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## June 4, 2020 ~ Date Meets Zip

On Thursday, June 4, Dwight will experience an event that occurs only once in a century. It's called Date Meets Zip. The date (6-04-20) will match Dwight's zip code (60420).

In addition to several activities that the Dwight Historical Society has planned to celebrate this event, this rare occurrence will be recognized by a special postmark designed by Barbara DeWaard and available outside the Historic Depot from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Residents and businesses are invited to take their own letters or postcards to the depot and have them stamped with this commemorative postmark. The Dwight Historical Society is also selling postcards designed by Shayla Samples for Date Meets Zip and featuring the Dwight Post Office and the

Carlos Lopez mural. These are available at the depot (limit ten per person). They can be purchased with or without postage stamps.

Here's how it works: On Thursday, June 4, 2020, Dwight's new postmaster Shawn Gregory will set up a temporary postal retail station outside the Historic Depot. You will personally present him with an addressed or unaddressed envelope, postcard, or other item. If the item is to be mailed, it must have sufficient First-Class Mail postage. He will apply the pictorial postmark and either hand the item back to you or put it in a tub for out-going mail.

The postmark will also be available at the Dwight Post Office for 30 days following 6-04-20 for those who can't make it to the depot the day of.

## Barbershop Opens with Sheer Delight Dwight Gets Back to Business



Jeremy Connor of Jeremy's Barbershop, Dwight.

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie  
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The busiest person in town just might be Jeremy Connor. He's the owner of Jeremy's Barbershop at 106 W. Main Street in Dwight.

Phase 3 of Illinois' Restore Illinois plan opened Friday, and Connor has been working non-stop. Confronted with home jobs gone wrong, unruly locks or just a ridiculous amount of hair, he made it clear on Facebook before he reopened: "Yes, I can fix that."

Thousands of people have been waiting since the middle of March to get a haircut, ever since Gov. J.B. Pritzker put the state on a stay-home order. And now's the time for barbers and hairdressers to break out the electric razors and sharpen up those scissors and get to work.

"He's been busy" -- to say the least, said Jeremy's wife, Jennifer.

So busy, it was hard for him to even step away from the barber chair to talk about what it was like to reopen. So Jennifer

was there to talk for him.

She owns BlacKbird Yoga Studio in Dwight and said she "kinda falls into a funny category" when it comes to reopening. Somewhere between a gym and a salon, she's had problems getting answers on how yoga studios could reopen under Phase 3. And for the safety of older clientele, she and Jeremy decided to focus on getting the barbershop back up and running.

And let's just say there's a lot of hair that's fallen to the floor since Friday. He was booked all weekend, and will be this week. Jennifer estimates that by Friday, he'll have seen several hundred clients -- to his sheer joy.

"Jeremy's a very social person," Jennifer said. "He's missed his clients."

Their son, Bryson, is answering phones and taking appointments to keep the reception area clean. The "new normal" has Jeremy wearing a face shield. He's also put some rules in place to ensure every  
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OVER 1,000 GROCERY ITEMS AND \$1,018 were raised during a drive-up food drive held at Dwight Township High School May 31 and June 1. Isaac Telford, a DTHS senior, helped organize and orchestrate the drive -- which will support the Food Pantry at the Gothic Church in Dwight. Dwight Economic Alliance and DTHS assisted Telford in his efforts.

## Dwight Woodworker Preserves Moon Wood for Eternities

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie  
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Back in 1971, Apollo 14 carried 500 seeds to the moon and back. Back on Earth, they were planted in various locations around the U.S. such as the White House and the Kennedy Space Center.

These so-called Moon Trees are a symbol of exploration and discovery and helped celebrate the nation's bicentennial. But when Hurricane Irma plowed through Florida in 2017, the sycamore that had stood on the grounds of the Kennedy Space Center since 1976 was brought to the ground. All that was salvaged was one log.

The limb was cut into five slabs, each about 1 1/4 inches thick and 20 inches long, and distributed to some of America's most prestigious woodworkers. Among them Scott G. Phillips, an avid guitar player, who commissioned the C.F. Martin Guitar Company to create a moon tree guitar. Intarsia artist and author, Judy Gale Roberts, spent 1,000 shop hours to design a space program-inspired wood vignette titled "For All Mankind."

Alex Snodgrass, a bandsaw expert and professional woodworker from Virginia who works with Carter Company, also got a slab, since he was the one who cut the log.

But over time Snodgrass' treasured wood began to split and crack. That's where nationally-renowned woodworker Keith Lackner of Dwight stepped in. He's preserved it for eternity using an epoxy resin technique he pioneered.

Lackner has been featured in magazines and radio and studied under elite woodworker David Marks. He's also a familiar sight at arts festivals around the U.S. He even has his own resin casting tool brand, the Keith Lackner Pro Series by Carter Products, and

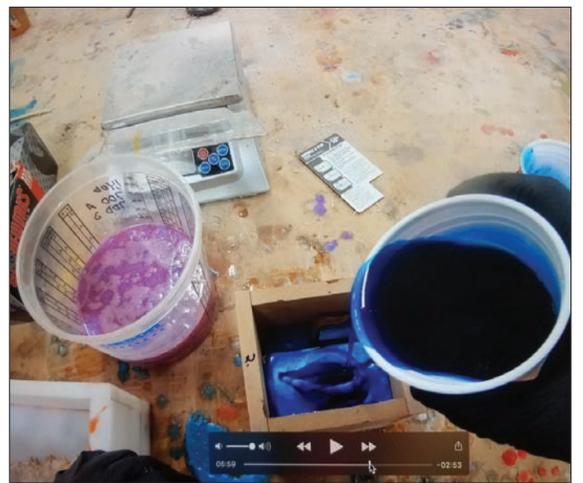


KEITH LACKNER, of Dwight, preserved a slab of Moon Tree, using an epoxy resin technique he pioneered. The wood will be preserved for eternity.

is publishing a book about resin casting.

Lackner, 44, grew up in Burbank but graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1994 and has lived here ever since. A production supervisor for Vector in Streator, he has been into woodworking for nearly 30 years and has a professional shop at his home. Powermatic, the world leader in woodworking equipment, recently filmed commercials in his shop.

He creates decorative wood vases and bowls using resin and burls -- those knobs that grow on the sides of trees. He was one of the very first artists to cast resin in wood about seven years ago after visiting Santa Rosa, Calif. He shipped home a pallet of walnut burls that were beautifully grained but were split and disfigured. But Lackner had an idea on



how to fill the voids: resin.

He mixed resin with mica powder or pigment, put his wood pieces in a mold to keep them in place, then poured the resin over the wood. The wood would go into a pressure pot

and when it came out the next day, the liquid plastic would be hard, full of glorious color. From there, he could turn and sculpt the wood into illustrious

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**Tickets Issued by Dwight Police**

May 27: Timothy J. Drapeau, 38, Dwight, driving during suspension.

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

**3 Written Warnings**

No turn signal – 1; defective tail light – 1; disobeyed stop sign – 1.

**Dwight Police Blotter**

May 24: 11:27 a.m., Dwight Police were called to 300 E. Spencer. A resident advised some unknown person had scratched both of their vehicles.

May 26: 8:50 a.m., A Dwight Public Works employee was bitten by a dog in the 200 block of W. Mazon Ave.; 9:12 a.m., A found wallet was turned in to Dwight Police. The owner was contacted and the wallet was returned.

May 27: 6:16 p.m., Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Arrested for Driving While Suspended was Timothy Drapeau, 38, of Dwight. Drapeau was given a citation and released on an I-bond. The vehi-

cle was towed from the scene. May 28: 8:37 a.m., A male subject contacted DPD to advise he had prescription drugs missing from his house on Bannon Dr.



**Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

May 21: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, refusal; John St., trauma, Morris.

May 22: Union, assist; Sucker, medical, refusal, mutual aid to MVK.

May 23: Spencer, fire; Spencer, medical; Northbrook, medical, Morris; Spencer, assist; Seminole, n/a.

May 24: Elm, medical, refusal, mutual aid to MVK; Bannon Dr., trauma, citizen assist; Mazon St., medical, Morris, mutual aid to MVK.

May 26: Main, medical, Morris.

May 27: South, trauma, Morris; Watters, medical, Morris.

May 28: Grove, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Campus.



**Temps 2020**

May 21 – high 63°, low 54°  
May 22 – high 74°, low 58°  
May 23 – high 79°, low 62°  
.35" precip.

May 24 – high 88°, low 66°  
May 25 – high 86°, low 65°  
.53" precip.

May 26 – high 86°, low 64°  
May 27 – high 84°, low 66°  
.06" precip.

**One Year Ago – June 3, 2019**  
high 81°, low 52°  
.59" precip.

**T.B. Board, Board of Health of Livingston County Health Dept. Meetings June 8**

The Tuberculosis Board and Board of Health for the Livingston County Public Health Department is tentatively rescheduled for Monday, June 8, in the Conference Room of the Health and Education Building, 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac.

Meeting times are as follows: the Tuberculosis Board meeting is at 5:45 p.m. and the Board of Health meeting is at 6:00 p.m.

**On Thursday, June 4, 2020, the community of Dwight, Illinois will experience an event that occurs only once a century – Date Meets ZIP. The date will match the community's zip code of 60420.**



60420 MEMORABILIA was available for purchase to commemorate the Date meets ZIP once-in-a-century event happening in Dwight 6.04.20. Community members and friends and family from all over the country will be representing Dwight Thursday, June 4 wearing 60420 tshirts. Ringing bells at 6:04.20 p.m. is also encouraged.



**Census Bureau Delivering 2020 Census Questionnaires in Illinois**

The U.S. Census Bureau, in coordination with federal, state, and local health officials, have begun to drop off 2020 Census questionnaire packets at front doors of households in Illinois as of June 1. This is done in areas where the majority of households do not receive mail at their physical address.

