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GSW's Dusty Manietta Named Commended Student in 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program

Gardner-South Wilmington High School principal, Mr. John Engelman, announced September 24 that Dusty Manietta has been named a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2021 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as



Dusty Manietta

the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recog-

niton will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

GSW High School Seeking Nominations for Distinguished Panther Hall of Fame

Gardner-South Wilmington High School is seeking nominations for the GSW Distinguished Panther Hall of Fame.

According to the board of education-approved bylaws, "The Gardner-South Wilmington High School Panther Hall of Fame exists to honor outstanding alumni of GSWHS or persons that gave distinguished service to our school. This award is for a Panther that made a significant contribution to society, GSWHS, or the GSW community. This induction recognizes individuals who bring honor to Gardner-South Wilmington High School through their accomplishments. These Panthers inspire future generations to excel and serve our school and community."

The selection committee is now seeking nominations for potential inductees. The committee will consider candidates whose achievements and/or contributions are outstanding, leaving no question as to the individual's potential inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

Criteria for nominees include:

1. A person who has graduated

from GSW no less than five years before their year of induction or

1a. A person who has given distinguished service to GSW and has not been employed at the school within the last five years prior to their induction. Example: teacher.

2. A person whose actions demonstrate outstanding character.

3. A person whose outstanding citizenship has achieved international, national, or local recognition.

4. A person whose leadership can inspire students in the pursuit of excellence.

5. A person whose accomplishments are outstanding or whose leadership is considered exceptional.

6. Posthumous nominations will be accepted.

Nomination forms for the GSW Panther Hall of Fame may be submitted by:

a. Citizens who live within GSWHS District #73 boundaries.

b. Current or former GSWHS staff members.

c. GSWHS graduates no longer living in the school district.

d. Family members of the nominee.

Nomination forms must be received at GSW by November 1.

Nomination forms can be found on the school website at www.gswhs73.org/ or picked up at the GSW office.

Nomination forms may be mailed to: GSW High School, Panther Hall of Fame, 500 East Main St., Gardner, IL 60424.

Nomination forms can also be e-mailed to: John Engelman, jengelman@gswhs73.org.

GSW High School is looking for some new members for the hall of fame selection committee. The term would be for 3 years. The committee needs one GSW HS graduate from each of the classes of 1950-1959, 1960-1969 and 1980- 1989.

If you are interested, please contact John Engelman, High School Principal, at jengelman@gswhs73.org or call 815-237-2176.



Larry Potash and camera man, Mike D'Angelo, look on as Cat Clausen discusses her unique style and love of Lincoln while she paints. Clausen brought several almost completed pieces for the segment, allowing the audience to watch as final details bring the portrait to life.

photo by Mark Battrell

Local Artist Cat Clausen to Appear on "Backstory with Larry Potash"

by Bridget DeWaard

As the weather chills and we officially head into fall, get comfy, curl up on the couch, and catch a new episode of "Backstory with Larry Potash." Centered around our history and stories of the past, local artist Cat Clausen will be featured in the Saturday, October 10 segment, which explores Abraham Lincoln and the politics of his time.

"I remember being drawn intuitively to the tv one day, and catching just a bit of an interview with an artist painting beautiful art pieces onto the backs of people's jean jackets. The artist was asked, what's the concept here? Why are you painting on all of these jackets? And the artist said, almost immediately, it's always love," local artist Cat Clausen said, sharing how this simple interview became one of the most influential moments on her work. In keeping with this concept, Clausen describes how she connects her famous historic muse to this direction. "Lincoln loved people, and he loved to encourage people, and being an artist, I get the opportunity to do the same thing, and spread that love through my work."

Ever since she was little, Cat felt a connection to Lincoln. On her website, she talks about watching, "The face of Lincoln," where sculptor Robert Merrell Gage uses clay to depict Lincoln at different ages. "I was so excited," she says in the video, "that I tore home, I got a chunk of earth, and I carved my own Lincoln."

Fast forward a decade or so, when, after attending school and working as an art director, she decided she wanted to be a stay-at-home mom, but still craved a creative outlet. She was commissioned to paint a portrait, but, was asked if she could create something different for the background. It was then that her signature style was born; grabbing her flat brush she thinned out her paint, and began filling in the space with long, ribbon like strokes. From there, she started experimenting with different tools and subject matter, challenging herself to paint in her new style. Beginning with flowers and clouds, she eventually moved on to figures and faces.

Clausen has now painted over 200 Lincolns, among other subjects, after painting the first in 2005 using her unique style.

Fast forward even further, to 2019, at Lake Forest Art Fair, where she would end up connecting with Larry Potash. "I saw her work," Potash says, "and thought it would be an interesting way to bring a contemporary element to a 155 year old story." They would then keep in touch, with Potash sending an email the following fall about the Lincoln program. Always excited to take any opportunity to speak and share her art and love, Clausen agreed, and they arranged to meet at Bravery Fibs, a friends beautiful restaurant, for the taping.

