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Michele Miller

Back to Work After Two Weeks in Quarantine *Dwight Nurse Takes COVID Diagnosis in Stride*

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucic
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It started on Wednesday, March 25. Michele Miller, of Dwight, was feeling really run down with a scratchy throat. But as the director of nursing at an area health care facility, she had been working a lot of overtime and chucked it off thinking she was coming down with a cold.

"I didn't think too much about it," she said.

On Monday morning, March 30, she got a call: She was COVID-19 positive.

Miller had been exposed to several other people at work who had tested positive for the disease. But she could have contracted it anywhere. But when she found out she was positive, she and her family went on lockdown.

Miller and her husband, Justin, have four children aged 18, 14, 6 and 4. Suddenly, Miller found herself alone and

away from the family. No more hugs. No more kisses. They amped up handwashing and started disinfecting everything.

It didn't take long after her first symptoms appeared for her to understand the gravity of the situation. Two days after that scratchy throat, on Friday, March 27, she noticed she lost her sense of taste and smell. She couldn't taste her Starbucks coffee or smell the sniffy markers her kids were drawing with.

That night, the family ordered pizza and hot wings from Casey's. She could taste neither.

That night, she woke up and couldn't breathe. She had to dig deep into her lungs to catch a breath. She almost had her husband take her to the emergency room. But she gave herself a breathing treatment with a nebulizer they had around for the kids. She laid down and tried to calm herself down.

"It scared me," she said.

The next day, on Saturday,

March 28, they drove to the ER at AMITA Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. They took her vitals and swabbed her without ever getting out of the car. Doctors sent her home with azithromycin, an antibiotic, and an inhaler and told her to go home and self quarantine for 14 days.

On Monday morning, she got a call from the Grundy County Health Department. She was now among the statistics.

Miller struggled for about 10 days before she started to feel better. She never had a fever. The worst part was the lack of energy. She compared it to having a bad case of the flu, only it lasted so much longer.

She said she was blessed by friends and family who went grocery shopping, dropped off food for her family, and brought over projects like DIY cookie kits for her kids while she recovered. She is also blessed no one else in her family has gotten the disease.

"For the most part my symptoms were pretty mild," said Miller, who's 40 and has no underlying health conditions.

She came out of quarantine on Saturday, April 10, and went back to work on Easter Sunday, one of the thousands of first responders who are on the coronavirus frontline.

Miller said she was never worried about the virus before she got sick, and she's not worried about it now that she's gone back to work. As a nurse, she said you're exposed to many diseases. It's just part of your job.

"Being a nurse, being in health care, it's something you have to deal with," she said. "You encounter all these things in health care and you can't be scared or worried about getting sick."

Her advice is to stay home. "It is necessary. We do need to flatten this curve."

Lonely in the Lone Star State Snowbirds Ready to Come Home to Dwight

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When Eileen and Charlie Hitchcock went down to their retirement home in Texas in November, they thought it would be good times as usual. And it has been, up until about March.

That's when the state issued its shelter-in-place mandate and it's expected to be extended into May. So while Eileen and Charlie usually stay six months, it's time for these snowbirds to come back to their hometown of Dwight.

Eileen, 79, is retired from RR Donnelley and Charlie, also 79, from USF Holland Trucking. When they retired they purchased a mobile home

at Park Place Estates in Harlingen, Texas, less than an hour west of South Padre Island.

They typically leave in mid-November, as they did this year, ready for plenty of bridge and dancing. The park is full of activities. Many meet at 5 a.m. for coffee and visits, then 12 hours later for happy hour. There are parties, cards, lunches and events. Charlie loves fishing, woodworking, plays golf and plays and manages the Pharr softball team, which won their tournament this year. Many park residents drive to the border and walk over a bridge to Progreso, Mexico, where they enjoy donuts, shopping or a mani/pedi.

But Gov. Greg Abbott is-

sued a shelter-in-place order on March 12 through April 30, though many believe it will be extended into mid-May.

"Everything is closed," Eileen said.

In Cameron County, it became mandatory to wear a mask wherever residents went. And it's getting hot in Southern Texas. They've had record-breaking heat this spring. It was 103 degrees and humid on Sunday, Eileen said.

The couple plans to leave April 24 and hopes to be home by April 27 or 28. Getting back to Dwight might have its challenges. They'll need to find a hotel for two nights on the road, and of course will have to eat along the way. Once they do get home, they need to self-

isolate for two weeks.

But it will be worth it to see relatives. Eileen's daughter Lynne and son-in-law George Cain live in Dwight. They have 22-year-old twins, Shannon, of Dwight, who works for Country Financial, and Dylan, who lives in Milan, Ill., and is a front desk manager for Hyatt Hotels in Moline.

Eileen's son Brian Fitzpatrick and wife Chris live in Brisbane, Australia. They have five children: Michael, 19, Abbey, 17, Alex, 16, Luke, 15 and Akiko, 14.

Eileen also has brothers John Duffy, of Blackstone, and Patrick Duffy, of Morris; and a sister Mary Rieck, in Dwight.

"I'm looking forward to seeing family," she said.



Eileen Hitchcock



Charlie Hitchcock

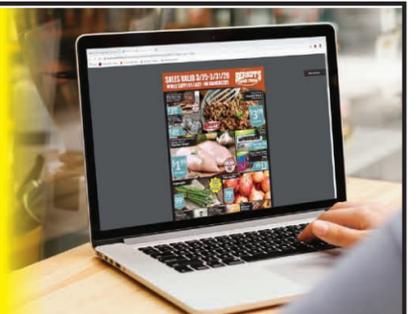
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Dwight Police Blotter

April 3: 9:27 a.m., Dwight Police answered a call in reference to child visitation interference; 5:01 p.m., Dwight Police answered a call in reference to a possible Violation of Order of Protection; 10:57 p.m., Dwight Police responded to a working fire on the 400 block of W. South. The officer helped contain the fire with his squad fire extinguisher, until Dwight Fire arrived.

April 4: 2:19 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of W. James for a family disturbance. The issue was resolved.

April 5: Dwight Police were dispatched to a family disturbance in the 300 block of W. James St. The issue was resolved.

April 6: 12:58 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of W. Waupansie for a family disturbance. The issue was resolved.

April 8: 4:40 p.m., Dwight Police responded to the 400 block of W. Mazon. The resi-

dent advised an unknown person had backed into their garage door, causing damage.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

April 3: South St., fire.
 April 4: 3200 N. Rd., fire.
 April 5: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; Clinton St., medical, refusal; Campus, medical, Pontiac; Clinton St., medical, refusal.

April 6: Elm, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Campus.

April 7: Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; Seminole, medical, mutual aid from Duffy's; Bannon Dr., medical, Morris.

April 8: Mazon, medical, Morris; Columbia, fire; Rt. 47, fire.