The Census Bureau began hand-delivering census materials on March 15, but suspended all fieldwork for this operation on March 18 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Temporary field staff have been trained to observe all social distancing protocols and will wear official government-

provided personal protective equipment for their safety and the safety of the public. This operation is contactless and follows the most current federal health and safety guidelines.

The health and safety of Census Bureau staff and the public is always a top priority.

The Census Bureau will deliver 2020 Census invitations and paper questionnaires at the front doors of roughly 5.1 million stateside households and 43,647 households in Illinois.

This operation is crucial to ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities, which helps guide hundreds of billions of dollars in public and

private sector spending per year.

People are strongly encouraged to respond promptly to the 2020 Census using the ID number included in the questionnaire packet. Responding with a census ID or the paper questionnaire helps ensure the best count of their community. People can respond online, by phone or by using the paper form in the packet.

For more information, visit the 2020 Census COVID-19 operational adjustments page – [2020census.gov/en/news/events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html](https://2020census.gov/en/news/events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html).

**Secretary of State Reopens Facilities for New Drivers, Renewals**

As offices and businesses across the state begin to reopen under new health and safety guidelines, the Illinois Secretary of State has reopened driver services facilities to offer limited services as of June 1, State Senator Laura Fine (D-Glenview) announced.

"There's no rush to get to a facility, since expiration dates have been extended and services are still available online," said Fine. "But it's good to see the Secretary of State's office reopening their facilities with employees' and customers' safety in mind."

All Secretary of State departments and offices reopened for business starting June 1. Driver services facilities across the state reopened the first week of June with expanded hours of operation. Through July 31, these facilities will only serve new drivers, customers with expired driver's li-

censes and ID cards, and vehicle transactions. Find nearby locations, opening dates, and hours using the Secretary of State's Facility Finder tool – [ilsos.gov/facilityfinder/facility](https://ilsos.gov/facilityfinder/facility).

To ensure current documents remain valid and lessen the rush of customers when these facilities open, the Secretary of State has extended expiration dates for driver's licenses, IDs, and vehicle registrations by at least 90 days after the governor's disaster proclamation ends. The federal deadline to obtain a REAL ID has also been extended to October 1, 2021.

Residents are still encouraged to visit [cyberdriveillinois.com](https://cyberdriveillinois.com) to avoid waiting in line and take advantage of online services, including replacements and renewals of registrations, driver's licenses, and ID cards.

**Blackstone Post Office Closed Temporarily**

Due to severe flooding, the Post Office in Blackstone is closed for major repairs – until further notice.

Stay tuned to *The Paper* for updates on its reopening.

**Unincorporated Grundy County Homes With Flood Damage Require Permits**

Residents who are living in unincorporated Grundy County (not in a city or village) that have had damage in the last flooding conditions are required to get a building permit for the renovation work that may be necessary.

The Land Use Department completes a full plan review that ensures that the construction proposed complies with the 2018 International Residential Code and the 2017 National Electric Code. Also before a permit is issued, their assistant does make sure that the con-

tractor is properly licensed with Grundy County.

Special conditions may be applied to buildings that have a total cost of repairs that is 50% or more of the structure's pre-flood market value. If a building is found to be damaged 50% or more, regulations require that repairs do not begin until that structure complies with the floodplain ordinance. This may require elevating or flood-proofing the structure to prevent future damage to the structure in future flooding conditions.

Repair costs are calculated by assuming that the structure will be fully repaired to the pre-damaged condition. The total cost calculation is completed by their office and includes the structural materials, finish materials, and labor even if the homeowner decides to complete the work themselves. Since damages based on flooding conditions is tracked by the community, state, and federal agencies, repetitive damage of the structure is also considered for homes that are within the floodplain regions.

State and federal assistance may be available to property owners to reduce the changes of future flood damage. Mitigation assistance may cover costs of relocation, or elevating the structure. Residents with a flood insurance policy may also be eligible to obtain up to \$30,000 to protect a structure from future flood damage.

If there are any questions concerning building permits, feel free to contact Heidi Miller at her office at 815-941-3229 or e-mail her at [hmiller@grundycy.org](mailto:hmiller@grundycy.org).

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## Dwight Schools Ratify Teachers Contract May 27 Joint Board Actions

By Madelyn Fogarty

The Boards of Education for Dwight Public Schools, including Dwight Common School District #232 and Dwight Township High School District #230, met in a joint session on May 27 when a Dwight Education Association / Board of Education one-year collective bargaining agreement was approved.

The major changes to the DEA/BOE contract for the 2020-21 school year are as follows:

- Dropping the base pay by 5.5% with the Board to then begin paying full member TRS of 9% at the up-factor of 0.098901.
- Increasing the Dwight Grade School athletic pay base to the same level as Dwight High School.
- Increasing the Dwight Grade School athletic worker pay to match the 2019-20 Dwight High School athletic worker pay stipends; slight increase to HS athletic worker stipends.
- The addition of \$75/month towards medical insurance.
- Salary lane addition specifically for PhD, National Board Certification, or Administration-requested addition of courses towards an endorsement. This lane index is listed as Masters plus 40—index 2.08.
- The board has capped any teacher at a percentage increase of 5.75% over the previous year's creditable earnings. Anything above and beyond would be paid as a post-retirement bonus.

Increases were also discussed and approved by both boards. With minimum wage required to increase to \$15 by 2025, the boards deliberated over increasing wages incrementally over the next few years or taking the plunge immediately. Board member Cathy Ferguson suggested implementing the hourly increase to \$15 now calling the current support staff salary, at \$10 per hour for some aides, "embarrassing" and suggested the district is at risk of losing its paraprofessionals.

"We are not doing justice to our people," stated Ferguson.

With regard to support staff, both boards approved the following measures:

- Move all support staff to \$15 minimum.
- Remaining support staff to receive 3.5% increase.
- New hires for this next year will start at \$14 per hour.
- Increasing the District Secretary's DGS wage to match the DTHS wage for the same position.

In addition to their wage, support staff is also offered \$8218 annually paid towards insurance benefits. At Dwight Grade School, 20 support staff will receive the increase to \$15 while eight DTHS support staff will receive the increase.

The five year impact of the move (\$15 or 3.5% then followed by 3%) is estimated at \$166,636.56 for Dwight Grade School and \$79,958.15 for Dwight High School.

In other joint matters, the reimbursement of unused Superintendent vacation days was also approved. The reimbursement totals an estimated \$706 from the grade school and

\$2,650 from the high school. The money will be donated back into a new Activity Fund called the Dr. J Leadership Award. There are no parameters at this time, but will be decided later this year. The award will be new beginning with the graduating class of 2021, and will entail a \$500 award for one male and one female, for a total of \$1,000.

The Prairie State Insurance Cooperative renewal rates were approved. At the Dwight Grade School, the rates increased 24 percent (\$8,479). Dwight High School saw an increase of 27 percent (\$15,197).

The Illinois Association of School Boards annual dues were also approved at a cost of \$2,519 (DGS) and \$2,397 (DTHS).

The boards also took the following actions:

- approved employment of Tammy Fritchtnitch, High School FACS Teacher (DTHS).
- approved March 18 Special Board Meeting Minutes (DGS/DTHS).
- approved February 12 Grade School Board Meeting Amended Minutes (DGS).
- accepted a retirement notice from Jane Fritsch, School Nurse (DGS/DTHS).

Present for Dwight Grade School BOE were Bo Partney, Nick Stipanovich, Cathy Ferguson, Michael Cornale, Marc Ellis, Mark Christenson and Eric Scheuer. Present for Dwight High School BOE were Brian Perschnick, Betty Gantzert, Kevin Berta, Max Sulzberger and Anne Rodosky. Absent were Tim Henson and Paul Warner.



**WEEK 6 - DATE MEETS ZIP - The Ambler/Becker Route 66 Gas Station, recognized as the longest operating gas station on Route 66, was built in 1933. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001 and the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame in 2005. Completely renovated, the building serves as Dwight's Welcome Center.**

## Take a Pic in Your 'DWIGHT 60420' T-Shirts

The "DWIGHT 60420" t-shirts have been spanning out across the United States, as well as here at home. Families in at least 12 different states, from California to New York, Michigan to Florida, and several Illinois cities will be celebrating their hometown with us.

The Dwight Historical Society is encouraging those who have purchased shirts to take a photo of themselves wearing them and e-mail the photo to [thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net).

Also, if your family will be making a time capsule to mark this "Once in a Century" event, let them know what you will be including in your container. **Don't forget - Ring Those Bells at 6:04 p.m. on 6.04.20.**

## DCS Holding a Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

Do your kids need books to read over the summer? You're invited to shop at the Read-a-Palooza Virtual Book Fair now through September 4, to support the Dwight Common School library - and help students discover favorite characters, series, and collections all summer long.

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## Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Elementary School Holds Eighth Grade Graduation

The Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Elementary School District 2C held its Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony on May 15.

The 28 graduates were: Katherine Arnold, Faith C. Baker, Dominique R. Benegas, Kate LeighAnn Biros, Chase

Grant Buis, Thomas Clark, Casey Joseph Clennon, Skylar Fayth Conley, Lauren Grace Cronkrite, Kenneth Louis Daggett, Peyton Mackenzie Enerson, Anastasie Jade Farcus, Richard William Farcus, William D. Gordon, Ricky B. Gutierrez-McRaven, Lodin

Eric Hahn, Kollin Holding, Logan Jacobsgaard, Erinn Mae Kenney, Jesús Lopez, William Calvert Milton, Jr., Nathaniel Othon, Christopher Peura, Brendan Edward Smith, Gracie Steffes, Carter Thomas, Samantha VandeVelde, and Stephan Alex Wills.



While tornadoes can occur any time of the year, in the Midwest they are most common in the springtime with approximately 50% of all reported tornadoes occurring between April and June. The potential for significant weather, such as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms or heavy rains, peaks in the summer months. These weather events can lead to flooding, particularly in low-lying areas.

And while impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) continue to evolve and may continue during this time when severe weather is most likely, Nicor Gas crews are prepared and ready to respond to any storm and remain committed to safety first.