The show Clausen will appear on, "Backstory with Larry Potash," is a show that explores

our history, and the stories that connect us to the experiences of those who came before us.

Potash gets inspiration for his shows from all kinds of places, most being driven by his own curiosity. "I have learned so much about history doing this show--we all know a tidbit or two about the American Revolution, but doing the research helps put all the random pieces together so you understand the full context," Larry says of Backstory. Through these stories, we get to explore our history outside the simplistic when and where details, journeying instead into the how and why. "I feel Backstory fills a void. The History Channel is full of goofy stories on UFO's and Cults. This is real history, and it's also non-partisan."

Cat's episode is set to air Saturday, October 10, at 10:30 p.m. "[It starts with] an interview with former presidential advisor Sidney Blumenthal, who is writing a series about Lincoln," explains Potash. "We talk about Lincoln's rise to power, and how nasty politics were then--even more so than now." They also plan to do an additional program on Cat some time next year.

During this first segment, Clausen will be adding finishing touches to various Lincoln paintings, and discussing elements of her unique style as she paints. She chose unfinished pieces as part of the segment partially due to time, but also wanted to be sure to show finished work through larger (continued on page 3)

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

September 20: Louayne A. Byrne, 71, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Tionna M. Hunter, 24, Country Club Hills, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

September 21: Nicole S. Dickerson, 25, Kankakee, speeding 26-34 MPH over limit.

September 22: Diane M. Till, 58, Seneca, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

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

Dwight Police Blotter

September 8: 4:16 p.m., Dwight Police received a phone call. A resident from the 200 block of W. North advised her son and his friend's DTHS football helmets were taken. The helmets were set on top of a garbage container while helping a neighbor move some items. The helmets were gone when they were done and went to retrieve them. If anyone has any information, call Dwight Police Dept. at 815-584-3132.

Accident Report

Wednesday, September 16, 1:51 p.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported in the 200 block of E. Waupansie involving a Toyota Sienna, driven by Eric Vasko, which left the road - striking a building.

Thursday, September 17,

4:20 p.m., an accident was reported at 134 W. Main St. involving a GMC Yukon, driven by Tricia Gragert, Odell, and a Chevrolet four-door, driven by Andrea Zygald, Pontiac. Both vehicles were attempting to back up - striking each other.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

September 17: Center St. - Campus, medical, St. James; Spencer St., medical, refusal, mutual aid from Gardner.

September 18: Mazon, trauma, Morris.

September 19: Mazon, fire; 2900 E. Rd., trauma, Morris; I-55, fire, mutual aid from Duffy; Main St., medical, refusal.

September 20: Union, fire; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Odell Rd., medical, Morris.

September 21: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Taylor, medical, Morris; County Hwy. 1 - Campus, trauma, refusal; Spencer, medical, Morris; County Hwy. 1, medical, Riverside; Main St., fire.

September 22: Prospect, medical, refusal; Renfrew, medical, Morris; Prairie, medical, Riverside.

September 23: Prairie, medical, Morris.

September 24: Mazon, medical, Morris.

It's History...



LAWRENCE JOHNSON FARM AT FALL HARVEST, 1954. This group of farmers were from the rural Gardner/Dwight area and harvested Lawrence's crops when he became ill - suffering a heart attack in 1954 and passing away in 1958. Pictured, front row, from left, are Bert Sandeno, Clarence Jacobsgaard, Amos Sandeno, Lyle Tambling, Alvin Sandeno, "unknown", Roy Fjelde, Roy Tambling, Tommy Johnson; back row, Elmer Twait, Hakon Honrud, Fred Koenig, Joe Sandeno, Earlen Von Qualen, Ole Sandeno, Lloyd Johnson, Harold Jacobsgaard, Gene Hillman, Marion Sandeno, and Harry Von Qualen. The surviving members are Harold Jacobsgaard, Shorewood, and Tom Johnson, Morris.

Harold Jacobsgaard's photo

OSF HealthCare Expanding Access to Flu Vaccines

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has made a strong recommendation for everyone who is able, six months or older, to receive the flu vaccine this year, due to the prevalence of COVID-19. In support of this guidance, OSF HealthCare is taking extra steps to increase the number of vaccinations available and expand access points for patients to receive them.

Flu vaccinations for adults and children are now available

through local OSF Medical Group - Primary Care offices. Specific time slots may be viewed and reserved online, a new feature offered this year through the OSF MyChart app to assist patients with scheduling an appointment. The app allows users to search for and select any office by current location, home address, or zip code.

