to-person spread of COVID-19 appears to be mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about six feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Preliminary data suggest older adults and people with underlying health conditions or compromised immune systems seem to be at greater risk of developing serious illness from the virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals over the age of 65 and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease are at a higher risk for severe illness. Testing at local hospitals is currently based on presented symptoms including a fever and/or signs or symptoms of lower respiratory illness, such as cough and shortness of breath, and epidemiological risk factors including contact and travel history.

It is extremely important that everyone help to stop the virus from spreading. In order to fight the spread of COVID-19, a shelter in place order was issued by Governor J.B. Pritzker. This order is in effect through April 7.

"Per CDC guidelines, Public Health Nurses continue to follow up with each of the recently diagnosed and persons of interest on a daily basis. We are thankfully receiving great cooperation from these residents. Testing at the State and private laboratories is increasing in capacity, but protocol is in place to prioritize persons to be tested...We are seeing evidence of wide spread community transmission of this virus, and it is critical that residents adhere to the Governor's "Stay at Home" order. Doing so will slow the transmission and allow our health care resources to keep up with those residents presenting with the most critical symptoms. Please continue to assume that COVID-19 is everywhere in our community, even without a positive result. Continue to stay at home... Thankfully, IDPH states that most illness caused by coronavirus is mild. And unless you are an older adult or have underlying health conditions, you may not need to be tested. Continue to stay at home with your usual housemates, leaving only for essential needs, and consult your health care provider by phone to discuss your symptoms and health history, and to obtain the best personal plan for your recovery and wellness. The Health Department continues to be available for general inquiries and some screening processes," said Michelle Pruim, Public Health Administrator.

To obtain current information, visit the following websites: www.grundyhealth.com, dph.illinois.gov, and cdc.gov.

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Watch Out for Financial Scams Related to Virus

On one hand, the coronavirus has brought out the best in us. People across the country are pitching in to help others, from providing protective masks to health care workers to holding video chats with confined residents of assisted living homes to simply buying gift cards to support local businesses. On the other hand, a small number of bad actors are taking advantage of the situation to try to defraud people. How can you guard against these virus-related scams?

For starters, be aware of three common scams connected to the coronavirus:

Websites claiming to help and track the pandemic – Look out for websites that claim to help you work remotely or provide financial resources to the afflicted. These sites may try to trick you into giving up personal information, donate money or load malware onto your computer.

Products claiming to prevent or cure the disease – When there's a real treatment or vaccination for COVID-19, it will be big news, and you will hear about it. Until then, ignore any claims for pills, potions, prescriptions or other products that promise "miracle" cures. You can find a great deal of health information on the virus at the Center for Disease Control website (www.cdc.gov), of course, but if you or your loved ones are feeling ill, please contact a physician.

"Risk-free" or "guaranteed" investments – The coronavirus has caused two separate, but related, areas of stress. The first is the health concern, and the second is the financial/investment component. The enormous volatility of the financial markets has caused much concern among investors, and scammers are seizing the opportunity to offer "risk-free" or "guaranteed" investments "perfect" for this particular time. All investments carry risk of one type or another, and they typically don't come with guarantees, although some do offer significant protection of principal. In these turbulent times, your best move is to stick with a long-term investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Here's one more suggestion: Warn your elderly relatives about the increased potential for scams. The elderly are always the most susceptible to fraud, and now, when they may be more isolated than before, they may well be even more vulnerable. So, make sure you're talking to these loved ones, and urge them not to make any sudden, out-of-the-ordinary financial moves.

Even in normal times, it's regrettable that we have to be on the alert for scam artists – and it's even more unfortunate during a period of national crisis. However, by being reasonably vigilant, and by taking the proper precautions, you can avoid taking on the "collateral damage" that can occur in this environment.

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With Spring Comes Violent Weather

The arrival of spring brings with it this area's biggest threat of severe weather, according to Rodney Leroy, of the Dwight Emergency Services Department.

Here are a few suggestions from the Dwight Emergency Services and Disaster Agency to help readers prepare for dangerous storms.

Included are emergency procedures followed by ESDA:

• Have a portable, battery-operated AM/FM radio available.

• Have a plan of action in case you need to take cover from damaging winds or tornadoes.

Severe Thunderstorm Watches

This means that conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms.

A watch will be issued by the National Weather Service and will expire at a specified time.

There is NO cable TV announcement or emergency siren sounded in Dwight for severe thunderstorm watches.

Be prepared to seek shelter. Monitor TV and radio for weather updates.

Severe Thunderstorm Warnings

This means severe thunderstorms have been sighted in the Dwight area. A warning will be issued by the National Weather Service and will expire at a specified time.

There is NO cable TV announcement over Dwight cable TV of the warning. Emergency sirens will be activated ONLY IF there is hail, damaging winds above 58 miles per hour or evidence of funnel clouds forming.

If emergency sirens are sounding:

• Take cover immediately.

• Go to the basement if possibe. If you do not have a basement, seek shelter in a small room near the center of your dwelling or the bathroom.

• Stay away from windows or skylights.

• Keep a flashlight and battery powered radio with you.

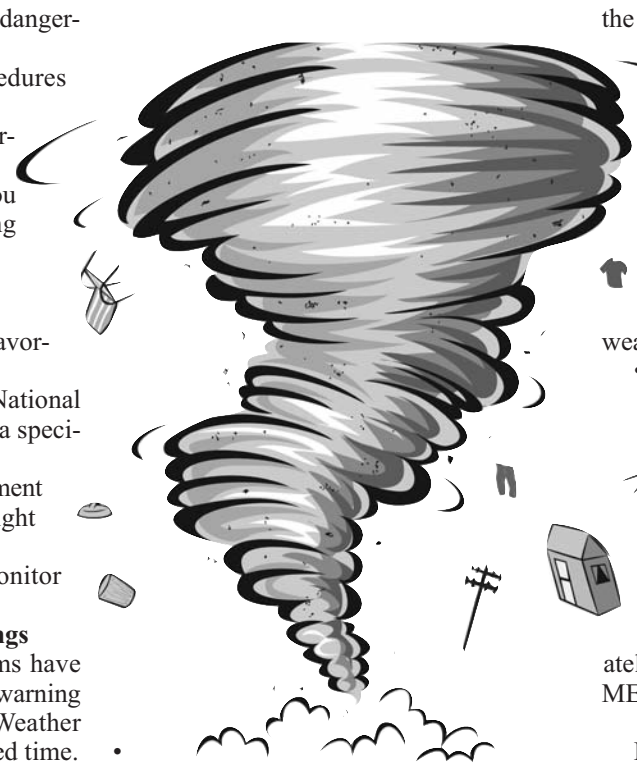
• Stay alert until an "all-clear" is given by the National Weather Service or the time has expired for the warning.

If emergency sirens are not sounding:

• Be ready to take cover.

• Keep a flashlight and battery-powered radio with you.

• Monitor TV and radio stations for weather updates.



• Stay alert until an "all clear" is given by the National Weather Service or the time has expired for the warning.

Tornado watches

This means conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. The National Weather Service will issue a watch that will expire at a specified time.

There WILL BE a cable TV announcement over Dwight cable TV for tornado watches. Emergency sirens will be activated ONLY IF there is hail, damaging winds above 58 miles per hour, or evidence of funnel clouds forming.

Take emergency action as described under the Severe Thunderstorm Warnings.

Tornado Warnings

This means tornadoes have been sighted in the Dwight area. The National Weather Service will issue a warning that will expire at a specified time.

Emergency sirens WILL BE ACTIVATED. There WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT over Dwight cable TV of the warning.