Nicor Gas is reminding customers to prepare now to keep themselves and their families safe before any naturally occurring weather occurs with the following recommended guidelines associated with natural safety:

### Before the storm

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in the gas piping within their homes or businesses and to prevent water from entering the lines should flooding occur. Most gas appliances have safety valves that shut off the flow of gas automatically if the pilot light goes out.

- Your natural gas service should operate uninterrupted throughout the storm. Only Nicor Gas or emergency personnel should turn the valve off. In cases of severe lightning, customers might want to unplug natural gas appliances to avoid possible electrical damage.

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- If you smell gas, avoid using any sources of ignition, such as cell phones, cigarettes, matches, flashlights, electronic devices, motorized vehicles, light switches or landline as natural gas can ignite from a

spark, possibly causing a fire or explosion.

- If flooding occurs at a residence or business and the gas appliances are or have been submerged under water, do not try to operate the appliances.

- During clean up and repair after a storm, avoid causing damage to the gas lines by calling 811 before digging. This also pertains to removing downed trees as they can become entangled with natural gas lines.

- Following a weather emergency, ensure the gas meter is visible, and the area surrounding the meter is free of trash and debris. Mechanical equipment used after the storm to clean up a location may damage an unseen meter.
- If a natural gas meter is damaged or gas line is exposed, immediately leave the area and call their 24-hour emergency response number.

If your gas service was interrupted as a result of a severe storm, restoration time depends on when water recedes in flooded areas and customers' homes and businesses are free of standing water, and when Nicor Gas personnel can safely enter homes and businesses, and appliances are easily accessible by technicians.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit [nicor.com/safety.html](http://nicor.com/safety.html).

## Gardner-South Wilmington High School Second Semester Honor Roll

### Summa Cum Laude

**Seniors:** Taylor Bartels, Emily Beck, Jordan Buck-Noble, Elizabeth DeMatteo, Kennedy Fair, Carson Halpin, Kyle Haubenstricker, Emma Hennessey, Jack James, Kaitlynn Kavanaugh, Jessica Kiefling, Andreaanna LaFaire, Israel Lopez, Grant Olsen, Paige Patterson, Nolan Perkins, Shelby Serena, Cole Walsh, Dezarie Wampler.

**Juniors:** Mya Anderson, Abby Beck, Chris Bexson, Kevin Ferrari, Jr., Elizabeth Fortier, Grace Halpin, Nathan Hoffman, Ashley Holloway, Jonathan Hooks, Avery Lenzie, Lee Libby, Dustin Manietta, Austin Niccum, Abigail Ozee, Nathan Weese.

**Sophomores:** Easton Ashley, Elaina Brandon, Taylor Conger, Cristina Dominguez, Katelyn Farris, Ashley Frideres, Kaden Grivetti, Claire Hennessey, Zekeal Hess, Blake Huston, Riley Klinger, Ambiance Krah, Joshua Leveille, Ethan

Mack, Logan Malacina, Jacob Mammosser, Adrian Mena, Bethani Nicoletti, Edith Ochoa, Alaina Reader, Melissa Traver. **Freshmen:** Amelia Brock, Dylan Carpenter, Chris Cvitanovich, Brody Fatlan, Tanner Fisher, Kevin Frideres, Dane Halpin, Hailey Johnston, Payton Leonard, Ethan Maxard, Delaney Platt, Anne Rogers, Jacob Shaughnessy, Kaytlyn Wallerich, Avery Williams, Emma Wilson.

### Magna Cum Laude

**Seniors:** Jared Gallup, Donovan Garcia, Dylan Hill, Kade Kociss, Mary Lopez, Shelby Putnam, Christian Ruiz.

**Juniors:** Jacob Coughlin, Aidan Daugherty, Marissa Dragoon, Kylie Hawks, Ty Johnson, Lucas Maurisak, Reganne Patrick, Ashlyn Wallerich, Kayleigh Wells.

**Sophomores:** Olivia Cerutti, Alexander Clayton, Molly Conger, Braeden Hirsch, Maleena Leech, Michael

Madonna, Trey Schweitzer. **Freshmen:** Jayden Buchanan, Cade Croy, Hannah Frescura, Abigail Granger, Colby Grieff, Taeryn Lardi, Staiton Latimer, Jacob Ozee, Tobias Riley, Cameron West, Noah Wise.

### Cum Laude

**Seniors:** Michael Ashley, Jr., Emma Fisher, Melanie Hurt, Hannah Muzzarelli, Madlyn Storm.

**Juniors:** Vada Crawford, Koli Croy, Riley Morris, Kyle Spalliero, Brandon States, Connor Steichen, Aaron Tramutolo, Mackinze Watson, Nathan Wise.

**Sophomores:** Tyler Ambrogio, Peyton Carpenter, Paige Dvorak, Rodney Grant, Ryan Gurney, Lexi Latimer, Blake Patterson, Cora Pierard, Madison Ragland, Sophia Randolph, Ella Sandeno, Alexis Trvrz, Jasmine Wampler, Madison Wells.

**Freshmen:** Ryan Cacello, Robert Gunty, Makenzi Hahn, William Page.

## St. Paul School Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance

### 3rd Quarter

**Straight A's**  
**Seventh Grade:** Lilly Duffy, Gianna Giacometti, Hannah Miller, Emerson Peters.

**Honor Roll**  
**Seventh Grade:** Libby Imhoff, Hayden Miller, Holden Miller, Sam Pugh.

**Sixth Grade:** Graham Wolf.  
**Fifth Grade:** Joe Duffy, Luke Josefik, Hunter Paulsen, Evan Wolf.

**4th Quarter**  
**Straight A's**  
**Seventh Grade:** Lilly Duffy, Gianna Giacometti, Hannah Miller, Emerson Peters.

**Fifth Grade:** Luke Josefik.  
**High Honors**  
**Seventh Grade:** Hayden Miller, Holden Miller, Sam Pugh.

**Fifth Grade:** Joe Duffy, Hunter Paulsen, Evan Wolf.  
**Honor Roll**  
**Sixth Grade:** Graham Wolf.  
**Fifth Grade:** Addison Eggenberger, Payton Mercer, Coe Peters

### Perfect Attendance

Luke Josefik – fifth grade;  
Sam Pugh – seventh grade.

## LaSalle County Court Houses Re-Open Will Follow Supreme Court Guidelines

As of June 1, the LaSalle County Court Houses in Ottawa have re-opened the courts. The guidelines they will follow mirror the Illinois Supreme Court guidelines and are now in effect.

**Upon arrival at the courthouse entrances, the person's temperature will be taken and if the person's temperature is 100.4 or above, the person's name, current address, birth date, and telephone number will be taken by Court Security and the States Attorney and will be notified that the person was**

**at the courthouse but was denied entry due to the temperature issue.**

They are asking that people with court cases arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to their hearing and leave immediately after the case is heard so that they may take in the next group of people.

**Anyone in the courthouse in common areas are required to wear face masks at all times. Proper masks are a must. Just holding a handkerchief up to your face is not considered a face mask. Take your own face mask if possi-**

**ble. If not possible, one will be provided.**

Only the necessary people involved in the court proceeding will be allowed entry. Leave family and friends at home.

Take only items necessary for your court appearance with you, as this will get you through court security screening quicker.

No cell phones of any type are allowed in the criminal courts building. This includes wrist watch type cell phones as well.

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- 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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Thank you Grundy County!

## Gas Prices For This Week

Hurricane season is starting in the Atlantic Ocean which cause higher gas prices for consumers. Crude Oil has hit its highest price point of nearing \$34 per barrel. Even though prices are increasing it is not expected to be as high as last summer.

**If you are planning a road trip have a safe and fulfilled time.**

City/Village	June 03	May 27
Dwight	\$1.95	\$2.06
Kankakee	\$2.19	\$2.20
S. Wilmington	\$2.11	\$2.11
Streator	\$2.08	\$2.01
Odell	\$2.09	\$1.99
Pontiac	\$2.02	\$1.98
Gardner	\$2.09	\$2.09
Braceville	\$2.14	\$2.14
Morris	\$2.03	\$2.03
Herscher	\$2.18	\$2.18
Chicago	\$2.40	\$2.76
Illinois	\$2.23	\$2.21
U.S.	\$1.96	\$1.94

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

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## Barbershop Opens with Sheer Delight Dwight Gets Back to Business

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one's safety. Clients must wear a mask and they cannot bring in any guests. They need to have payments ready, sanitize before and after their cut, and restrooms inside the barbershop are closed to clients.

The barbershop also looks a little different. There are fewer chairs, no magazines or coloring books, and no lollipops being given out to kids.

"He's very understanding of keeping everyone safe," Jennifer said. "We both understand why we were closed."

They had some fun over the last few months, encouraging clients to post photos of their overgrowth on their Facebook page, leading to some good laughs during a stressful time.

You could post a picture in the Comments of situations that need fixed, whether it's a home job gone wrong, or just a ridiculous amount of hair.

"I am glad to be back and ready to see everyone," Jeremy wrote on his shop's Facebook page. "I hope we do not make the barbershop or the new rules political. I just want to give you all a fresh cut and keep my clients safe. I'm grateful for how Dwight rallied behind me,

over the last couple months and I will do my best to get you all in safely. ... Eventually, we'll get back to watching Cubs games, talking about basketball and keeping it casual."

Small business runs in the Connor family. Over at A Touch of Destiny massage parlor at 108 W. Main St. in Dwight, Destiny Connor is getting ready to open this week. She said she has spent time cleaning and getting the building ready.

"I am prepared for my clients to come back," she said.

And even though she has some limitations, she expects to be busy. She's booked through the end of June.

The State is currently limiting massages to 30 minutes, an issue Destiny is trying to resolve through State Rep. Tom Bennett's office. Traditionally, massage sessions last 60 minutes, she said. "It takes some time to get through the body and get to the muscles." And that's important to clients who need to see a massage therapist for fibromyalgia or back issues, she said. Sixty-minute massages might not return until Phase 4, and she doesn't want to lose clients over it.