April 9: Old Rt. 66, fire; Delaware, medical, St. James; Prospect Ave., trauma, Morris.

April 10: North, medical, St. James; W. James St., medical, St. James.

April 11: E. Seminole St., medical; Depot St., COQ to Gardner; Julie, fire; Main, medical, Morris; E. Mazon, medical, Morris.

Free Food to Be Distributed April 22

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, April 22, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

Deliveries will be made curbside – weather permitting.

The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October.



Temps - 2020

- Apr. 2 – high 63°, low 32° .03" precip.
- Apr. 3 – high 69°, low 36° .08" precip.
- Apr. 4 – high 45°, low 31° trace precip.
- Apr. 5 – high 55°, low 31°
- Apr. 6 – high 66°, low 32°
- Apr. 7 – high 80°, low 50°
- Apr. 8 – high 78°, low 37° .19" precip.
- One Year Ago – April 15, 2019**
 high 54°, low 32° .17" precip.



HIGH WINDS ON APRIL 9 PULLED A TREE out of the ground by its roots in the back yard of the Rodney Miller home on Chicago Avenue in Herscher. The tree clipped the roof of the back porch.

ISP Director Files Emergency Rules Regarding FOID, CCL Renewals

The Illinois State Police filed emergency rules to address renewals of Firearm Owner Identification and Concealed Carry Licenses during the COVID-19 epidemic.

These rules are designed to provide FOID card holders and CCL relief from the renewal requirements during the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These rule changes are as follows:

- FOID card holders, who submit their renewal application, will remain valid during the duration of the state's disaster proclamation and for a period of 12 months following the termination of the disaster, even if their renewal application is/was not submitted prior to expiration.
- CCL licensees, who submit their renewal application, will remain valid during the duration of the state's disaster proclamation and for a period of 12 months following the termination of the disaster, even if their renewal application is/was not submitted prior to expiration.

submit proof of their three-hour renewal training within 12 months following the termination of the state's disaster proclamation in order to maintain the validity of their CCL license.

ISP will continue to enforce both FOID and CCL prohibitors. FOID card holders who receive revocation notices shall return their FOID and Firearm Disposition Record form to the Illinois State Police.

CCL holders who receive revocation notices shall return their CCL license to the ISP. These new rules are effective immediately.

- CCL licensees will not be required to immediately submit proof of three-hour training with their CCL renewal application.
- CCL licensees will need to

submit proof of their three-hour renewal training within 12 months following the termination of the state's disaster proclamation in order to maintain the validity of their CCL license.

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Emergency Rules Filed to Extend Expiration Dates for DLs, IDs, Vehicle Registrations

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced April 10 that his office filed emergency rules extending expiration dates for driver's licenses, identification (ID) cards, vehicle registrations, and other transactions and document filings for at least 90 days after Driver Services facilities reopen.

The previous extension was for 30 days.

"Extending expiration dates by at least 90 days after Driver Services facilities reopen is the

right thing to do," said White. "It will ensure driver's licenses, ID cards, and vehicle registrations remain valid during this pandemic and will help alleviate the rush of customers visiting facilities once they reopen."

Following Governor Pritzker's Stay-at-Home order, White closed Driver Services facilities to the public through April 30. While facilities are closed to the public, White is encouraging residents to go to cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of many online serv-

ices – such as renewing vehicle registration stickers – from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will further help to reduce the number of face-to-face transactions that will occur at Driver Services facilities once they reopen.

Some of these online services include:

- renewing a vehicle registration;
- applying for a vehicle title and registration;
- obtaining a duplicate driver's

license or ID card;

- obtaining a driving record abstract;
- renewing a standard driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

"My commitment is to do everything we can to help protect the health and safety of our residents, while still providing services to the people of Illinois," said White. "This will, and must, continue to be the guiding principle of our decision making."

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Federal money is used towards:

- Medical facilities
- Education
- Medicare
- Roads and bridge projects
- Child welfare
- Emergency services
- Libraries and schools
- Disabled veteran outreach programs
- Rural rental assistance payments

After May 11th, we will have lap tops available for the public to use at the Morris, Three Rivers Libraries (Minooka and Channahon), Fossil Ridge (Braidwood), and the We-Care Facility.

During this difficult time Grundy County, let's pull together to be counted and bring as much funding as possible to our area.

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17th Confirmed COVID-19 Case in Livingston County

Livingston County has added 10 new positive cases of COVID-19 since last week's edition of *The Paper*, including a case at the Peoples National Bank branch in Dwight and a confirmed case at Pontiac Correctional Center.

The 17th case came on Monday, April 13, according to the Livingston County Health Department. The individual is a male in his 30s who is recovering at home in isolation. There are no deaths from COVID-19 in Livingston County.

As of presstime Monday, Livingston County has received 172 COVID-19 test results; 155 tests confirmed negative. Ten of the previously reported confirmed cases have recovered, LCHD reported.

In Kankakee County as of presstime, there are 213 positive cases. Eleven people have died. Twenty-five have recovered, according to the health department.

A custodian for Herscher School District 2 tested positive for the disease, according to Superintendent Richard Decman, in a press release.

Illinois residents can now track coronavirus cases in their neighborhood using ZIP code data from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

According to the data, Pontiac's 61764 zip code has nine cases.

It's unknown where the remaining 8 are from in Livingston County. Erin Fogarty, of the LCHD, said in accordance with HIPAA, the state health department only shows zip codes where there are five

or more confirmed cases.

In Grundy County, the health department reported April 10 there are 14 cases. According to state figures, 13 are from the 60450 Morris zip code.

Livingston County Cases **

1. Woman in her 60s -- travel associated; isolated at home
2. Man in his 60s -- community spread, hospitalized
3. Woman in her 80s -- community spread, hospitalized
4. Man in his 70s -- community spread, hospitalized
5. Woman in her 50s -- contact of a confirmed case, isolated at home
6. Man in his 60s -- contact of a confirmed case, isolated at home
7. Woman in her 50s -- community spread, isolated at home
8. Woman in her 30s -- in hospitalization
9. Man in his 20s -- recovering at home in isolation
10. Woman in her 40s -- recovering at home in isolation
11. Woman in her 50s -- recovering at home in isolation
12. Woman in her 40s -- recovering at home in isolation
13. Woman in her 60s -- recovering at home in isolation
14. Man in his 50s -- recovering at home in isolation
15. A confirmed case at Pontiac Correctional Center
16. Woman in her 60s -- recovering at home in isolation
17. Man in his 30s -- recovering at home in isolation

** NOTE: Ten of these cases have recovered, LCHD reported.

ported.

Individuals who have questions or concerns about COVID-19 may contact the IDPH Hotline at 1-800-889-3931, or 2-1-1 for general questions and referrals for resources, including mental health. Up-to-date information can also be found on IDPH's website.