In the event a tornado warning is issued:

• TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY. You are in imminent danger.

• Go to the basement if possible. If you do not have a basement, seek shelter in a small room near the center of your dwelling or the bathroom.

• Monitor TV or radio stations for weather updates.

• Stay in your shelter area until the time has expired for the warning.

REMEMBER:

Watches mean in TIME severe weather or tornadoes MAY DEVELOP.

Warnings mean severe weather or tornadoes HAVE BEEN SIGHTED in the Dwight area. People may be instructed to seek shelter immediately. If sirens sound, TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY.

Local radio stations will keep you updated as weather changes occur.

Stations in the Dwight area include:

Pontiac — WJEZ FM 93.7, WPOK AM 1080.

Morris — WJDE FM 103.1, WCSJ AM 1550.

Dwight cable TV also carries the Weather Channel on channel 28. This channel will carry local doppler radar of our area if we are experiencing severe weather.

Remember, be prepared. Have a flashlight and battery-powered radio available. Have a plan and be ready to take action.

If sirens are sounding, TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY. Tornadoes can occur ANY month of the year. Illinois averages 25 tornadoes a year, and they can develop quickly, even on sunny days.

Saying Goodbye during the Pandemic
Funeral Industry Serves Grieving Clients in a New Way

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The COVID-19 pandemic has created what's being called a "new normal" for Americans. Nothing is forgiven, not even saying goodbye to a loved one.

CDC and federal guidelines have limited all gatherings to 10 or less, and that has changed how the funeral industry serves grieving clients.

John Callahan, funeral director at U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home in Morris, said viewings are now conducted in private with a limit of 10 people, as are graveside services.

"It's challenging, but our families have been nothing short of wonderful and very understanding," Callahan said.

It's a "we're all in this together" mindset that we've had to adopt even in the most difficult of circumstances.

Of course, funeral staff can't stop people from shaking hands and hugging. After all, human touch is most reassuring and comforting to those who are grieving a loved one, and a way for neighbors, friends and family to pay their respects.

But at the same time, funeral homes are juggling grieving with precaution. At U.C. Davis-Callahan, tent sides are left open and there are no chairs during graveside services in an effort to encourage as much social distancing as possible. They encourage older folks to wear a face mask, always have hand sanitizer on hand, and have made disinfecting wipes readily available.

Callahan said they've stepped up cleaning at the funeral home and closed the banquet and coffee rooms during visitation. Many times, the next of kin is an older adult or elderly, putting them at a higher risk for complications of coronavirus. And, the very nature of funerals often brings together those young and old.

Many funeral homes are streaming services, and Callahan said that is available for clients. Most have opted to have a celebration of life at a later date for extended family, friends and co-workers.

"They will get through their initial funeral service now and down the road … there will be a lot of celebrating of life," he said.

Callahan said they will offer future celebrations of life services as a courtesy. He also hopes newspapers will offer a second obituary as a courtesy once the date for a celebration of life is announced.

For now, in these unprecedented times, Callahan suggests sending cards, hand-written notes, and face times or phone calls to those who have lost a loved one. Those tiny sentiments can mean the world to those who have had to privately grieve.

"It's hard for everyone," Callahan said. "There's not an easy way through all this."

Dwight Sports Booster Bash Fund-raiser Cancelled

The Dwight Sports Booster Bash is being cancelled for 2020.

This would have been the 29th annual Booster Bash – the only fund-raiser that the Boosters have to financially support both the grade school and high school sports.

If you have already purchased a ticket, your money will be refunded. If anyone would like to donate to the Dwight Sports Boosters, donations will be accepted at Dwight Township High School during their regular hours of operation.

If you have questions, call Molly Turner at 815-674-1269.

A Message From the Pastor

Fr. Stanley Drewniak is urging parishioners to visit swkrcatholics.org for current information and updates due to COVID-19 for St. Lawrence – South Wilmington, Sacred Heart – Kinsman, St. Mary's – Reddick, and St. Lawrence O'Toole – Essex.

Women's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast Cancelled

The Women's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast, to be hosted by the women of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, in St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight, has been cancelled.

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Livingston County Votes 'NO' to Expand Services to the Elderly

Two Referendums Fail on Primary Ballot

Livingston County voters turned down two referendums in the March 17 primary that would have expanded services to the elderly.

The services in question were part of the Livingston County Community Healthcare Program for residents 60 and older with a medical or social need to remain in their home but don't qualify for a similar state program because their income is too high.

The program was established in 2009 to assist those who have nursing needs — such as blood draws, immunizations and blood pressure and medication management — as well as homemaker needs, such as housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation and bathing assistance. The county board voted to end the program on Nov. 30, 2018.

The referendums were an attempt to bring back some of those services.

The first referendum failed in a vote of 3,326 to 2,357. It read:

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 second referendum failed in a vote of 3,418 to 2,222. It read:

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 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?

To a homeowner of a $100,000 home, this tax would have cost an additional $7.50 annually.

Second Case of COVID - 19 in Livingston County

The Livingston County Health Department announced a second case of COVID-19 on March 26.

According to the department, a male in his 60s tested positive and is currently hospitalized. He has no known history of exposure.

The Livingston County Health Department announced the first case of COVID-19 on Saturday, March 21. This is a woman in her 60s with a history of travel.

As of presstime, Kankakee County had 41 positive cases of COVID-19.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is now available for eligible Central Illinoisans at the McLean County Fairgrounds, 1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington. This community-based testing site will operate from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. daily and is able to test up to 250 eligible people. The testing criteria are as follows:

- Healthcare workers with respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- First responders with respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Seniors (65+) with respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Patients with underlying medical conditions with respiratory symptoms and a temperature of 100.4 or greater

Please note: Individuals who have taken fever-reducing medicines within six hours before arrival at the testing site will not be eligible to be tested.

Limited testing by appointment only is also available for high-risk patients at Midwest Express Clinic, 2070 North State Route 50 in Bourbonnais. Call ahead or fill out an intake form for pre-screening.

If you have questions concerning Livingston County Health Department services, call at 815-844-7174, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or visit their website www.lchd.us.

If you have general questions regarding COVID-19, call 2-1-1. Created in partnership with United Way and AMT, 2-1-1 is a 24/7 non-emergency hotline that provides information and referrals. They have specialists prepared to answer general questions about COVID-19, offer recommendations if someone is showing symptoms, referrals for mental health resources, and talk lines available to help ease anxiety within the community. If you dial 2-1-1 and the call doesn't go through you may also reach them at 309-999-4029 or visit 211hoi.org.

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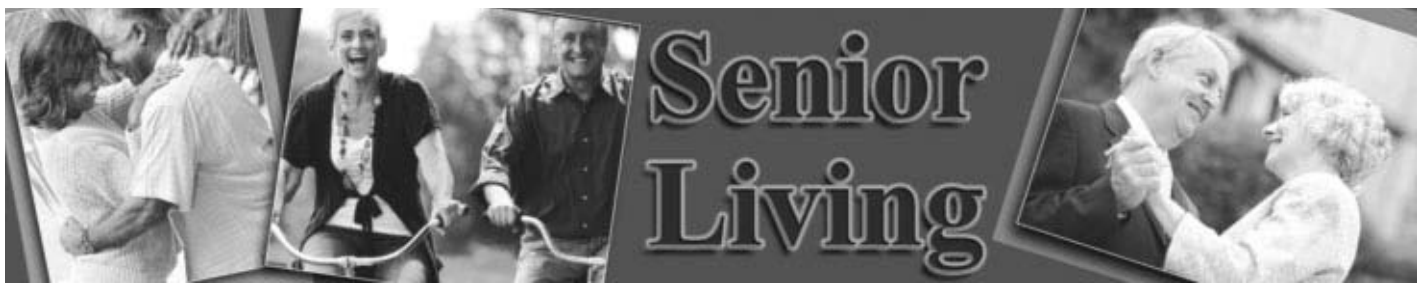

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Shopping For Assisted Living Facilities

As people age, oftentimes their living arrangements need to be adjusted. Needs evolve as children move out or other situations arise. One of the scenarios that may come to pass as a person ages is the need for more specialized help that just isn't possible at home.