"I'm excited to get back," she said.

The experience is going to be different for clients. They will have to have their temperature taken when they arrive, they must wear a mask and sign liability waivers stating they are not sick or have come into contact with someone with COVID-19.

Destiny has spaced out sessions 45 minutes apart so massage therapists can sanitize and even change clothes in between clients for safety.

"I'll try to make it as pleasurable as possible," she said.

Restaurants and bars also opened up Friday to outdoor dining. Cherry Red Roasters in downtown Dwight was fully prepared. Their outdoor beer garden has always been popular with the crowds. They opened the beer garden as well as their outdoor seating on Friday to groups of no more than six and let the taps flow and homemade barbecue fill the air. It was packed, particularly among the biker crowd.

"It was a great day to drink ice cold beer and eat some American Made BBQ. God Bless America!" they wrote on their Facebook page.



DAWN DEANY STANDS OUTSIDE HER BEAUTY SALON in downtown Herscher, as Dr. Jeff and Diane Long and family enjoy dining outside the Herscher Restaurant on May 29 – the first day businesses were able to partially re-open.

## Area Students Named to KCC President's List

The following area students have been named to the President's List at Kankakee Community College for the spring 2020 semester:

- **Buckingham:** Amanda Paulauskis, Madyson Rogers.
- **Cabery:** Anicah Bruner, Hallie Sippel.
- **Essex:** Ethan Kennedy, Grace Wepprecht.

- **Herscher:** Jeannie Denault, Jordan Emling, Samantha Jackson, Kloe Longtin, Ian Telschow.
- **Reddick:** Holly Brown.

To be named to the President's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.80 or higher and be enrolled in six or more semester hours.

## PNB of Kewanee Reopens Lobbies to Walk-In Service

As of June 1, Peoples National Bank of Kewanee has reopened all of its lobbies to walk-in service with their regular business hours. This includes all branches located in: Kewanee, Annawan, Bradford, Dwight, Manlius, Seneca, Sheffield, and Tampico.

As we enter this next phase of our "new normal", they ask that you join them in continuing to use the utmost precaution for the safety and well-being of employees and guests. In doing so, PNB will continue to follow the Center for Disease Control guidelines, including, but not limited to: extensive cleaning and sanitization of highly-used surfaces, maintaining proper social distancing, keeping employees with symptoms at home, and more.

If you plan to visit one of the branches, wear a face covering. If you are feeling ill, stay home. All of PNB's facilities are providing social-distancing queues, with visible markings six feet apart. If the lobbies are at capacity, you may be asked to wait in your car until they call you in for service.



## Plan for Fall 2020 Classes at KCC

makes changes that affect the college, it will be shared as soon as possible.

The class schedule at [www.kcc.edu/schedule](http://www.kcc.edu/schedule) shows the online/virtual requirement as well as if there are in-person meeting times.

"As educators, we have never planned a schedule this way, and we understand it is a different model for students, too," Dr. Francesca Catalano, KCC's associate dean for Math, Science, and Engineering, said.

KCC will send registered students a separate e-mail for every class with details on the course. The e-mails will include the meeting schedule and how each part of the course will be delivered – online, on-line at scheduled times, in-person, or a combination. As needed, required times and further information will be included.

"We are committed to keeping students on track to completing their educational goals," Catalano said. "Through offering courses in different formats, we can still accommodate learning out-

comes that are needed. Right next to student safety, we place the highest level of importance on quality of instruction, and we are making sure that it will remain high."

Courses which have an in-person component will use social distancing, maximum occupancies, cleaning, and other guidelines to assure that students stay safe. KCC also is continuing all of its services to students, such as free tutoring, advisement, and career services. Most services are offered online.

KCC is accepting enrollments for fall 2020, which begins August 17.

The college is offering online advisement appointments for current students, available at [www.kccadvising.setmore.com/](http://www.kccadvising.setmore.com/). Returning students can also register online or contact an advisor for information on registering.

New students are asked to complete an application at <https://apply.kcc.edu> or request information through <https://register.kcc.edu>. New students take part in an online Cav Day orientation experience before registering.

For fall 2020 classes, Kankakee Community College is planning ways to safely instruct students and still deliver courses which need to utilize specialized labs and other in-person meetings.

The college's plan for scheduling mainly falls into three categories, said Sheri Cagle, KCC's associate dean for Health Careers.

For the most part, lecture classes will be online, with some having set time schedules and real-time communication, while others will have a more traditional online format where students set their own schedules.

"The college also has a large number of classes which rely upon hands-on components," Cagle said. "Those will have online lectures and in-person elements which use social distancing, proper cleaning, and disinfecting."

All plans are based on current information related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cagle noted. If the state of Illinois

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### Sticking to Budget Can Boost Your Emergency Fund

During the coronavirus pandemic, our health concerns – for ourselves and our loved ones – have been at the top of our minds. But financial worries have been there, too, both for people whose employment has been affected and for investors anxious about the volatile financial markets. And one aspect of every individual's total financial picture has become quite clear – the importance of an emergency fund.

In normal times, it's a good idea for you to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Having an emergency fund available can help you cope with those large, unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a costly medical bill.

Furthermore, if you have an adequate emergency fund, you won't have to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs. These investment vehicles, such as your IRA and 401(k), are designed for your retirement, so the more you can leave them intact, the more assets you're likely to have when you retire. And because they are intended for your retirement, they typically come with disincentives, including taxes and penalties, if you do tap into them early. (However, as part of the economic stimulus legislation known as the CARES Act, individuals can now take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k) plans and IRAs without paying the 10% penalty that typically applies to investors younger than 59½. If you take this type of withdrawal, you have up to three years to pay the taxes and, if you want, replace the funds, beyond the usual caps on annual contributions.

Of course, life is expensive, so it's not always easy to put away money in a fund that you aren't going to use for your normal cash flow. That's why it's so important to establish a budget and stick to it. When developing such a budget, you may find ways to cut down on your spending, freeing up money that could be used to build your emergency fund.

There are different ways to establish a budget, but they all typically involve identifying your income and expenses and separating your needs and wants. You can find various online budgeting tools to help you get started, but, ultimately, it's up to you to make your budget work. Nonetheless, you may be pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to follow a budget. For example, if you've budgeted a certain amount for food each month, you'll need to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week, just to pick up "a few things" – because it doesn't really take that many visits for those few things to add up to hundreds of dollars. You'll be much better off limiting your trips to the grocery, making a list of the items you'll need and adhering to these lists. After doing this for a few months, see how much you've saved – it may be much more than you'd expect. Besides using these savings to strengthen your emergency fund, you could also deploy them toward longer-term investments designed to help you reach other objectives, such as retirement.

Saving money is always a good idea, and when you use your savings to build an emergency fund, you can help yourself prepare for the unexpected and make progress toward your long-term goals.

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## 2020 Senior Awards at Dwight Township High School

### Academic Awards (3.5 GPA)

Timothy Clark, Katelyn Dewey, Alan Erickson, Jessalyn Frobish, Madison Gamble, Benjamin Gukeisen, Daniel Gutierrez, Dylan Lee, Keirsten Prichard, Christina Pugh, Garrett Severson, Josephine Snyder, Payton Sullaica, Mason Tjelle, Matthew Tutterow, Owen Van Der Karr, Sevin Vargas.

### Board Scholars (3.5 GPA)

Addison Bean, Tory Betsworth, Bryson Connor, Elijah Cox, Anthony Dinelli, Kathryn Edwards, Wilton Jackman, Haley Jennings, Cassie Kalil, Tyler Masching, Kyrsten Nichols, Avery Ohlendorf, Christopher Ohlendorf, Lane Thompson.

### President's Award

Addison Bean, Bryson Connor, Elijah Cox, Anthony Dinelli, Kathryn Edwards, Jessalyn Frobish, Haley Jennings, Tyler Masching, Kyrsten Nichols, Avery Ohlendorf, Christopher Ohlendorf, Christina Pugh, Garrett Severson, Josephine Snyder, Matthew Tutterow, Owen Van Der Karr.

### Illinois State Scholars

Addison Bean, Bryson Connor, Avery Ohlendorf.

### Department Awards

**Agriculture:** Garrett Severson.  
**Art:** Tory Betsworth.  
**Chorus:** Kathryn Edwards.  
**English:** Bryson Connor.  
**FACS:** Alexis Brooke.  
**Industrial Arts:** Mason Tjelle.  
**Math:** Bryson Connor.  
**Physical Education:** Daniel Gutierrez.

**Science:** Addison Bean.  
**Social Studies:** Cassie Kalil.  
**Spanish:** Bryson Connor.  
**Technology:** Lane Thompson.

### Band Awards

**John Phillip Sousa:** Addison Bean.  
**Martin N. Nelson:** Matthew Tutterow.  
**Louis Armstrong:** Owen Van Der Karr.  
**Carlie Whitson:** Kathryn Edwards.

### American Legion Awards

**Outstanding Citizen:** Addison Bean, Garrett Severson.  
**Honorable Mention:** Christina Pugh, Bryson Connor.  
**Band:** Addison Bean.  
**Athlete:** Kathryn Edwards, Daniel Gutierrez.

### Wendy's High School Heisman School Award

Addison Bean, Bryson Connor.

### Military

**Air Force:** Alan Erickson.  
**Army National Guard:** Myles Imhoff.  
**Navy:** Alexander Strong.

### A.B. Terwilligar Agriculture Scholarship

Christina Pugh.

### Bank of Pontiac – Dwight Scholarship

Addison Bean, Bryson Connor.

### Cathy & Lee Nelson Educational Scholarship

Kathryn Edwards, Josephine Snyder.

### Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship

Lane Thompson.

### DAR Good Citizen Award

Addison Bean.

### Dwight Education Association Scholarship

Josephine Snyder.

### Dwight Lions Club Scholarship

Josephine Snyder.

### Dwight Lions Club- Keith Lauritzen Memorial Student/Athlete Scholarship

Tyler Masching.

### Dwight Woman's Club Scholarship

Addison Bean, Tyler Masching.

