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**MONDAY, AUGUST 10**, a derecho hit the Midwest travelling 700+ miles in 14 hours packing up to 100 mph winds and leaving a line of destruction. *The Paper* territory saw plenty of uprooted trees, twisted trees, and large limbs and branches everywhere. Power was knocked out for over one million customers - some still out at press time, Monday, August 17. Cleanup will take weeks in many communities. Neighborly kindness has shown up in full force.

## Clean-Up Continues After Derecho

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The Dwight Public Works Department is still cleaning up after last week's derecho that wreaked havoc from Iowa to Indiana, slamming Dwight and other nearby towns during the middle of it.

And Cory Scoles of the Dwight Public Works said he can't give a timeline as to when the aftermath of downed trees and limbs will be complete.

"We were hard hit. We're not even halfway cleaned up," he said.

He said the department has had more than half a dozen workers picking up limbs and brush, two guys on the chipping crew and three in tractors picking up heavy loads. They've brought in Lovell Excavating of Dwight to help with the clean-up.

Scoles said half a dozen roads were closed by fallen trees but have been reopened. It will be a while before crews can get to Renfrew and Rotary parks, which were devastated by trees completely uprooted.

"We ask the public to continue to be patient with us as we will get there when we can," he said.



Limbs need to be placed by the curb -- not on the street -- with the cut ends facing the street, which makes it easier to load into the chipper. Scoles reminds homeowners that they are responsible for hiring private firms to clean up trees that are on their property. If the base of the tree is on the other side of the easement and sidewalk, it's their responsibility to clean up.

Crews have been hauling the wood to the shop along Old Route 66. In a twist of fate, Scoles said they replaced the blade on the chipper recently, so it's in good shape to shred the mess. But Dwight was hit so hard, they will need

to hire a company to bring in a larger "tub grinder" that can take on bigger logs. But it may not be available for six months, even though 65 percent of the rubbish will need to be handled by the larger grinder.

Scoles said the chipped wood is available for free to residents. He said a local farmer uses it to make compost. Other residents use it as mulch around their trees and in their gardens. And with fall yard work right around the corner, it might be a good time to get a truckload from them. He said just be sure to consult a landscaper before spreading it anywhere near your home.

## Dwight Residents Again Asked: Complete the 2020 Census

### August 10 Board of Trustee Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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The Dwight Village Board of Trustees held a teleconference meeting on August 10 to ensure social distancing as COVID-19 cases show an increase in Livingston County.

The meeting followed a storm that swept through the area that same day causing widespread damage and power outages. With large amounts of

tree damage and debris, village officials and public works asked for extreme patience on the part of residents with regard to cleanup and branch removal. Mayor Jared Anderson commended residents for their actions following the storm.

"It is very encouraging being in Dwight," said Anderson. "Everyone helping each other out -- that is a great thing about Dwight."

**In reports to the board,**

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara reported that June sales tax, at approximately \$80,000, was down approximately 20 percent over last year largely due to the pandemic.

"Not good," said McNamara. "But, to be expected."

McNamara also reminded residents who have not completed the 2020 Census that there is still time to do so. With Dwight currently only at a 75

percent response rate, there are still hundreds that have not responded. Census numbers, captured every ten years, are a very important component of village finances as available government funding is based on population. Census takers are currently in the area calling upon households that have not yet responded, while practicing social distancing protocols. Residents can still complete the census by visiting

[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) or calling 1-844-330-2020. If assistance is needed, please contact the village hall at 815-584-3077.

**In an EMS report,** it was noted that 2020 calls through July have totaled 585. For the month of July, 87 calls were received with 45 of those originating from residences and 50 resulting in hospital transports.

**The board also approved:**

- payment of July 27, 2020

bills totaling \$88,695.23.

Present for the August 10 session were Mayor Anderson, Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbordt, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

**The next meeting** of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, August 24. Please check prior for location meeting place / access information.

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**Tickets Issued by Dwight Police**

August 6: Cherelle L. Hayes, 32, Bourbonnais, driving on suspended license; Donald A. Reynolds, Jr., 31, Bloomington, improper passing on the left.

August 7: Nicholas Fogarty, 24, Manteno, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

August 9: Emily R. Wendling, 22, Bradley, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

August 11: Dylan M. Hockings Branigan, 16, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle; William R. Bergstrom, 18, Dwight, head/tail/sidelight/1st, 2nd; Billy R. Muston, 18, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle, fail obey stop sign.

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

**7 Written Warnings**

Speeding – 2; no registration plate light – 2; fail to yield right-of-way – 1; only one headlight – 1; obstructed rear window – 1.

**Dwight Police Blotter**

August 6: 6:00 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Mazon Ave. Dwight Officer met with a landlord who advised a tenant

had done criminal damage to the property.

August 8: 4:40 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Waupansie for a custody exchange issue.



**Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

August 6: Aldi, medical, Riverside.

August 7: Waupansie, medical, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris.

August 8: Mazon, medical, Morris.

August 9: Mazon, medical, refusal; Goodfarm, medical, Morris; NRD, trauma, Riverside; 18000 W. Rd., trauma, Riverside, mutual aid to Reddick.

August 10: 55, trauma, refusal; 55, trauma, Morris.

August 11: Seminole, fire/standby; Franklin, fire/standby; Mazon, trauma, Morris; Linden, trauma, refusal; Mazon, trauma, Morris.

August 12: South, medical, Morris; I-55, medical, Morris; Waupansie, medical, refusal.

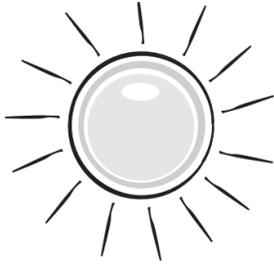
August 13: 2000 E. Rd., trauma, St. James; Mazon, trauma, Morris.

**Free Food to Be Distributed August 26**

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, August 26, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

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



**Temps - 2020**

Aug. 6 – high 87°, low 54°

Aug. 7 – high 85°, low 57°

Aug. 8 – high 84°, low 64°

Aug. 9 – high 83°, low 69°

Aug. 10 – high 92°, low 65°

.37" precip.

Aug. 11 – high 87°, low 52°

Aug. 12 – high 90°, low 58°

**One Year Ago – Aug. 19, 2019**

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**It's History...**



**IT'S HISTORY...**Dwight Community Chest Members – December 11, 1940. Pictured are Barbara Oughton, Roy M. Baker, Beatrice Spandet, Ralph Boyer, Mary Geis, and Harold J. West. photo submitted by Pat Kelleher

**Dwight Common School District - 'Good Financial Year'**

**August 12 BOE Actions**

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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As summer draws to a close, Dwight Common School District #232 continued preparing for the upcoming year when the Board of Education met on August 12.

**In financial business,** Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek reported on the FY20 actual vs. proposed budget and recapped end of the fiscal year balances. The FY20 Education Fund end balance is \$1,528,842 with an end balance across all funds of \$3,858,608. Revenues for the year exceeded expenditures by \$152,852, and the actual budget surpassed the proposed budget by \$297,993. Overall, Dr. Jancek indicated District #232 finances are doing well.

"It was a good financial year for the Grade School," stated Dr. Jancek.

Dr. Jancek also presented the first reading of the 2020-2021 (FY21) budget. Proposed revenues across all funds are \$6,260,503 with proposed expenditures over all funds totaling \$5,755,296, indicating a surplus difference of \$505,207.

The overall budget will be reviewed and adjusted over the next month. Following a Public Hearing, the final budget will be presented to the board for approval at the September BOE session. The proposed FY21 budget is available for review for 30 days in the District office.

"We are in a good position to deal with whatever is thrown at us this year," stated Dr. Jancek regarding the proposed FY21 budget.

It was also reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the District \$16,110.31 in financial reimbursements for 2019 – 20 year.