When failing physical or mental health affects one's ability to be independent and live safely at home, moving into an assisted living facility may be the next step. The National Center for Assisted Living indicates assisted living offers the little bit of help some people need when they can no longer manage living alone. Typically these facilities provide assistance with bathing or dressing, medication management and other care, while also catering to people who may not require the around-the-clock medical care most often associated with nursing homes.

Vetting is an important component of finding assisted living facilities. Family caregivers need to educate themselves about services, costs and other resources provided by assisted living facilities.

AARP says assisted living facilities provide residents with a range of services that can include supervision, meals, housekeeping, laundry, and personal care. Residents usually have their own apartments or private rooms. Because they are mostly regulated at state level in the United States, there is a lot of variety among these facilities. That means family caregivers need to assess their needs and desires in a facility to find the right one that fits. Assisted living facilities offer a home-like environment, and the amenities available vary based on cost.

Paying for assisted living differs from paying for nursing homes. Largely government-subsidized health programs like Medicare and Medicaid pay for nursing home care. Those who would be best serviced by assisted living may find they may not qualify for government support, nor may the facilities accept anything other than private payment or long-term care insurance to cover room and board.

Other considerations in assisted living facilities are size, specialties, atmosphere, location, and the ability to transition to higher forms of care. Assisted living may fill a void currently, but it's often not a permanent situation for all, and eventually certain residents may have to move on to skilled care facilities.

Potential residents and their families should visit various assisted living facilities to get a feel for what they are like. Speak with the staff and residents, request a meal and get a sense of the environment. Apart from cost, how the home feels is one of the most important factors in shopping around for this type of residence.

SENIOR PERKS

Growing older may come with some added laugh lines or a few extra aches and pains. But the discounts and other perks afforded seniors can make reaching one's golden years a bit easier to embrace.

Individuals willing to do the research or simply ask businesses about their senior discount can be well on their way to saving serious money. Age-based discounts vary, offering deals to those age 50 and up, and others kicking in at 55 or 60-plus. Seniors can find scores of discounts to help them save money while enjoying their golden years.

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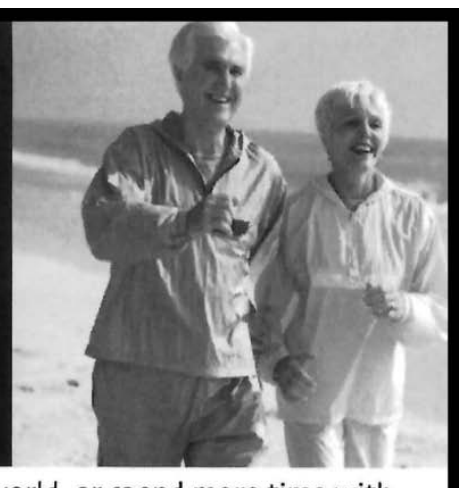

Whether you plan to play golf, travel the world, or spend more time with your family, determining your retirement needs is the first step to defining how the assets you've worked hard to build, keep working for you.

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Locked Down in Lombardy

RACHAEL AT THE hospital.

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COVID-19, and had pneumonia. They gave him antibiotics and oxygen, and was lucky he didn't need a ventilator. He has been improving, and should be home by the first week of April. Lorella was also sick for some time, but her fever was never high enough to be tested..

Rachael has managed to stay healthy. She said she may be one of those asymptomatic people perhaps.

She said authorities are talking about lifting quarantine. All non-essential businesses have been ordered to close until April 3, with people told to stay at home. There has been speculation the date will be pushed back and a decree issued on Tuesday gave the government the power to extend the deadline to July 31.

Only one person per family is allowed to go to the hospital, pharmacy or grocery store. And they must have documentation. Military is stopping people. For her and her host family, since Giorgio tested positive, they legally can't leave the house. Those who have tested positive and do not stay home could face one to five years in prison. If they need groceries, a family member brings them, sets them by the door, and they wait until they have left the yard.

"It kind of looks like a ghost town," Rachael said.

She said she is aghast seeing people back home partying on the beach, having coronavirus parties in their garage and going about their daily lives when they should be sheltering in place,

"It makes me so mad, and I think it's because I'm experiencing this in Italy. … You have no idea how bad it can get. You have no idea how bad this will get," she said.

And as monotonous as it is to be locked down in a home, "It's my duty to keep others safe."

Tina was supposed to visit Rachael in May. Obviously, those plans have changed. And as much as Tina wants her daughter on the next flight home, Rachael said for now, she has decided to stay until June 11 with her original ticket back to O'Hare.

"I've thought about going home sometimes but I've worked so hard for this," she said. "It's my responsibility to continue teaching."

What advice would she give to all of us back home?

"Quarantine sucks. It does suck. I've been in this house for four weeks. … "Listen to the medical field, listen to the scientists. Listen to the directives."

Stay home.

RACHAEL IN ITALY.

Five Ways to Leave a Lasting Legacy

It is customary for people to take inventory of their lives as they grow older, wondering about their impact on the world and the people closest to them. A legacy is often the story of one's life and the things he or she did through the years.

The good thing about a legacy is it is never too early to begin planning. The following are some guidelines that can help people establish lasting legacies.

• Keep track of your story. Grab a journal and start jotting down events that occur in your life. Mention particular achievements or notable things that occur from day to day. Pepper these accounts with stories of your family and childhood to start establishing an autobiography of sorts.

• Consider your daily actions. Even though people may imagine it is the grand gestures that are remembered most, quite often it's the simplest acts that make the most impact. Think about the way you treat others each and every day. Smile at people, compliment others and offer positive advice when it is sought.

• Research investments that are profitable. If the goal is to make money to leave for future generations, investigate your options. These include assets that can retain their value. According to NewRetirement.com and Stepping Stone Financial, Inc., vacation homes mean a lot to families and they also can be a source of future revenue should they be rented or sold. Speaking with a financial advisor also can be a sound way to invest the right way to accumulate assets that can be passed down as a legacy.

• Name children or other relatives as beneficiaries on Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). With Roth IRAs, distributions are tax-free as long as the person who set up the IRA met the five-year holding period for contributions and conversions. Beneficiaries can have five years to take out money from the account; otherwise, they can convert the plan to an Inherited IRA, which stretches out distributions over their life expectancy, according to Investopedia, an online financial resource.

• Write a legacy letter. A legacy letter is a way to speak directly to loved ones and say all those things that you had wished you told them earlier but maybe didn't find the words or perhaps never had the time, according to Forbes. The letter ensures others know just how much joy they brought to your life and the pride you had in knowing them.

Leaving a legacy is something people start to think about as they grow older, but it's easy to start planning a legacy regardless of your age.