A limited number of flu vaccinations are also available through the OSF PromptCare

clinic in Suite 205 at the OSF Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac. PromptCare is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To insure safe physical distancing, all PromptCare patients must call 815-842-4501 before getting out of their car to receive instructions for registration and entering the building. Patients can now let them know they are on their way by using the "Get in Line" function in the OSF MyChart app.



October 9 Blood Drive Scheduled at OSF Saint James

COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on blood donations. At OSF HealthCare Saint James, they need donors to support the hospital's blood supply.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, in the conference room at OSF Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac.

All blood donors are required to schedule an appointment, take a photo ID and wear a face covering. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 815-842-4935 or online at bloodcenter.org. All donors will earn a gift card or a retro-inspired t-shirt.

Potential blood donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with a parental permission form, available at bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. For questions about eligibility, call the MVRBC at 800-747-5401.

Have you tested positive for COVID-19? Convalescent plasma donations are needed to help other patients recover. You can earn a gift card as a thank you. To learn more about donating convalescent plasma, call 800-747-5401.

Expired Driver's Licenses, ID Cards Extended Until February 1, 2021

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional three months - from November 1, 2020, until February 1, 2021. This new Feb. 1 extension also includes those who have October, November, December, and January expiration dates. As a result, expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until Feb. 1, 2021, so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities during the pandemic.

License plate stickers remain extended until Nov. 1, 2020, as they can easily be renewed online.

White continues to urge the

public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. Customers who can conduct business online may go to cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services - such as renewing license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, obtaining a driving record abstract or renewing a standard driver's license through the Safe Driver renewal program - from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

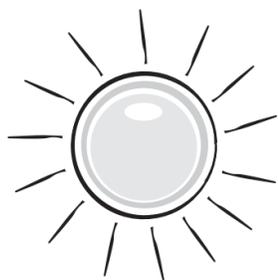
White noted that online transactions continue to rise, with an increase of 84% in on-

line license plate sticker renewals (1,201,659) when compared to the same period in 2019 (654,596).

White recently extended the driver's license expiration date by one year for qualified drivers age 75 and older. The new expiration date is their birthday in 2021.

For those customers who must visit a facility, face masks are required. In addition, customers are asked to be patient due to heavy volume and to be prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.

For more information, visit cyberdriveillinois.com.



Temps - 2020

Sept. 17 - high 71°, low 41°
 Sept. 18 - high 63°, low 37°
 Sept. 19 - high 67°, low 38°
 Sept. 20 - high 74°, low 40°
 Sept. 21 - high 76°, low 41°
 Sept. 22 - high 77°, low 48°
 Sept. 23 - high 74°, low 53°

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 Since Sept. 21, the national average for a gallon of regular gas has increased to \$2.19 - one cent more than a week ago but still significantly less than last year. Gas demand saw a slight uptick to 8.52 million B/D. If demand continues to grow, pump prices could continue to climb. However, demand will likely decline as the nation settles into fall. Safe Travels.

City/Village	September 30	September 23
Dwight	\$2.16	\$2.14
Kankakee	\$2.14	\$1.88
S. Wilmington	-	\$2.37
Streator	\$2.16	\$1.86
Odell	\$2.19	\$2.19
Pontiac	\$2.08	\$2.05
Gardner	\$2.33	\$2.35
Braceville	\$2.29	\$2.34
Morris	\$2.16	\$2.14
Herscher	\$2.23	\$2.23
Chicago	\$2.74	\$2.44
Illinois	\$2.33	\$2.29
U.S.	\$2.19	\$2.18