**In another financial matter,** the board discussed the current \$1 million Certificate of Deposit which has matured. Dr. Jancek presented various CD investment options and rates. The BOE consensus was to increase the CD to \$1.25 million and secure the best deal.

**In reports to the board,** Dr. Jancek reported on damage to the school building following the intense August 10 storm that swept through the area. Roof damage and water dam-

age to the main office area were reported. Roof damage is estimated at \$63,000 with \$12,000 damage to the office floor in addition to damage to lighting, ceiling tiles with some asbestos that will have to be mitigated. An estimated \$100,000 in total losses is projected. While the office area undergoes its cleanup and repairs, main office staff will be moved to the library. Entrance to the school will be through the cafeteria with personnel stationed at that entrance door.

Dr. Jancek also recognized Physical Education Teacher, Tammy Stolzenbach, for 30 years of service to the District.

**In the principal's report,** Principal Julie Schultz reported current enrollment numbers showing a total of 477 students noting 31 move-ins, 35 withdrawn, and 9 homeschooling.

In public comment, it was asked that the board offer a remote board meeting option for public access. Board President Bo Partney agreed with the idea as a way to encourage public attendance. The district will look at implementing a live streaming option.

**The BOE also:**

- approved the resignation of Alycia Ferrari, Paraprofessional.

- accepted a retirement notice from Kathy Johnson, 2nd Shift Custodian.

- accepted a one-year retirement notice from Laura Vigna, Grade School Teacher.

- accepted the resignation of Paul Warner, Head B Team Baseball Coach.

- approved employment of Brian Trainor, Head B Team Baseball Coach.

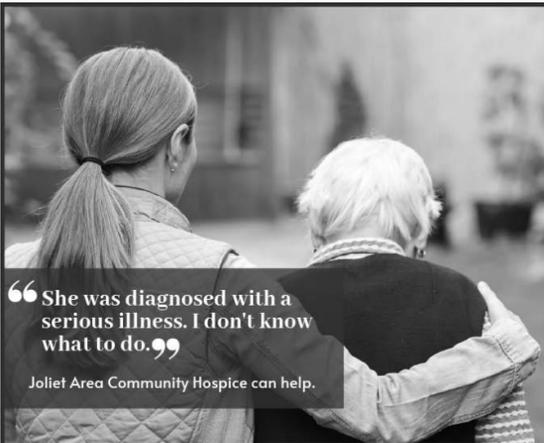
- discussed Board Workshops and Retreat with no actions taken.

- approved a two-year Wrestling Co-op agreement with Pontiac (previously approved as a one-year agreement which is not allowed by the IESA).

- discussed the farmground agreement and future considerations with no action taken.

**The next regular meeting** of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9. Please check for location prior to the meeting. Meetings are open to the public.

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**What Does an Unplanned Career Transition Mean for You?**

The COVID-19 pandemic has unsettled the country's employment picture for months and will likely continue to do so for a while. However, the nature and terminology of this disruption varies greatly among individuals – some have seen their jobs disappear, others have been "furloughed" and still others have been offered an early retirement. If you're in this final group – those either offered, or feeling forced to accept, an early retirement, how should you respond?

Try to look at your situation holistically, rather than strictly in a short-term manner. Consider these four areas:

**Retirement** – What does retirement really look like to you? Are you ready to fully retire or would you like to work part time? Are you confident that you can work somewhere else for a few years before retiring on your own terms? If you're not certain you can work elsewhere, how can you adjust your desired retirement lifestyle – what you planned to do, where you hoped to live, etc. – to meet your new reality?

**Income** – Just how financially affected you'll be from an early retirement depends on several factors: how much you've already saved and invested, whether you're married and have a working spouse, whether you've paid off your mortgage, and so on. In any case, though, you'll need to answer several questions, including these: Do I need to start taking withdrawals from my IRA and 401(k)? If so, how much can I afford to take out each year without running the risk of outliving my resources? Should I adjust my current investment mix? If I haven't yet started collecting Social Security, should I do so now, or can I afford to wait until my monthly payments will be bigger? Are there any other sources of income I can leverage? You may want to work with a financial professional to address these and other key income-related issues.

**Insurance** – If you received health insurance through your employer, an early retirement could present you with a dilemma, especially if you're not quite old enough for Medicare. You might be eligible for COBRA, which provides employees and their dependents the option of continued health insurance for potentially up to 36 months, but this coverage can be expensive. As an alternative, you might be able to negotiate an extended severance package, which could provide you with health insurance for several months. Or, you might be able to get on the health insurance plan of your working spouse.

**Legacy** – Many people want to take care of their family while they're alive – and leave something behind when they're gone. If you take an early retirement, you might lose your employer's group life insurance. Of course, if this plan was not sufficient, you may have already supplemented it with your own policy, but, if you haven't, you may need to shop around for some coverage, particularly if you have children still at home. You also may want to take this opportunity to review your key financial accounts to make sure your beneficiary designations still accurately reflect your wishes.

Going through an unplanned career transition is certainly challenging. But looking closely at the four areas described above, and making the appropriate moves, may help you reduce some of the stress and can put you in a better position to start the next phase of your life.

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## A Push for Private Vows

Weddings are very special occasions for two people who are in love. That's why many couples want close family and friends nearby when they tie the knot. But even the happiest couples may express some nervousness about one particular part of traditional wedding ceremonies.

Wedding vows are a way for couples to profess their love for each other. However, many couples who want to write their own vows are hesitant to say them aloud in front of an audi-

ence. If couples are intimidated by a heartfelt recital of their vows in front of a crowd, then exchanging vows in private may be for them.

Wedding planners and industry experts say that private vows have become very popular. While the vows do not replace the public exchange that seals the marriage from a legal standpoint, they can be words shared in a private moment before the actual ceremony itself. A quiet moment alone allows



couples to shed private tears and share a special moment before they make haste for the altar.

The Knot, a premier wedding planning resource, notes that there are many reasons to share private vows.

- You do not like being in the spotlight or become shy in front of crowds.

- There are words you would like to share with your future spouse that are deeply private, and you don't want to express those feelings to every person at the wedding.

- You do not want to censor your thoughts or words.

- You desire an intimately private and personal moment together before all of the fanfare and rush of the wedding.

- You'd like to recite loving words in a native language that some guests may not understand.

- You desire the potential for some very great candid photos if you invite the photographer to be there at a distance.

- You want to create a lasting memory that is only yours as a couple to share.

The popularity of private vows exchanged before a wedding ceremony is growing. This growing trend provides yet another way for couples to personalize their weddings.

## Dos and Don'ts of Wedding Day Beauty Prep

All eyes are on the bride and groom on their wedding day. Feeling beautiful and dapper can boost a couple's confidence and ensure they look back on their wedding photographs and videos with pride.

Certain beauty basics and makeup and hair strategies can help any bride look spectacular on her wedding day. The following are some dos and don'ts of wedding day beauty preparations.

**DO** employ the services of a professional hairstylist and makeup artist. Professionals have the experience and tools of the trade to help you look your best. From contouring to make your face seem slimmer to enlarging the appearance of small eyes, some tricks of the trade are best left to the pros.

**DON'T** forget to schedule a trial run. Make this appointment several months before the wedding day so you have ample time to work with your stylists and experiment with colors and hair arrangements to fit your personality and the style of your gown. Take plenty of pictures and notes so you will remember what needs to be on hand for the wedding day.

**DO** allow enough time for the wedding day beauty appointment. If you will be going to a salon, block out two or more slots instead of one. This way the stylist does not overbook and will not feel rushed. Many brides opt to have stylists come to their homes. There may be an extra charge for this service, but it may be well worth the cost.

**DON'T** make any drastic changes to your appearance right before the wedding. This includes changing your hair color or texture, extreme tanning, using colored contact lenses, or chopping off all of your hair. It's better to wait until after the wedding to change your style.

