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DTHS Senior Josephine Snyder Student of the Year at LACC

Dwight Township High School is proud to announce that senior Josephine Snyder has been selected as Student of the Year at Livingston Area Career Center in Pontiac.

All instructors from LACC nominate students each month that they feel are outstanding students within their programs. Two students are chosen each month from the nominees.

Josephine was chosen as a student of the month in January for outstanding achievement in the Early Childhood Education II program.

Her instructor, Amy Richardson, stated, "Josie has a bright smile and positive attitude. She is a leader in our preschool program and the other students look to her for guidance and ideas for working with the kids. She is highly creative and takes pride in her work. She has gone above and beyond with her assignments and completed projects. I am confident that she will make for an amazing teacher."

Sixteen monthly winners



Josephine Snyder

have the opportunity to apply for Student of the Year. The LACC Student of the Year is awarded with a plaque and a \$500.00 scholarship. Josephine's picture will be displayed near the LACC office for the entire 2020-21 school year.

Josephine is the daughter of Jim and Melissa Snyder of Dwight.

DCS Board Meeting May 13 Via Zoom Conference

Dwight Common School #232 is scheduled to conduct its Board Meeting Wednesday, May 13 – via Zoom Meeting at the following address:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-Pfi-HUFUJqfZ2N6Vw47d13wChs5g2wH8bv8qA_yPJRQv5A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

This link will allow community members to participate in the meeting.

Important Notice from *The Paper*

On a temporary basis, a paper will only be delivered to postal mail boxes for which a preprinted flyer is included, such as Berkot's, Aldi, Hardware, etc.

However, *The Paper* will be available to view online by everyone through our website, thepaper1901.com. This allows us the ability to maintain our mission of keeping the area informed and also provides a method for advertisers to reach every home via the web.

As we learn what process works best, we will make adjustments accordingly.

Most of all, keep safe, and support local business whenever possible.

Any feedback you may have is appreciated and can be emailed to thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net.

The following towns will not receive a mailed copy of *The Paper* on May 20:

- Kinsman
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- Blackstone
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- Campus
- Cullom

If you did not receive a physical copy of the May 13 edition of *The Paper*, fear not – you can find one at the following locations in Dwight:

Ace, Berkots, BP-Northbrook, both Casey's General Stores, Classic Inn, CVS, Huffman Tire & Auto, OWL, Super 8, and of course, *The Paper* office.

E-learning, 4,000 Miles Away

Dwight Teacher Keeps Her Classes After Returning From Spain

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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When Anne Fritsch logs on to Google Hangouts each morning at 4 a.m. to teach her English classes, she's seeing tiny faces that are 4,100 miles away. Fritsch, of Dwight, may have left her teaching post in Madrid as the lockdowns in Spain first began, but she continues to share the English lessons four days a week from Dwight thanks to technology.

Fritsch, 29, was born and raised in Dwight and graduated from Dwight Township High School in 2008. She graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, majoring in English and Education with a minor in Spanish.

She taught at Tri-Point and Plano schools before taking a leap of courage to do something she's had her heart set on for many years: teaching in Spain.

"I've always wanted to go to Spain and improve my Spanish," she said.

She arrived in Madrid in September 2018 and was hired at the Stella Maris school teaching preschool children and primary students. After a year, she got a job at the Fray Luis de Leon, where she continues to work teaching second through fifth grades and seniors.

She's fallen in love with the students, the culture, the sunny skies and beguiling energy. "The people are warm and

friendly," she said.

But then the pandemic hit, and Fritsch knew she had to get home to Dwight. What if they started closing the borders? What if she couldn't get back home to her parents, Jane and Steve, in an emergency? What if she couldn't find a flight home?

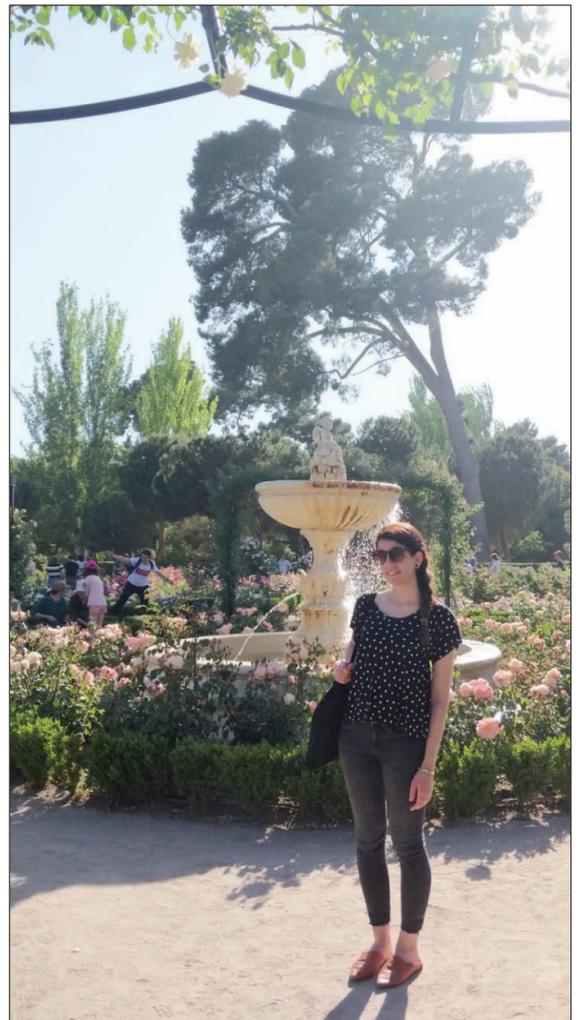
She was lucky. Two weeks after the country locked down, on March 21, she left the apartment she was sharing with several other Americans teaching abroad and boarded an Iberia Airlines flight, nonstop to Chicago. It was a relief but as equally surreal flying nine hours over the Atlantic with a plane half full. Passengers were spaced out; flight attendants wore masks and gloves; and when she arrived at O'Hare, customs was nearly empty. She had to self-quarantine for two weeks. She stayed with her aunt who lives outside Indianapolis. There she had her own bedroom and bathroom.

"It was tough," she said.

Fray Luis de Leon was closed until after Easter. That's when students resumed classes with e-learning. Fritsch said it's been tough for her and her students because communication teaching ESL is hard enough.

She teaches 10 classes a week from Dwight, six on Tuesdays and Wednesday, and four on Thursdays and Fridays. Because of the time change, she starts around 4 a.m.

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ANNE FRITSCH in Retiro Park in Madrid. Fritsch teaches second through fifth grade and seniors at the Fray Luis de Leon.

Route 66 Uses Downtime to Renovate 1,400-Square-Foot Expansion Begins This Week

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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Restaurant and hospitality have become one of the hardest hit industries during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Illinois has more than 25,000 eating and drinking establishments, and more than 321,000 of the state's 594,500 people employed in the industry have been laid off, according to the Illinois Restaurant Association.

Across the U.S., restaurants have suffered far more job losses—nearly three times more jobs—than any other industry. The Illinois Restaurant Association reports that 20 percent of restaurants won't survive the state's stringent stay-home mandates and Governor J.B. Pritzker's reopening

plan.

But one Dwight restaurant has its eye on the future and is actually investing during the pandemic in an incredible combination of risk and success.

"Even though it is the worst time for the world, it's a good time for us," said Maria Ahmedi, whose family owns Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight.

This week, construction begins on a 1,400-square-foot renovation and expansion to the south side of the building that will accommodate both the customers and staff.

Ahmedi, who would not reveal the cost of the expansion but said it was significant, said there is a lot in store.

There will be a slightly bigger kitchen that will be reconfigured for better workflow.



New appliances are being purchased as well. The waitress area will also be reconfigured.

There will be a new area for pick-ups and deliveries, and a fresh interior will add 20 more seats to the restaurant's current 130 capacity. Bathrooms will become handicap accessible.

They are also designing a new entryway. The current entry door allows the weather inside the building. They are knocking that out and replacing

it with an entryway with two sets of side-by-side doors to prevent the wind and cold, making customers and staff more comfortable.

They are also redecorating. Ahmedi said they will stay with the Route 66 theme but it will be more subtle, with a tasteful, rustic look. The outside won't change -- those colorful murals created by Dwight artist Steve Connor 18 years ago

were replaced. (continued on page 8)



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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

April 30: James K. Sassen-ger, 26, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.
 May 5: Kyle V. D'Andrea, 26, Dwight, driving under in-fluence of alcohol.