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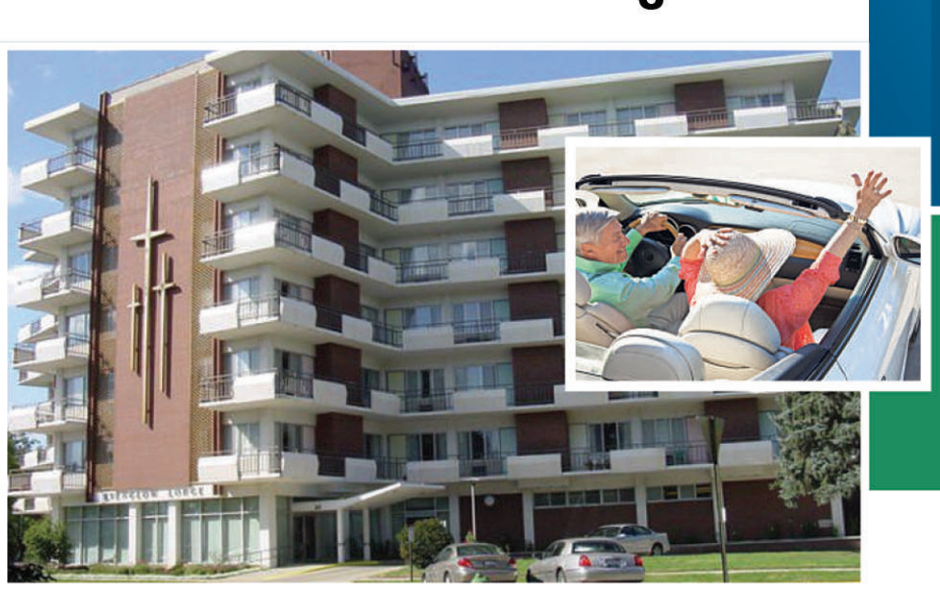

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BBQ Competition Cancelled

Dwight Economic Alliance has had to officially cancel the BBQ Competition scheduled during the Red Carpet Corridor, the first week in May, due to the CDC reccommendations on social gatherings.

The Alliance had the option to reschedule for this year, but most competitions are scheduled a year in advance and adding a competition that wasn't already on the books risks low team turnout and significant financial losses.

We have already confirmed our 2021 competition with the KCBS.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On Road District Budget

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Garfield Road District in the county of Grundy, 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 at Garfield Township Hall from and after 3 o'clock p.m., 16th day, April 2020.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:25 o'clock p.m., 20th day, May 2020, at Garfield Township Hall in this Garfield Road District and that final action will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the 6:30 o'clock p.m. Regular meeting.

James Olson, Supervisor
Tracy Kociss, Clerk

Dwight Approves Budget with Water/Sewer Rates to Increase

Village Responds to State of Emergency

by Madelyn Fogarty
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In these unusual times, the Dwight Village Board of Trustees held its March 23 session via a telecommunication meeting with all board members present. During the current health crisis across the nation, Section 6 of Governor Pritzker Executive Order 02020-07 declaring all counties in Illinois as a disaster area alters the open meetings act and suspends the requirement for physical presence.

With a balanced budget proposed, an Ordinance adopting Dwight's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget was approved and adopted by the Dwight Village Board of Trustees following a Public Hearing on March 23.

During the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, Village Administrator Kevin McNamara highlighted various aspects of the proposed budget in a statement to the board.

"This $9,183,193.00 Village budget, $3.301 million of which is for the General Fund, is the revenue and expense plan providing for the day-to-day operations of Village government," said McNamara. "It provides the Village's Departments - Public Works, Police, Emergency Services and Administration with guidelines for expenses throughout the year. While revenues remain stagnant, the Village's fiscal solvency is heavily reliant upon external factors we do not control. COVID -19, I'm afraid, is going to play havoc on municipal budgets, especially on the revenue side."

McNamara noted that the current pandemic resulting in the closure of non-essential businesses, bars and restaurants will result in significant revenue losses for the Village from video gaming, sales tax and motor fuel tax.

"General Fund Revenue remains flat and this budget accurately reflects that case. As always, we keep a vigilant eye on the State budget as it relates to Human Services and our residents of the Fox Center. Currently Fox is budgeted for 106 residents in a facility that once housed and had a budget for 300 people. The upcoming fiscal year will continue financially to be a challenging one for the Village and you as its elected officials. We have faced many challenges this past year and many more remain, challenges we as a Village cannot control."

"Despite these realities, the good news is the General Fund and this proposed budget is balanced and there are many positives also," continued McNamara. "Beginning April 1, the Village will be providing ambulance service and those paramedics and basic medical technicians will be Village employees. You as a board have implemented the most aggressive new home building incentive in the area and last year it began to bear fruit. It is hoped that this building incentive, a flat $1,000 fee along with a corporate property tax abatement, continues to stimulate growth and increase revenues in the Village. Permits for ten new housing units, four homes and a six unit apartment were issued in 2019, our biggest increase in single residence homes since 2006. We hope this trend continues.

A new Rt. 17/Old Route 66 TIF District is on its way to passage. Our rainy day fund with the addition this fiscal year of past ambulance receipts has significantly increased. As per Village Ordinance, the Water and Sewer Fund sales fees increase five percent every April 1. This budget does reflect that increase. Other proposed increases are, per contract, the residential garbage bills increase four percent. The implementation of this budget will result in the continued delivery of current services to our residents that they have come to expect."

In a separate public hearing portion of the meeting, McNamara outlined the need to amend the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020. Some items rendering the need for adjustment include EMS billing changes; adjustments to legal fees; addition of DEA funding; inter-fund transfers for ambulance and police vehicles; technical services, and EMS second ambulance. The Board approved the amended budget as presented.

Due to the current health crisis situation, the Board approved Ordinance #1439 Pertaining to a Local State of Emergency. The ordinance is a precaution and necessary in emergency situations which allows the mayor certain additional powers and authority should emergency actions and resources become necessary.

During this time of social distancing, the Public Service Complex and Village Hall is currently not open to the public and hours have been shortened. The hall can be reached by calling 815.584.3077 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Public Works is operating weekdays from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. ensuring all essential city services are operational. It has been noted that with regard to the March 31 water bills, no late fees will be accessed and no water will be shut off during this time. It should be noted that the situation driven by the public health emergence is fluid and residents should be aware that changes will occur as circumstances mandate.

In addition, the March 31 renewal date for all village liquor licenses has been extended to July 1.

"I wish everyone the best as we continue through this, with continued prayers for everyone," said Village President Jared Anderson who also complimented residents for their compliance to current restrictions.

In other business, with the Village of Dwight moving to take over its ambulance service effective April 1, the Board approved the employment of EMS employees. Hired were Paramedics: Kevin Leroy as EMS Director, Jenny Allsworth, Rachel Keller, Leslie Crum, Annette Aichele, Samantha Marshall, Brian McCreadie, Aaron Burke, Sandy Kokaly, Danielle Aichele and Jackie Schwinn. Basic Medics: Maricela Morales, Caleb Kraupp, Casandra Walsh, Alyssa Irvin, Colt Aldrich and Tyler Rundle.

The board also approved:

• payment of bills totaling $102,714.63.

• the March Treasurer's report showing a balance of $2,095,014.21 across all funds.

• a fund transfer of $68.037.17 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying principal and interest on IEPA Loan L17-1046 and future engineering services.

• a fund transfer of $15,906.47 from the Water Fund to the Water Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of paying invoices to repair previous construction projects.

• a fund transfer of $14,213.33 from the General Fund to the Capital Expenditures Fund for the purpose of paying invoices from previous purchases.

• a fund transfer of $3,933.66 from the General Fund to the Referendum Fund for the purpose of paying invoices to complete construction projects.