**DO** bring a veil, headpiece, hair extensions, and any other accessories to your hair consult. This enables the stylist to



practice working with these items.

**DON'T** tweeze or wax brows too close to the start of the ceremony. Redness and swelling are common side effects of tweezing and waxing, and they can be difficult to mask with makeup. Instead, take care of hair removal a day or two prior to the wedding.

**DO** exfoliate your skin prior to the wedding. This doesn't necessarily mean you should endure a harsh fruit acid peel or another procedure. You can exfoliate with a gentle washing of your skin with a nubby washcloth to remove any dryness and errant flakes. Moisturize well to ensure a smooth palette for makeup application.

**DON'T** wash or condition hair the day of the wedding. Intricate styles tend to stay better when hair has a little grip. "Dirty" hair is easier to work with than shiny, freshly washed locks. If you must wash, remember to thoroughly dry your hair before going to your appointment.

**DO** wear a little extra makeup than you are accustomed to wearing because it will show up better in photos. However, do not wear so much that you look clownish. A

makeup artist can help you achieve the right balance.

**DON'T** have bridesmaids wear makeup that is bolder than yours, especially red lips. No one should upstage the bride.

**DO** experiment with any products you haven't used before to test for allergic reactions and see how well they wear.

**DON'T** wear too much under-eye concealer or one that is too light of a shade. This can draw more attention to problem areas than remedy them.

**DO** bring a pain relief medication in case a tight hairstyle or headpiece causes a headache.

**DON'T** forget that men need a little help as well. Exfoliation and moisturization can help dry skin. Guys should use a new razor and plenty of cream before shaving to avoid irritation. A dusting of finishing powder can banish shiny noses and foreheads for photo-ready faces.

Chances are more photographs will be taken of a newlywed couple than at any other moment in their lives. Certain beauty dos and don'ts should be followed so couples put their best faces forward.

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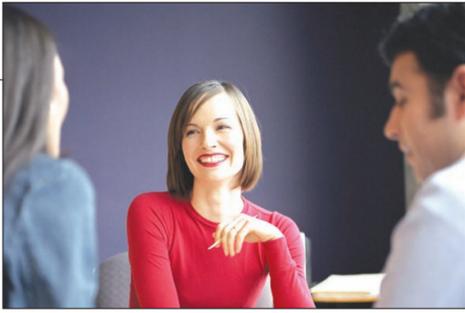
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## Tips for Newlyweds About Merging Finances

Newlyweds often have a lot on their plates upon returning from their honeymoons. One of the more critical issues newly married couples must address is their finances and how those finances will be combined going forward.

• **Discuss finances early and often.** Couples should discuss their expenditures and spending habits as early as possible, as one of the biggest hurdles newly married couples must clear is coming to grips with one another's financial habits. When discussing finances, define both short-term and long-term goals and how each of you can adjust your spending habits to make those goals come true.

• **Pay off any debts.** The cost of weddings has skyrocketed over the last several decades, and many newlyweds find themselves in a considerable amount of debt upon returning from their honeymoons. When merging finances, couples should prioritize paying down such debt. Newly married couples with little or no debt should avoid spending above their means in the months after they get married. Such spending is commonplace, as newly married couples often want to fully furnish their new homes or reward themselves for pulling off their weddings. But new debt can be just as stressful on a marriage as debt from the wedding, so avoid this potentially problematic pitfall by paying down existing debts with your newly merged finances.

• **Make note of mutual expenses** and open a joint account to pay for those

expenses. Mutual expenses like mortgage payments, food and utilities should be the responsibility of each partner, and a joint account should be established to handle such expenses. When opening a joint account, discuss how much and how often each partner will contribute money. One partner might earn considerably more money than another, so work out a reasonable agreement that details how much each partner will contribute each month, and whether such contributions will be made on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis.

• **Make concessions for one another.** When merging finances, couples often discover that they don't see eye-to-eye on how each person spends money. Couples who successfully merge their finances often note the importance of making concessions with regard to their partners' spending on certain hobbies or luxuries. As long as those hobbies are not putting couples in debt or jeopardizing their financial goals, couples can make concessions so their partners continue to be happy and enjoy their favorite activities.

Merging finances is an issue that looms for many newlyweds or couples about to tie the knot. Though it's not always easy, merging finances early and discussing goals can ensure newlyweds get off on the right financial foot.

## How to Approach Music On Your Wedding Day

Music often plays an important role on festive occasions, and wedding days are no exception. The right music can make a wedding day that much more meaningful, while the wrong music can make a couple's big event memorable for all the wrong reasons.

Though music selection might seem like one of the easier decisions couples must make, those about to tie the knot typically must make a host of music-related decisions regarding their wedding day, including whether to choose a live band or a deejay to perform at their wedding receptions.

### Ceremony

The ceremony itself often sets the tone for a couple's wedding day. A beach wedding, for example, often creates a laid back atmosphere, while a ceremony held in a large church or temple often sets a more formal tone. Music played during the ceremony also goes a long way toward setting the tone couples hope to establish.

When choosing music for the ceremony, couples should first consider the venue. Some may have rules pertaining to what can and cannot be played inside the venue. Classical, hymnal or processional music often makes the best fit when weddings are taking place in more formal venues. Outdoor weddings tend to give couples more leeway.

Keep in mind that while the music played during the ceremony can set the tone for the day, this music can vary significantly from the music played during the reception. A favorite performer may not be appropriate during the ceremony, but that doesn't mean the couple can't dance to that artist's music during the reception.

Live musicians can add a more elegant feel to the ceremony, but such performers also can be costly. Playing prerecorded music may not be as elegant as having a live performer, but it can cost a lot less and still make for an enjoyable day and evening.

### Reception

Many couples prefer deejays to live bands for their wedding receptions. Deejays can play favorite songs as couples and their guests know them, while bands can only play their own renditions of those songs.

Another thing to consider when choosing between a deejay or live band for the reception is the venue itself. Some venues are smaller and unable to accommodate a full band, while others may not have ideal acoustics, making it difficult for a live band to sound as good as they might in a more music-friendly environment.

Couples tying the knot outdoors may need to consider equipment when choosing bands or deejays to play their weddings. Renting such equipment can be costly, but couples can often skirt such charges by hiring deejays or bands who lend couples their equipment during the ceremony. Deejays or bands who will loan and set up the necessary sound equipment for outdoor ceremonies merit extra consideration.

When discussing music to be played during the reception, couples must consider their own musical tastes as well as those of their guests. A wide range of popular music tends to go best at wedding receptions,

as guests are more likely to dance to songs they recognize. Avoid any music that has the potential to offend guests, opting for lighter, happier tunes instead. Whether hiring a band or deejay, couples should make a list of no-play songs or artists and make sure that such lists are included in their contracts.



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## Limestone Library Expanding Open Time for Families

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They have book bundles for grab-and-go checkouts. Otherwise, you can go in and browse the collection of books, movies, story bags, and games. Families who are unable to uti-

lize the All Ages Hours are encouraged to use the Contactless Curbside service. Parents and guardians are responsible for making sure their children follow social distancing guidelines.

LTLTD will continue to have a one-hour block Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for seniors and immunocompromised patrons only.

Following state and local guidelines, patrons' visits are limited to one hour and there can be no more than 15 people allowed in the library building at any given time. Masks are required while inside the building. If patrons are unable to wear a mask, the library is happy to provide contactless curbside service, as they have

been doing for the past two months. Hand sanitizer is available upon entering the lobby.

The Library's current hours are as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Sundays, Closed.