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

Dwight Police Blotter

April 30: 10:39 a.m., Dwight Police were advised of a hit and run incident. The vehicle owner, from the 100 block of John St., advised the front of his vehicle had been struck.

May 3: 2:44 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of W. James for a neighbor disturbance.

May 5: 9:35 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched for a vehicle driving with no front passenger tire. Kyle V. D'An-drea, 26, of Dwight, was ar-rested on Mazon Ave. for DUI. D'Andrea was transported to Dwight Police Dept. He was given paperwork and a court date. His vehicle was towed from the scene.

Dwight Man Arrested on Heroin Charges

Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress advised that on April 30, an ongoing narcotics investigation led to the arrest of Alex Feddersen (Dwight) in Dwight.

Childress advised narcotics officers approached Feddersen as he sat in a vehicle. Upon ap-proach, the officers observed Feddersen with baggies of heroin in plain view. Feddersen was taken into custody without incident.

Accident Report
 Thursday, April 30, 12:50 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. in-volving a 2019 Pete., driven by Jifi A. Sparks, Orilla, GA, which struck a parked 2012 Volvo while backing up.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 1: Mazon, fire; Mazon, medical, Morris; 3200 E. Rd., fire, mutual aid to Campus; Main St., fire.
 May 2: Main St., medical, Morris; N. 1600 East Rd./N. 1500 East Rd., auto aid – medical, refusal, mutual aid – Blackstone; Main St., medical, Morris.
 May 3: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; East St., fire, mutual aid to Gardner; Mazon, medical, Morris.
 May 4: I-55, trauma, Mor-ris; Prospect, citizen assist; Mazon, medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.
 May 5: Prospect, medical.
 May 6: Spencer St., fire.
 May 7: Mazon, medical, Morris.

During a search of the ve-hicle and Feddersen, 26 baggies of purported heroin were lo-cated. The purported heroin weighed approximately 4.3 grams. Feddersen was arrested for possession of controlled substances with intent to de-liver. A 2005 Mazda SUV, val-ued at \$4,000, was also seized during the arrest.

Agencies involved in the in-vestigation were the Livingston County Proactive Unit, Pontiac and Dwight Drug Units, Dwight patrol, and the Liv-ington County State's Attor-ney's Office.



Temps - 2020

Apr. 30 – high 61°, low 37° trace precip.
 May 1 – high 67°, low 41° trace precip.
 May 2 – high 77°, low 55°
 May 3 – high 70°, low 41°
 May 4 – high 53°, low 41° .15" precip.
 May 5 – high 46°, low 37° .35" precip.
 May 6 – high 61°, low 42° trace precip.
One Year Ago – May 13, 2019
 high 51°, low 43° .19" precip.

Blood Drive in Morris May 28

David Welter, State Repre-sentative – District 75, is host-ing a blood drive in partnership with the Versiti Blood Center of Illinois from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at 1715 N. Division St., Suite D, in Mor-ris – the suite adjacent to Wel-ter's district office.

There continues to be a se-vere blood shortage in Illinois amidst the COVID-19 pan-demic. To host this blood drive at this time, they are taking into account all the necessary safety precautions for volunteers, donors and staff.

As a safety precaution, dona-tions will be by appointment only (no walk-ins) and face coverings will be required. To make an appointment, visit donate.illinois.ver-siti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5585446.

Spots are limited for blood donation, so interested resi-dents should make an appoint-ment as soon as possible.

Call the district office at 815-416-1475 with any ques-tions.



AN AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE was held May 11 in St. Patrick Hall, Dwight – with donors and staff adhering to CDC guidelines for COVID-19. The blood drive was sponsored by Livingston Masonic Lodge #371 in Dwight.



Secretary of State, Treasurer Announce E-Check Payment Processor Fee Waived Through August 2

In an effort to further en-courage online transactions with the Secretary of State's office at cyberdriveillinois.com, Secretary of State Jesse White and Treasurer Michael Frerichs have worked to waive the pay-ment processor fee associated with e-checks through August 2.

White and Frerichs success-fully partnered with National Cash Register (NCR) – the Treasurer's approved payment processor company – to re-move the e-check payment pro-cessing fee for three months.

This e-check payment pro-cessing fee will be waived for the following online services:

- renewing a vehicle regis-tration;
- obtaining a duplicate dri-ver's license or ID card; and

• renewing a driver's license through the Safe Driver Re-newal program.

"Don't wait, renew online by e-check," said White. "By renewing your vehicle regis-tration or your driver's license or ID card by e-check through August 2, you won't have to visit a Driver Services facility once they reopen and the pay-ment processor fee will be waived. This will save you money and time. I commend Treasurer Frerichs for his ef-forts in working with NCR to make this happen."

Paying with an e-check is simple. Customers first visit cyberdriveillinois.com to begin their transaction – either re-newing a vehicle registration or a driver's license or obtaining a duplicate driver's license/ID

card. Then they are automati-cally connected to NCR where they provide their routing num-ber and bank account number on the secure payment page. After the transaction is com-pleted and the e-check is ver-ified, the Secretary of State's office will begin the process of mailing the vehicle registration sticker or DL/ID card.

Even though White ex-tended expiration dates for at least 90 days after Driver Ser-vices facilities reopen for vehicle registrations, driver's licenses and ID cards, he strongly en-courages customers to renew online if they are able to do so.

White also reminded the public that the federal govern-ment extended the REAL ID deadline by one year. The dead-line is now October 1, 2021.

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What Can Investors Learn from Cyclists?
May is National Bike Month. Of course, millions of Americans enjoy biking, so there's reason to celebrate. But even if you're not much of a rider, you can apply some of the guidelines and lessons of bicycling to other areas of your life – such as investing.
Consider taking some of these ideas for a spin:
Tune up your portfolio. When bicyclists tune up their bikes, they adjust their brakes, clean and lubricate the chain, tighten nuts and bolts, and check the tire pressure, among other tasks. Such a tune-up keeps their bikes running smoothly and reduces the chances for breakdowns. And by "tuning up" your investment portfolio, you can help it stay in line with your goals and risk tolerance, while also preparing it for a "breakdown" in the financial markets, in the form of sharp downturns. To tune up your portfolio, look for ways to increase diversification, which can help reduce the effects of volatility, and watch for investments that may have chronically under-performed or are no longer suitable for your risk tolerance. You might be better off selling these and using the proceeds to invest in new opportunities.
Know when to shift gears. Bicyclists move into higher or lower gears in response to changing road conditions and elevations. As an investor, you, too, may need to "shift gears" or adjust your investment strategy when your personal financial environment changes. So, for example, in the years immediately preceding your retirement, you may want to move some – but certainly not all – of your investment dollars from growth-oriented vehicles to income-producing ones. That way, you can lock in some of the gains you may have achieved while lowering your portfolio's overall risk level. This is important, because once you reach retirement and you need to start withdrawing from your retirement accounts – which essentially means liquidating some of your investments – you don't want to worry too much about having to sell when prices are down. However, keep in mind that, even during retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your holdings to help yourself stay ahead of inflation.
Protect yourself. Smart bicyclists always wear their helmets – they know that an unexpected bump in the road could cause a dangerous spill. And on the journey toward financial security for yourself and your family, you can also expect that some hard knocks could come your way – which is why you need the proper protection. To safeguard your family in case anything should happen to you, you must have the appropriate amount of life insurance. And to help ensure your financial independence – and avoid becoming a potential burden to your grown children – you may want to consider some type of long-term care coverage, which can help cover many of the costs of a lengthy nursing home stay. You could choose a long-term care insurance policy or a "hybrid" policy, which combines long-term care protection with the death benefit of traditional life insurance. A financial advisor can recommend the option that's most suitable for your needs.
 You may want to observe National Bike Month by taking a few rides yourself. But in any case, making these cycling-inspired moves can help you keep rolling along toward your financial goals.
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Mom Pulls off Surprise Graduation Parade for Daughter Graduating from Dentistry School

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Kailyn Schultz threw on some old socks, a coat, and had messy hair when she stepped outside her home in Gardner. Her mother, Cindy, said there was going to be a frost later that night on Friday, May 8, and she needed Kailyn's help covering the flowers with sheets.

But the normally quiet Grundy Street they live on suddenly turned into a raucous roar. Car after car decked out in balloons and signage drove by honking and hollering from inside, as Kailyn stood there stunned, eventually breaking into tears.