Stay Safe

- Stay home except for essential business, regardless of whether a person is experiencing symptoms.
 - Practice social distancing, making sure to stay 6' from others when in public.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you're sick at home, do your best to self-isolate from others living in the home.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a cleaning spray with at least 70% alcohol or a bleach/water solution using a ratio of 1:10.
- If you experience a cough, difficulty breathing, or a fever, stay home. If your symptoms worsen, call your healthcare provider before leaving your house so that you may be evaluated and provide further direction.

From The Desk of Dwight Economic Alliance

Operating During an Epidemic



While COVID-19 has us all sheltering in place, the Dwight Economic Alliance has not halted operations. Face to face meetings and hand shakes might be the best way to do business, but cell phones and Zoom meetings can keep momentum going even if we have to do it from home. It feels like a different world, but there is still plenty of work to do to make sure business continues while we wait and ramps up quickly when we start to get back to normal.

Here are a few tips to get you thru the coming weeks.

- 1- Keep a level head. This isn't fun for anyone, but it isn't forever either. There are grants, loans, and programs available to help your business survive this hardship. Never before has the whole world had your back like they do today. Internalize that, keep your chin up, and plan for a better future. Do not make any impulsive decisions based on current business if you don't have to.
- 2- Keep your eyes out for programs that meet your needs. This is a fluid situation. If there is nothing today, there might be tomorrow. The Dwight Economic Alliance has partnered with a number of organizations to insure we are up to date with what's available. Reach out if you are having trouble keeping up. We have helped many thru

the process of applying for the appropriate program.

- 3- If it is responsible, do your part to support other business. While many are struggling, others are booming. If you are feeling secure, order out an extra night, splurge on an item at one of our local businesses new website, or buy a gift card that you will use later. It really does help.

I'm a big fan of the Dwight Economic Alliance being as public as possible about the things we do for the community. Unfortunately, during times like these, we are solving one on one problems in confidence. It's all hands on deck. If you need help, reach out.

Keep your chin up. We've got this.
Rodney Connor, President

These are your friends and family members who work at **Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers**. They continue to report to the front line every day so they can take care of our community. They have one request of you. Please make sure you are following the Stay at Home order. That means, if you don't have to go out, **STAY HOME**. This is THE way to slow the spread of coronavirus. It's going to take all of us doing our part.

Thank you! **#STAYHOME**





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Additional Grant Awards from Grundy County Disaster Fund Approved



The Community Foundation of Grundy County has announced additional grant awards from the Disaster Fund have been approved, as the Board of Trustees at CFGC approved four grants totaling \$9,500.

Will-Grundy Medical Clinic was awarded a grant to allow for their continued medical services of low-income residents in Will and Grundy Counties. Grundy Resource Organization and Mazon Food Pantry were both awarded grants to assist in stocking their pantries as the need for food as-

sistance has increased. Illinois Valley Industries received funds to purchase personal protective equipment, as well as other medical supplies, to maintain the health and safety of staff and clients.

The Disaster Fund was reactivated in March to support local not-for-profits in responding to the increase in need for social services locally. While disaster funds have quickly been depleted, they will continue to review applications as they are received and will work to meet the needs as best they can.

If your organization would like to apply for a grant through the Disaster Fund, you can do so by visiting cfgrundycounty.com. Should you have any questions regarding grant opportunities, contact Devan at devan@cfgrundycounty.com.

Disaster Fund donations can be made by visiting the website or can be mailed to 520 W. Illinois Ave., Morris, IL 60450. Questions regarding donations to the Disaster Fund can be directed to Julie at julie@cfgrundycounty.com or by calling 815-941-0852.

Pritzker Announces Statewide Mental Health Support, Telehealth Hotline



KIA COLEMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF PROGRAMS at the Illinois Department of Human Services, talks during Saturday's news conference in Chicago to discuss the state's responses to the novel coronavirus in Illinois.

by Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to grow, Gov. JB Pritzker announced new initiatives to extend tele-

health services and mental health support throughout the state to support people who are coping, either physically or mentally, with the disease.

That announcement came as the state reported 1,293 new confirmed cases of the disease, including 81 additional deaths, in the previous 24 hours. That brought the totals in Illinois during the pandemic to 19,180 confirmed cases and 677 deaths, although officials say those numbers are likely understated due to lack of testing.

People who are experiencing symptoms of the disease, such as a fever or shortness of breath, or who are at high risk of contracting the disease but do not need emergency care or hospitalization can sign up for a remote monitoring from "pandemic health workers," or PHWs, who will check in virtually with those individuals on a daily basis.

People in east central and north central Illinois – including Peoria, Bloomington, Champaign-Urbana, Evergreen Park, Danville, Galesburg, Kewanee, Monmouth, Ottawa, Mendota, Streator, Pontiac and Rockford – may now call the OSF Healthcare hotline number, 833-673-5669, to find out

if they are eligible for the program and sign up.

As of Monday, people in west central and southern Illinois will be able to sign up by calling 217-545-5100. That region includes Springfield, Quincy, Decatur, Carbondale and Metro East St. Louis communities. More information may be found at www.siumed.edu/phy.

A hotline for northern Illinois will be announced soon.

Pritzker said the state has also established a text hotline where people can find mental health support or information about financial and other kinds of support services. People who wish to speak with a mental health professional may text "talk" to the number 552020. Spanish language speakers may text "hablar" to the same number.

Those who send a text to the hotline will receive a call within 24 hours from a counselor employed by a local community mental health center to provide support.

People can also text to that same number using keywords such as "unemployment," "food" or "shelter" to receive information on how to access supports and services.



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Put Tax-Smart Investing Moves to Work

The tax return deadline has been extended until mid-July, but you may have already filed your taxes. If you were not entirely happy with the results, you might start seeking ways to change the outcome for next year. And one area to look at may be your investment-related taxes.

To help control these taxes, consider these moves:

Take full advantage of tax-deferred investments. Contribute as much as you can afford to your tax-deferred accounts – your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan – every year. If you don't touch these accounts until you retire, you can defer taxes on them for decades, and when you do start taking money out, presumably during retirement, you may be in a lower tax bracket.

Look for tax-free opportunities. Interest from municipal bonds typically is exempt from federal income tax, and, in some cases, from state and local income tax, too. If you qualify to contribute to a Roth IRA your earnings can be withdrawn tax-free, provided you've had your account for at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2. Your employer may also offer a Roth 401(k), which can provide tax-free withdrawals. Keep in mind, though, that you contribute after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA and 401(k), unlike a traditional IRA and 401(k), in which your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars.