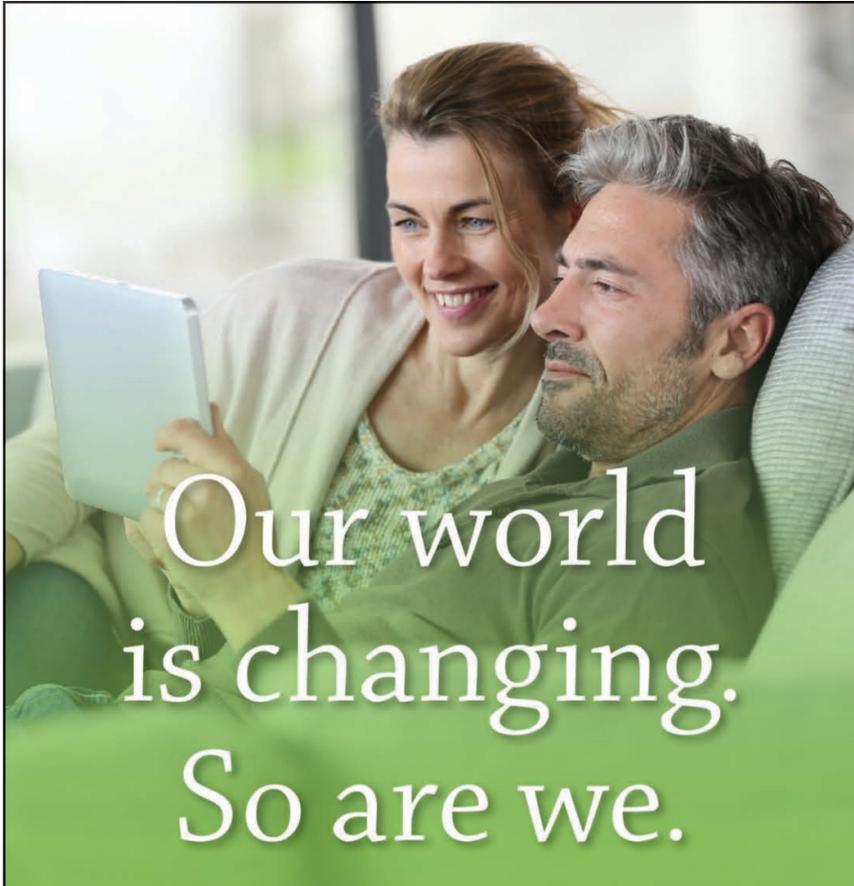
The computer area is open to patrons for 30-minute time slots by appointment. Patrons will be able to use the computers up to two 30-minute slots a day. Call to make an appointment. Printing and faxing from the copier will also be available. Patrons will hand their copy or faxing jobs to staff who will complete them.

Contactless Curbside Service at LTLTD is available for

those who feel more comfortable picking up their books through the bagged curbside service. Order books through the Prairie Cat catalog on their website or call them to order books. When the books arrive, call to set up a pick-up time.

They are doing Storytime and other programs on Facebook and their YouTube channel. If you are unable to get to the library, you can access their electronic resources, including Creativebug and Consumer Reports, through their website.

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ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION announced that the Member Photo of the Week Contest winner for the week of August 14 is Limestone Township Public Library. The photo features staff member Holly Carlson, library director Lynne Noffke, and staff member Faith Capps – all holding items that can be checked out at the library.

## Prairie Creek Library Summer Reading Participants Reach 1,000 Book Goal

Elowyn and Maggie have reached their 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten goal.

They participate in the Toddler Time program at Prairie Creek Public Library in

Dwight.

Even though they could not meet this summer, stories were posted on the library Facebook page, and various activities were provided for the children

to be able to participate at home.

Elowyn and Maggie each will receive their gifts of a stuffed animal, a book, and a Barnes and Noble gift card.

Toddler Time has continued with a virtual format, which began in August. A parent or guardian adult must contact the library each week by Monday to have the child participate in the Wednesday morning Zoom time. The event will include stories and fun activities.

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# 68 New COVID Cases Added So Far This Month

## Outbreaks, Large Gatherings Attributed to Rise

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie  
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Thirteen more residents of Livingston County have tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend, according to the Livingston County Health Department, bringing the total number to 154 cases.

And if it appears the numbers are on the increase in the county, they are, according to Administrator Jackie Dever.

"Yes, they are rising," she said.

Livingston County has added 68 new cases since the beginning of the month. There were 86 positive cases on July 31.

Dever said the outbreaks can be attributed to outbreaks at both large and small businesses, large gatherings of private parties, and people traveling to COVID hot spots.

"We want people to wear their masks at all times," she said.

The new cases include:

- One female and four males

- One male and three females in their 20s
- One female in her 40s
- One male in his 50s
- One male and one female in their 60s

One case is currently hospitalized with all other active cases recovering in isolation.

As of Monday, August 17, 123 of the previously reported confirmed cases have been removed from isolation, 28 cases remain active, one case is currently hospitalized. Three people have died, the latest coming the week of August 10, a woman in her 60s who had been hospitalized.

The health department was closed August 6 and 7 after two staff members tested positive for COVID-19. Dever said other staff members were not exposed to the individuals inside the building, as they were in quarantine having come into close contact with people who had tested positive.

The department took precautions anyway, closing for

two days of deep cleaning. It reopened to the public after that weekend.

The health department reported this in its latest press release:

"The health and safety of Livingston County remains the highest priority for our LCHD officials. Even though the building will be closed to the public, we will continue to work diligently to meet the everyday needs of county residents while aggressively addressing the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

"We would like to stress the importance of everyone doing their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. While employees of the LCHD do their best to keep those around them and themselves healthy and safe, it is not enough if everyone isn't taking actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Wearing a mask and maintaining social distance doesn't just protect the person, these actions primarily protect the people around them

as well. We urge all Livingston County residents to please take actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including properly wearing masks when in public, maintaining social distance, avoiding large gatherings, sanitizing commonly touched surfaces, and handwashing frequently. These actions demonstrate care and support for your fellow community members and local businesses.

"The LCHD does not share the names or locations of businesses where employees have tested positive for COVID-19 due to privacy concerns. It is up to each business to determine whether that information is shared. We have chosen to share this information with the public in an effort to be transparent and honest with our Livingston community members. We ask that everyone please be kind, understanding, and respectful as we work to care for our own as well as our Livingston communities. We're in this together, Livingston County. #WeLoveLivCo"

## ••••• FALL SPORTS UPDATES •••••

**Herscher High School** will be competing in Cross Country in 2020 – per Coach Rob Grosso. They will be in action at home Monday, August 25, going up against Streator and Manteno,

**Gardner-South Wilmington High School** will co-op with **Dwight Township High School** in both Golf and Cross Country in 2020.

The Trojan boys' golf squad will take on Morris at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, August 20, at home, while the girls will be at home versus Seneca.

Both squads will play on Monday, August 24, with the boys going up against El Paso

and Flanagan, and the girls taking on El Paso and Tri-Point – both events kick off at 4:15 p.m.

In cross country competition, DTHS will be in Morris Wednesday, August 26, for the Early Bird Invite – which kicks off at 4:30 p.m.

GSW, individually, is able to have fall baseball under the latest IHSA guidelines, since they do not have a football program.

Athletic Director, Mr. Engelman, has worked hard to schedule around ten games for their boys – that will be starting soon.

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## Area Students Grace KCC President's, Honors Lists

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

- **Cabery:** Chloe Walsh.
- **Herscher:** Zachary Miller.
- **Reddick:** Peyton Mullin.

To be named to the President's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.80 or higher and be en-

rolled in six or more semester hours.

Melody Richardson, Herscher, was named to the Honors List at KCC for the summer 2020 term.

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Terry Schultz, Secretary

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Village of Verona will hold a public hearing on September 2, 2020, at 7:00, at Verona Village Hall to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federal funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Emily Byrne, 613 W. Marquette Street, Ottawa, IL, 815-433-5830 no later than August 25, 2020. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

On or about September 30, 2020, the Village of Verona intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program is funded by Title 1 of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: construction of stormwater sewers and grant administration. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$550,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income persons is \$343,750. The Village of Verona also proposes to expend \$10,000 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: Village of Braceville's General Fund.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of August 19, 2020 at the Verona Post Office, 421 N. Division St., Verona, IL. The lobby of the Post Office is open 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Emily Byrne, NCICG, 613 W. Marquette Street, Ottawa, IL, 61350 no later than September 2, 2020 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the Village of Verona and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Emily Byrne, 815-433-5830, or write to Emily Byrne, NCICG, 613 W. Marquette Street, Ottawa, IL, 61350.