It was her graduation parade having graduated from dental school from the University of Illinois Chicago.

"I was super surprised," Kailyn said. "I saw the signs and realized what was going on."

Her mom Cindy set up the surprise. There were more than 40 cars that drove down Grundy Street for the hour-long parade. She was so happy to see so many family and friends, including her paternal grandmother Emma Schultz, of Gardner, and maternal grandparents Phil and Mary Ann Alberico, of Joliet. Many other family members and even her friends from Chicago made the trip down for the festivities.

"There were people I hadn't seen probably since Christ-

mas," she said.

Kailyn said she was supposed to walk the stage on Thursday, May 7. Like many high schools and universities, celebrations were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But the parade was the next best thing.

For now, Kailyn, who was born and raised in Gardner and graduated from Gardner-South Wilmington High School, is gearing up for her residency at Masonic Lutheran in Chicago now that she is a board certified general dentist.

Kailyn, 26, begins July 1. Because the pandemic has put a stop to regular dental care, Kailyn said she will be doing a lot of emergency care, reconstruction, and special needs cases.

Her mom Cindy said she's wanted to become a dentist since junior high school. Part of the reason is because her father, Pete Schultz, suffered from ALS. He had to use a BiPAP machine and it affected his teeth. He always said if she graduated from dental school he wanted Kailyn to fix his teeth. He died six years ago at age 52.

Long-term, she said she would love to open her own practice with her sister Chelsea, 25, who is also studying dentistry at UIC.

"[The parade] meant a ton. I'm just as happy as if I would have walked the stage," Kailyn said.



Kailyn with Uncle Shawn Schultz, above, and Kailyn with an admirer below.



Date Meets Zip - WEEK 3 - "I"



Week 3 // "I" – Heritage Health: 300 E. Mazon Avenue was once the site of the East Side School built in 1896 and over the years was used as both a high school and grade school. The building was demolished in the late 1960's and the land was used to build a nursing care center. Dwight Continental Manor, a 92-bed home, opened in 1972. The facility has been used as a nursing home with a variety of names since that time. It is currently Heritage Health.

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as McArdle Realty, located at 106 E. Main St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2020.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

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Date Meets Zip

The Paper will publish a weekly "Letter Search Contest" leading up to the Date Meets Zip festivities, in which a picture of a local sign or building showing one letter from the word DWIGHT will be printed each week – continuing through the final answer in the Wednesday, June 3, edition. Participants should fill out the entry form, identifying the sign and including your name and phone number. Entries should be submitted by taking a picture of your entry form and e-mailing it to dhs1854@yahoo.com by Monday of the following week. A \$10 prize will be awarded each week to one winner. In case of multiple correct entries, the winner will be pulled randomly from the group. On week five, Letter H, there are multiple signs to identify and a \$50 prize will be awarded to one winner that week.



Letter Search Entry Form

Letter "G"

Name of Sign/Building: _____

Submitted by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Submit your entry by taking a picture of the completed form and e-mailing the form to dhs1854@yahoo.com by Monday, May 18.

E-learning, 4,000 Miles Away

Dwight Teacher Keeps Her Classes After Returning From Spain

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"I like the students. I like the school, so I wanted to continue to help them," she said. The school had mutual thoughts.

"In the beginning I was a little more frustrated," Fritsch said about the early hours and difficulty teaching online. But she's gotten into a normal routine now.

She also loves seeing her students' faces when she logs in. She's missed them and vice

versa. "It's really good to see them," she said.

This summer, she will have to decide whether to find a job here at home, or go back to Madrid to teach for a third year. She would love to, but so much depends on the pandemic. For now, she is grateful she has a job, is earning a living and still able to connect with her students.

"I think I'm fortunate," she said.



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New Book Tells Cherry Mine Tragedy

Approximately 480 men and boys entered the coal mine at Cherry, Illinois, on the morning of November 13, 1909.

By the end of the day, 259 of them had burned to death or had died from poison gas.

The dramatic story is told in the new book, "The Illustrated History of the Cherry Mine Disaster of 1909" by Herscher author Jim Ridings.

Cherry is located just north of LaSalle-Peru. The tragedy remains the third worst coal mine disaster in American history.

The mine at Cherry had been open for four years and was considered the safest coal mine in America. The underground mine was wired for electricity, but the system broke down and the mine was lit with torches that day. Two young and inexperienced workers parked a pit car loaded with hay under a torch. A fire started – a fire that easily could have been put out by a number of men who saw it. But in an incredible set of errors, the fire

got out of control and there was a delay in starting the evacuation.

The book tells the story of this terrible tragedy, with many interesting twists. One example is the "twelve heroes" who went down the mine in a cage six times, rescuing trapped miners. There was a mix-up in the signals on the seventh trip. When the cage was finally brought up, all twelve men had been burned to death.

And eight days after the burning mine was sealed, it was reopened for the recovery of bodies. Twenty-one men were found alive, miraculously surviving in a corner of the mine despite tremendous heat, lethal gas, and no food and little water. The book contains some of the letters these men wrote from inside the sealed mine, heartfelt letters to their families that they thought would be their last words.

Joseph Timko and his three sons died. A number of other families lost three and four members. The majority of the

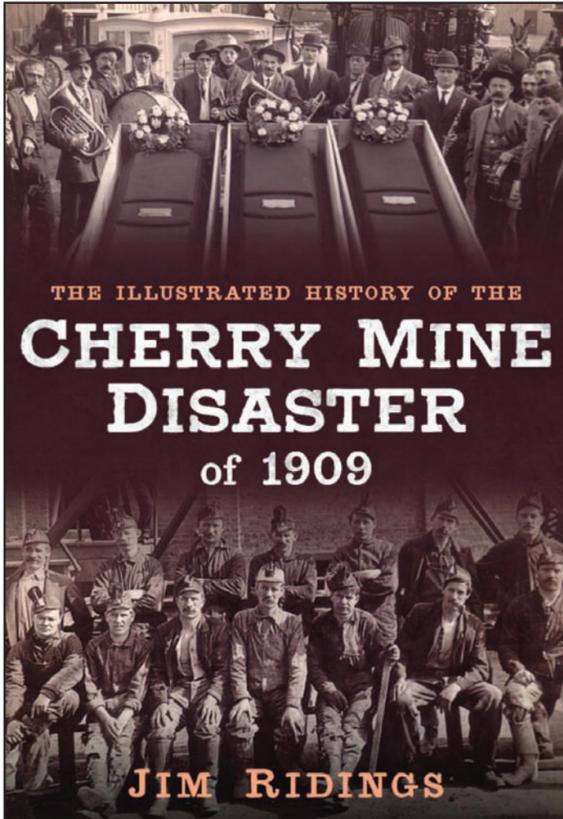
dead had relatives who also were victims.

The tragedy made widows of 160 women and orphans of 470 children. It also resulted in the first workmen's compensation laws in America.

The disaster brought a number of photographers to town. Ridings gathered as many of these pictures as he could find – the large book contains 433 photographs. There are pictures of the burning mine and the rescue efforts, pictures of the morgue tents and the endless funerals. Some funeral processions were nine horse-drawn hearses long. Pictures at the cemetery show mass graves with pine boxes stacked together.

The story is more than just numbers. The book contains many family stories, gathered by Ridings from the descendants of victims and survivors.

This is the twenty-seventh book of local history written and published by Ridings. It is available at www.jimridings.com and by email at jridings@keynet.net.



It's History...

POETRY THE STAR

By Avalanche.

It was on Monday morning last
while quiet in the store,
And musing o'er the past
The happy days of yore

A greeting fell upon my ears,
A radiant mellow light,
And in this mellow light appears
The little "Star" of Dwight.

I picked it up and viewed it o'er
Delighted with the beams,
That gently flowed from every pore
In calm unruffled streams.

Me thought this paper claims the aid
Of all the friends in town,
So that in future t'will be made
A volume of renown.

Its pages tell us of the "Biz,"
With which we daily meet,
And how the ladies by us "Phiz,"
While walking on the street.