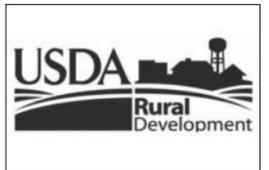
Be a "buy and hold" investor. Your 401(k) and IRA are designed to be long-term investments, and you will face disincentives in the form of taxes and penalties if you tap into them before you reach retirement age. So, just by investing in these retirement accounts, you are essentially pursuing a "buy and hold" strategy. Follow this same strategy for investments held outside your IRA and 401(k). You can own some investments for decades without paying taxes on them. And when you do sell them, you'll only be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate, which may well be less than your ordinary income tax rate, but if you're frequently buying and selling investments you've held for less than a year, you could rack up some pretty big tax bills, because you'll likely be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

Be prepared for unexpected taxes. Mutual fund managers are generally free to make whatever trades they choose. And when they do sell some investments, they can incur capital gains, which will be passed along to you. If this is a concern, you might look for funds that do less trading and bill themselves as tax efficient.

Build a diversified portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon. Not all the investments you select, and the moves you make with them, will necessarily be the most tax efficient, but by working with your financial and tax professionals, you can make choices that can help you move toward your long-term goals.

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USDA Unveils Tool to Help Rural Communities Address the COVID-19 Pandemic



USDA's COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide Lists Federal Programs That Can Help Rural Communities, Organizations and Residents Impacted by COVID-19

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today unveiled a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19

Federal Rural Resource Guide (PDF, 349 KB) is a first-of-its-kind resource for rural leaders looking for federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address this pandemic.

"Under the leadership of President Trump, USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural communities preparing for and impacted by COVID-19," Perdue said. "This resource guide will help our rural leaders, whether they are in agriculture, education,

health care or any other leadership capacity, understand what federal assistance is available for their communities during this unprecedented time."

USDA has taken many immediate actions to assist farmers, ranchers, producers, rural communities, and rural-based businesses and organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on these actions, visit www.usda.gov/coronavirus.

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OBITUARIES

Duane E. Flessner

CULLOM – Duane E. Flessner, 85, of Cullom passed away April 11, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at OSF St. James John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac, IL.



Private family graveside services will be held at West Lawn Cemetery in Cullom with Pastor Gabe Baumgardner officiating. A public service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Cullom. Calvert and Martin Funeral Home, Cullom, is handling arrangements.

Duane was born on October 28, 1934 in Fairbury, IL, the son of John and Sylvia (Haag) Flessner. He married Marlene Attig on February 11, 1956 at Charlotte EUB Church. She passed away January 27, 2014.

He is survived by his daughter, Brenda Riccolo of Dwight; daughter-in-law, Lori Flessner of Cullom; five grandchildren: Jenna (Michael) Berry, Cullom; Jessica Fless-

ner, Normal; Michelle (Arlen) Foulks, Choctaw, Okla.; Lisa (Kurt) Muir, Odell; and Pat (Jenna) Riccolo of Corvallis, OR; 10 great-grandchildren: Brynna, Cole, Hallie, Wyatt, Marlene, Alaina, Madison, Lily, Samuel and Sadie.

He is also survived by his brother, Eldon Flessner of Cullom.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marlene; son, Gerald; and two brothers, Delmar and Lavan Flessner; and one sister, Janet Schrof.

He graduated high school in Cullom. He was a member and served on the council of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Cullom. He was on the Board of Directors for the Charlotte Farmers Grain Elevator. He enjoyed having coffee in the morning with his friends at the grain elevator.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at www.calvertmemorial.com

David Allen Sinnott

VERONA – David Allen Sinnott, age 87, of Verona passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at Morris Hospital.



He was born July 6, 1932 in Sunbury, IL, the son of the late David Edward and Fay (nee Wilkey) Sennott.

He graduated from Weir School and attended Mazon Township High School. David married Ernadine (nee Finch) at Sacred Heart Church in Kinsman, IL on March 17, 1951.

He was very involved with the Verona community, serving as Township Member, Verona Village Trustee, member of the Verona Grade School board, the Verona Community Fire Department, and the Grundy County Farm Bureau.

David was also a charter member of the MVK Ambulance board, Sacred Heart Church, Coal City Area Club, and the Moose Lodge.

He was also very active with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities and also enjoyed traveling in the RV for many winters. David was an avid bowler, participating for many years in the Wednesday Night League, and enjoyed square dancing.

Survived by his wife, Ernadine; children, David Michael (Debra) Sinnott, Eileen M. (William) Biros, Janice M. (David) Steffes; grandchildren, Allen J. (Misty) Biros, Andrew W. (Krista) Biros, Matthew V. (Janelle) Biros, Joshua T.

(Meghan) Slattery, David Zachary (Alaina) Sinnott, Jordan T. (Ashlee) Sinnott, Michael D. (Jennifer) Steffes, and Carrie L. (Louis) O'Donnell; great-grandchildren, Grace, Bryce, Cooper, Chloe Biros, Kendall, Paige Slattery, David Shane, Hadley, Benjamin Sinnott, Ian, Connor, Sadie Faye Sinnott, Addison, Audrey Steffes, Evan, Quinton, Alena O'Donnell; brothers, Donald F. (Angela) Sennott and Robert L. (Mary) Sennott; sister, Mary Katherine Starks; four nieces; three nephews; numerous great-nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

Preceded in death by his parents; a sister in infancy, Rita Marie; and nephew, Jesse Starks.

Private Funeral Services and interment at Ward Cemetery in Verona were held Saturday, April 11, 2020. Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

Funeral Arrangements under the care and coordination of the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 1201 W. Rt. 6 (at Deerpath Dr.), Morris.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name to the Ward Cemetery Association or MVK Ambulance would be appreciated.

For more information, please call 815-942-5040 or visit his Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com where you may share a favorite story or leave an online condolence for the family.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

This April is different due to the COVID-19 pandemic; KC-CASA and ISAS have decided to move in-person events to a virtual setting. They encourage communities to stand with survivors and help promote sexual assault awareness by participating. The virtual activities can be found on KC-CASA's Facebook page. Join and share these online events and challenges:

- Book Club "Perfect Match"
- Watching Wednesday
- "Art is Healing"
- Take Back the Night Virtual Rally
- 7-Day SAAM Week-Long Challenge, April 17-24

The KC-CASA Prevention and Outreach team has created

weekly toolkits. Even though they cannot be there in person, they still feel it is very important to help spread the word about safety and healthy relationships. New activities will be sent out weekly on Tuesdays. If you would like to join the e-mail list to receive weekly activities, e-mail prevention@kc-casa.org.

KC-CASA will continue to provide all services in a modified manner. Be on the lookout for community updates via their social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Their 24-hour hotline is always open and can be reached at 815-932-3322. For more information about services, visit kc-casa.org.

Another Obituary appears on page 7.

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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 commenced 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

5 Minutes with Boma

John Prine

Covid-19, also commonly known as the Coronavirus, has taken far too many lives over the past few months. One name hit a little bit closer to home however, it was that of John Prine. He was a country folk singer-songwriter. He was active as a composer, recording artist, and live performer until his untimely passing due to the Coronavirus.