• a transfer of $108,893.26 from the Sewer Fund to the Referendum Fund for the purpose of paying invoices from previous construction projects.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees is tentatively scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 13. Please check Village of Dwight postings regarding how this meeting will be held.

Dwight Residents Urged to Complete 2020 Census

Online and Phone Options Available

Today is Census Day, and Dwight Village Administrator Kevin McNamara urged residents to complete the 2020 U.S. census.

"A friendly reminder this is important to everyone," McNamara said.

Only 40 percent of Dwight 60420 residents had completed the survey -- "which could still be higher" McNamara said on Monday. But that's more than twice as many as of the March 23 Dwight Village Board meeting, when only 18 percent had completed the census survey.

McNamara said the village has spent several thousand dollars promoting the census and has been reminding people on their Facebook page, as well.

By now, residents have received official mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. The census count is also facing struggles in response to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The Bureau has temporarily suspended field operations and has pushed back several deadlines.

But McNamara believes Dwight residents just need to be reminded how important it is to dig their census paperwork out from the pile of mail and turn it in.

Census numbers, gathered every 10 years, are critical to provide the basis for government funding available to local communities.

Government funding is based per capita, and Dwight gets about $183 for each of its 4,260 residents that goes into its annual budget. That's $779,580 in the general fund for police, ambulance, roads and other services.

When residents fail to turn in the census, that's fewer people counted in Dwight's population. If the census showed a drop of, say, 100 people, that's $18,300 less each year the village would receive, which could amount to some $183,000 until the next census is taken in 2030, McNamara said.

While a very small number of paper forms were mailed in Dwight, the expectation is residents will complete the census online. With the Village Hall now closed to public entrance due to the coronavirus restrictions, residents needing assistance may still call the Village Hall with questions regarding completing the census. In addition, a call-in option has been made available for completing the census. To complete the census over the phone, simply call 844-330-2020.

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Albert Brunner

PARAY VIEILLE, FRANCE – Albert Brunner, 89, of Paray Vieille, France and formerly of Essex, Illinois, passed away 24 March, 2020, at his home.

He was born 15 February 1931 in Essex Township, son of Josephine and Oscar Brunner.

In his childhood, he was active in the youth fellowship of the Grand Prairie United Methodist Church. He graduated from Reddick High School 1949, and then went to the Air Force during the Korean War serving in Japan.

He then went to college, graduated from Illinois State University in 1958. He taught at Springfield high school two years, Oak Lawn high school two years, and then he taught in Military high schools in Japan, Okinawa, England and Germany. He loved to travel. He retired from teaching 1994.

He married Monique Bardou 1 April 1977.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter-in-law, Robin Welch of Ashmore, Illinois; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Rose Dunn of Elgin and Margaret and Eugene Reardanz of Kankakee; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Ivan and Shirley Brunner of Herscher; Wilbert and Asenath Brunner of Kankakee; and Maria Brunner of Scottsdale, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Christophe Welch; a brother, Melvin; and a brother-in-law, Donald Dunn.

He was loved and respected by his family.

Services will be held in France.

Kenneth N. Wiegand

MORRIS – Kenneth Noah Wiegand, 83, of Morris, IL passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020 in Morris.

He was born in Beatrice, Nebraska on May 14, 1936 to Noah H. and Helen (Kiesow) Wiegand. He was baptized by Rev. H.E. Wildgruben at Emmaus Lutheran Church. He was confirmed April 2, 1950 by Rev. E. Frese at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Beatrice).

He attended Lutheran school from 1945-1950, then Beatrice High School until moving to Missouri in February, 1954. He graduated from Lutesville High School, May 1954. He joined the Natural Gas Pipeline, Company of America on October 15, 1954.

On January 7, 1959 he was drafted into the US Army where he served as a dental assistant at Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia. He was honorably discharged from the Army on January 6, 1961 and re-joined NGP, where he worked until his retirement in March 1996.

He married Dolores (Wright) Wiegand on July 3, 1962 in Trinity Lutheran in Herscher, IL.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Dolores; brother, Ronald; children: Laurie (Michael) Applebee, Terri (Gary) Gillette, Sherri (Jim Mack) and Kerry (Abby) Wiegand; grandchildren: Andy (Mariah), Alex, Aaron (Emily), Austin, and Arik Applebee; Alyssa (Michael) Larson, Nora and Teddy Wiegand; and great-grandchildren: Tanner and Audra Applebee and Lincoln Larson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Alan.

A private family graveside service was held Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in Pilot Center Cemetery, Herscher.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, 1338 Clay Street, Morris, IL.

Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington Street, Morris, IL. For further information visit the website at www.ucdaviscallahan.com or contact the funeral home at 815-942-0084. Online condolences may be directed to the family by visiting the website.

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

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Rep. Tom Bennett Reports

Executive order calls for 'remote learning days' in Illinois schools

The Governor has issued an executive order which directed the State Superintendent to begin the process of implementing "remote learning days" for the remainder of the ongoing school closure due to coronavirus. These remote learning days will start Tuesday in place of the "Act of God" days that have been used since schools were closed two weeks ago. They will allow school districts to count these days toward the 176 days of student attendance required by law for 2019-2020 to be considered a full school term.

A school district may use an existing e-learning program, or utilize five Remote Learning Planning Days to develop its plan. The remote learning days will continue until in-person instruction can resume. More information is available from the Illinois State Board of Education.

To donate personal protective equipment, contact PPE donations@illinois.gov

To volunteer to help: serve.illinois.gov

My district offices remain closed to in-person visits, but are accessible by phone at 815.844.9179 Pontiac or 815.432.0106 Watseka.

5 Minutes with Boma

Power Outage

A power outage without the power outage. I wish I had come up with this phrase, or idea on my own, but I heard it on a podcast that I was listening to this morning, it was from the Bill Simmons podcast with Ryen Russillo.

That's what they were describing as what we're going through right now. You're at home, more or less stuck there, unless your job permits and calls for you to leave during the weekday or weekend.

This has led to basically acting for all intents and purposes as if there's a power outage taking place right now.

The only difference is, there's still power, obviously. This means you can still watch TV, surf the internet, play video games, do just about anything and everything that you could previously do in your house, but now you're more or less forced to as that's about the only option for entertainment.

It also brings on things that you might do during a normal power outage, like playing cards, doing a puzzle, drawing/coloring, reading things of that nature that don't require electricity for them to take place.

With President Trump stating in his most recent "great rating" press conference that social distancing is likely to be in place until the end of April, that likely means that we're just going to have to adapt to this power outage without the power outage philosophy just a little bit longer.

On the plus side, for those that do have families and are now "stuck" with them, it provides for a lot more time to spend and talk with them that maybe you otherwise wouldn't get. There might not be another time in peoples' lives with this much free downtime to just enjoy the people closest to them and their company.

Try to make the most out of a bad and currently dire situation. It won't last forever, so put as positive a spin on it as you are able.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given To the legal residents of the Town of Mazon, Mazon Township, in the county of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town meeting for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:30 P.M. on the said date at the Mazon Township Hall, 703 Park Street, Mazon, Illinois, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuant of law, come before the meeting.

Eric Misener

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On Township Budget

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Garfield in the county of Grundy, 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 at Garfield Township Hall from and after 3 o'clock p.m., 16th day, April 2020.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:20 o'clock p.m., 20th day, May 2020, at Garfield Township Hall in this Town and that final action will be taken by the Board of Trustees at the 6:30 o'clock p.m. regular meeting.