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

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 Those who have lived a long time have done a lot, seen a lot - and can teach us a lot. And that's certainly true when it comes to investing.
 Consider some of the lessons you might learn from experienced investors:
 Regulate your emotions. In the investment world, there's always something coming at us that could sound scary: political flashpoints, economic news, and even those once-in-a-generation occurrences, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. But older people may take these events in stride; in fact, baby boomers and members of the Silent Generation (born between 1925 and 1945) are coping better emotionally with the impacts of COVID-19 than younger age cohorts, according to the 2020 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And by keeping control of your emotions, you may be less likely to make moves such as selling quality investments with good fundamentals just because their prices have fallen in the midst of an overall market decline.
 Learn from experience. By definition, the older we get, the more experiences we will have. And most people do indeed learn from experience. Investors, too, benefit from having seen and done things before. Did you chase a "hot" stock only to have found it cooled off before you bought it? Did you buy too many of the same type of investments, only to see your portfolio take a bigger hit during a downturn than it would have if you had diversified? In the investment arena, as in most walks of life, patterns emerge, and once you learn to recognize them, you can learn from past mistakes.
 Know yourself. When we reach a certain age, most of us know ourselves pretty well. But you don't have to wait decades to gain this knowledge - at least not when it comes to investing. For example, you should quickly gain a good sense of your ability to withstand risk. How? Just consider how you react when the market declines sharply. If you find yourself losing sleep over your losses - even if they're just on paper - you might be taking on too much risk for your own comfort level. Conversely, if market downturns don't bother you as much as lack of growth in your portfolio, you might be investing too conservatively for your own risk tolerance.
 Take a longer-term perspective. When we're young, we sometimes are more inclined to desire instant gratification - we want results now. Translated into the investment world, this could mean we want to see big returns in a short period. However, despite the popular mythology, it's quite hard to turn enormous profits on investments overnight - or even over weeks or months. But as the years pass, we learn the value of thinking long-term - how investments we made years ago, and have added to steadily, are now yielding results that can help build the resources we need to reach our objectives.
 Don't go it alone. Some of us, when we're young, have a tendency to think we have all the answers and don't need much help in our endeavors. But age gives us the wisdom to recognize that, although we may have acquired much knowledge over the years, we can still use some help in specialized areas, such as creating a long-term investment strategy.
 These suggestions are appropriate for anyone - and they can help you on your journey toward your goals.
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Local Artist Cat Clausen to Appear on "Backstory with Larry Potash"

Catch Cat and Larry on "Backstory with Larry Potash" Saturday October 10, 10:30 pm and Sunday, October 11, at 11 pm. Mention podcasts.



During the segment, Clausen completed an entire painting, which focused on Lincoln's infamous top hat. Pictured with Clausen is Larry Potash.

At right, the completed painting.

photos by Mark Battrell



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pieces, so that the audience could still be part of the process. "It just gets more entertaining toward the end," Cat says of the experience. "In the beginning, things are moving kind of slow, and the figure is just starting to take shape...but toward the end, you really get to watch the painting come alive."
Clausen is also currently working on new pieces, including painting a gessoed felt Lincoln top hat with various Lincoln scenes and other related material, inspired by a piece her husband had commissioned from another local artist, Marla Kinkade. She also has several Lincoln related videos and facts on her website, cat-clausen.net, and continues to add new info for those that share her interest of Lincoln and his influential life. Using art as her platform, she hopes to improve her part of the world,

even if just in some small way. This, she says, will always be more important than anything she will make. "[Being an artist isn't necessarily] looking for what to paint, it is simply the personal interaction with others...it's always love."

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Child Passenger Safety Week

This week is Child Passenger Safety Week and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is taking the time to remind parents and caregivers about the state's requirements for child safety seats.
Under state law a child must ride in a child safety seat until the age of 8, and must be in a rear-facing seat until they reach the age of 2.
IDOT says that these car seats or booster seats are the best method of protecting a child from being killed or seriously injured in an accident.
Nationwide more than 3,300 children were killed while riding in motor vehicles between 2014 and 2018, and motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death for kids under 12, according to

the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
To learn more about the Child Passenger Safety Program here in Illinois, visit buckleupillinois.org
Illinois unemployment declines to 11%. The August unemployment report for Illinois showed a decline in the state's unemployment rate from 11.5% in July to 11% in August as the state continues its slow rebound from the pandemic and the shutdowns. Illinois added 66,000 non-farm payroll jobs, though for the most part these were not new jobs but jobs which have come back following the shutdown.
Illinois stands 2.6% higher than the national unemployment rate, which has fallen to 8.4%. In total there are still 695,000 unemployed Illi-

noisians, which is nearly triple the number who were out of work one year ago. Not surprisingly, the hardest hit sectors of our economy continue to be leisure and hospitality. This segment, which includes businesses like restaurants and hotels, has lost 143,700 jobs.
How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$7,048,641,610 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$6.5 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as the unfunded pension liability, estimated to be more than \$137 billion.

GSW High School District #73 Consolidated Election Nominating Petitions Now Available

Nominating Petitions for the April 6, 2021, Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 school board election are now available. Packets may be picked up at the Grundy County Courthouse in the Clerk's Office, Room #12, 111 E. Washington St., Morris, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Four seats on the seven-member Board of Education will be filled. Candidates elected will serve four-year terms, expiring in April 2025. Petitions must be signed by at least **50** qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district.
The first day to circulate petitions was September 22. The petition filing period is Monday, December 14, through Monday, December 21.