Now Prine isn't exactly in the wheelhouse of what I listen to personally on a day to day basis, far from it actually. I was put in touch with Prine from countless hours of my parents playing it over the years, on the way to school, vacations, you name it, there was always a John Prine CD close.

Given Prine's subject matter, which is primarily making it through life, relationships, working hard, just being a person's person, it was a little tougher to relate to as a 12 and 13 year old. It's funny how it all comes full circle and now that I'm older I'm able to appreciate more of what he was singing in his songs.

As what happens often when an artist passes is people usually spend the following days and weeks diving back into their catalog, and I'm really glad that I have. He had two grammy winning albums in The Missing Years and Fair and Square, he also won the Lifetime Achievement award this year at the Grammys.

If you're unfamiliar with John, or either of these albums specifically, I think they're great places to start. This is definitely an artist who has been with me my entire life and will continue to be as I get older and older. Rest Easy, John Prine, your music will live on forever.

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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.

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Kailey Hahn earned her listing license in February and is now affiliated with Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group's Morris Office at 1222 North Division St.

Hahn is from Dwight and graduated from Dwight Township High School in 2017. She decided to become a Realtor because of her passion for helping people buy their dream homes.

Through high school, Hahn worked for Joan Bullard Realty in Odell as part of her office staff. That's where she learned how rewarding home sales can be.



Kailey Hahn

Hahn, 21, is the daughter of Dennis and Kori Dunlap, who operate Country Financial in Odell.

To contact Hahn, call her at 815-830-2265, or email khahn@coldwellhomes.com.

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If you have a loved one in one of these facilities, please put their information on the envelope. If you are sending a general greeting just the address is fine.

Livingston County SWCD Fish and Tree Sale Postponed

Due to the current situation, Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District is postponing its spring Fish and Tree Sale to a later date.

Stay tuned for further updates. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, contact their office at 815-844-6127, ext. 3, or livingstoncountyswcd@hotmail.com.

Julia Siebert Hired by KPMG



Julia Siebert

Julia Siebert, daughter of Matt and Sandy, Glencoe, and granddaughter of Carol and Dave Siebert, Dwight, will graduate from the University of Illinois in May with a Master's in Accounting.

She has been hired by KPMG – a top-rated accountant firm.

Gardner Lions Club Breakfast Cancelled

The Gardner Lions Club has announced the cancellation of their April 19 breakfast.

They expressed thanks to all that have supported them and they look forward to once again serving you in the fall.

"Without your support, we would be unable to help the Gardner area community," said Michael Engfer, Gardner Lions Club President.

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Rebecca and Thomas Christenson



Thomas, Rebecca Christenson Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Thomas and Rebecca Christenson celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 12.

Rebecca Elizabeth Rieke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

LeRoy D. Rieke, and Thomas Lee Christenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christenson, were married at Reddick United Methodist Church Saturday, April 12, 1980.

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Gas Prices For This Week

Spring and warmer weather makes us a little stir crazy staying in our house. We can take easy road trips for a change of scenery and maybe show the kiddo's some interesting sites on our highways. The Illinois river road is 150 miles long and has many historical and natural sites to see.

City/Village	April 15	April 8
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Braceville	\$1.86	\$1.90
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Herscher	\$1.71	\$1.77
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Illinois	\$1.91	\$1.98
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Correction

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'Make America Green' Project Giving Away Trees

GFWC IL Woman's Club of Kankakee, along with Living Lands & Waters, are working on a project together – "Make America Green" – to give away trees at no cost to the public in

honor of Arbor Day, April 24.

President Mary Archie stated, "We are giving away 150 trees – there are Red Oak and White Swamp Oak, approximately three- to four-foot

tall. Leaves are green in the summer and orange in the fall."

If interested, call Conservation Chairwoman, Shirley St. Germaine, at 815-592-3464 for pick-up instructions.

Joyce Highlights Mental Health Resources During Stay at Home Order

Because the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Illinois, Governor Pritzker issued an extension of the Stay at Home Order until the end of April. With many people suffering from stress and anxiety due to COVID-19, financial challenges, and social isolation, State Senator Patrick Joyce (D-Essex) wants to share resources with the community on how to manage their mental health while staying safe.

"Maintaining good mental health is vital during these try-

ing times," Joyce said. "Please know that you are not alone and there are resources available to help."

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has a Will/Grundy County hotline that also serves Kankakee County at 815-731-9103 and a textline for support. Text NAMI to 741741 for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis.

Senator Joyce encourages residents to take simple steps to care for themselves, such as:

- Connect with friends and family online.
- Keep regular work hours while at home.
- Prepare healthy meals.
- Exercise regularly.
- Stay up to date with accurate information.

While Senator Joyce's office is closed during the Stay at Home Order, staff can be reached at 708-756-0882 to assist with any state services. More resources for COVID-19 can be found at coronavirus.illinois.gov.

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Keith Brack Makes Donation to Provide First Aid Kits to Each Sheriff's Deputy

On April 8, Country Financial Representative Keith Brack presented Sheriff Mike Downey and the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office with a check for \$1,500 through Country Financial's Operation Helping Heroes program. The money is being used to provide each sheriff's deputy with an Individual First Aid Kit (IPAK).

"It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to team up with Sheriff Downey and his staff on this project," said Brack. "With the crucial role our first responders play on a daily basis, which has certainly been emphasized as of late, I think it goes without saying that we need to do everything in our means to outfit our law enforcement officers with the necessary tools to do their jobs and to ensure they make it home at the end of their shifts."

"We are extremely appreciative of all the time and hard work that Keith Brack put into



this project," said Sheriff Downey. "We actually had an incident last year where one of our deputies was able to utilize a similar kit of his own to save the life of a gunshot victim in the Pembroke Township area. The fact that Keith and the Country Financial team were

willing to acquire these funds to outfit our entire fleet with these kits could potentially save lives, including that of first responders, and that speaks volumes to our community partnership."

Country Financial's Operation Helping Heroes Program

was created in 2015 to support non-profit events and programs that benefit active duty service members, veterans, and their families. Last year, the program was expanded and donated \$700,000 to approximately 500 first responders and military organizations.

Kankakee and Iroquois Counties COVID-19 Response Fund Announced First Round of Grants

The Kankakee and Iroquois Counties COVID-19 Community Response Fund announced April 9 it has distributed more than \$250,000 to 16 organizations serving Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

The Fund, established by the United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties and the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley, also announced it has raised more than \$320,000 since its launch in late March – including a \$250,000 grant from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund.

"As a locally-based Community Foundation and United Way, we regularly interact with the key front line organizations providing round the clock services to our most vulnerable citizens," said Nicole Smolkovich, Executive Director of the Community Founda-

tion of Kankakee River Valley. "This is an all hands-on deck moment. We greatly appreciate not only the trust and confidence of our local donors and grantee partners, but also being entrusted with a grant from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund to help address this unprecedented crisis."