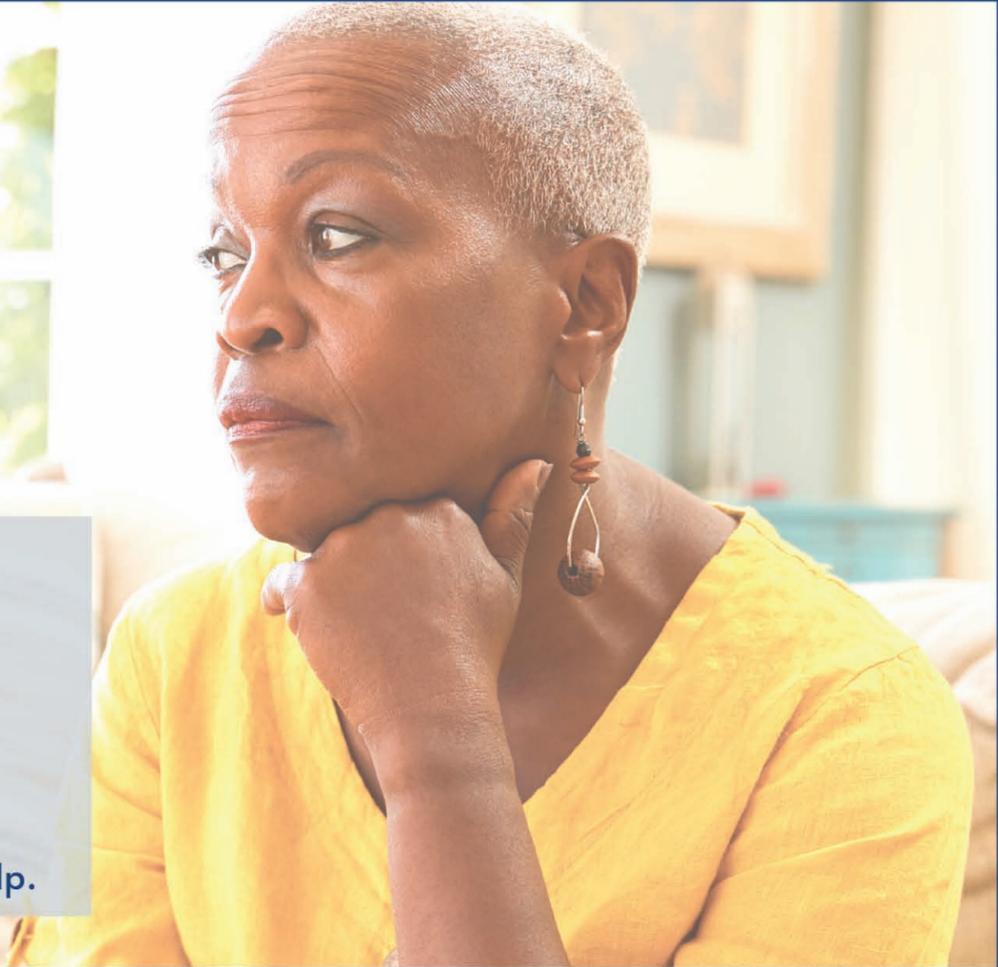
And by our aid it will relate
Good news from time to time,
Until all o'er the Sucker State,
This "Star" will brightly shine.

Come, rally then with nerve and mind
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Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees announced the recipients of the 2020 Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships on May 1, 2020. The trustees awarded \$54,000 to 17 students.

Scholarships were awarded in recognition of academic and extracurricular excellence. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must live in the area currently served by the Odell Fire Protection District, Odell Public Library District, or the Odell Grade School District.

The recipients for the 2020 Scholarships are: **Eric Campbell** – Purdue University; **Meagan Brockman** – University of Minnesota Medical School; **Madelyn Doran** – Western Illinois University; **Andrea Flynn** – University of Missouri, St. Louis College of Optometry; **Seth Foster** – Florida Polytechnic University; **Jordyn Fox** – Eureka College; **Justin Fox** –



Marley Noles – Loras College; **Alexander Olson** – Milwaukee School of Engineering; **Sophie Olson** – Heartland Community College; **Lucas Roe** – Iowa State University; **Tyrah Sexton** – Illinois State University.

Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and a teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years, died March 31, 2004. She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking to continue their educations at accredited colleges or universities in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business, or engineering.

Martin was responsible for both the choral and instrumental music programs at both Odell Grade School and Odell Community High School for 32 years. In addition to her responsibilities for the music program, she also served as the faculty adviser for the yearbook for many years.

University of Wisconsin, Platteville; **Kobe Fox** – Bradley University; **Luke Fox** – Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; **Savannah Limberg** – University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; **Brittany Masching** – Illinois State University; **Tyler Masching** – Joliet Junior College;

Livingston County Sheriff Announces ISA Scholarship Winner

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association provides an annual scholarship, for each County, for students interested in furthering their education and training through an Associate Membership Program. Scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books, and fees.

Livingston County students were given the opportunity to apply for one \$500.00 scholarship in the 2020-21 academic year and a total of 23 applications were received.

Sheriff Childress appointed a three member committee to review the applications. Committee members include Merit Commission President Mike Trainor, Vice-President Joan Bullard, and Secretary Terrance

Sullivan.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office announced Nicolle Leon-Araujo as this year's ISA Scholarship winner. Nicolle is from Pontiac and attends Pontiac Township High School. She has been awarded this scholarship by demonstrating outstanding scholastic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, and exemplary character traits.

Peyton Cramer, of Saunemin, was chosen as the First Alternate, and Valorie Campbell, of Fairbury, as the Second Alternate.

Sheriff Tony Childress extended his thanks to those who submitted applications, and encourages all students to apply again next year.



Maggie McCoy Elected President of WIU Omicron Epsilon Chapter of APS

Maggie McCoy was elected the 2020 President of Western Illinois University's Omicron Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma – a nationally recognized division of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

APS recognizes academic

excellence of undergraduate and graduate students of Criminal Justice, as well as those seeking a Juris Doctor degree.

Maggie is a senior at WIU's School of Law Enforcement & Justice Administration and a 2017 graduate of Dwight Township High School.

Blessing of All Vehicles at Saint Patrick Church May 17

Father Chris Haake will offer a blessing of all vehicles – from tricycles on up – at Saint Patrick Church, 100 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight, Sunday, May 17, following 10:30 a.m. Mass – if celebrated in the church.

If Mass is celebrated via Facebook, the blessing will commence at noon to allow Father time to arrive at the church.

Attendees are asked to drive south on Prairie Avenue, turning right into the driveway, lining up under the church canopy.

After the blessing, leave by turning right onto Mazon Avenue, heading west.

Semis and larger vehicles that will not clear the canopy may line up on the north side of Mazon Avenue.

St. Patrick, Dwight; St. Paul, Odell Update Schedules

Father Haake, of Saint Patrick Church, Dwight, and St. Paul Church, Odell, has updated the churches schedules during the stay-at-home order, and they are as follows:

Live Masses are streamed on Facebook at Parishes of Saint Patrick, Dwight and Saint Paul, Odell, at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday thru Saturday, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Drive-Thru Confession is available at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, under the front door canopy at Saint Patrick Church.

Lauds (morning prayer) will be Sundays at 8:00 a.m., with Vespers (evening prayer) being held Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

The above are all subject to cancellation.



Kankakee County Administration Building Reopened For Business

As of May 11, the County Administration Building, located at 189 East Court Street in Kankakee, has reopened for all public business.

To maintain safety via social distancing, County Clerk Dan Hendrickson is encouraging the public to schedule a time to conduct their necessary business.

The phone number is 815-937-2990. Walk-in customers will be accepted, but appointments will be given priority.

Visitors should enter the building using the Court Street entrance. The west side entrance will be unavailable for general public entry. Masks or facial coverings must be worn,

and there will be a deputy at the door checking temperatures of anyone entering the building. These restrictions will be in place until at least May 22.

Hendrickson said, "We realize that these precautions create a hardship on the public we serve, but we feel we are making these decisions in the best interests of the public at large and certainly to safeguard the health of our employees. We would also like to remind the public they can utilize our website, kankakee countyclerk.com, to order vital record certificates from the safety and security of their home."