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REGARDING REPAIR OF SCHOOL GROUNDS IN GARDNER COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 72C, GARDNER, ILLINOIS

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District No. 72C, Grundy County, Illinois, that a Public Hearing will take place on April 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., Gardner, Illinois, 60424.

The purpose of this Hearing is for the Board of Education to determine the need to undertake repairs to the pavement of playgrounds, school bus turnarounds, student drop-off areas, sidewalks and parking areas at: Gardner Grade School, 598 N. Elm St., Gardner, IL, and to receive any public comment regarding such repairs.

Denny Christensen, Board President
Lauren Vitko, Board Secretary
Gardner Community Consolidated School District 72C
Board of Education
Gardner, Illinois 60424

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal residents of the Town of Goodfarm in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day at the Goodfarm Town Hall, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuant of law, come before the meeting.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2020.

Roland R. Gantzert

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

ERIC STEWART,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JEREMY MARSHALL,
Defendant,
No. 2020-LM-32

NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is given you, JEREMY MARSHALL, Defendant, in the above entitled action, that this action has been commended in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that an order may be entered granting possession of the property commonly known as 311 Eisenhower Drive, Dwight, IL 60420, to the Plaintiff, ERIC STEWART, and for the Plaintiff's costs of suit. Summons was issued out of the court against you as provided by law, and the action is still pending.

Consequently, unless you, JEREMY MARSHALL, Defendant, file your answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois on or before May 1, 2020, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020.

LEANN DIXON
Clerk of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Pontiac, Illinois

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DONNA BOWLES MAUSER,
Deceased.

Case No.: 2020-P-18

CLAIMS NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of Donna Bowles Mauser died on August 7th, 2019. At the time of her death, Donna Bowles Mauser was a resident of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on March 20th, 2020, to MARK L. BOWLES and ERIK B. BOWLES, Independent Co-Executors, whose addresses are 849 Shadowmoss Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787 and 125 N. Thompson, Melvin, IL 60952, respectively. Their attorney is WILLIAM J. GERBER, 210 W. Oak St., Fairbury, IL 61739, whose phone number is (815) 692-2224.

Claims may be filed on or before October 1st, 2020. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Claims may be filed with the office of the Clerk of Livingston County Court at 110 N Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Co-Executors, or both. If filed with the Clerk, claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Executors and to their attorney and file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp

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Spring Home and Garden

Five Outdoor Projects That Add Value

Exterior renovations can enhance the appearance of a property and make it more enjoyable for homeowners. Certain renovations have the potential to add value to a home, while others may do the opposite.

Curb appeal goes a long way toward attracting potential buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, first impressions of a property have a strong influence on buyers. Landscaping and external features can do much to influence such impressions.

• **Lawn care program:** Investing in a lawn care program that consists of fertilizer and weed control application and can be transferred over to a subsequent home owner is an attractive feature. NAR says such a care program can recover $1,000 in value of the $330 average cost, or a 303 percent ROI.

• **Low-maintenance lifestyle:** When choosing materials for projects, those that offer low-maintenance benefits can be preferential. These include low-maintenance patio materials, composite decking, vinyl fencing, and inorganic mulched beds.

• **Fire pit:** A fire pit can be used for much of the year. In the spring and summer, the firepit is a great place to congregate to roast marshmallows or sip wine and gaze into the fire. In the fall, the fire pit can make for a cozy retreat. A fire pit that has a gas burner is low-maintenance, and the National Association of Landscape Professionals says that most can recoup about $4,000 of their $6,000 average price tag.

• **Softscaping:** Hardscaping refers to structures like outdoor kitchens or decks. Softscaping involves the living elements of the landscape. Hiring a landscape designer to install trees, shrubs, natural edging, and rock elements can do wonders toward improving the look and value of a home.

• **Pool or water feature:** In certain markets, particularly hot climates, a pool or another water feature is a must-have. However, in other areas where outdoor time is limited, a pool or water feature can actually lower the value of a home. Speaking with a real estate professional can give homeowners an idea of how a pool will fare in a given neighborhood.

Eight Garden Tools For Beginners

The right tool for the job is essential to working safely and efficiently. This is as true in the workplace as it is in the garden.

Novice gardeners may not know where to begin in regards to which tools they need. The following are eight items that can serve as a solid foundation for beginning gardeners.

1. Gloves: Your hands will be working hard, so it pays to protect them from calluses, blisters, splinters, insects, and dirt. Look for water-resistant gloves that are also breathable.
2. Hand pruners: Hand pruners are essential for cutting branches, cleaning up shrubs, dead-heading flowers, and various other tasks. Choose ergonomic, no-slip handles that will make work easier. Rust-resistant, nonstick blades also are handy.
3. Wheelbarrow: A wheelbarrow can transport gear to garden beds or tote dirt, leaves, rocks, and other materials around the landscape. A good wheelbarrow is strong but light enough to maneuver when full.
4. Loppers: Long-handled loppers will fit the bill for thick branches. The long handles provide leverage to cut through branches an inch or more in diameter.
5. Hand trowel: A hand trowel is a handy tool that lets you dig holes or unearth weeds. While shopping for a trowel, consider getting a hand-held garden fork, which can aerate soil and cut through roots.
6. Hose/watering can: Keeping gardens hydrated is part of ensuring their health. That makes a hose and a watering can two invaluable tools to have around. Invest in a lightweight, expandable hose if storage space is at a premium. An adjustable nozzle will enable you to customize the water flow as needed. A watering can is an easy way to tote water to hard-to-reach pots and containers.
7. Garden kneeler: Gardeners often bend and kneel while working in the soil. That puts pressure on the back and knees. A comfortable garden kneeler with memory foam or one made from shock-absorbing material can reduce aches and pains.
8. Garden hoe: Garden hoes till soil, remove weeds and perform many other tasks. A garden hoe can be used along with a full-sized shovel, trowel and garden rake.

This list is just the tip of the garden tool iceberg. Visit a garden center and speak with a professional about other tools that can be added to the mix.

The Dangers of Mowing Too Low

Spring marks the return of many things. Trees and flowers begin to bloom again in spring. Grass also begins to grow. That means it's not too long before homeowners have to dust off their lawn mowers and get to work. Those who don't necessarily enjoy mowing the lawn may be tempted to cut their grass very low, as doing so can mean longer intervals between mowing sessions. However, mowing grass too low can have a very adverse effect on a lawn.

• Cutting too low can injure the grass. • Cutting too low promotes weed growth. Injured grass is vulnerable to invaders, including weeds and insects.

• Cutting too low allows crabgrass to thrive.

• Cutting too low can stress the grass. Cutting too low also makes lawns vulnerable to summer heat. Without blades tall enough to block some of the summer sun, grass can quickly succumb to summer heat, leading to dried out, discolored lawns.

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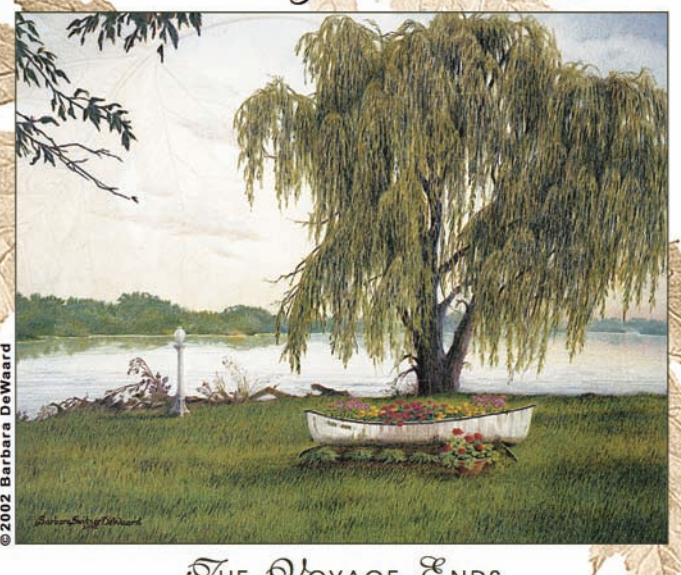

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Spring Home and Garden

Mulching Mistakes to Avoid

Landscape features vary significantly from house to house. Some homeowners may prefer water features on their properties, while others focus on flowers that would be the envy of a botanical garden. Regardless of those preferences, lawn and garden enthusiasts who want to make their properties as idyllic as possible may eventually look to mulch to help them accomplish that goal.