The Kankakee and Iroquois Counties COVID-19 Community Response Fund provides flexible funding to local organizations to supply essential resources to the individuals and households most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This week marks the first round of grants from the Fund. There will be additional rounds of funding in the coming weeks.

"We want to ensure that we can get resources out to people immediately and also think about the mid- to long-term impact on families who are miss-

ing paychecks or have children out of school without child care; on our homeless population; on the elderly who can't get out to get food; on the most vulnerable, who can't withstand the shock of missing a paycheck," said Kerstin Rust, Executive Director of United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

More than one-third of Kankakee and Iroquois households could not afford basic needs prior to the pandemic. The need for additional services and support will likely persist for months to come as the number of cases rises and the ripple effects of the virus are felt throughout the economy and health care system.

The initial grant recipients from the Fund are: Agape Community Outreach Mission, Inc.; Bourbonnais Elementary School District 53; The Bread

Basket; Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet; Compassionate Ministries Center of Hope; Fortitude Community Outreach; Harbor House; Helen Wheeler Center; Iroquois County Public Health Department; Kankakee Area YMCA; Kankakee County Community Services Inc.; Kankakee School District 111; Nexus Indian Oaks Family Healing; Nexus Onarga Academy; The Salvation Army; and Volunteer Services of Iroquois County.

Donations can be made with a credit or debit card by visiting myunitedway.org or at cfkrv.org and click on DONATE. Checks can also be mailed and made out to The Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley at 701 S. Harrison Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901. Reference "COVID-19 Fund".

OBITUARY

Daniel E. Ryan

UNION HILL – Daniel E. Ryan, age 84, of Union Hill, IL passed away Saturday, April 11, 2020 at Miller Rehabilitation Center in Kankakee, IL.

Born October 24, 1935 in Chicago, IL to the late John and Mary (nee Elliott) Ryan. Dan retired from the Local #150 Operators Union as a heavy equipment operator. He served on the Union Hill town board for many years and was the charter president of the Union Hill Lions Club.

He was devout in the Catholic faith and he also enjoyed golfing in his retired years. Dan loved spending time with his family and friends and will be greatly missed by them all.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Sandra (nee Wepprecht) Ryan of Union Hill, whom he married June 8, 1957 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee; four children, Kathy (Rick) Jacob of Coal City, IL; Daniel M. Ryan of Union Hill; Mary (Kurt)

LaVoie of Bourbonnais; and John (Kathy) Ryan of WI; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, William (the late Patricia) Ryan of MN; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Father John Ryan and Robert Ryan.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Private memorial services for the immediate family will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to the Hospice of Kankakee: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1411477> would be appreciated.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.



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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
CANDICE WHITE, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.
No. 2020-CH-17

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lot 49 in Westview Subdivision, a subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter and part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 5 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded June 18, 1968 in Plat Record 8, Page 107 as Document Number 329257, in Livingston County, Illinois.
PIN: 15-16-451-008

Commonly known as: 1202 Motorola Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764.
The title holder of record to the above described real estate is CANDICE WHITE. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on July 21, 2017 and recorded on July 26, 2017 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2017R-2868. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 20-CH-17 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter 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 June 30, 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.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Successor in Interest to BANK OF DWIGHT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL R. GROVES, WENDY L. GROVES, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.
No. 2020-CH-18

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lot 9 and the East Half of Lot 10 in Block 6 of the Original Town, now Village of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois.
PIN: 05-04-379-005

Commonly known as: 117 W. Waupansie St., Dwight, IL 60420.

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are MICHAEL R. GROVES and WENDY L. GROVES. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on December 6, 2005 and recorded on December 9, 2005 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 568064, and a Modification of Mortgage executed on January 26, 2015 and recorded on January 27, 2015 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 632672. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Successor in Interest to BANK OF DWIGHT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 20-CH-18 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter 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 JUNE 30, 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.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

Video Gaming Scratched

by Tom Tock
The Illinois Video Gaming Board suspended all video gaming in the state as of 9 p.m. March 16, through March 30. The suspension is obviously still in effect, and will remain so until an all-clear signal is sent to resume the opening of non-essential businesses throughout the state. The gaming board said that

it is continually monitoring the situation as it relates to the coronavirus public health crisis. No information was available regarding the financial aspects of video gambling in Dwight from March 1-16. The village typically receives \$7-\$8,000 a month from Dwight's 50 video gaming terminals.



W.W. FOX DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER, Dwight, is thanking its employees' dedication to their hard work for the special care given to the residents. A banner was painted by Fox Center Human Resource Rep. Shelly Jackson.

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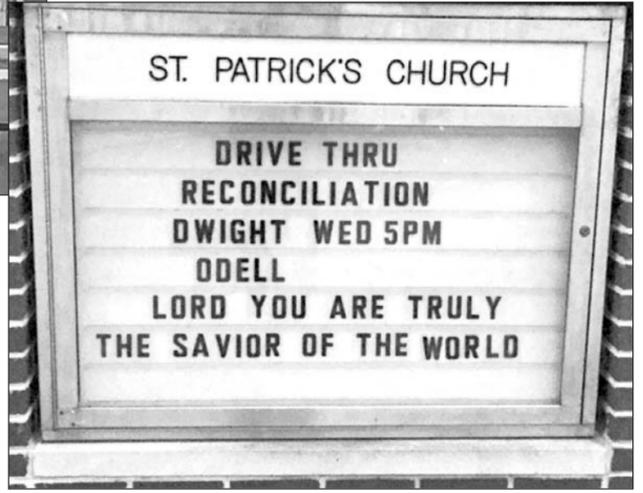
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Dwight Village Board Cancels Meeting

The April 13 regular session of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees was cancelled due to the Covid-19 quarantine edicts.

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Consumer Confidence Report

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

CAMPUS

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by CAMPUS is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name Brad Kingma
Phone 815-791-9184

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
Contaminants that may be present in source water include: - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 815-791-9184. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: CAMPUS To determine Campus's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, was reviewed. Based on the information contained in this document, two potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Campus community water supply well. One is an above ground fuel storage tank owned by Round Grove Township. The other source is inactive Well #2, which is considered a potential route of contamination. As a route, it could provide contamination a direct conduit into the aquifers used by the village wells. The Illinois EPA has determined that the Campus wells are susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the well; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; the presence of potential routes of contamination; and the available hydrogeologic data for the well.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 3 (47512)	GW	_____	IS WEST ACROSS TRACKS FROM TANK
WELL 4 (01475)	GW	_____	250 FT SW OF WELL 2



EVEN WITH THE current conditions around us, COVID-19 couldn't keep the Easter Bunny from hopping around town – to the delight of those who caught a glimpse of him.



LIFE GOES ON despite the coronavirus pandemic that surrounds us. An area resident, pictured left, walks home from Berkot's in Dwight after grocery shopping.