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Certified Nursing Assistant

Jaleigh Benstine, WHS; Caitlyn Cotter, PTHS; **Jessalyn Frobish, DTHS; Carson Gregory, PTHS; Brianna Groves, WHS; Sydney Hoselton, Prairie Central; Kristin Kuntz, WHS; Maizy Lucas, WHS; Carmen Pina, PTHS; Eboni Ramey, PTHS; Maddison Stark, PTHS; Brianna Weaver, PTHS; Delorian Weidert, WHS.**

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Criminal Justice

Murphy Basham, PTHS; **Max Bean, DTHS; Carter Dawson, PTHS; Cadence Denning-Kras, Tri-Point High School; Hannah Dunahce, Flanagan-Cornell High School; Abigail Dunning, PTHS; Mikayla Ehresman, PTHS; Alan Erickson, DTHS; Stephanie Johnson, WHS;**

Natasha Koenig, PTHS; Steven Lewis, PTHS; Bryce Osborn, PTHS; Noah Parra, PTHS; Timothy Runyon, PTHS; Kevin Sennott, PTHS; Korbyn Smith, PTHS; **Seven Vargas, DTHS; Kobe Versteigui, PTHS; Carson Walls, PTHS; Madison Webber, PTHS; Samuel Webster, PTHS; Brooke Whittle, PTHS.**

Culinary

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Co-MVP Brandon Ceylor



Co-MVP Lane Thompson

Trojan Basketball Holds Socially Distanced Door-to-Door Awards Banquet

On Wednesday, May 5, the Dwight Trojans' basketball team held its awards banquet by going door-to-door in order to practice safe social distancing. Award-winners include:

• **Points Champion: Jeremy Kapper** – Throughout the season, players earned points through team games, individual games, and sportsmanship.

• **Most Improved: Bryson Connor** – Bryson really found his game later in the season. In the last eight games, he more than doubled his points per game to 8.5. Throughout the season, Connor continually led the team in VPS (Valued Point System), which collaborates all positive and negative stats into

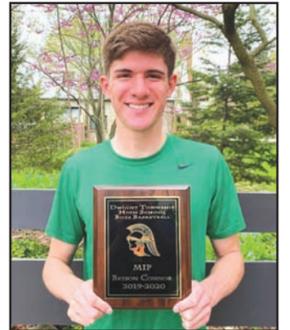
one number. Bryson was also named to the Sangamon Valley Senior All-Star Team.

• **Co-MVP: Brandon Ceylor** – Brandon led the team in points (415), assists (99), and steals (75). Ceylor was a Special Mention on the Kankakee Journal's All-Area Team, and was also an Honorable Mention in the Sangamon Valley All-Conference. Brandon advanced to the IHSAA State 3-Pt. Shootout in Peoria, but it was unfortunately cancelled due to the quarantine guidelines.

• **Co-MVP: Lane Thompson** – Lane led the team in rebounds (246) and blocks (43), and was second in scoring (358). Thompson was named to the 1st Team Sangamon Valley All-Conference, he was honorable mention on the Kankakee Journal All-Area Team, and was named to the Sangamon Valley Senior All-Star Team. Lane was also named to the Marseilles Holiday Tournament All-Tournament Team.



Points Champion Jeremy Kapper



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OBITUARIES

Evelyn Hanlin

DWIGHT – Evelyn Hanlin, 91, of Campus, Illinois passed away Friday, May 8, 2020 at 12:37 p.m. in Campus, IL.



According to Evelyn's wishes cremation rites were accorded after a private visitation held at Hager Memorial Home on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Private family burial will be at a later date at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Campus, IL.

Memorials in honor of Evelyn may be made to St. Paul School in Odell, IL or OSF Hospice.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn was born the oldest and only girl to Roy and Viola (Zeller) Eich on June 1, 1928 in Campus, IL. She married Bill Anderson in 1949 in Campus, IL. Bill passed away in 1952. She then married Carl Hanlin on December 1, 1959. He passed away in 1977.

Surviving are one son, Lonnie Anderson of Campus; two daughters, Judy ("Bud") Bressner of Chenoa and Shari (Jerry) Fritz of Bourbonnais; brothers: Gene Eich of Clearwater, FL; Bob (Rena) Eich of Herscher, IL; Leroy (Linda) Eich of Frostproof, FL; Chuck (Betty)

Eich of Romeoville, IL; Gary Eich of Dwight; and David (Kathy) Eich of Rockford, IL.

Also surviving are five grandchildren: Jeff (Jill) Bressner, Julie (Rick) Uplegger, Jamie (Eric) Bird, Kyle (Allie)

Fritz and Rachel (Austin) De-nault; and nine great-grandchildren: Jacob, Ella, Olivia, Jared, Jace, Jenna, Aubrey, Brodie and Avery.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, brother, Jim Eich; sisters-in-law, Susie Eich, Delores Eich, Maureen Eich, Sharon Eich; nephew, Jeff Eich, and niece, Nancy Eich.

Born and raised in Campus, Evelyn attended local schools and graduated from Reddick High School, class of 1946. She worked for the Post Office and the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant APSA. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Campus.

Evelyn enjoyed traveling and golf, loved spending time with family and friends, and she always had a special place in her heart for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This obituary may be viewed at: www.calvertmemorial.com

David Howard Schott

PONTIAC – David Howard Schott passed away Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 6:50 a.m. at Accolade Healthcare in Pontiac, IL.



Cremation rites will be accorded. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, a Celebration of Life for Dave will be held at a later date.

Memorials in Dave's name may be made to First United Methodist Church, Pontiac, IL.

Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac, is handling the arrangements.

David was born July 2, 1942 to Howard and Mabel (Branz) Schott in Pontiac, IL. He married Judy Drury on March 3, 1961 at the First Lutheran Church in Pontiac.

Survivors include his wife, Judy of Pontiac, IL; one son, Dale (Brenda) Schott of Blackstone, IL; three daughters: Ann (Joe) Foley of Pontiac, IL; Bobbi (Jerry) Curl of Diamond, IL; and Missi (Mike) Woods of Metamora, IL; grandchildren: Kristi (Nate) Tissiere, Tim (Stephanie) Turner, Jessica Turner (Nathan), Katelyn Dolan (Nathan), Danielle Dolan (Kyle), Dylan Marcin, Tyler Curl, Brett Curl, Steve (Megan) VandeWerken and Troy Woods; "Grandpa's special helper" grandson, Don Foley, preceded him in death on September 17, 2003; great-grandchildren: Emerson, Riley, Zoey, Audrina, Logan, Lorelai, Calleigh, Talan and Kayson.

David had 12 siblings. Surviving are Ellis Schott of Braceville, IL, Francis Schott of Pontiac, IL, and Mary Mason of Chenoa, IL.

Preceding him in death were siblings: Lloyd Schott, Ivan Schott, Vera Wilson, Doris McDowell, Don Schott, Gail Schott and Roy Schott. Siblings Wayne and Shirley died in infancy.

David worked as a laborer with Klean-Lay in Leland, a driver with Creighton Allis-Chalmers dealer in Leland, and Fire Chief of Leland Fire and Ambulance.

After moving in 1975, David farmed in rural Blackstone until his retirement. He then worked for Stoller International in Pontiac, IL.

David was a member of the United Methodist Church in Leland, Odell, Dwight and Pontiac, where he loved to serve. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge in Pontiac, Leland Lions Club, Pontiac Lions Club, and the Central States Thresherman's Reunion. He had a passion for maintaining and operating steam engines; he rebuilt and brought back to life the famous "Sparky" for the Pontiac Lions Club.

David also organized and taught an annual Steam School to teach younger "engineers." He loved working with/showing horses. He was in many parades.

David was so proud of his family and was always quick to brag on them any chance he could get. He was a wonderful husband, dad, grandpa, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed.

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

David P. Christenson

David P. Christenson, 66, passed away May 8, 2020.



Born November 14, 1953 to Robert and Dorothy Christenson, he was the fourth of five children. He grew up in Dwight, IL and graduated from Dwight High School in 1971. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Illinois State University in 1975.

He married Barbara Luecking on March 5, 1977.

Dave was a kind, patient man, a gentle spirit who always looked for the good in people. The finest example of a husband and father, he was, above all, devoted to his wife and family.

During his journey with glioblastoma multiforme brain cancer, he persevered with uncommon strength, grace and resolve. He was thankful to have beaten the odds, living fully for nearly five years following his diagnosis. He viewed those years as a gift. They were indeed a gift to his family as well. He was enormously proud of his two children and his granddaughters.

Dave was an accomplished athlete in his younger years and an avid lifelong sports fan. He played varsity basketball, football, and baseball, but golf became his favorite sport. A sunny outing with friends on the golf course was definitely a good day.