Mulch helps soil retain moisture, which promotes strong, healthy flowers, plants, trees, and shrubs. And because soil beneath mulch retains more moisture than soil that's not protected by mulch, homeowners won't have to spend as much time watering mulched landscapes. That saves time and conserves water, which can be a big benefit in areas prone to drought and/or especially hot summers. Mulch also helps to suppress weed growth, which can ensure all that hard work needed to create an eye-catching garden won't be compromised by the presence of unsightly, thirsty weeds.

Mulching seems like a simple task, and it can be. But that does not mean homeowners cannot make mistakes when mulching. The following are some common mulching mistakes to avoid as lawn and garden season hits full swing.

• Not enough mulch: Mulch is ineffective when spread too thin. The Virginia Cooperative Extension at Virginia Tech and Virginia State University recommends applying mulch no less than two inches in depth. Anything less than that will prove ineffective at preventing weed growth and helping the soil retain moisture, and that means you will need to water more often.

• Poorly located mulch: Mulch should not be placed too close to plant stems or tree trunks. When it is, tissue is so wet that it makes for a perfect environment for disease and insect infestation.

• Failing to mulch to the drip line: The drip line of a tree refers to the outermost circumference of the tree's canopy from which water drips onto the ground. The VCE recommends mulching to the drip line of a plant or tree, which ensures the plant or tree will get the most out of the mulch. Mulching to the drip line also minimizes competition from the grass, leading to stronger plants and trees.

• Failing to weed before mulching: Weeds should be removed prior to mulching. If they're not, the mulch can provide the same growing environment for weeds that you're trying to create for your plants and trees.

Mulching benefits a landscape in myriad ways, especially when homeowners avoid some common mulching mistakes.

"The Chief" is a reminder of the need to stay safe and healthy during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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Community Tackles COVID Concerns

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tough topics like people's fears, anxieties, vulnerabilities and even mortality -- all through scripture.

"Using the scripting I'm trying to help people find that peace a little bit," he said.

Each day has a theme. Last week, he filmed from the rooftop of Station 343 to talk about uncertainty.

"We can't see the forest through the trees. We need to get higher so we can see our future."

He quoted Isiah, Chapter 40, Verse 31: "Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength and they will soar high on wings like eagles."

Another day he posted from his recliner to talk about the importance of rest during troubled times, for the body, mind and soul. He cited Matthew Chapter 11, Verse 28: "Jesus says, 'Come to me all of you who are weary, who are worn out and carry a heavy burden, and I will give you rest."

Another day he took a walk in the rain for his post, "Umbrella."

"Our nation, our world, it's raining on all of us," Randle said. "We are in a rainy season in our world spiritually, but God is there and wants to bless us."

While there is so much unknown, he tries to give people some perspective. For instance, close to 40,000 people die each year in the U.S. in car accidents.

He's streamed church services live on Facebook for the last week, and will continue to do so until it opens to public worship and possibly longer. He's had people from as far as Seattle and Texas -- even India and the Czech Republic -- tune in for services and his daily message.

Pastor Victor Randle

"We live in a world, it's flawed. We're human beings. We're susceptible to disease. Life happens. Death happens," Randle said. "We have to trust His sovereignty."

Dwight Woman On a Mission to Make Masks for the Frontline

Jill Sorensen-Davis is a semi-retired school consultant for the State of Illinois. But with school being out for the foreseeable future, she's found herself needing to keep busy.

She had read about scenarios facing the nation's healthcare professionals and their need for PPEs, particularly face masks. She was particularly disturbed when she read online about nurses having to wash and use another person's mask.

And then came the call from her quilting group to start sewing face masks for those on the frontlines fighting the COVID-19 crisis. She dug into her stash of fabrics, pulled out her scissors and needles and got to work. She's made more than 200 in the last week.

"I've been at my sewing machine eight to 10 hours a day for eight days," said Sorensen-Davis, a retired Reed-Custer teacher.

"I'm just trying to do it because you just feel so helpless at home. I just want to do a good deed," she said.

She found a pattern from The Turban Project website. She uses cotton fabric and flannel, sewing them three- to four-layers thick. They have pleats on the front, and a pocket where someone could put a makeshift filter, such as a coffee filter or a piece from a clean vacuum cleaner filter.

Crafty people are stepping up to create homemade masks for health care workers facing shortages amid the coronavirus pandemic. Such ramped up efforts come as some hospital systems say their suppliers are not filling regular orders.

Cloth masks are far from an ideal solution. The CDC said that homemade masks are not considered PPE and cautions people against using them instead of FDA approved masks. But with a dwindling supply of N95 respirators and a surge in COVID-19 virus cases, healthcare facilities are bracing for the worst. This being said, the CDC does say that in settings where face masks are not available, healthcare professionals could use homemade masks for the care of patients with COVID-19 as a last resort.

And that's exactly why Sorenson-Davis has taken to her sewing machine for hours on end. First and foremost, she has been asking tattoo artists, dentists and others who might have a stockpile of FDA-approved masks to donate them.

In an ideal world, there would be an abundance of them. But, "These are to cover as a last resort," she said.

And requests keep coming in.

"Every time I stop, I get an email," she said.

In sharing the free masks on social media, she said she has gotten backlash from some medical professionals. But many are telling her they'd rather have something to protect themselves than nothing at all.

She has mailed them to a nurse in Oregon; dropped them off to an 80-year-old cancer survivor in town who's afraid to go to the store without one; sent 30 to the Fox Developmental Center; a dozen to a local nursing home; and even to clerks at Berkot's. It shows there is a need for facemasks even beyond the healthcare community, from grocery store and gas station clerks to those in the food industry.

But now she's finding it hard to get her hands on supplies, particularly elastic that holds the masks in place around the ears. Someone mailed her what elastic they had. Sorenson-Davis then bought all the elastic headbands at the store. She's run out of those and is now trying to figure out if ponytail holders would work.

"I certainly agree there should be outrage that nurses don't have them," she said. "This is better than nothing."