### Exelon Generation Diversity Scholarship

Addison Bean.

### FFA Scholarship

Christina Pugh, Garrett Severson.

### Friends of Nate Severson Scholarship

Christina Pugh, Garrett Severson.

### Gertrude K. Terwilligar Nursing Scholarship

Jessalyn Frobish.

### Gold Star Mission Scholarship

Addison Bean, Kathryn Edwards.

### Henry Lund Scholarship

Bryson Connor.

### Ivan "Zeke" Zimmerman Scholarship

Anthony Dinelli.

### Jerry Beier "B+" Scholarship

Matthew Tutterow.

### Joliet Junior College Foundation Scholarship

Josephine Snyder.

### Marjorie Martin Scholarship

Tyler Masching.

### Nate Severson Family Memorial Scholarship

Tory Betsworth, Christina Pugh, Garrett Severson.

### Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship

Christina Pugh.

### Roger B. Gomien Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Tutterow.

### Ron Hoegger Memorial Scholarship

Avery Ohlendorf.

### Sangamon Valley Conference Scholarship

Bryson Connor, Kathryn Edwards.

### Steiniche Scholarship

Addison Bean, Jessalyn Frobish.

### Streator Onized Credit Union Scholarship

Lane Thompson.

### V.F.W. Auxiliary Post #2608 Scholarship

Avery Ohlendorf, Christopher Ohlendorf.

### Vicki Briner Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Tory Betsworth.

### Warren Herter Memorial Scholarship

Avery Ohlendorf.

## Jeff Juergens Celebrates 35 Years at LSC Communications

Jeff Juergens celebrated 35 years of service at LSC Communications on May 29.

Jeff began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on August 11, 1980, as a Seasonal Material Handler in the Pressroom. He became a Fulltime Material Handler in February of 1986. Jeff was promoted to Press Helper in September of 1988. In April of 1989, he was promoted to Apprentice Rolltender, graduating as Journeyman in April of

1991. Jeff was promoted to Assistant Press Operator in November of 1995 and then to Quality Analyst in May of 1999. He was promoted to his current position of Manufacturing Supervisor in January of 2005 and has since supervised in both the Bindery and Pressroom Departments.

Jeff and his wife, Cheryl, reside in Cullom. They have three children, Brittany, Jessica, and Dylan, and two grandchildren.

## Area Students Earn Dean's List Honors at WIU

A total of 1,359 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2020 spring Dean's List. The total includes 127 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus. Area students gracing the Dean's List are as follows:

**Braceville:** Joseph R. Svoboda, sophomore.

**Dwight:** Maggie Svetlana McCoy, junior; Lucy T. Rieke, junior.

**Mazon:** Makayla Marie Flickinger, senior.

**Odell:** Madelyn C. Doran, sophomore.

**Verona:** Kylie Windsor, junior.

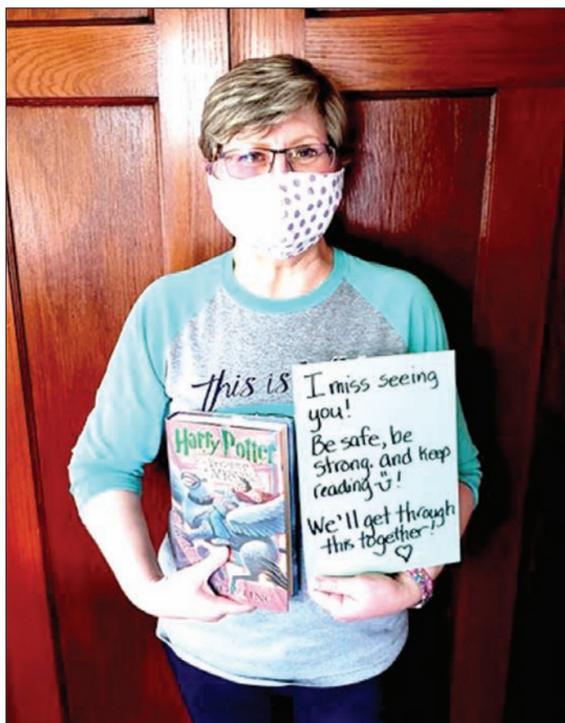
To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

## Vacation Bible School at Church of Hope Cancelled

Due to the uncertainty of the re-opening of various camps and church activities, the Church of Hope in Gardner has determined that there will not be a Vacation Bible School program this summer.

They are thinking about the

safety of the children and the volunteers, as this is a large gathering of children and adults. They understand this is disappointing for many children and their parents, but they find it in the best interest for all to cancel this event and plan for next year.



## Limestone Library Announces Phased Plan for Resuming Service

In the interest of safety of their patrons, Limestone Township Library District (LTLTD) has been closed during the pandemic. But that doesn't mean the library stopped all services.

Online resources have been available and will continue to be available with e-resources such as Overdrive E-Books, World Book Online, Tumble Books, and Consumer Reports.

The Library has been monitoring the recommendations and guidelines of government and public health officials regarding COVID-19. To ensure it is operating as safely as possible, the Library is taking a phased approach to resuming

services. Staff have recently returned to the building to deep clean and prepare for when LTLTD resumes partial services. You may have seen staff cars in the parking lot.

Starting June 1, 2020, LTLTD will accept book returns in their book drop outside of the library. Items will be packed in a seven-day quarantine as they are returned before being checked in and returned to the shelves. Their governing body has stopped all late charges through June 26, so if you return an item before that date you will not be given a late fee. They are not accepting donations until further notice.

Book drop hours are as fol-

lows: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Starting June 8, LTLTD will begin curbside service by appointment. LTLTD and Fossil Ridge cardholders will be able to place holds by phone or through the Prairie Cat patron portal on the website at limestonelibrary.org for books that are only in the LTLTD collection. Staff will call patrons to set up a pick-up time and ask patrons to call the building when they arrive in the parking lot. Staff will take patrons' order to their vehicle's open trunk or window, bagged and ready to go. Because delivery service has not resumed, they are unable to get books from other libraries at this time.

Curbside service will be scheduled as follows: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m.; and starting June 20, Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have a library card that was set to expire in March, April, May, or June, that expiration date has been extended to July 1 by their governing body. Call the library or send them an e-mail or message on Facebook or Instagram if you have any questions regarding your library card.

Summer Reading will look different this year as they use Beanstack, an online platform that can be downloaded to track reading and achieve various badges for different tasks. Summer Reading will begin June 15.

They continue to monitor the situation and reassess as more information becomes available. It is always possible to contact the library by phone at 815-939-1696, or message them on their website, Facebook, or Instagram.

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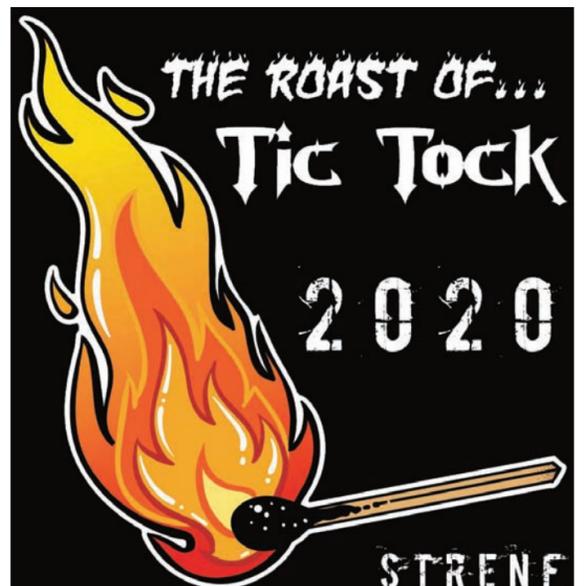
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Dolores Johnson

MAZON – Dolores “Boo” Johnson, age 81, of Mazon passed away Sunday afternoon, May 24, 2020 in her home surrounded by family.



Born May 26, 1938 in Morris, Illinois, Dolores Eleanor was a daughter of Gerald and Evelyn (Maier) Misener. She was raised and educated in Morris; graduated from St. Angela Academy; and went on to attend St. Mary’s Hospital School of Nursing in LaSalle. On September 5, 1959, Dolores married Arvid Maurice “Maurie” Johnson in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Seneca.

In addition to being a devoted wife and mother of eight, grandmother of 15, and great-grandmother of four, Dolores provided childcare for many local families throughout the years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Kinsman and served with the Altar and Rosary Society.

Dolores loved nothing more than the time spent with her family. Whether it be gatherings for the holidays, going on family vacations, or playing a heated game of canasta, Dolores especially cherished time spent with those near and dear to her heart.

A great collector, she enjoyed antiquing and flea markets, often times adding to her collection of salt and pepper shakers, Precious Moments, and spoons.

Dolores shared in wonderful memories of traveling to Hawaii with Maurie, and looked forward to the annual trips to the Covered Bridge Festival with their great friends.

Dedicated to her family and blessed with an abundant life, Dolores “Boo” Johnson leaves behind many treasured memories for her family to enjoy forever. May they always remember her warm and nurturing ways, as well as her wonderful guidance, to comfort them in the years to come.

Survivors include her eight children: Christine Manning of Bourbonnais; Kathleen Borchelt of Morris; Colleen Blair of Ransom; Tim (Jane) Johnson of Kempton; Scott Johnson of Mazon; Carrie (Michael) Coughlin of Mazon; Allison Fiedler of Joliet; and Andrew Johnson of Mazon. Fifteen grandchildren:

Jacob Manning of Kansas City, Missouri; John Borchelt and Steven Borchelt of Morris; Abbie (Matthew) Wilson of Seneca; Katlin Blair and Maggie Blair of Ransom; Michael Johnson of Dwight; Emily Johnson of Kempton; Chase (Eileen) Johnson of New Lenox; Taelor (Nick) Stuedemann of Morris; Terah Coughlin of Verona; Michaela Coughlin of Mazon; and Drake Fiedler, Colten Fiedler and Madison Fiedler of Joliet survive.