Dennis Finch  
Mayor, Village of Verona



## Minutes with Boma



### Come Back

The pandemic has brought a lot of change and forced the necessity of certain things. Masks, sports without fans, zoom meetings, working remotely, and I could continue, but the point is that things have very much evolved in a short period of time.

Some of the things, like sports with fans again, I very much would like to return. While the game is watchable and the product is the same, the crowd just adds another element that ultimately can't be replicated.

Now, there are things like the NFL doing away with their preseason, and the National League adding the designated hitter that are completely different than anything the sports have done previously.

Even though the NFL preseason for all intents and purposes is pointless, and just provides the starting players a chance to get hurt, and showcases the guys who will round out the 53 man roster, I oddly, kind of miss it. It's not just me who has been banging the drum that there doesn't need to be preseason games, or there needs to be less, but some idea of this has been circulating for some time now.

I think this is a good example of something going away that maybe we actually enjoy sometimes. I think another example of this is working remotely. I did it full time before the pandemic but there are definitely times where I miss the camaraderie of going into an office and interacting with other people. In principle it seems awesome to never have to go into an office, and to never have an NFL preseason game, but maybe in actuality, there are parts that are good.

There are countless, seemingly mundane things that I've grown an appreciation for as this has gone on. I didn't expect one of them to be NFL preseason games, but that's the current thing not happening. That's what I seem to be missing at the moment. Please come back.

Aaron J. Boma  
2016 ISU Grad

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PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DONNA STEHLE, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED, CONNIE FRIEDMAN, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED, DONNA STEHLE, STEVEN STEHLE, CONNIE FRIEDMAN, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED and UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JEFFREY L. STEHLE, DECEASED, Defendants.  
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- i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
- ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
- iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs of Jeffrey L. Stehle, deceased.
- iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

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v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows:  
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vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

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### No Gardner Village Board Meeting Aug. 10

The Gardner Village Board was set to hold its meeting Monday, August 10, however the meeting could not be held due to the lack of a quorum.

In attendance were Mayor Mike Serena, Village Clerk Pat Malinowski, and Village Engineer Casey McCollom of Chamlin & Associates.

No commissioners were in attendance.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 24.

## Detention Center Thwarted - ICE Drops Plans

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucic rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

It appears the ICE immigration detention center proposed for Dwight has finally been laid to rest.

Last week Immigration and Custom Enforcement canceled its search for a location. The update was made on a website that is part of the U.S. General Services Administration, the Chicago Sun-Times reported.

In a statement to the Sun-Times, ICE said it canceled its

search because it "did not have a viable offer and will not be awarding a contract."

An ICE official said the lack of detention facility in Illinois could mean that those detained and facing deportation could be moved to facilities farther away.

ICE has eyed Dwight for several years now as the site for a privately owned and operated detention center. The controversial plan would have been used for detainees facing deportation proceedings. Plans

called for a 127,000-square-foot center that was to house up to 1,000 male and female detainees.

It would have been placed on 40 acres east of Interstate 55. Operation would have included a minimum of 362 employees, up to 1,000 detainees and hundreds of construction jobs.

The center was thwarted in 2019 when Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law in June 2019 a ban of private detention centers.

## Cyber Safety is Important for Every Grade

People rely on the internet every day. In recent months, reliance on digital technology was pushed even further as social distancing measures had the world going online for school and work and to maintain relationships with friends and family.

A 2018 report from Pew Research Center indicated that nearly 25 percent of young adults in America reported being online almost constantly. Common Sense Media says teens spend an average of nine hours a day online, compared to roughly six hours for those between the ages eight and 12 and 50 minutes for kids

younger than eight.

Students must exercise caution when spending time online. Connectivity can be empowering, but it also puts students at risk from others and even their own, sometimes irresponsible behaviors. Staying safe online should remain a priority for students who must spend more time on the internet and using digital education tools. These are some tips for maintaining cyber safety.

- Exercise caution when sharing information like your name, address, phone number, and other personal data online. Check with a trusted parent or teacher before sharing private

data.

- Report any online activity that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or confused, whether it is directed at you or a classmate.
- Think carefully before you post comments online. Data remains online indefinitely, and your words and actions today can greatly affect your future.
- Respect others online by refraining from demeaning or bullying comments.
- Do not try to get around firewalls and blocked websites set up by school administrators. These limitations are there for your protection.
- Stick to school-sanctioned

assignments and internet browsing when using school-issued devices. Administrators may have the right to monitor student activity without students' knowledge and you can easily get yourself in trouble.

- It is easy to hide or fake one's identity on the internet, so never take someone you meet or speak with online at face value. Never meet up with someone you do not know or only met online.
- Talk to your parents or educators about extortion and ransomware that tries to trick you into providing payment in some shape or form to prevent a perpetrator from releasing private information about you, advises the Readiness and Emergency for Schools Technical Assistance Center.

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“BAAAA.” A FAMILY IN KINSMAN has been breeding a small, old, and original breed of sheep at Woolly Treasured Farm.

## Tiny Sheep are a Big Hobby for Kinsman Family

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucic  
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The Misener family in Kinsman have been counting sheep for the last four years -- quite literally as they have brought back an old, original breed.

They're called Southdowns, a type of babydoll sheep that are now prized for their small size, good nature and wool.

"I think the breed is becoming more popular because of their size," said Ariane Misener of Woolly Treasured Farm.

Ariane grew up raising Southdowns on a farm in Mazon. For many years, the breed was larger and bred for meat, but several years ago, her parents, Brian and Cheri Tumbleson, began breeding the traditional smaller animals, and Ariane and husband Timothy, with a growing family, started raising them on their farm, too.

They now have some 30 sheep between the two farms and are showing their children what it's like to watch a baby lamb born, raising and caring for them and making a healthy profit as demand for the breed grows. It's also a great way for the children to spend time with their grandparents.

They started breeding them about four years ago, after daughter Jovie, now 5, was born. They have two other children, Brilee, 2, and Wade, 8 months.

This past spring, 24 lambs

were born on the farm, 12 white and 12 black. Southdowns are typically more off white, and many are born with cinnamon colors on their legs and face. The family sold the ewes for \$450, and rams for \$350.

They were sold to families from Arizona to Florida who want to raise them for hobby, to clear pastures, as pets and to those who have a hobby of spinning their own yarn. They do not sell the sheep to those buying for meat.

"They're really friendly sheep," Ariane said. "They'll follow you for food."

Southdowns are known as the "smiling sheep" for their faces that seem to beam with love. They like to stick to a schedule, and if they are used to eating at 5 p.m., you better have the feed ready or they will start coming in and making noise, Ariane said.

The sheep are all named after Andy Griffith and "I Love Lucy" characters. Her favorite, Ethel, won grand champion in the open class at the 2019 Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival. Because it's a special breed, Ariane said they have to travel to show their Southdowns in their own class.

Because of their size -- breed standards must be no more than 24 inches tall at the shoulders -- they are perfect for kids to show and for 4-H projects. Ariane said her kids will

grow up showing them.

And also romping with them. "[Ethel] is just really friendly and good with the kids," she said.

They train some of the sheep to walk on a lead, and they absolutely love a good treat. Some people give them animal crackers, Ariane said. She knows which ones are complaining when they are hungry.