LSC and Atlas Holdings Enter Stock and Asset Purchase Agreement

LSC Communications, Inc. announced on September 15, they have entered into a stock and asset purchase agreement under which an affiliate of Atlas Holdings, with the support of certain of LSC's secured creditors will acquire LSC, including operations in Mexico and Canada.
The transaction is subject to Bankruptcy Court approval and other customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals. Under the Purchase Agreement, Atlas will receive certain deal protections as previously authorized by the Court. The closing of the transaction is expected to occur during the fourth quarter of 2020.
Until the closing of the transaction, LSC will continue to operate as it has been since filing for Chapter 11 back in April.
According to Thomas J. Quinlan III, LSC Communications' Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, "We entered into this financial restructuring process in April due to the fundamental changes in our industry and to strengthen LSC's financial position for the future. Through this transaction, we will be able to move ahead with an improved balance sheet and a more sustainable capital structure, enabling LSC to continue investing in our business and building on our strong foundation as a leader in print, mailing and distribution, and office products. With the support of Atlas and the Creditor Group, we will continue serving our customers with the same high standards of quality, reliability and innovation they expect. We look forward to partnering with Atlas in the weeks ahead to achieve a smooth sale process for our employees, customers and other stakeholders."
Based in Connecticut, Atlas and its affiliates own and operate a diversified group of 21 manufacturing and distribution businesses across targeted industrial sectors, including many relevant to the company's core offerings, such as distribution, industrial services, packaging, pulp, paper, and logistics. The Atlas team's roots are in the paper industry – the formative investment that launched Atlas approximately 20 years ago was the acquisition of a paper mill.
LSC Communications operates a plant in Dwight, which is slated to close at the end of the year, and one in Pontiac.
A media spokesperson for Atlas Holdings told *The Paper* that, "I can confirm the previously announced decision to close the LSC Communications plant in Dwight December 31."

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Statement from Livingston County Clerk Kristy Masching on Vote by Mail Letter Sent by Secretary of State's Office to Voters:

"Over the past week, many Livingston County voters have received a letter from Secretary of State Jesse White's office alerting them that they have not applied for a Vote by Mail ballot, and they should contact my office to complete their application.

"These letters have been sent to voters throughout Illinois from the Secretary of State's office.

"The letters were part of the mandate of SB 1863, the election bill passed by the state legislature in May as a response to

the COVID-19 pandemic. It requires election authorities, such as the Livingston County Clerk, to send a mail ballot application to every voter who has voted in any of the past three elections. In Livingston County, the mail ballot application was sent to all of our registered voters whether they had voted in the past three elections or not.

"The law also stipulates that the Secretary of State shall send, by Sept. 15, 2020, and again no later than October 15, 2020 a notice to any voter in

Illinois who received an application for a mail ballot but according to State Board of Elections records has not yet applied for a mail ballot.

"However, the notices do not accurately reflect the current status of Vote by Mail applications my office has received from Livingston County voters. Many voters who have applied for mail ballots, as well as voters who have no interest in voting by mail, have received these letters.

"I assure those who have applied for mail ballots that my

office is processing your applications, and Vote by Mail ballots were sent to Livingston County voters who requested them and should begin arriving in homes, if they have not already been delivered.

"And to those voters who do not want to vote by mail, I assure you that this is not part of any effort to pressure anyone into voting by mail. In-person early voting and Election Day polling places will be available as always to any voters who prefer to utilize those options."



THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY is located in Herscher at 274 S. Elm St. You are welcome to take, keep or return, share, and gift a book. Donations welcome!

Little Free Library Opens in Herscher

Cindy (Stearns) O'Connor has always wanted to work in a library or become a librarian – so she has started The Adventures of Bizzy & Bee Bop Little Free Library to encourage reading and literacy in both children and adults in the community.

This Little Free Library is a worldwide program to embrace and encourage reading for everyone – learn more at littlefreelibrary.org.

The name, The Adventures of Bizzy & Bee Bop Little Free Library is based on a book that O'Connor is in the process of writing. Bizzy and Bee Bop are the nicknames of two of her many grandchildren.

The future book(s), the library, and any other ideas that materialize in the future are intended to be a lasting legacy, inspired by her love of books, reading, and her family, says O'Connor.

"I hope that you and your family enjoy the gift of books and encourage others to visit our library," she stated. "It is

open every day of the year and we hope you will help us take good care of it for everyone to enjoy."

The library plans to hold various events and book readings throughout the upcoming months, and ask that if you have a suggestion – share it.

"We have purchased many books and been blessed with the donation of books from our family, friends, and neighbors. We will keep the library filled as often as we can."

O'Connor expressed her gratitude to the State Bank of Herscher for the free book exchange in their lobby.

You may donate items, if you wish, in the specified donation container.

They are required to follow COVID-19 guidelines and ask that you use any and all safety precautions you feel necessary.

For more information, email Bizzy.BeeBopLittleFreeLibrary@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at [Bizzy.BeeBopLittleFreeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/Bizzy.BeeBopLittleFreeLibrary).