Also surviving are four great-grandchildren: Patrick and Teresa Manning, Rhett Stuedemann, and Brooks Callahan; brothers: Joseph (Pat) Misener of Morris and Kevin (Cora) Misener of Marseilles; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Mary Lou Misener of Aurora; Pamela Floyd of Joliet; Wendell (Sharon) Johnson of Morris and Richard (Tina) Johnson of Morris; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and cherished lifelong friends.

Dolores was preceded in death by her loving husband of 54 years, Arvid “Maurie;” parents, Gerald and Evelyn Misener; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arvid, Sr. and Fern (Skolen) Johnson; brothers: Howard Misener and Arthur Misener; sister, Mary (Ken) Qually; and brother-in-law, Russell Johnson.

A private family visitation and service will be held with Rev. Stanley Drewniak from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Kinsman presiding.

Burial will be in Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery, Morris, where Dolores will be laid to rest with her late husband, Maurie.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Dolores’ memory to the Mazon Fire Protection District, 700 Park St., Mazon, IL 60444; or to Sacred Heart Church of Kinsman, P.O. Box 190, South Wilmington, IL 60474.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, and interact on Dolores’ Tribute Wall by logging on to: [www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/Dolores-Johnson](http://www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/Dolores-Johnson)

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Morris.

Mary Lou Smolik

SOUTH WILMINGTON – Mary Lou Smolik, age 78, of South Wilmington, IL passed away Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Amita Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL.



Born August 3, 1941 in Gardner, IL to the late Lloyd W. and Minnie Mary (nee Nelson) Anderson, Mary Lou graduated from Gardner South Wilmington High School with the class of 1959. Soon after, she married her high school sweetheart, James Smolik, on October 10, 1959 in South Wilmington.

She was a very active member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington. Mary Lou retired after 50 years of service serving as treasurer for the Village of South Wilmington, and she formerly worked for R.R. Donnelley in Dwight.

She was a member of the South Wilmington Fireman’s Club and also served as treasurer for many years. Mary Lou was dedicated to her fitness and was known to take her daily walks around town and greatly enjoyed playing tennis at the Lockport Racquet Club.

She also loved to dance, especially the Polka, and greatly enjoyed traveling, which expanded throughout the United States and Internationally.

She enjoyed her life that was occupied with work, fun, and hobbies, but her greatest love was her family. She loved

to be a housewife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and will forever be missed by them all.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Jim Smolik; two children: Michelle (Mark) Sorensen of Texarkana, TX and Monty (Natalie) Smolik of Diamond; five grandchildren: Abbie (Landon) Bussey, Adam (Hannah) Sorensen, Mackenzie, Macallister (Cassie), and Madeleine Smolik; one great-grandchild, Mattis Bussey; two brothers: Ervin L. (Marcey) Anderson of Joliet and Dale (Patsy) Anderson of The Village, FL; one sister, Judy Anderson of Morris, IL; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families, and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and step-brother, Vearl Honrud.

Private funeral services will be held.

Interment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Shelly A. Halstead

MAZON – Shelly A. Halstead, 50, of Mazon passed away suddenly at her home on Sunday, May 24, 2020. Born in Morris on September 5, 1969, she was the daughter of the late John E. Williams and Cathy Chamness Fieldman.



Shelly was raised and educated in Mazon, graduating Mazon Verona Kinsman High School with the class of 1987. She attended Joliet Junior College, where she studied nursing. She worked for many years at Morris Hospital as a unit secretary. She went on to work in home health care with Addus Home Health Care.

She married Butch Halstead on September 26, 1992, and together they raised their family, camped, fished, enjoyed going on motorcycle rides, and cheering on the Minnesota Vikings. Shelly loved the outdoors, but she especially loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren.

Shelly is survived by her mother, Cathy (Rick) Fieldman; husband, Butch; children: Michael Halstead of Ottawa and Travis (Laura) Halstead of Dwight; grandchildren: Devon, Breckin and Blayze Halstead; sisters: Melinda (Stephen Soderlund) Carlos of Aurora and Marci Williams of Morris;

brother, Evan (Lauran) Williams; step-sister, Shannon Fieldman; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, John; brother, Tracey; uncles: Richard, Ron and Arden; and aunt, Mitzi.

A visitation was held Friday, May 29, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home. The family requested casual dress for the visitation. COVID-19 precautions were implemented, with masks and a limit of 10 people at a time allowed into the funeral home.

A celebration of Shelly’s life was held privately Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Burial: Wheeler Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Shelly’s name to the family for their choice of donation at a later date.

An online guestbook has been made for the family, which you may sign, share memories and photographs. You can access this by visiting the website: [ucdaviscallahan.com](http://ucdaviscallahan.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington Street, Morris, IL.

Another Obituary appears on page 10.

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

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Empathy

I think just about anyone and everyone has weighed in, in some capacity, on the events that have taken place over the last few weeks.

I’m by no means an expert on any of this, nor do I have all the answers, but I wanted to just share personal experiences and thoughts.

One moment that has really stuck with me is when I was attending Illinois State University, I would periodically attend shows that would take place at the student center.

One of the shows I attended was a spoken-word/hip-hop showcase primarily consisting of Illinois State University students, but the headliner for the evening was an artist I had wanted to see, anyway, that’s somewhat beside the point.

Fast forward to the event, there were probably somewhere between 200-400 people. I’m awful at guesstimating how many people attend these events.

I bring this up because I was the only white person there. The only one of the 200-400 people (again awful at guessing.)

I’m not sure what word would be best to describe the feeling of being the only person of your race in a place of that size, but the thing I think of most is it made me empathetic.

For me, it was just a very brief moment in time that I was the only white person in a space. But given that in the last census 70% of the United States reported as white, that 1 in 200 moment probably happens frequently for anyone that is not white.

What I’m getting at is that I think we would all benefit from being as empathetic as possible, especially right now. The way you interact with and perceive the world is by no means the same way that other people interact and perceive it.

There are obviously a lot of other things and ways to begin to fix the problems that we face as a country but step 1, and it’s a big step, is empathy.

I would also encourage you, if you are able, to put yourselves in situations similar to this, as it’s a very good and healthy thing to experience.

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay empathetic.

Aaron J. Boma  
2016 ISU Grad

Lillian Pearl Smith

DWIGHT – Lillian Pearl Smith, 100, of Dwight passed away Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 5:42 a.m. at Heritage Health in Dwight.

A private family service will be held Friday, June 5, 2020 with Father Chris Haake officiating.

Burial will follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

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

Lillian was born August 9, 1919 in Gardner, IL to Joseph and Lillian (Malek) Francisco.

She is survived by her sons: Charles (Carol) Smith of Winter Haven, FL; Roger (Cathy) Smith of Normal, IL; and Lawrence (Jean Sipe) Smith of Dwight, IL; daughters: Eileen (John) Jennings of El Paso, IL; and Arlene Christina of Florida.

Also surviving are grandchildren: Carrie Carbone, Heather Taylor, Heidi Willers, Ben Smith, Chris Siddons, Tara Wheeler, Jeremy Jennings, and Esther Jennings; great-grandchildren: Gabriel Taylor, Michael Taylor, Lucas Taylor, Sam Taylor, Isabelle Willers, Olivia Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Lanie Smith, Braydon Carbone, Chase Carbone, Chris-

tian Carbone, Wyatt Jennings, Kaleb Jennings, Alexa Siddons, and Zoe Wheeler; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Jerry Smith; brothers: Joseph Francisco and Frank Francisco; sisters: Violet Palinski, Dorothy Palinski, and Barbara Francisco; and great-granddaughter, Abigail Willers.

Lillian began employment as a housekeeper on September 29, 1970 at St. James John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac, retiring on May 16, 1986.

Lillian was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Dwight, IL. She was a devoted and loving mother. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and loved to crochet.

She lived in Blackstone, El Paso, and Pontiac areas for most of her life. At one point in her life, she raised and sold up to 2,000 chickens a year.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 126 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL 60420.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [duffyfuneralhome.com](http://duffyfuneralhome.com) or visit us on Facebook.

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words. We welcome your thoughts

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR THE DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection District general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, is hereby rescheduled to Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

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## Two Types of COVID-19 Testing Available at Morris Hospital

Two types of COVID-19 testing are available through Morris Hospital – the nasopharyngeal (nasal) swab viral test used to determine if someone is currently infected with COVID-19, and the Serum COVID IgG test used to determine if a person has had a past exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

According to Dr. Farrukj Aijaz, Pathologist and Medical Director of the Morris Hospital Laboratory, the nasal swab test requires collecting a sample from the patient's respiratory system through a swab inserted in the nasal cavity. The swab is then analyzed in the lab for viral genetic material. Test results may be available within one hour or up to three days, depending whether the test is processed in the Morris Hospital Lab or sent out to a reference lab.

While Morris Hospital's testing capability was limited in the early days of the pandemic to those who were ill enough to seek care in the Emergency De-

partment, today Morris Hospital is testing symptomatic and asymptomatic patients without exposure, especially healthcare workers, patients age 65 and over, patients with qualifying risk factors, all patients admitted to the hospital, all patients undergoing an elective surgery or procedure, and other patients who qualify under the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines.

The nasal swab is performed as an outpatient test with a physician's order. Patients are given a scheduled time and instructed to pull up to the former outpatient entrance at the hospital and remain in their vehicle while lab personnel administer the nasal swab.

"Individuals who test positive are a source of infection and need to self-isolate to prevent spreading the virus to others," Dr. Aijaz says. "This is very important, as each of us

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has a responsibility to ourselves and to the community."

Dr. Aijaz cautions that, as with any test, there is the possibility of false negatives with COVID-19 nasal swab test depending on the quality of the specimen collection and appropriate transport of the specimen to the lab. He recommends all patients who undergo testing to follow the guidance of their physician even if the test comes back negative.

"If someone has typical symptoms of COVID-19 and the test comes back negative, that does not mean that it is

truly negative," Dr. Aijaz says. "If the physician has a high degree of suspicion, sometimes we'll retest with a different testing mechanism."