Dave's 25-year career as a software engineer at Kimberly Clark was a source of great pride for him. He also took pride in his post retirement work with Transtar Medical Transport. For six years he transported veterans to their medical appointments, finding much satisfaction in providing a service to those who sacrificed for their country.

In the years following his diagnosis in 2015, he and Barb traveled to Spain, Germany and France. They treasured

time in the Carolinas with family and friends, as well as family reunions in the Outer Banks, Michigan and Illinois. In the recent fall, they explored the Mighty Five National Parks in Utah with lifelong friends and travel partners. Over the past two years, he and Barb also traveled frequently to Colorado to soak up family time and play time with their delightful granddaughters, the light of his life.

Dave is survived by his wife of 43 years, Barb; daughter and son-in-law, Kara and Josh Yde (Ann Arbor, Michigan); son and daughter-in-law, Blake and Beth Christenson (Denver, CO); and granddaughters, Madison and McKenzie Christenson.

He is also survived by his siblings and their spouses: brother, Don (Darnell); sister, Carol Hutchings (Mike); and brother, Tom (Becky); brothers- and sisters-in-law: Rich and Debby Luecking and Ed and Sheri Luecking; and by many beloved nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Dorothy; brother, John; and sister-in-law, Doris; and his father- and mother-in-law, Ferdinand and Armelia Luecking.

His wife and family extend special thanks to Drs. Rick Davis, Karen Gremminger and Randall Johnson for their expertise and kindness during Dave's cancer journey. We are most grateful, as well, to the medical staff at ThedaCare Hospital who provided valued care and compassion to Dave during his recent time there. Especially during COVID-19, we humbly salute all healthcare professionals.

According to his wishes, Dave has been cremated. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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

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5 Minutes with Boma

Learning New Things

In the last column, I talked about eating healthy. That was probably not that enjoyable to read for most, as it's a lot more to just dive into the junk food, but maybe it was at least a little bit of motivation for the days and weeks moving forward.

Another thing that I've tried to adopt during quarantine and self isolation, whatever you want to refer to it as, is trying to do some new things. Among those things that I've been trying, that is most notable, is learning to fly an airplane and pursuing my private pilot license.

This stemmed from me going stir crazy in my house, as I'm sure just about everyone is at this point, and from the fact I've kind of always wanted to try it. I started lessons at the beginning of April, and in my most recent lesson had my first solo flight.

Throughout everything leading up to the first flight by myself, I was really expecting to be nervous, and that never really happened. I was just calm throughout the whole process and it went great.

Even if it's not something that's as off the wall as learning to fly an airplane, I think that now is a really good time to try to learn to do something, or learn about something that you never had the chance to previously.

There are about three weeks left (hopefully) of the current self isolation and quarantine set up, assuming that things go to plan. I'm going to start reading a book in that time as well and I haven't read a book in years, so that's the next thing on my list.

Time is something we usually don't have enough of and now there's an ample amount of it. I'm going to try my best to make the most of that time.

Stay safe, stay healthy and Go Cubs. (Looking like we might get baseball back in early July!)

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Dwight Residents Urged to Complete 2020 Census

Online, Phone Options Available

A month ago, Dwight's 2020 Census response was just 60 percent. But in the last 30 days, more and more residents have reported, said Village Administrator Kevin McNamara.

As of Monday, May 11, 72.8 percent of Dwight residents have filled out their census forms. Illinois as a whole is at 63.7 percent. Livingston County is at 57.7 percent, and Kankakee County is at 51.3 percent.

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.

One of the questions the census asks is where you lived on April 1, 2020. There has been some confusion among college students, who were forced to move from their dorms and apartments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who normally live in on-campus housing will still be counted in the 2020 census through their university, even if they are temporarily living somewhere else due to the coronavirus pandemic, according to a U.S. Census Bureau press release.

In general, students should be counted where they live and

sleep most of the time, even if they are temporarily staying somewhere else due to the pandemic.

If you live in student housing, your college will count you. If you live off campus, you should respond for the off-campus address and include any roommates or other people living there, but only one person should respond for each home.

There is still time to respond. The 2020 census had been scheduled to stop at the end of July, but the deadline has now been extended to mid-August, because of the pandemic.

If you haven't filed by phone, mail or the Internet, this week you should receive a paper form. Beginning May 27 through mid-August, Census takers will interview homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

"If you don't want people knocking on your door, answer the form," McNamara said.

In December, the Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress. By March 31, 2021, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to the states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

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.

Information provided for the census is 100 percent confidential. Visit www.2020census.gov for more information.



WORK HAS BEGUN. OLD ROUTE 66 FAMILY RESTAURANT in Dwight, has begun a 1,400 square foot expansion at its location on Old Route 66 in Dwight. The expansion will accommodate the staff and customers.



Route 66 Uses Downtime to Renovate

1,400-Square-Foot Expansion Begins This Week

(continued from page 1) branded the building. But inside, the Ahmedi family has commissioned him to paint a new mural.

"We're leaving it up to him and his imagination," said Ahmedi, who hopes the restaurant can re-open the first week of July.

Old Route 66 Family Restaurant has been a small family business for 19 years come November and is a focal point of Historic Old Route 66 in Dwight. The family uses the same original recipes today that

have been handed down from Grandpa Jimmy, from their seasoned hand-cut meats, homemade soups, coleslaw and mashed potatoes and gravy, according to the website. They have served numerous customers from Chicago to L.A. and tourists from every continent across the world.

Ahmedi said the decision to renovate did not come easy. They tried to offer curbside pick-up in early March but when her newborn grandbaby arrived, they decided they weren't taking any risk of

bringing home an infection.

They have been wanting to renovate for some time now, and when all hope was lost that they would be able to re-open during the state's stay-home order, they decided it was now or never.

"We've been wanting to do this for the longest time. It was the hardest decision in our lives," Ahmedi said. "We're taking that risk."

"We're just workaholics," she said. And that has brought success. Route 66's nostalgia

has brought them growth every year since they opened, and word of mouth continues to be their best advertising.

She hopes the investment will bring more business, but that wasn't necessarily the goal. "It was just to make our restaurant better for everyone."

But one thing that won't change? The menu.

"Why change a good thing?" Ahmedi asked. "It's worked for us for 19 years."

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Morris Hospital Earns 'A' Grade For Patient Safety

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers was awarded another "A" on the most recent Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade that was released on April 30. This national distinction recognizes Morris Hospital's achievements in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care.

Twice a year, the Leapfrog Group assigns an A, B, C, D, or

F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections, and other harm to patients in their care. This was Morris Hospital's fourth consecutive A grade.

Developed under the guidance of a national expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The data used to calculate the Spring 2020 Hospital Safety Grade covers a time period ranging from July 1, 2016-December 31, 2019, depending on

the measure.

"Morris Hospital is committed to adhering to best practices in the healthcare industry in order to assure our patient care delivery is among the best in the nation," says Kimberly Landers, Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nurse Executive at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. "Receiving another A from Leapfrog validates that our team is doing a great job following all of the practices that we have in place to keep our patients safe during their hospitalization. We are so proud of them for providing excellent, safe care to our patients."

Of the 105 Illinois hospitals

that were assessed on the fall report, 46 received A's, 21 received B's, 31 received C's, six received D's, and one received an F.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Gardner Community Consolidated School District 72C

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 72C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, that an Amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 598 N. Elm St., Gardner, Illinois in this School District. From and after 8 o'clock a.m., on the 18th day of May, 2020. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7 o'clock p.m., on the 18th day of June 2020, at Gardner Grade School in this School District Number 72C.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2020. School board of School District Number 72C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois.

By Lauren Vitko, Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL BUDGET LAW BY THE BOARD OF THE HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 9, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. A public hearing will be held By Highland Township Board at the Kinsman Community Center 219 Main Street Kinsman, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the 2020-2021 budget and appropriation ordinance in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, 50 ILCS 330/1 et seq. Copies of the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance are available for public inspection by appointment. Please call 815-394-4270 for appointment. Citizen attending the hearing shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the budget and appropriation ordinance.

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'19 Fusion SEL, Hybrid, 12K, FWD.....\$18,900	'13 Flex LTD, 126K, AWD, NAV.....\$10,900
'19 Fusion SEL, Hybrid, 14K, FWD.....\$18,900	'12 Edge SEL, 133K, AWD.....\$8,900
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OSF Saint James Restarts Surgical, Non-Emergent Services



SAINT JAMES-JOHN W. ALBRECHT MEDICAL CENTER

As OSF HealthCare begins to restart services that had been closed in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the health care Ministry will have a phased approach to bringing non-emergent procedures and surgical services back online through the end of May.