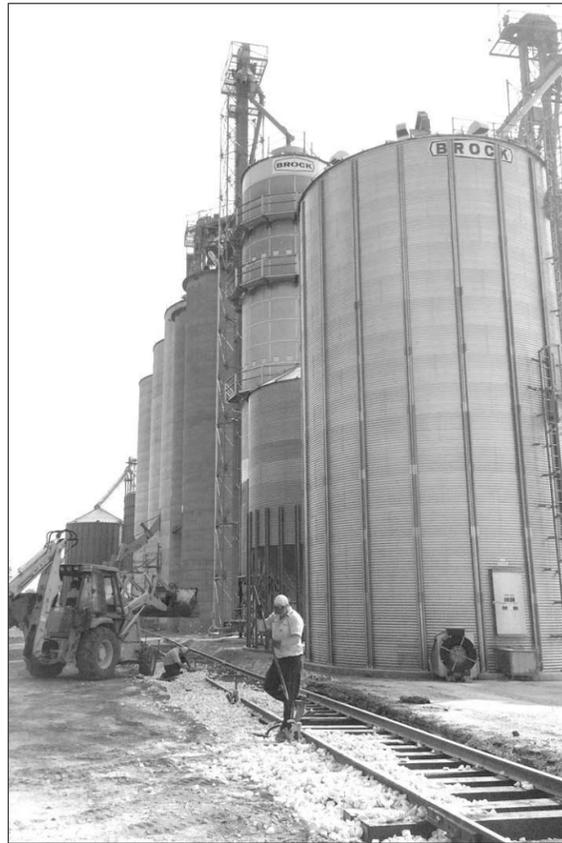
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(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse in thee. (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to Thank You for all things as you confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank You for your mercy toward me and mine.

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Peoples National Bank of Kewanee to Acquire Reynolds State Bank

Peoples National Bank of Kewanee and Reynolds State Bank are jointly announcing that they have reached an agreement by which Peoples National Bank of Kewanee will purchase Reynolds State Bank. The agreement is contingent upon the approval of bank regulatory agencies, which typically takes four to six months.

As a result, the transaction will likely close in the first quarter of 2021. Reynolds State Bank has one location in Reynolds.

Peoples National Bank of Kewanee President Chip Eastman stated, "We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to acquire such a great community bank. The Reynolds community offers excellent opportunities for us. We have always been, and will continue to be, a strong supporter of the communities that we serve and look forward to active involvement in Reynolds and the surrounding area."

Eastman went on to thank the Wait family, their staff, and

the Board of Directors of Reynolds State Bank for this opportunity. The acquisition will increase Peoples National Bank of Kewanee's total assets by approximately \$100 million, resulting in total assets after acquisition of approximately \$500 million.

Peoples National Bank of Kewanee currently has branches in Annawan, Bradford, Dwight, Manlius, Seneca, Sheffield, and Tampico, in addition to its two Kewanee locations.

United States Census 2020

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Donald Coyne Celebrates 25 Years at LSC Communications

Donald Coyne celebrated 25 years of service at LSC Communications on September 25. Donnie began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on September 5, 1995, as a Part-Time Casual Material Handler in the Bindery. He was

promoted to Full-Time Material Handler in the Pressroom in January of 1996. Donnie was promoted to Press Helper in February of 2001. He was then promoted to Rolltender in February of 2004.

Donnie received a promotion to Assistant Press Operator in January of 2016, and to his current position of Press Operator 3 in June of 2018. Donnie resides in Pontiac with his wife, Danielle.



The Greater Livingston County Arts Council's October Gallery Show is "Masquerade". Just in time for Halloween, the Art Center will open in the new Joe Bailey Gallery Friday, October 2, and will continue through Wednesday, November

'Masquerade' is October Gallery Show in Pontiac

4. The show is titled "Masquerade" and its "timely" theme opens itself up for a wide variety of artistic interpretations, as the title suggests. This is the annual group Halloween show and will feature artwork in diverse mediums created by many of the art center's members. The show will be on display during daily business hours. There will be

an opening reception Saturday, October 3, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Art Center at the GLC Arts Council and Gallery is located at 209 West Madison Street, Pontiac. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

The Barn III Community Update

With a heavy heart, The Barn III has officially cancelled its November-December production of "Christmas Past, Present & Future" and will be contacting current ticket holders during the month of October with a host of options. "We may not be able to gather for the live entertainment part of what they do at the Barn this Winter, but we can still offer our loyal customers and community a chance to safely dine at the Barn during the holidays with your friends, family and colleagues."