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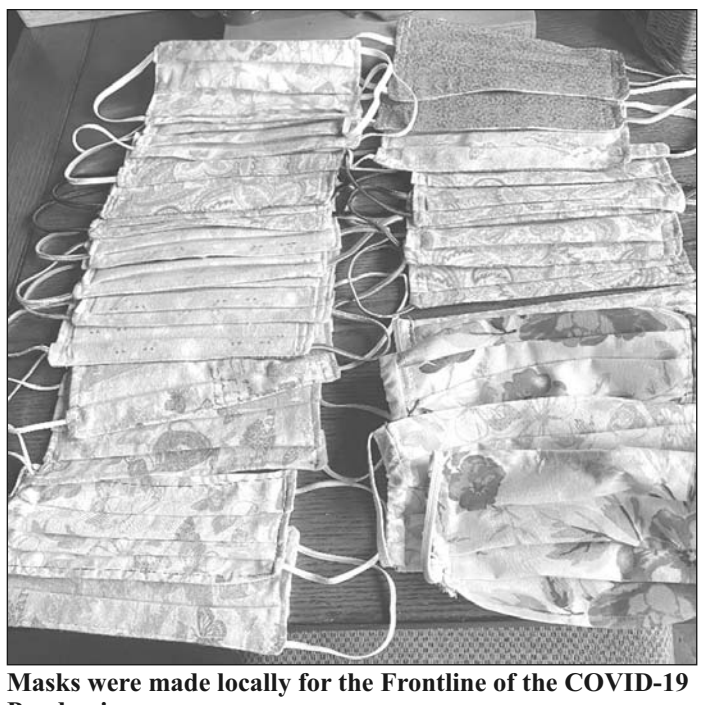
Masks were made locally for the Frontline of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Gas Prices For This Week

Gas prices are expected to go even lower in the next few weeks due to less demand.

Remember to do everything that our local, state and federal government asks us to do during this Covid-19 crisis. It is a good idea to wipe down your car as you are wiping down your house. Check on your elderly neighbors and loved ones. Travel safely if you have to venture out.

City/Village	April 1	March 25
Dwight	$1.95	$1.99
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Odell	$1.99	$1.99
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Gardner	$1.99	$2.12
Braceville	$1.99	$2.14
Morris	$1.98	$2.00
Herscher	$1.87	$1.95
Chicago	$2.56	$2.79
Illinois	$2.08	$2.16
U.S.	$2.05	$2.12

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MONA TOWNSHIP and ROAD DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2020

Township Revenue Summary

Property Tax	$67,678
Replacement Tax	3,611
Cemetery Reciepts	1,771
Loan Repayment	25,000
Miscellaneous Income	0
TOIRMA Dividend	960
Total Revenue	**$99,020**

Township Compensation Summary
Over $25,000, Gary Hamilton;
Under $25,000, Howard E. Haley, Nancy Wright, Ed Moritz, Gary Loschen, Stan Dietz, Tom Saathoff
Total Compensation **$39,361**

Township Expenditure Summary

TOIRMA	$6,449
U.S. Treasury	5,985
FICA	7,266
Cemetery Care	1,600
Fund Transfer	2,000
IL Dept. of Rev.	1,683
Loan to R & B	50,000
Audit	1,500
All other disbursements under $1,000	3,120
Total Vendors	**$79,603**

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Mona Road District Revenue Summary

Property Tax	$88,642
Replacement Tax	5,113
Interest Income	142
CD Reinvestment	45,000
Loan (New Truck)	68,000
Sale of Old Truck	45,000
Miscellaneous Income	2,860
Total Revenue	**$254,756**

Road District Compensation Summary
All Under $3,000 – Larry Blatzer, Devin Winterroth, Richard Symons, Patrick Clark
Total Compensation **$2,835**

Mona Road District Expenditure Summary

Evergreen FS	$5,354
VCNA Prairie	6,077
RFF Trucking	3,345
Rush Truck Center	133,481
Claus Specialties	1,425
Rahn Truck Center	4,902
Chris Small, Inc.	2,897
VVB	18,211
Altopher	1,512
Mona Twp Town Fund	25,000
All Under $1,500	10,966
Total Vendors	**$213,170**

MONA TWP. SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES – 2019-2020

	Town Fund	Gen. Asst.	Tort Ins.	FICA	Audit
April 1, 2019	$76,902	$20,125	$11,397	$23,667	$545
CD Investments	40,000	15,000	0	15,000	0
Receipts	94,846	1,686	1,398	496	2,536
Totals	**211,748**	**36,812**	**12,795**	**39,162**	**3,081**
Expenditures	143,854	15,375	6,449	23,263	1,500
March 31, 2020	**67,894**	**21,437**	**6,346**	**15,900**	**1,581**

MONA ROAD DISTRICT SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES – 2019-2020

	Road & Bridge	Joint Bridge	Perm. Road	Build. & Equip.
April 1, 2019	$105,139	$9,507	$4,390	$6,665
CD Investments	40,000	10,000	0	0
Receipts	219,341	4,964	26,878	3,574
Totals	**364,479**	**24,471**	**31,268**	**10,239**
Expenditures	274,957	10,000	15,522	10,229
March 31, 2020	**89,522**	**14,471**	**15,746**	**10**

Subscribed and sworn to this day 15th day of April, 2020 – Howard E. Haley, Supervisor.

I, Nancy Wright, Clerk of Mona Township, Ford County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

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Dwight Common School PTO Easter Egg Contest and Hunt

COVID-19 has really impacted everyone, and Dwight Common School PTO thought that everyone could use something fun and safe for their families to do while still observing safe social distancing.

Easter is just around the corner, so they thought an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt and contest would be perfect.

They would like to have families create paper Easter Eggs and hang them in a window. They will share a template of an egg you can use or simply draw your own.

Just like eggs come by the dozen, there will be 12 categories: Spring, Sports, Cartoons, Food, Nature, Animals, Stripes, Dots, Redbird/Trojans, Vehicles, Avant Garde (fancy), and Create Your Own.

After you have created your egg, snap a picture of it and send it to 815-584-7568. Don't forget to include your name and which category you are entering.

All entries are due by Friday, April 3, so they can create albums on Facebook for each category to have people vote for their favorites. Voting will end Friday, April 10.

Winners from each category will win DQ gift cards. The overall winner will win an Easter Basket.

After you have made your eggs, hang them in your windows for people to have an Easter Egg hunt walking or driving by. PTO will also be hanging some gold eggs for prizes.

The first family to snap a picture of each gold egg and tag Dwight Common School PTO on Facebook will win a prize. Only one golden egg prize per family will be given.

Dwight Lions Easter Egg Hunt Cancelled

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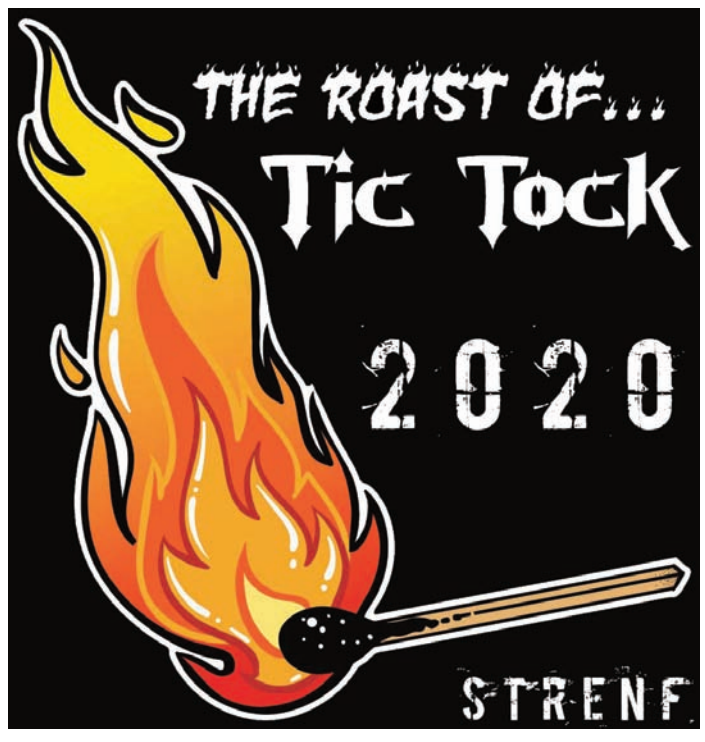

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