Along with the nasal swab, the Morris Hospital laboratory also offers the Serum COVID IgG test to determine if a person has had a past exposure to the COVID-19 virus. This test involves a blood draw and is available as an outpatient laboratory test for individuals who are at least ten days past the first onset of symptoms.

The IgG antibody test requires a physician's order and

can be scheduled at a Morris Hospital laboratory collection site in Channahon, Diamond-Coal City, Dwight, Morris or Ottawa. Results are usually available within one to two days.

Outside of donating plasma to help those currently infected, Dr. Aijaz says the benefits of knowing whether a person has been exposed to the COVID-19 virus are unknown because this is a very new disease. He believes it's too early to know if having antibodies provides any substantial long-term protecting from reinfection.

"The jury is still out on how this virus will behave in the future," Dr. Aijaz says. "Someone who has the IgG antibody test and tests positive would still need to follow all the precautions and assume that they are not protected."

Still, Dr. Aijaz believes the antibody test can give clarity on how far COVID-19 has reached into the community.

"I believe the antibody test will definitely have usage in a broader context of surveillance and tracing how many people the virus has already infected in the community," Dr. Aijaz says.

Above all, Dr. Aijaz emphasizes that testing helps pinpoint current sources of infection and reduces the spread of the virus. Morris Hospital's testing capabilities have become advanced enough that they are even assisting neighboring hospitals with COVID-19 testing.

"If you look at our trajectory within the last four weeks, we have made great strides in testing. Not many hospitals our size have the testing capacity that we have," says Dr. Aijaz. "The main theme of all testing is to find out who is infected, how to protect the population from those who are infected, and then how to treat those who are infected."



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Summer's high temperatures can take a toll on everyone – and everything, including your car. Extreme heat can push a car past its limits, and that can lead to some drivers finding themselves stranded at the roadside. The following tips can help you avoid becoming one of those drivers.

**Make sure your battery is prepared** for high temperatures. Battery problems don't always occur in the winter.

In fact, summer heat can have a more negative impact on your battery than freezing winter temperatures. Heat and vibration are a battery's worst enemies, leading to internal breakdown and eventual failure. While you can't do much about the heat, you can make sure your battery is securely mounted to minimize vibration. Another potential problem is faster evaporation of battery fluid, which leads to corrosion on terminals and connections. Clean any corrosive buildup from battery terminals and cable clamps, and ensure the clamps are tight enough that they will not move. If a battery is more than three years old, it's a good idea to have it tested by a trained technician to determine how much longer it will last. This test can be performed at any AAA Approved Auto Repair facility, or AAA members can request a AAA Mobile Battery Service technician visit them to test their battery free of charge. For more information



on the AAA Mobile Battery Service, visit [AAA.com/Battery](http://AAA.com/Battery).

**Keep your engine cool.** Cooling systems protect engines from overheating and should be flushed periodically, as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer. Between flushes, make sure the coolant is filled to the proper level by checking the overflow reservoir. If necessary, top off the reservoir with a 50/50 mix of water and the coolant type specified by the vehicle manufacturer. **CAUTION!** – Never remove the radiator cap when the engine is hot – boiling coolant under pressure could cause serious burns. Rubber cooling

system components are susceptible to heat-related deterioration, so periodically inspect hoses and drive belts for cracking, soft spots or other signs of poor condition.

**Keep your tires properly inflated.** Driving on under-inflated tires can cause tires to overheat and increase the likelihood of a blowout, especially when road temperatures are extremely high. Check your car's tire pressures (including the spare) at least once a month, because tires typically lose about one pound of pressure per month through normal seepage. For the most accurate reading, check tire pressures when the tires are cold. Always

follow inflation pressure recommendations in your vehicle owner's manual or on the tire information label located in the glove box or on the driver's door jamb. Do not use the inflation pressure molded into the tire sidewall, which may not be the correct pressure for your particular vehicle.

**Make sure fluids are at appropriate levels.** Most engine fluids lubricate and serve as coolants by helping carry heat away from critical components. When fluid levels are low, the cooling effect is reduced, which increases the possibility of overheating. Periodically check all vehicle fluids, including (continued on page 9)

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# COVID 19 - Testing Numbers for Livingston County 6.1.2020

Livingston County, IL – As of June 1, 2020, the LCHD has received 1,204 COVID-19 test results. Of that, 35 COVID-19 tests have been confirmed positive, 1,169 tests confirmed negative, 28 of the previously reported confirmed cases have been removed from isolation, five cases remain active, and, sadly, two cases have resulted in death due to complications related to COVID-19. Of those individuals who have tested positive, six were asymptomatic at the time of testing. For details on the previously reported cases and up-to-date information for Livingston County, IL, community members can visit the LCHD's website: [www.lchd.us](http://www.lchd.us).



The health and safety of Livingston County residents remains the highest priority for Livingston County health officials. All partners and organizations involved in the COVID-19 response remain

fully prepared to respond to COVID-19 cases. Public health, hospital systems, and first responders maintain highly trained infection control teams, specialized equipment, and protocols consistent with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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. 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, including sheltering in place, wearing a mask and staying at least 6' from others when in public, as well as frequently washing hands and sanitizing regularly touched surfaces.

For Livingston County residents age 60 or older, homebound with no assistance and in need of essential care items, such as food, medical supplies, or personal hygiene products, please the LCHD at 815-844-7174 x230.

The LCHD will continue to work diligently to meet the everyday needs of county residents while aggressively addressing the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.



## Outdoor Dining

NICE WEATHER AND a partial opening at restaurants in the area made for a great weekend. Cherry Red Roasters Brew Garden, above, saw many customers happy to be out on the road and the restaurants to be back in business. Restaurants were closed to sit-down diners since the middle of March.

# SUMMER CAR CARE



## Car Care Tips -----

(continued from page 8) ing motor oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid and brake fluid, to ensure they are at appropriate levels. If any fluids need to be topped off, be sure to use the type of fluid specified in the owner's manual.

**Maintain a comfortable driving environment.** During extreme summer heat, an air-conditioning system can be more than just a pleasant convenience. It can reduce fatigue, which plays an important part in driver alertness and vehicle

safety. If a car's air conditioning is not maintaining the interior temperature as well as it once did, it may mean the refrigerant level is low or there is another problem. Have the system checked by a certified technician. In addition, if your car has a cabin filter, it should be inspected and replaced as needed to ensure maximum airflow and cooling during the summer months.

**Be prepared for summer breakdowns.** Even with preventive maintenance, summer breakdowns can still occur, so

AAA recommends drivers have a well-stocked emergency kit in their cars. The kit should include water, non-perishable food items, jumper cables, a flashlight with extra batteries, road flares or an emergency beacon, basic hand tools and a first aid kit.

Many maintenance tasks needed to prepare a car for extreme summer heat are relatively simple and can be performed by the average driver, but some are best left to a trained automotive technician.

Before hitting the road this summer, you can take several simple precautions to keep your family safe and save money at the pump. Extreme heat and long drives can be tough on cars. Cracked hoses, leaky radiators, under inflated tires and dirty filters can significantly lower your fuel efficiency, or worse, lead to a total breakdown.

Check the following vehicle components periodically during summer to help avoid breakdowns and car problems:

**Oil** – Cars are more likely to overheat in the summer. But it's not just the hot temperatures that cause overheating. Heavy driving can also cause your engine to overheat. Prepare for hot days

and long trips by giving your car a thorough systems check. An oil check is a good place to start. If the oil is a dark color or there's a lot of dirt and grime present, it's time for an oil change and filter replacement. Check your owner's manual for guidance.

**Fluid levels** – Fill coolant, transmission, differential, power steering and brake fluids to suggested levels. It's not a bad idea to look under your car for any fluids that may be dripping. If you see any, there's a good chance you have a leak.

**Hoses and belts** – Check hoses for cracks, leaks, and loose connections. Hoses should be firm, especially where they are most vulnerable near clamps that connect to the radiator or engine. Soft or flexible hoses often

indicate a problem. Likewise, check belts for cracks and damage. A smooth or slick belt may be a sign of excessive wear. Material should not be separated into different layers. Talk to your mechanic about replacing them when necessary or consult your owner's manual for instructions on how to do it.

**Brakes** – If your brake pedal is soft and mushy, hard and resistant, or produces loud and constant scraping noises, it's likely time for new brakes. Fixing brakes in a timely manner can prevent more costly problems in the future.

**Windshield wipers** – If wipers are cracked, torn, or leave streaks, replace them to maximize your visibility during severe summer storms.

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COUNTY OF KANKAKEE  
IN RE THE REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF KANKAKEE, LIVINGSTON, AND GRUNDY  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WITH P.A. 83-881

The undersigned, being the chief financial officer of the taxing district hereinafter Named, does hereby certify that attached hereto is a true correct copy of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fire protection and ambulance service of said district for its 2020/2021 fiscal year, adopted May 19th, 2020.

I further certify that the estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by said taxing district, either set forth in said ordinance as "estimated receipts" or attached hereto by separate documents, is a true statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements of Public Act 83-881 (sec. 643 of the Revenue Act, as amended) and on behalf of the REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF KANKAKEE, LIVINGSTON, AND GRUNDY STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Dated May 19th, 2020.

Cecil D. Farris  
Treasurer, Reddick Community F.P.D.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, in Kankakee, Livingston, and Grundy Counties, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, complete and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2020-1 of said REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Entitled "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021" which was passed and signed on May 19th, 2020, according to the law by the board of Trustees of said REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate seal of said REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT at Reddick, Illinois, on May 19th, 2020.

Kathleen Curl  
Secretary of Reddick Community F.P.D.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1  
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021.