DWIGHT HEALTHCARE CENTER has this notice, pictured, right, posted on its main entrance – warning those experiencing symptoms similar to those of COVID-19 to refrain from entering the location.

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Our clinical staff will discuss treatment options over the phone.

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(Campus - Continued from page 8)

2019 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2019	1.3	1.3	0.731	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

na: not applicable.

mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2019	0.9	0.5 - 0.9	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2019	2	2.3 - 2.3	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2019	1	0.6 - 0.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	12/13/2018	0.165	0.165 - 0.165	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	12/13/2018	0.558	0.558 - 0.558	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	12/13/2018	0.909	0.909 - 0.909		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	12/13/2018	38.7	38.7 - 38.7	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Zinc	12/13/2018	0.199	0.199 - 0.199	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	08/02/2018	0.862	0.862 - 0.862	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Maintenance Tips For a More Reliable Ride

Your vehicle is a vital piece of transportation for getting you from point A to point B, making it important to keep it in good shape for when you're ready to ride the roads. While the average American spends plenty of time behind the wheel, there can be periods of time where cars sit in the garage or on the driveway.

Not only can weather impact a vehicle's performance, but so can its usage. A battery not in use will eventually lose its charge. If a car hasn't gained a lot of mileage over a period of three weeks or longer, the likelihood of a dead battery increases by roughly 50%, according to a study by Interstate Batteries, making it a leading cause of car trouble.

In fact, nearly 1 in 4 car batteries will need to be replaced on the road this year, but more than half of consumers do not test their batteries every year or don't know if their batteries have been tested, according to the study.

Maintain your battery and your vehicle overall with these tips for safer driving.

• At regular intervals, have your car battery tested at a professional service or repair shop. From phone chargers to built-in security systems, your car battery may power more than you think, and it can place a strain on your alternator. If the

alternator can't keep up, your vehicle relies on the battery to make up the difference, which can cause further strain. Having an external battery charger on-hand can help maintain your car's power during its off time.

• Regularly check fluid levels, including your coolant and oil, replace air filters and ensure your tires are properly inflated.

• Check to make sure you have your owner's manual with you either in the glovebox or bookmarked on your smartphone's browser.

• Replace your jumper cables with a road trip kit containing more practical items, such as a jump box, LED flashlights, first aid kit and duct tape. Jumper cables require another car to power your dead battery and the right positioning to make the cables reach, so a jump box containing a battery and permanently attached jumper cables can be an easier alternative for getting your car back up and running.

Especially when you use your vehicle irregularly, it's important to practice proper and routine car maintenance so your vehicle is ready when you hit the road again. Find more advice for keeping your car in top condition at InterstateBatteries.com.

What to Do If Your Car

Won't Start

Turn everything off. From electronics and climate control to any other accessories that can be powered down, make sure to turn all of them off. This can make it easier for another car to start yours and can prevent potential damage from voltage surges when power is restored.

Call for help. Roadside assistance is available through some auto insurance policies as well as numerous club memberships. Alternatively, try contacting friends and family, or if you're parked at an apartment building or in an office complex, its maintenance or security team may be able to help.

Raise the hood and leave it open. This is a universal sign for help that doesn't use your battery. If you don't already know, consult your owner's manual to find where your battery is located. If you find corrosion around the negative terminal, carefully brush it off or knock it loose with a wrench or tire iron. Do not blow on it, as this can result in debris entering your eyes.

Jump-start your car. If possible, use a jump box, which is a compact, rechargeable battery that can jump-start your car. They're safer and easier than jumper cables and provide a gentler jump-start for your engine.



Charge Up Your Car Battery Knowledge

Vehicles consist of many essential components to keep them running efficiently and effectively. Car and truck owners should have an understanding of how their vehicles function so they can diagnose and address problems as they arise.

Car batteries are an important component of any vehicle. Even though engines are the powerhouse of any car or truck, without a battery, the engine wouldn't be able to work. According to Firestone Complete Auto Care, car batteries work by providing a jolt of electricity necessary to power all the electrical components of the vehicle. This is achieved through a chemical reaction that changes chemical energy into the electrical energy needed to deliver voltage to the starter. In addition to initially starting the car, the battery also keeps electric current steady to keep the engine running.

The battery also works in conjunction with the alternator to power the electronics in the car, according to the automotive information blog Autosos-

sive. While the car is running, the alternator reverses the current produced by the battery, recharging it as a result. This happens during long journeys, so people who drive for short bursts of time may find that their batteries will not have a chance to recharge and may not have the longevity desired.

There is quite literally a lot riding on a functioning battery. No one wants to be caught stranded by a dead battery, so drivers may wonder if there are any indicators that may signal the battery needs replacement.

- Slow turnover: If a vehicle does not immediately start or if the cranking is sluggish and takes longer to start, it may mean the battery is starting to fail.
- Frequent, short trips: Drivers who make frequent, short trips may find their car batteries do not have time to fully recharge. This, coupled with overtaking thanks to a lot of accessory use, may cause the battery and the alternator to have shortened life spans.
- Low battery fluid levels: If

the fluid level is below the energy conductor inside, it is often indicative of overcharging and excessive heat.

• Corrosion: Corrosion buildup, dust, dirt, and grime on battery connections may cause performance problems. Inspecting and cleaning the terminals can prolong the battery life.

• Odors and leaks: Battery leaks can produce a sulfur odor similar to the smell of a rotten egg. This can become problematic over time, and leaks may indicate an aging or damaged battery.

• Age: Most batteries have a finite life span. A well-maintained battery can last up to five years. Neglect can reduce that life expectancy considerably.

• Bloated or cracked battery case: Replace the battery immediately if the case is cracking, as it could be because excessive heat is swelling the battery.

Understanding how car batteries work can help drivers keep their cars running smoothly.



How to Inspect and Maintain Vehicle Belts

Responsible vehicle ownership involves taking inventory of the automobile and ensuring it is working at peak capacity. Hundreds of parts work together to keep vehicles on the road, but quite often drivers do not look under the hood until something is amiss.

Routine maintenance is widely acknowledged as a critical component of responsible vehicle ownership, but many motorists may not know how to care for their cars. Belts are one example of components that are integral to efficient, well-running vehicles. The automotive resource iDriveSafely.com indicates that belts are some of the most crucial moving parts in the engine. Belts transmit power between shafts, and all belts, from serpentine belts to V-belts to timing belts, all serve important functions.

• Serpentine belt: Firestone® Complete Auto Care says a serpentine belt is a long, snaking,

winding belt that keeps parts such as the water pump, alternator, power steering pump, and air conditioning running smoothly. Serpentine belts transport power to automotive accessories. A failing serpentine belt can cause enormous and expensive headaches, including overheating and loss of steering power.