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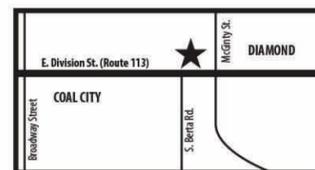
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## Walk This Way Many Health Benefits to Starting a Walking Program

As Americans continue to cope with COVID-19, which has led to uncertainty surrounding the availability and use of fitness centers, exercise enthusiasts may be in search of a routine that won't compromise safety or break the bank.

That's where a walking program can help. A study published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine found that people who participate in a walking program showed substantial improvements in blood pressure, slowing of resting heart rate, decrease of body fat and body weight, lower cholesterol, better quality of life, and greater endurance, among other benefits.

"Walking is one of the easiest ways to get in physical activity," said Ricki Hickok, exercise physiologist, OSF HealthCare. "It's always accessible, it's always free, and it's going to improve your cardiovascular health, your mental health, and your overall well-being."

While walking may not be a better cardio workout than running, it may be the best choice for some people. Walking helps with increased flexibility, increased muscular strength, and reduces the risk of diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. And you don't have to be a world-class athlete to reap the benefits of incorporating a program into your daily routine.

"Anybody with the ability to walk can do so," said Hickok. "It doesn't matter how old you are, it doesn't matter how out



of shape you are, there is nothing holding you back from creating a walking program. If you do have physical limitations you can always contact your doctor to get a referral or recommendation for what would work best for you to still get that cardiovascular benefit from exercise."

The best part about walking is it can be done anywhere. Now is the perfect time to find a favorite walking path, a city park or a neighborhood path. When the weather starts to turn, head inside to a shopping mall or invest in a treadmill that you can adjust the level of inclines, walking styles, and speed, all of which will help with caloric burn and target a specific muscle group.

"There's tons of beautiful parks in the area," Hickok added. "Always switching it up to a different location can help keep you from getting bored with your program, and it can also add new challenges because every different setting is a different terrain."

Hickok offers other tips that will help beginning walkers. Find a walking buddy who will help with accountability. Purchase a good pair of comfortable, properly fitting shoes, the best financial investment you'll have to make for your walking program. Remember to start any walk with a quick stretching routine or jog in place, and stretch after your walk to re-

duce soreness. Start your program slowly to avoid burnout, and keep track of your progress with a walking app or a journal.

"Everyone is recommended to do 150 minutes of physical activity a week," said Hickok. "That comes out to about 22 minutes per day. If you are just beginning to exercise and are out of shape you can start at five minutes a day to ten minutes every other day. It's whatever works best for you and that will keep you continuing with the program."

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Mike began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on June 23, 1980, as a Material Handler in the Bindery. He separated from the company in February of 1981, returning in April of 1981. He transferred to the Pressroom in February of 1982 as a Material Handler. In September of 1983, he was promoted to Hoist Operator and then to Press Helper in July of 1984. Mike became an Apprentice Rolltender in July of 1985, graduating as Journeyman in July of 1987. He was promoted to Press Operator 3 in December of 2003 and to his current position of Technical Specialist 3 in Au-

gust of 2017.

Mike and his wife, Kelly, reside in Diamond. They have two sons, Ryan and Kevin.

Dan Mobley celebrated 35 years of service at LSC Communications on August 16.

Dan began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on June 5, 1984, as a Casual Material Handler in the Bindery. He was promoted to Full Time Material Handler in the Pressroom in July of 1987. Dan was promoted to By-Products Handler in March of 1992, and to his current position of Hoist Operator 2 in December of 1994, where he works in the Roll Storage department.

Dan and his wife, Jill, reside in Dwight.

## Heart Rhythm Specialist Joins Morris Hospital Medical Staff

A board-certified cardiologist from Loyola University Medical Center who specializes in heart rhythm conditions has joined the Morris Hospital Medical Staff.

As an electrophysiologist, Dr. Alexander Green has special expertise in the diagnosis and management of heart rhythm conditions and implantation of cardiac devices such as pacemakers, defibrillators, and implantable cardiac monitors. He is seeing patients at the Morris Hospital Cardiovascular Specialists' office at 151 W. High St., Morris, along with Dr. Syed Ahmed, Dr. Mary Gordon, and Dr. Athar Saeed. Dr. Gordon is a general cardiologist, and Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Saeed are both interventional cardiologists who specialize in catheter-based procedures such as angioplasty and stenting.

Dr. Green completed a three-year residency in internal medicine at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, followed by fellowships in cardiovascular medicine and clinical cardiac electrophysiology,



Dr. Alexander Green

also at Loyola. He received a medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine in 2001 and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, and Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology.

Along with his work as an electrophysiologist, Dr. Green is associate professor of medicine at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine.

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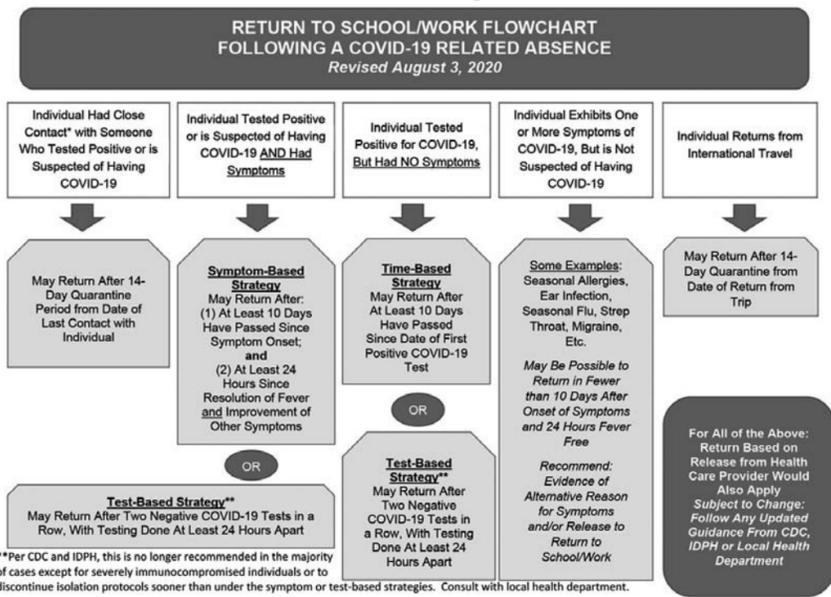
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# Alpha Beta Chapter Awards Grants and Zooms Meetings

Despite the COVID-19 situation, Alpha Beta Chapter awarded two \$200 recruitment grants to Pontiac High School graduates Marley Noles and Skylar Johnson in May, and their candidate Kylie Miller was a recipient of the state Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant in the amount of \$2,000 in April. In the past five years each of the four nominees from Alpha Beta has been selected as the winner of the Cook grant.

Marley Noles, Odell, will be attending Loras College in Dubuque, IA, and plans to major in secondary education with a concentration in social studies. She became committed to becoming a teacher while working at the Preschool Lab in high school as a junior and having an internship at a local elementary school as a senior. Marley stated that her desire to teach "was inspired by the education I received at Pontiac High School," and she "hopes to make an impact on a



**Marley Noles**

teenager's schooling and life." Skylar Johnson, Pontiac, who will be attending Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN, will major in music education and seeks to someday teach high school choral music.

She participated in band and choir for four years, along with earning many district and state awards. Skylar shared, "I have had many teachers who have impacted and changed my life for the better...I hope to inspire students to become the best people they can possibly be."

Kylie Miller, Cropsey, a graduate of Prairie Central High School, attends the University of Illinois where she is majoring in Agriculture Education. At U of I, she has earned many achievements, some of which include one of the top ten out of 25 Future Farmers of America Presidents in Illinois, membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and placing with her Professional Agriculture Student swine team. Kylie hopes to teach high school agriculture classes and serve as advisor for the school's Future Farmers of America.