WHEREAS, the board of Trustees of said REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT have prepared or caused to be prepared in tentative form, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and the Secretary of this board has made the same conveniently available for the public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on May 19th, 2020, and as said District lies within Kankakee, Livingston, and Grundy Counties, Illinois, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty (30) days notice prior hereto by publication in a newspaper having general circulation within said REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, and all other legal requirements have been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, in the Counties of Kankakee, Livingston, and Grundy State of Illinois:

SECTION 1: That the following Budget containing an estimate of revenues available and expenditures and the appropriations contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations of said REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for this fiscal year; and the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, for the fiscal year ending on April 30 2021, for the respective objects and purposes, as hereinafter set forth, namely:

SECTION 2: It is estimated that no cash will be on hand at the end of said fiscal year.

SECTION 3: All unexpected balance of any item or items of any general appropriation made by this Ordinance may be expended in making up any item or items in the same general appropriation made in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: If any item or any portion thereof of the Ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

PASSED in lawful session of the Board of Trustees of said REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT on May 19th, 2020.

Sue Bergan  
President, REDDICK COMMUNITY F.P.D.

Attest:  
Kathleen Curl  
Secretary, REDDICK COMMUNITY F.P.D.

REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2021

CORPORATE

<b>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	
Capital Reserve Fund	36,954.00
Cash on Hand	14,794.00
Taxes to be received in this fiscal year-corporate	36,000.00
Taxes to be received in this fiscal year-tort liability	13,700.00
Donation Income	2,100.00
Interest Income	600.00
Sale of surplus Equipment	18,000.00
Enbridge Vector Pipeline Safe Community Grant	7,500.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$129,648.00</b>

<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>		
Apparatus and Fuel	14,700.00	16,170.00
Building Expense	33,120.00	36,432.00
Contractual Services	5,460.00	6,006.00
Dues, Licenses, and Subscriptions	1,710.00	1,881.00
Honors and Recognitions	600.00	660.00
Insurance Coverage	13,700.00	15,070.00
Loose Equipment	3,300.00	3,630.00
Office Operations	2,460.00	2,706.00
Radios/Pagers	1,680.00	1,848.00
Recruitment/Retension	300.00	330.00
Capital Reserve	31,785.00	34,964.00
Safety Equipment	1,800.00	1,980.00
Stipends	9,540.00	10,494.00
Training	1,993.00	2,192.00
Enbridge Vector Pipeline Safe Community Grant	7,500.00	7,500.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>129,648.00</b>	<b>141,863.00</b>

(Continued from previous column)

REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2021

AMBULANCE

<b>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	
Capital Reserve Fund	17,634.00
Cash on Hand	9,864.00
Taxes to be received in this fiscal year-corporate	36,000.00
Taxes to be received in this fiscal year-tort liability	9,134.00
Donation Income	1,400.00
Interest Income	400.00
Sale of surplus Equipment	12,000.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$86,432.00</b>

<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Appropriated</b>
Apparatus and Fuel	9,800.00	10,780.00	
Building Expense	22,080.00	24,288.00	
Contractual Services	3,640.00	4,004.00	
Dues, Licenses, and Subscriptions	1,320.00	1,452.00	
Insurance Coverage	9,134.00	10,047.40	
Honors and Recognitions	400.00	440.00	
Loose Equipment	2,200.00	2,420.00	
Office Operations	1,640.00	1,804.00	
Radios/Pagers	1,120.00	1,232.00	
Recruitment/Retension	200.00	220.00	
Capital Reserve	26,009.00	28,609.90	
Safety Equipment	1,200.00	1,320.00	
Stipends	6,360.00	6,996.00	
Training	1,329.00	1,461.90	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$86,432.00</b>	<b>95,075.20</b>	

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 5-1-2019 THROUGH 4-30-2020

Beginning Cash Balance all Checking as of 5-1-2019	\$42,104.35
Cash Balance of C.D.s as of 5-1-2019	53,572.25
(Reserve building and equipment purchase)	
<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF 5-1-2019</b>	<b>\$95,676.60</b>

<b>RECEIPTS 5/1/2019 - 4/30/2020</b>	
COMPEER GRANT INCOME	\$3,000.00
Grundy Co. Tax Distributions	7,752.33
Gym Use Donation	1,983.88
Compass Insurance Rebate	189.00
Interest Income	1,085.55
Kankakee Co. Tax Distribution	49,826.85
Livingston Co. Tax Distribution	34,201.41
Rebate (ComEd) Lighting	2,915.00
Reimbursement-Training Books	1,686.94
Sale of Equipment	1,176.38
Smoke Detector Inspection	50.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$103,867.34</b>
Total Cash on Hand Plus Receipts	<b>\$199,543.94</b>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS 5/1/2019 - 4/30/2020</b>	
Capital One	\$8,242.33
Com Ed	7,347.91
Compass Insurance Partners	13,663.00
Connor Co.	9,552.09
Extreme Tactical Dynamics	2,727.80
Frontier	3,521.38
Liberty Mutual Ins.	2,429.00
M.E.S. (Compeer Grant)	3,030.00
Manteno Community FPD (Radios/Pagers)	22,628.95
Nicor Gas	4,220.39
United Pipe & Supply	5,089.37
Stipends paid out under \$25,000.00 - Tim Armstrong, Gary Baum, Richard Christensen, Robert Christensen, Cecil Farris, Ron Groetsema, Andrew Kelson, Randy Siedentop, Aaron Swartz, Jennifer Zalud, Sue Bergan, Kathy Curl, Crystal Sheridan, David Perkins	9,885.00
Stipend Total=	9,885.00

<b>OTHER EXPENSES CATEGORIZED</b>	
Apparatus & Fuel	\$4,167.64
Building Expenses	11,602.04
Contractual Expenses	3,201.81
Dues, Licenses, Subscriptions	2,438.50
Honors & Ceremonies	364.70
Loose Equipment	2,004.99
Office Operations	662.16
Radios & Pagers	433.22
Safety Equipment	372.14
Training Expenses	2,690.85
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$120,275.27</b>
Ending Cash Balance as of 4/30/2020	24,657.78
C.D. Balance	26,771.74
IL Funds Balance	27,839.15
Total Cash on Hand as of 4/30/2020	<b>\$79,268.67</b>

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTIES OF KANKAKEE, ) SS.  
LIVINGSTON, AND GRUNDY )

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Treasurer of the Reddick Community Fire Protection District, of Kankakee, Livingston, and Grundy Counties, Illinois; that she held the office of Treasurer for the Fiscal Year of said District commencing May 1st, 2019 and ending April 30th, 2020; and that the above and foregoing Annual Statement is a true and correct statement of monies received and disbursed by her as Treasurer for the said fiscal year.

Cecil D. Farris  
Treasurer, Reddick Community Fire Protection District

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 26th day of May, 2020.

Carrie L. Inczauskis  
Notary Public

OBITUARY

Charles Earl Reamer Jr.

ROCKFORD – Charles "Charlie" Earl Reamer Jr., 84, of Rockford and formerly of Winnebago, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2020.



He was born November 29, 1935 in Fennimore, WI, the son of C. Earl and Martha Louise (Smith) Reamer. Charlie married his childhood friend, Doris Ann Graham, on April 18, 1959, while stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX.

He was a veteran of the United States Army. While he was working for Country Delight Dairy in Fennimore, WI, they moved to Rockford in 1963 to start Reamer Distributors, Inc. Charlie delivered Country Delight and Muller Pinehurst Dairy products to Highlander and other area grocers for 36 years.

He and Doris raised and showed American Paint horses while living in Winnebago, making many friends along the way, and was a life member of the American Paint Horse Association.

Charlie was a member of the Winnebago Lions Club, where he was recognized as a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Club International and was known for his Rose Day sales. Charlie befriended thou-

sands of people in his life and was never any place very long before making a new friend.

Charlie is survived by his daughter, Rebecca (Rowland) Warrington of Rockford; son, Clark (Laura) Reamer of Dwight; grandchildren: Rachel (Michael) Sides of Rockford; Ross (Mandy) Warrington of Rockford; David Reamer of Vincennes, IN; and Brendan Reamer of Dwight. He dearly loved spending time with his great-grandsons, Wyatt and Carter Sides.

Charlie was met in heaven by his beloved wife of over 49 years, Doris Ann Reamer; brother, David Reamer; and infant sister, Marjory Reamer.

A memorial will be held at a later date. Until then, call a friend, tell some stories or share a joke with a waitress.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.

Cremation rites accorded with interment in Prairie Cemetery near Fennimore, WI.

Arrangements by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago.

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Rev. John F. Mueller,  
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st.johns@frontiernet.net  
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# Dwight Woodworker Preserves Moon Wood for Eternities

(continued from page 1)) art pieces. An outdoors guy who has seen much of the country while traveling to the most prestigious art shows, he is inspired by what he sees in the world.

"My colors, I get from nature," he said.

The industry had seen nothing like it, and fame came to him through some of the most elite woodworking companies in the world. His name became known in the wood circle, and Snodgrass knew Lackner

through the Carter Company. When his pieces of moon wood began to split, he immediately turned to Lackner to save them.

Stabilizing the moon wood is part of a NASA project. But these pieces of wood -- 10 in all, each about 3 inches tall by 4 inches long and 1 1/2 inches wide -- were more precious than anything Lackner had handled before. He first heated them up to pull all the moisture out of it, then submerged them into his vacuum chamber to pull out any trapped air inside

it, allowing the resin to better seep into their gaps.

He chose a mix of blues, pinks and purple micas for the resin. When the pieces were prepped, he secured them with a mold, poured over the resin, and put them into the pressure pot. What came out were handheld blocks of sycamore infused with the shimmering, ethereal colors of the Milky Way -- exactly how Lackner envisioned.

Snodgrass is famous for the

small bandsaw reindeer he carves and sells -- some 5,000 every year. Lackner said the resin moon wood he sent back to Snodgrass this week will be shaped into his world-renown reindeer.

And for Lackner's work? Well, Snodgrass gifted him a 20-inch-long piece of moon wood. He plans to cast them in resin and turn them into three very unique pens that will be given to some very deserving people in his lives.



The Moon Tree pieces, above, were preserved with an epoxy resin by Keith Lackner, Dwight. The pieces will be shipped back to Alex Snodgrass, a bandsaw expert from Virginia.

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