A phased approach is necessary to ensure there is adequate personal protective equipment available, along with appropriate levels of testing, supplies, and staffing.

During phase one, which begins May 11, surgeries and interventional procedures will be scheduled at OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, including surgeries that were previously cancelled or postponed, as well as new elective surgeries.

“It is important to provide the elective services our com-

munity needs as quickly as possible, but even more important is that we do this in a safe manner,” said Brad Solberg, President, OSF HealthCare Saint James. “Our Mission Partners and leaders have been collaborating, planning, disinfecting and implementing processes so we can welcome back those who need our care in the safest environment possible.”

OSF HealthCare hospital emergency departments, including OSF HealthCare Saint James, are open and safe. Anyone experiencing signs of heart attack, stroke, or other emergency situations, should not hesitate. They should call 911

to be treated quickly to have the best recovery.

All OSF HealthCare hospitals, urgent care centers and medical offices are following strict guidelines provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for cleaning and disinfecting.

Patients going to OSF for a scheduled procedure can expect additional safeguards in place, including a COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to the appointment. While this may impose an inconvenience, it’s an important step to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

As has been the case since

May 1, OSF HealthCare requires anyone entering an OSF facility to wear a mask. Exceptions are made for those younger than two or those with medical conditions that prohibit wearing a mask.

OSF HealthCare seeks to partner with you and those who visit and support you. At this time, the safety of each person in the community requires us to limit visitors. Patients who need mobility assistance, women giving birth, pediatric care, and end-of-life situations are all exceptions. There are critical situations where they will offer guidance and direction. Patients are encouraged to include family members or other supporters in their care by having them connect over the phone. Additionally, OSF care teams can suggest an array of communication tools and technologies.

Memorial Day Services in Saunemin May 25

The Saunemin American Legion Post 531 will conduct Memorial Day Services Monday, May 25, at Sunny Slope Cemetery, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The cemetery is located on IL State Rt. 116, on the west edge of Saunemin.

The service, memorializing deceased veterans, is held annually by the Saunemin Legion Post. This year’s service will be modified to comply with social distancing guidelines.

The service will only be held weather permitting.

Hospitality Grants Awarded

Station 343 and Super 8 in Dwight were awarded hospitality grants to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grants come from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. The Hospitality Emergency Grant Program was designed to help hospitality businesses make ends meet in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In partnership with Accion Serving Illinois and Indiana, the department is awarding \$14 million in small grants to more than 700 small bars, restaurants, caterers, and hotels.

The grants can be used to support working capital, like payroll and rent, job training, and technology to support shifts in operations including increased use of carry out and

delivery.

According to the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity website, 12,000 businesses applied for funding and grantees were selected via a random lottery conducted by Accion. So far, 605 businesses have received grants, amounting to \$11,640,000.

Bars and restaurants received an average grant of \$14,000 while hotels received an average grant of \$30,000.

Morris Chop Shop in Grundy County and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Dept. 2608 Albert Tunberg Post in Dwight also received grants.

The names of grant winners are published on the IDCEO website, and are updated daily until all grants have been distributed.

LCHD Family Planning, Immunization to Resume With New Protocols

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) will be resuming Family Planning and Immunization clinics beginning mid-May, with some new protocols in place.

Individuals will be seen by appointment only and must wear a facemask while in the building. In order to maintain social distancing, access to the building will be limited to only those who have an appointment. Clients must stay in their

cars until they are called to enter the building. Accommodations will be made for those individuals with children who have no option for care during their appointment.

The LCHD Family Planning Clinic offers a variety of services for both men and women, including a range of birth options, education on a variety of topics, health screenings (e.g. paps, physicals), and STD test-

ing. Appointments are available Tuesdays for Family Planning, Wednesdays for STD testing, and Family Planning drive-thru supply pickup is offered Mondays, 8:00 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays, 1:00-4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment for Family Planning services, call 815-844-7174, ext. 221.

Immunizations are an important aspect of health for every phase of life. The LCHD

Immunization Clinic offers a range of vaccinations for everyone from infants to seniors, as well as immunizations for overseas travel. To schedule an appointment, call 815-844-7174, ext. 210.

The LCHD continues to work diligently to meet everyday needs of county residents while aggressively addressing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Livingston County has 25 Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

On Monday, May 11, the health department announced one more case, a woman in her 30s who is recovering at home in isolation.

So far, LCHD has received 521 COVID-19 test results; 496 tests were negative.

Twenty-two of the previously reported confirmed cases have been removed from isolation and two cases remain in isolation. One woman in her 80s has died.

TIME TO QUIT SMOKING

The Livingston County Health Department wants to remind people who smoke that they may be at a higher risk for complications of COVID-19. Created in partnership between the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the American Lung Association of Illinois, the Illinois Tobacco Quitline is a tobacco cessation program offering a wide range of free resources, including counseling and nicotine replacement therapy. If people need help quitting tobacco, they may contact the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1-866-QUIT-YES or visit www.QUITYES.org.

“Assume COVID-19 is in every community. Because people can be carriers of the virus prior to experiencing symptoms, everyone should be presumed to be carriers of the COVID-19 virus,” the LCHD wrote in a press release. “Community members are strongly

encouraged to adhere to all of the required precautions necessary to protect their families and the community by slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.”

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 provided further direction.

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Public Hearing of Board of Education of South Wilmington Consolidated School District #74, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois to Transfer Working Cash Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois that a public hearing will be held on the 20th of June at 7:50 o’clock P.M. The hearing will be held at South Wilmington Grade School, 375 5th Ave., South Wilmington, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to transfer Working Cash funds in the amount of \$50,000 to the Transportation fund and \$20,000 to the Education Fund.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of South Wilmington Consolidated School District #74, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois Dated the 16th of April 2020.

Terry Schultz
Secretary Board of Education
South Wilmington
Consolidated School District
Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois

Public Hearing of Board of Education of South Wilmington Consolidated School District #74, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois for Tentative Amended Budget

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois that a tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 375 5th Avenue, South Wilmington, Illinois in this School District from and after 8:00 o’clock AM, on the 18th day of May, 2020. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing, on said budget will be held at 7:55 o’clock PM, on the 18th day of June, 2020, in this School District #74.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2020. School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois.

Terry Schultz
Secretary Board of Education
South Wilmington
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ANNUAL TREASURER’S REPORT ODELL TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2020

TOWNSHIP - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Taxes & Mobile Home Taxes - \$56,264;
Replacement Tax - \$15,374; Interest - \$2,990;
Union Cemetery Income - \$2,050;
TOIRMA DIVIDEND - \$1,702; Jim Stahler Gift - \$1,000.00;
TOTAL REVENUES: \$79,380.

TOWNSHIP - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY, OTHER THAN COMPENSATION:
John T. Harner - \$5,000; FICA/Mdcre - \$2,859;
TOIRMA - \$10,697; Angela E. Turner - \$6,000
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) \$11,879.00;
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$36,435.00.

TOWNSHIP - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range: Under \$25,000.00: Andrew J. Abry, Steven J. Gall, David D. King, Susan M. LaBorence, Robert F. Legner, Charles F. Maubach, Larry R. Verdun
Range: Over \$25,000.00 - None
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$37,374.00

ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Taxes & Mobile Home Taxes - \$49,377;
Replacement Tax - \$7,018; Odell FPD Fuel Reimbursement - \$1,004;
Interest - \$4,684;
TOTAL REVENUES: \$62,083.00

ROAD DISTRICT - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY, OTHER THAN COMPENSATION:
Evergreen FS, Inc. - \$4,979; Gray’s Garage, Inc. - \$10,128; Valley View Industries - \$22,770;
Livingston County Highway Dept. - \$3,433;
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) per vendor - \$24,899.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$66,209.00

ROAD DISTRICT - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range: Under \$25,000: Joseph L. Cleary, Daniel D. Maubach, Brian K. Mills, Richard J. Ribordy, Richard A. Verdun. Range Over \$25,000: None
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$1,137.00

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION		
	Town Fund	All Other Funds
REVENUES	64,292	77,171
EXPENDITURES	64,681	76,474
EXCESS OF REVENUES	(389)	697
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		
TRANSFERS IN	4,500	
TRANSFERS OUT		(4,500)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE	4,111	(3,803)
PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE	121,495	424,412
CURRENT YEAR FUND BALANCE	125,606	420,609
DEBT	None	None

Subscribed and sworn to this 27th day of April, 2020
Robert Legner - Supervisor

I, Susan M. LaBorence, Clerk of Odell Township, Livingston 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.