Co-President Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal) and Alpha Beta committee leaders planned the

coming year's meetings via Zoom. Also, members learned a number of skills through watching Illinois DKG Zoom sessions. On September 12, the breakfast meeting at Edinger's Restaurant in Pontiac will feature Carol Hughes (Roanoke) leading the discussion of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. The restaurant's large meeting room allows for social distancing.

For more information, visit [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) or contact Carol Hughes at [chughes@mco.com](mailto:chughes@mco.com).

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Thurs., Aug. 20: Riblet, seasoned black-eyed peas, vegetable pasta salad, bun, warm fruit cobbler.

Fri., Aug. 21: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, sweet cinnamon carrots, whole grain wheat (1), melon salad.

Mon., Aug. 24: Stuffed chicken breast w/brown rice, stir fry vegetables, Lyonnaise carrots, whole grain wheat (1), pears.

Tues., Aug. 25: Brat, potato

salad, Italian green beans, bun, scalloped pineapple.

Wed., Aug. 26: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Texas toast, fresh grapes.

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## Gas Prices For This Week

Gas prices have remained steady this week. The Energy Information Administration stated that gas demand fell from 8.8 million b/d to 8.6 million b/d. Stocks have lowered to 518.6 million bbl.

School is starting which means there will be stopped buses and children riding bikes. Slow down in School zones.

City/Village	August 19	August 12
Dwight	\$2.23	\$2.22
Kankakee	\$2.10	\$2.26
S. Wilmington	\$2.33	\$2.33
Streator	\$2.15	\$2.25
Odell	\$2.25	\$2.29
Pontiac	\$2.18	\$2.20
Gardner	\$2.29	\$2.29
Braceville	\$2.44	\$2.44
Morris	\$2.26	\$2.27
Herscher	\$2.25	\$2.25
Chicago	\$2.98	\$2.81
Illinois	\$2.34	\$2.37
U.S.	\$2.17	\$2.18

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

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### Notice of Disposition of Surplus Public Assets

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### International 284 Tractor, Kwik-Way Hydraulic Snow Blade, Woods mower, Tire Chains, 3pt Arms, Heat Houser.

Gardner CCSD72C will open all sealed bids at the regularly scheduled September 17, 2020 board meeting and reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Successful bidder will be notified following opening and will be given one week to remove assets.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Village of Braceville will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 6:30, in Braceville Village Hall at 300 S. Mitchell Street, Braceville, IL to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federal funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. Interested parties may also attend the hearing through a call-in number, 701-802-5180 and enter access code 2906704. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact North Central Illinois Council of Governments, 613 W. Marquette Street, Ottawa, IL, 815-433-5830 no later than August 27, 2020. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

On or about September 30, 2020, the Village of Braceville intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program is funded by Title 1 of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: construction of stormwater sewers and grant administration. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$454,165. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income persons is \$243,432. The Village of Braceville also proposes to expend \$10,000 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: Village of Braceville's General Fund.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of August 27, 2020 at the Village Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to North Central Council of Governments, 613 W. Marquette Street, Ottawa, IL, 61350 no later than September 2, 2020 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the Village of Braceville and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Austin Taylor at 815-433-5830 or write to Austin Taylor, NCICG, 613 W. Marquette Street, Ottawa, IL, 61350.

**DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN**  
**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
 of Receipts and Disbursements For the Fiscal Year  
 Beginning 5/1/2019 through 4/30/2020  
 Dwight Fire District Checking Account

1 Cash on Hand As of 5/1/2019 and Receipts through 4/30/2020

A. Cash on Hand as of 5/1/2019

Checking Account Balance 5/1/19	\$218,729.37
Bank Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$101,681.05</u>
Total Cash on Hand as of 5/1/19	<u>\$320,410.42</u>

B. Receipts (5/1/19 - 4/30/20)

Illinois Municipal League	\$ 7,024.41
Grundy County Tax Collector	\$ 84,056.10
Special Levy - Emergency	\$ 21,011.68
Special Levy - Audit	\$ 403.41
Special Levy - Employer Medicare	\$ 706.00
Special Levy - Employer	
Social Security	\$ 2,924.82
Special Levy - Liability Insurance	\$ 4,437.67
Special Levy - Workman's Comp	\$ 5,244.52
Livingston County Tax Collector	\$332,851.19
Special Levy - Tort	\$ 9,953.22
Special Levy - Emergency	\$ 83,048.16
Special Levy - Audit	\$ 1,602.93
Special Levy - Employer Medicare	\$ 2,807.12
Special Levy - Employer	
Social Security	\$ 11,601.89
Special Levy - Liability Insurance	\$ 7,644.76
Special Levy - Workman's Comp	\$ 20,803.84
Dwight Banking Center - Interest	\$ 1,357.79
SOCU - Interest	\$ 2,856.58
Training Class Income	949.26
Illinois Department of Revenue - replacement tax	\$ 6,572.23
Fire Call Reimbursement	\$ 11,106.87
Miscellaneous Reimbursement	\$ 9,551.01
Gifts, Donations, Memorials	\$ 30,260.00
FEMA Grant	\$ 50,687.00
Money borrowed for purchase of truck	
Total Receipts (5/1/19 - 4/30/20)	<u>\$709,462.46</u>

C. Summary of Beginning Cash on Hand & Receipts

Cash on Hand as of 5/1/2019	\$320,410.42
Total Receipts (5/1/19 - 4/30/20)	<u>\$709,462.46</u>
Total Cash on Hand as of 5/1/19 and Receipts from 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$1,029,872.88</u>

**DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
 (continued from previous column)

Tyler Rundle	\$ 6,655.18
United States Treasury	\$ 58,897.61
Verizon Wireless	\$ 3,024.84
Vermilion Valley ETS	\$ 11,610.00
Village of Romeoville Fire Academy	\$ 4,460.00
Walnut St. - Ace Hardware	\$ 2,649.58
Wex Bank - Fleet fuel service	\$ 8,042.57
Total Disbursements in Excess of \$2,500 Per Payee From 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$553,088.00</u>

B. Disbursements of Less Than \$2,500.00 Per Payee by Expenditure Category from 5/1/19 - 4/30/20

Apparatus Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 5,918.78
Auditing	\$ 2,050.00
Background Checks	\$ 308.00
Building Improvements	\$ 2,264.95
Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 1,248.46
Building supplies	\$ 773.63
Building Water & Sewer	\$ 1,241.85
Dues & Subscription Expense	\$ 5,392.88
Emergency Responding Software	\$ 2,539.56
FEMA Grant - Grant Writer	\$ 1,500.00
FEMA Grant - Protective Equipment for new member	\$ 178.20
FEMA Grant - Tuition	\$ 4,350.00
FEMA Grant - Uniforms for new members	\$ 1,753.48
FEMA Grant - Volunteer Stipends	\$ 2,753.00
FEMA Grant - Advertising	\$ 1,384.40
FEMA Grant - Equipment	\$ 1,644.14
Fire Prevention	\$ 1,757.50
Health/Wellness	\$ 65.00
Mis. Loose Equipment	\$ 934.70
Mobile radio repairs	\$ 47.50
Newspaper publications	\$ 869.00
Operations Expense	\$ 2,910.67
Postage	\$ 111.20
Salaries - Chaplain	\$ 436.58
Salaries - Marketing Director	\$ 411.79
Salaries - Paid on Call Firemen	\$ 661.89
Salaries - Peer Support Team Leader	\$ 892.22
Salaries - Trustees	\$ 2,500.00
Salaries - Firefighters	\$ 14,976.49
SCBAS maintenance	\$ 327.70
Training Expense	\$ 4,389.84
Total Disbursements of Less Than \$2,500.00 Per Payee by Expenditure Category from 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$ 66,593.41</u>

C. Summary of Disbursements for Period of 5/1/19 - 4/30/20

Disbursements in Excess of \$2,500.00 Per Payee	\$ 553,088.00
Disbursements of Less Than \$2,500.00 Per Payee by Expenditure Category	\$ 66,593.41
Disbursements for Compensation	
Total Checking Account Disbursements 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$ 619,681.41</u>