Licensed as a bar & restaurant in Illinois, The Barn III is legally allowed to operate within Phase 4 guidelines exclusively as a restaurant. The stage may need to be dark for a few more months, but a new kind of show **must go on!** "When life gives you a global pandemic, we find a way to plate the prime rib!" their press release states. **THE CHRISTMAS BARN!**

Opening November 19, 2020, "The Christmas Barn" will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings starting November 19 and running through New Years Eve. The dining experience is reservation only and customers with previous tickets to re-scheduled 2020 productions can use gift cards or COVID Codes at the restaurant. No more than 50 customers will dine during a reservation period and all Phase 4 guidelines for indoor dining and curbside pickup, including expansive social distancing table layouts in their large facility, will be followed. Reservations for this dining experience will be open starting November 1, online and over the phone.

Private dining areas for small parties will also be available. In an effort to support local organizations who have also been impacted by COVID, the Barn will be creating a "Festival of Trees". Trees are themed and sponsored by generous donors and opportunities to give towards your favorite tree (charity) will be available each night. The Barn will also feature a small boutique with locally crafted items and will, of course, have some COVID friendly entertainment up their sleeves throughout the dining experience. Enjoy a meal, grab a gift, and spread cheer all in one sitting.

Reservations for the Christmas Barn will begin November 1, online and over the phone.

SPREADING JOY THIS SEASON—INSIDE THE BARN & OUT

The Barn can't celebrate the holiday season without a little entertainment. In an effort to spread joy, hope, peace & goodwill, they will be offering a full Barn and silo sequenced Christmas light show in collaboration with David Henry of LearnChristmasLighting.com. David has been featured as one of the nation's most respected Christmas Light gurus and has graciously partnered with the Barn to bring you a dazzling display of Christmas cheer.

They have worked with David to channel all the spirit, fun and meaning of their traditional Christmas show at the Barn into this amazing light display. If you don't feel comfortable dining inside this year, at least you can enjoy the spirit of the Barn from inside your car. The light show will run each evening during dining so their guests will have the opportunity to enjoy before entering or leaving the facility. Additional "drive thru" opportunities will also be available throughout the week. Donations are appreciated, as they continue to navigate these trying times in the performing arts industry.

FAIR FOOD FUN THIS FALL—Weekends in October!

After an August and September full of rescheduled weddings, the Barn is finally ready to re-open to the public as a bar/restaurant this October. And, just like their plans for Christmas, they have some unconventional entertainment up their sleeves. Starting Friday, October 2, and running every Thursday, Friday and Saturday thereafter, the Barn will be hosting "State Fair Night" featuring a menu of fair favorites in addition to their signature designer tacos, queso and more. This casual dining experience will be available inside or out, and run from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Their beloved cows, Peanut Butter Pie and Chocolate Mousse, will be entertaining all with Bossy Bingo in support of local organizations hit hardest by COVID, and Coconut Cream, their darling pony, will be offering pony rides to kiddos 80 pounds or less. Other fun activities like pumpkin carving contests, costume parades and more will be planned throughout the month.

Check their website/social media for weekly specials and

activities. *Events subject to change based on COVID.* **DEER FRY INTERNATIONAL - FAREWELL PERFORMANCE—Friday, October 16**

The Barn is honored to host the final farewell performance of the local music group "Deer Fry International". On Friday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m., the men of DFI will take the stage together one last time to honor their faith, families, and rural upbringing in traditional deer fry style. DFI is a local bluegrass group that has enjoyed playing music together for thirty years. Don't miss the chance to see Roy Wiegand, Wes Hohulin, Daryl Blunier, Merle Lawson & Scott Leman in their last performance together.

Opening for the Deer Fry at 6:30 p.m. will be the Timber Creek Strings featuring Michael Hartert, Jared Folkerts, Josiah Koch and Tracy Leman. The event is first come, first serve and a goodwill donation sponsoring the Alzheimer's Association will be collected at the door in lieu of ticket sales. The concert will be indoors and guests are required to wear a mask while inside the facility. Food and beverage will be served from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. *Events subject to change based on COVID.*

THE SIP N SHOP—NOW AT THE BARN! - Saturday, November 14

The Sip N Shop is back for the holiday season - this year, at The Barn III. Cancelled this Spring due to Phase 2, the Barn is honored to become the new home of "Sip & Shop" - a Woodford Co. tradition each Spring and Fall. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Enjoy an evening of shopping, sipping and safely socializing. Over 40 local vendors and small businesses represented.

Mexican themed cuisine and bar service available. Vendor giveaway balloon drop at 6 p.m. Free event open to the public - masks will be required and vendor social distancing will be in effect in their spacious barn. *Events subject to change based on COVID*

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Reflections on the Riverbank A Historic Walk Through Southside Cemetery October 16-18

Vermillion Players and the Livingston County Historical Society have announced their first cemetery walk, titled *Reflections on the Riverbank*.