Susan M. LaBorence - Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Gardner Community Consolidated School Dist. 72C

On an annual basis Gardner CCSD 72C is required to conduct a public hearing involving Parents and interested Stakeholders to determine an appropriate action plan for the use of Title I funds. This meeting intends to increase the district’s parental involvement and allow stakeholders an opportunity to share viewpoints that may further our learners successes. Additionally, this meeting will review the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of our District.

Due to social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, this annual meeting will be facilitated via a Zoom meeting Tuesday, May 19, at 3:00 PM. Any person interested in participating in this public hearing should call 815-237-2313 or email Superintendent/Principal, Dr. Michael Merritt, at mmerritt@ggs72.org to receive the Zoom meeting credentials.

Let's Talk Money Webinars Encourage Financial Dialogue

When it comes to talking about money, a lack of financial knowledge and the uneasiness of discussing sensitive issues keeps some people silent and risks the financial health of many families.

Let's Talk Money is a free eight-week online series offered by University of Illinois Extension (extension.illinois.edu) consumer economics professionals to help families begin talking about important financial matters.

"The more you know, the more empowered you are to improve your financial wellness and grow your financial opportunities, even in difficult times," says Kathy Sweedler, Extension consumer economics educator. "Those interested in mentoring others may wish to consider becoming a Money Mentor (extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/money-mentors)."

One may register online at go.illinois.edu/TalkMoney prior to the webinar date to receive connection information.

Topics Include:

• **Who Are You With Money: Begin with a Spending Plan – June 4, 6:30 p.m.** The first step to taking control of your money is matching your values and

goals to your financial decision-making. In this interactive workshop, assess who you are with money, and where you want to be in the future.

• **Borrowing: How Much Is Too Much – June 11, 6:30 p.m.** Deciding when and how much credit to use depends on the financial situation. Discover different scenarios when you might use credit, and learn options for borrowing money from creditors.

• **Unequal Access To Credit: How Does that Affect You? – June 18, 6:30 p.m.** Not all individuals and families have the same access to credit. While consumer laws offer protection from discrimination, this problem still affects many consumers. In this webinar, they will explore some of the challenges of obtaining credit as well as unfair lending practices that create barriers to accessing mainstream credit market.

• **What's Your Best Debt Repayment Strategy – June 25, 6:30 p.m.** Repaying debt is challenging in the best of situations, and today's economic situation makes it more difficult. Learn tried and true strategies for prioritizing debt repayment, and paying it down effectively. Explore options for

student loan repayment too.

• **Credit Scores Revealed – July 9, 6:30 p.m.** Why is credit such a mystery? What's the difference between a credit score, credit report and credit history? Learn this and more.

• **Best Kept Secrets For Financial Success – July 16, 6:30 p.m.** Money comes in. Money goes out. Do you have money left for your important goals and wants? Learn the secrets of directing your money to where you want it to go.

• **Facing Financial Fears – July 23, 6:30 p.m.** Our financial fears and personal biases can hold us back from making wise financial decisions. Learn how to overcome poor spending choices by using behavioral economics techniques.

• **Make Your Savings Grow – July 31, 6:30 p.m.** Do you feel alone in your struggle to save? Financial experts have emphasized the importance of saving for unexpected events and long-term financial goals. However, people at different income levels encounter challenges with saving. This webinar addresses this issue and provides practical ways to help you grow and maintain healthy saving behaviors.



GERRY PARK In Dwight was absolutely beautiful this past week. The trees line Route 47 coming into Dwight from the north and are a sight to see when in full bloom.

Kankakee Workforce Services Job Help Information

Those who are laid off or out of work – whether or not due to the COVID-19 pandemic – are invited to explore different career avenues with the help of Kankakee Workforce Services, a local American Job Center.

Workforce services include helping job seekers with free resources to explore career options, linking job seekers with certificate or short-term training if necessary, reviewing resumes, giving search tips, helping with the application process, providing practice on interviewing skills, and more.

Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker

program, Workforce Services provides individuals who have been laid off with scholarships for training in in-demand occupations.

WIOA participant scholarships are up to \$10,000 in tuition, plus \$2,500 per year for books and training-related fees and supplies. Reimbursement for fuel to travel to classes is also available. Individuals who receive unemployment insurance do not lose benefits when they enroll in a certificate or degree through WIOA.

Other job search services are available, including free virtual workshops in resume writing and interviewing for success for those who choose

not to enroll in further training.

For assistance finding a career direction, Workforce Services offers free online questionnaires to match the person's skills with career options. A variety of Skills and Interest Surveys are on the Illinois WorkNet website for those who create an account.

Kankakee Workforce Services is administered by Kankakee Community College, and all programs/services are free under the WIOA grant. Funding is provided by the Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board.

For more information, visit wioa.kcc.edu or e-mail dstomberg@kcc.edu.

KCC Graduation Ceremony Will Be Presented Virtually

Like many other events, Kankakee Community College's commencement will be different this year.

The college will premiere a virtual presentation to celebrate graduates' achievements at 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, on Facebook and at commencement.kcc.edu. The virtual ceremony will remain available on college sites, plus YouTube, for those who are not able to watch immediately.

"Though it will be a different kind of commencement than we've ever done, I assure you that it will be special," said Dr. Michael Boyd, KCC's president. "I realize that this isn't the way we planned to host commencement this year. Perhaps now more than ever, we need to celebrate our successes and achievements at the end of a very difficult academic year."

More than 350 graduates

will be honored during the ceremony. It will also include recognition of a number of student, faculty and alumni accomplishments. The speaker will be J. Imani Drew, associate judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit.

"Commencement is a chance for us to recognize the success of the many students who have accomplished so much in KCC's classrooms, labs, and clinical sites," Boyd said. "It's the special time when students' families can share in their successes and create memories which have lasting, generational impact on people's lives."

Two students will be honored as members of the All-Illinois Academic Team, a special recognition based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. One honoree is Lydia

Salgado of Saint Anne. Salgado graduated with an associate degree in Respiratory Therapist program in December 2019. She currently is a registered respiratory therapist at Carle Hospital in Urbana. Salgado is also a U.S. Navy Veteran and current hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

The other All-Academic Team member, Ralph Sansone of Bradley, will receive an associate in Applied Arts transfer degree. He is a volunteer teacher's aide at Bradley West Elementary and will transfer to Governors State University to study elementary education.

Helen Streicher, Developmental English/English professor; and Pete Schiel, adjunct professor in the Business/Technology Division, will receive KCC Outstanding Faculty Member Awards for 2020.

Social media users can use #KCCgrad2020 to congratulate graduates.

The college is planning to invite all those who would have graduated during this month's ceremony to participate in May 2021.

Freeze Foods for Longer Storage

Have you purchased two or more weeks' worth of food to reduce the number of trips to the grocery store? This is the time to put that freezer to good use.

According to Jenna Smith, University of Illinois Extension registered dietitian and nutrition and wellness educator, freezing is one of the easiest ways to store food for longer periods of time. Before you go to the store, check your freezer(s) to make sure you have space. If you don't already have a freezer thermometer, add it to the grocery list, and maintain the freezer temperature at 0°F or below.

After taking home a large

number of groceries from the store, freeze the perishable food that won't be used within a few days. Store food in plastic freezer bags or small airtight containers, no more than four-inches deep, to maintain quality and prevent ice crystals from forming. Ensure proper airflow by allowing space around the container when placing it in the freezer. This means do not overload your freezers. Label the container with the product name and the current date, and freeze at 0°F or below. Freezing keeps foods safe almost indefinitely, but the quicker they are consumed, the better the quality of the product.

"Other than breastmilk, I can honestly say I have never

stored milk in the freezer...until now," says Smith.

So how do you freeze milk? Pour it out of the original container and into multiple, small airtight containers, and leave about an inch at the top to allow it to expand. Plan to use within three months for the best quality. Safely thaw it in the refrigerator, which may take a couple of days. For a quicker thaw, submerge in cold water, and change the water every 30 minutes.

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Safe travels and remember watch for children playing outside.

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Alyssa



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