2 Disbursements (5/1/19 - 4/30/20):

A. Disbursements in Excess of \$2,500.00 Per Payee From 5/1/19 - 4/30/20

Air one Equipment	\$ 5,558.47
Aldtec, Inc.	\$ 7,200.00
All Risk Training & Safety	\$ 3,516.96
Amazon	\$ 5,634.91
Anthony Simms	\$ 2,823.33
AT&T	\$ 3,194.47
Brandon Rivette	\$ 10,169.60
Brandon Sheldon	\$ 6,485.60
Cian Oflaherty	\$ 8,692.19
Clinton West	\$ 14,666.85
Commonwealth Edison	\$ 7,391.69
Compass Insurance	\$ 16,360.00
Craig Cousins	\$ 5,975.57
Craig Kozubowski	\$ 6,174.70
Daniel Villalajo	\$ 5,979.48
Desperado Walker	\$ 10,577.92
Dwight Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$ 7,000.00
EMC Fire	\$ 27,733.00
Fitness Factory	\$ 2,723.00
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Gloria Adamson	\$ 3,634.77
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IL Public Risk	\$ 32,792.00
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Irv Masching	\$ 4,761.70
Jason Scheid	\$ 2,829.42
John Slattery	\$ 2,973.59
Jonathon Mcpherson	\$ 3,947.17
Joshua Jahn	\$ 5,588.93
Justin Dyer	\$ 5,559.03
Justin Pierce	\$ 3,919.50
Kenneth McGill	\$ 4,680.92
Marcia Drach	\$ 4,378.75
Marciela Morales	\$ 4,024.70
Media Com LLC	\$ 4,009.99
Nicholas Roseland	\$ 8,210.21
Nicor	\$ 8,042.78
Paul Johnson	\$ 36,996.31
Peoples National Bank of Kewanee	\$ 65,123.02
Popejoy	\$ 4,551.93
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Ryan Januszewski	\$ 8,992.84
Steven Bradley	\$ 3,556.65
Target Solutions	\$ 10,258.00
The Firefighting Depot	\$ 6,746.38
Tristan Justice	\$ 5,508.15
TSC Truck, Inc.	\$ 3,577.20

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RECONCILIATION OF CASH ON HAND, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR PERIOD OF 5/1/19 - 4/30/20

Cash on Hand as of 5/1/19	\$ 320,410.42
Plus Receipts For the Period of 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$ 709,462.46</u>
Total Cash on Hand and Receipts For the Period of 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$1,029,872.88</u>
Total Cash on Hand and Receipts For the Period of 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	\$1,029,872.88
Less Total Disbursements From 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$ 619,681.41</u>
Cash on Hand as of 4/30/20	<u>\$ 410,191.47</u>

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

Beginning Balance of Cash on Hand as of 5/1/19	
Checking Account	\$ 218,729.37
Bank Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$ 101,681.05</u>
Total Cash on Hand as of 5/1/19	<u>\$ 320,410.42</u>
Total Receipts For the Period 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	\$ 709,462.46
Total Cash on Hand as of 5/1/19 Plus Total Receipts For the Period 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$ 709,462.46</u>
Total Cash on Hand as of 5/1/19 Plus Receipts from 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$1,029,872.88</u>
Year Ending Balance as of 4/30/20	
Total Cash on Hand as of 5/1/19 Plus Receipts From 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	\$1,029,872.88
Less Disbursements From 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	<u>\$ 619,681.41</u>
Cash on Hand as of 4/30/20	<u>\$ 410,191.47</u>

Cash Balance on 4/30/20 Held as Follows:

Checking Account	\$ 305,653.84
CD-SOCU	<u>\$ 104,537.63</u>
Total Cash on Hand as of 4/30/20	<u>\$ 410,191.47</u>

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Members of the Boards of Education for Dwight Public Schools met in a special joint session on August 12 to address matters of joint concern.

The DEA/BOE Contract with regard to payment of extra-curricular stipends and long term TRS/IMRF concerns was discussed by both boards. With uncertainty regarding sports and extra-curricular activities being held due to

COVID-19 concerns, how to handle agreed upon stipends for coaches if the sport/activities are cancelled was debated.

The contract for the 2020-21 school year specifies that coaches will not receive the associated stipend if the activity is cancelled. However, concerns have been raised due to TRS and IMRF penalties that could potentially be incurred when stipends are reinstated which could possibly increase salaries more than allowed without penalty. These types of

penalties are incurred when salaries increase beyond an allowed percentage within the last 10 years prior to retirement. Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek explained that for every \$1,000 over a six percent raise a \$14,000 penalty would be charged to the district.

“The extracurricular stipends are already in the budget, so you would be paying them almost as an insurance policy so you don’t get any fines or penalties down the road,” Jancek explained to the boards.

Other concerns were also raised regarding losing coaching staff should stipends be taken away.

“If we don’t pay [coaches] we will lose them,” said DTHS Athletic Directory Cathy Ferguson. “They will find other second jobs and maybe other first jobs - they will go to a district that maybe will take care of them.”

After much discussion, the

# Dwight Public Schools Address Shared Concerns

## August 12 Joint BOE Actions

Dwight Common School District BOE approved paying coaches and activity sponsors in full for the 2020-21 school year. Voting in favor of the action were Board President Bo Partney, and BOE members Marc Ellis, Mark Christenson, and Cathy Ferguson. Opposed were Nick Stepanovich and Michael Cornale.

DTHS BOE members opted to review further and will plan to address and take action on the matter at its August 19 BOE session.

In public comment, with the start of school and in person learning taking place daily, questions were raised regarding social distancing and sanitization measures to be taken to ensure the health and safety of DTHS students and staff. It was noted that classrooms have been set up for max capacity with desks six feet apart. However, as some classes not hit max capacity, it will allow an even greater space between students. At the high school, a block schedule will be used allowing for a reduction from seven passing periods to four. Throughout the day, additional cleaning will take place such as desks disinfected between periods, door knobs, handles and bathrooms cleaned throughout the day. Staff will have re-

stricted hours with building access from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. only which will allow for deep cleaning of all classrooms at the end of each day. Face masks will be required and enforced.

“The burden of the responsibility will be on the kids to stay away from each other,” said DTHS Principal Andrew Pittenger. “Will that be difficult? Yes. But, social distancing will be enforced. Teachers and staff will be in the hallways during passing periods, moving kids along and making sure they are not congregating in groups. There will be consequences – if we have somebody that is constantly having to be reminded to stay away from other students, and especially if they become argumentative or combative about social distancing or wearing a mask, the same policy, there are going to be repercussions and more than likely that student will be sent home.”

The DEA also expressed some concerns before the return to school takes place. The DEA requested to be ensured that students and staff will have access to, and enough PPE, for the first nine weeks of instruction. Also, with many classrooms pushing the maximum capacity limit for meeting so-

cial distancing guidelines, it was also requested that transfer students only be allowed as remote learners through October 16, 2020 so as to not threaten the integrity of the plans currently in place. It was discussed and agreed that these requests will be met.

The BOEs also approved:

- an IASB Press Plus Board Policy recommendations, Second Reading as presented.
- a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the contract and by-laws document of the Educational Benefit Cooperative and authorizing membership in the EBC beginning 1/1/2021.
- an adjustment of employee Health Reimbursement Account, 1/1/21 – 6/30/21, to address proposed changes with insurance vendor and calendar coverage.

District 232 BOE members were present including Board President Bo Partney, Nick Stepanovich, Marc Ellis, Michael Cornale, Mark Christenson, and Cathy Ferguson. Absent was Eric Scheuer. Present representing District 230 BOE were Board President Brian Perschnick, Betty Gantzert, Kevin Berta, Tim Henson, Max Sulzberger, and Paul Warner. Absent was Anne Rodosky.

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