• V-belts: Also known as drive belts, these are usually found in older vehicles. Unlike serpentine belts, which run through various parts, V-belts run through one or two accessories. Older cars with many belts and whistles will have multiple V-belts, and should one break, it may not cause as much of an issue as if a serpentine belt were to falter.

• Timing belt: Advance Auto Parts says that most cars have interference engines in which the clearance between moving parts is so small that they can end up bumping into each other

if they're not running on the same timing as one another. That is where the timing belt comes into play. It connects the crankshaft to the camshaft, helping them stay in sync. Failing to pay attention to a timing belt can result in an expensive engine repair.

Belts have finite service lives, and heat and wear and tear are usually their nemeses. It is important to look for fraying or cracking of belts. Even belts that look new may have worn out grooves that lose their grips on matching pulley grooves. Mechanics often use special gauges to check belts.

Belts also may need to be replaced due to oil or grease contamination that can damage the rubber or synthetic rubber. It is important to check the owner's manual and seek advice from a qualified mechanic about when belts should be serviced.



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Home delivery Monday - Friday 60 and up home-bound- Must make reservations -

Wed., Apr. 15: Pepper beef over brown rice, peas and carrots, warm cinnamon baked apples, whole grain wheat, fresh fruit.

Thurs., Apr. 16: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, breaded tomatoes, dinner roll, mandarin oranges.

Fri., Apr. 17: Roasted pork loin, baked beans, Sicilian veggie mix, apricots, whole grain wheat, graham crackers.

Mon., Apr. 20: Sloppy Joe sandwich, brussels sprouts, scalloped corn, bun, apple slices.

Tues., Apr. 21: Focaccia chicken breast, potato casserole, seasoned greens, Texas Toast, tropical fruit.

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REDDICK COMMUNITY
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on the "tentative" Budget and Appropriations Ordinance of the Reddick Community Fire Protection District, Kankakee, Livingston, and Grundy Counties, Illinois for the fiscal year May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. May 19, 2020 during a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Reddick Fire Protection District in the Trustees Meeting Room at 210 E. Main St., Reddick IL.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a tentative form of said Budget and Appropriations Ordinance will be available for public inspection at the firehouse Trustees Meeting Room on and after April 15, 2019.

Sue Bergan
President of the Board of Trustees
Reddick Community Fire Protection District

April is National Safe Digging Month

With millions sheltering in place, many homeowners and do-it-yourselfers are taking this time to tackle household projects. As the weather warms, projects may move outdoors – from planting a tree to installing a new fence or mailbox. Knowing where underground utility lines are before you dig helps prevent injuries, property damage, and inconvenient service outages, which is critical with more people at home and dependent on the energy they need to fuel their lives and bring comfort during this time.

With so many Illinoisans home due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the weather getting warmer, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is urging residents and excavators to help flatten the curve by postponing non-essential outdoor digging projects until Governor Pritzker's 'Shelter in Place' order is lifted. If a project is deemed necessary, use extreme caution and remember to call 811 before you start digging.

Nicor Gas reminds members of the Illinois community, whether they are a professional excavator or do-it-yourself homeowner, state law requires a call to 811 before starting any outdoor digging project.

According to Common Ground Alliance, a national advocacy organization focused on preventing damage to underground infrastructure, there are nearly 20 million miles of underground utility lines in the U.S. This critical infrastructure such as natural gas lines, electric, water, sewer or fiber optic cable, is damaged once every few minutes because someone makes the mistake of digging without first calling 811.

A free call made to 811 connects to JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators), which notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent free of charge to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags and/or spray paint. If Nicor Gas has natural gas pipelines in the area, their approximate location will be marked with yellow paint and/or flags. Once all lines have been marked, it is important that residents and excavators respect the marks and use the appropriate tools to dig with care according to legal, safe digging practices.

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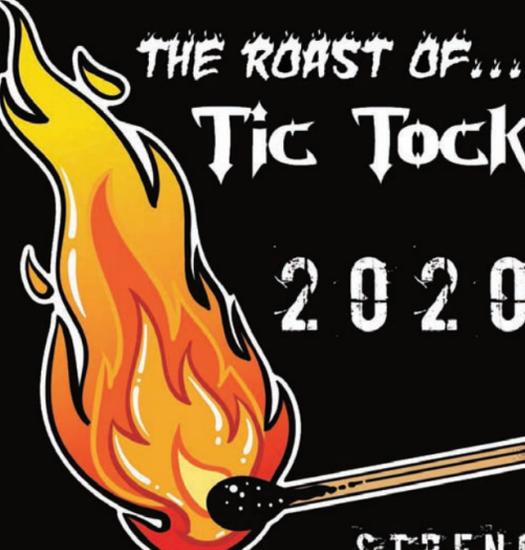
their business operations. This includes limiting home visits to emergency responses and customer-driven work, adhering to social distancing guidelines, wearing personal protective equipment when necessary, and enabling employees to work from home.

Utility workers are essential employees. They remain committed to doing their part to protect consumers' health and safety and they encourage Illinois residents to join in their efforts to protect underground utilities. Call 811 or click illinois1call.com before digging to help prevent injuries and property damage that may result in service outages.

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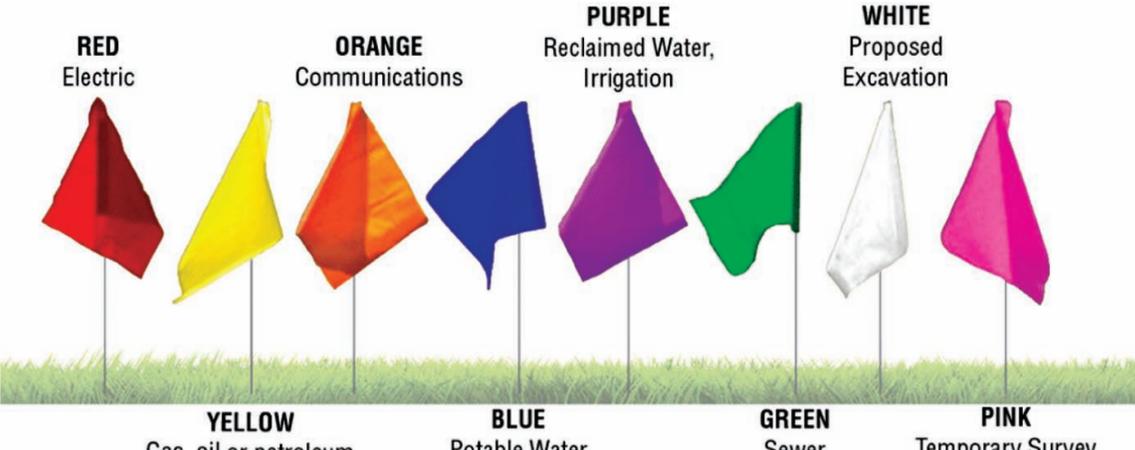
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