Under the direction of Lisa Green, the walk will take place at Southside Cemetery, Pontiac, and feature 13 past Pontiac residents who helped shape the community, including Albert Folsom (1857-1912), Dr. Darius Johnson (1828-1877), Henry (1838-1921) and Mary (1851-1942) Jones, Achalis Morris Legg (1861-1934), Arthur Alexander Lowry (1878-1939), Maria Tracey Fellows Buck Owens (1812-1909), Henry (1833-1901) and Esther (1825-1910) Reed, Philip (1813-1897) and Martha (1812-1896) Rollins, Dr. John Ross (1867-1919), and Capt. Hans L. Tiesburg (1786-1859). Each of these people will be portrayed by a local actor. Volunteers will



guide groups through the cemetery from person to person.

This is a rain or shine event; if you are unable to attend at the time you purchased, contact them to discuss changing your ticket or for a refund. Due to limited group sizes, last minute changes may not be available. Be aware, you will be outdoors and on your feet most of the event. Attendees will walk from grave to grave, though chairs will be available at each stop. It will last approximately one hour.

To ensure the safety of participants and volunteers, they are limiting the number of tickets to ten per timeslot and are asking that all audience members wear a mask. Performances will take place Friday, October 16, at 4:00 p.m., 4:20 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 17, at 11:00 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 11:40 a.m., and noon; and Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m., 2:40 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

This historic cemetery walk does not consist of any ghost stories. This respectful tour presents Pontiac's history in a unique way. All information is factual and related to historical events of the area and the lives of the people who lived there.

Tickets will be available starting October 1 and can be purchased by calling 815-844-1187 or visiting Vermillion Players.com.

Hugel What? U of I Extension Program October 16

Learn three ways to compost your garden and yard waste at the University of Illinois Extension Office at 1650 Commerce Drive in Bourbonnais Friday, October 16, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Hot composting and the benefits, Hugelkultur and how to set up a raised composting

system, and popular worm composting will be covered and how they will benefit your garden and flower beds.

State guidelines recommend that only ten people will be allowed to attend this meeting in person. Face masks and social distancing of at least six feet are required to attend the meet-

ing in person.

They are also offering this program via Zoom meeting.

There is a fee to attend this event and space is limited.

Pre-registration is required by October 12. Do so at web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22615.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Christensen

Michael Christensen, 63, of Dwight, IL passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at OSF St. James Hospital in Pontiac, IL.



A visitation will take place from 4 until 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, October 2, 2020.

Burial will follow the services in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Memorials in honor of Michael may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Michael was born in Streator, Illinois on July 13, 1957 to Christian Peter and Jacqueline Ann (Burger) Christensen. He married Phyllis Pritts on January 10, 1981 in Dwight, IL. She survives in Dwight.

He is also survived by sons: Matthew Ryan (Amber) Christensen of Pontiac and Adam Michael (Amanda Hayes) Christensen of Dwight; brothers: Terry (Nooshin) Chris-

tensen of Columbia, MO and Ken Christensen of Dwight; sister, Jacqueline Nichols of Fairbury, IL; grandchildren: Kate and Drew Christensen of Pontiac; father-in-law, Jim Pritts; many nieces and nephews, and a special niece, Kim (Chris) Frauli of Dwight and their children, Jillian, Daniela and Tyler.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law, Mary Pritts; grandmother, Mabel Rousey; and sister, Jenny Christensen, with whom he shared a birthday.

Michael lived out his years in Dwight, working for more than 25 years for RR Donnelley, until his retirement. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending their activities. He also enjoyed umpiring, jig-saw puzzles, Trivia, listening to music, and vacationing at Disney World. He will be remembered for his one liners and his love for his family.

Online condolences may be made at hagermemorial.com

Frances A. Zeneli

Frances A. "Fran" Zeneli, age 61, of Abbottsford, WI passed away surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Reedsburg Area Medical Center under the tender care of hospice.



A Celebration Gathering was held from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at the Maurina-Schilling Funeral Home in Abbottsford. The family respectfully asked anyone who attended to abide by the Covid-19 guidelines by wearing a mask and social distancing.

Fran was born on December 8, 1958. She worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections and was their first female Captain and youngest Major. Fran started in the restaurant business in 1986, and operated the Medo's Restaurant in Abbottsford starting in 2009.

Fran is survived by her hus-

band, Jetmir "Tony" of Abbottsford; two children: Joshua Loudermilk of Tucson, AZ and Amber Nourie of Chetek, WI; daughter-in-law, Erin (Geoff) Harris of Brownstown, IN; two grandchildren: Sydney and Taylor Loudermilk.

She is further survived by six siblings: Mark (Marilee) Harris of Manassas, VA; Greg (Billie Jo) Stewart of Morris, IL; Chuck (Trudy) Stewart of Ottawa, IL; Linda Decorah of Reedsburg, WI; Darlene Whitford of Bloomington, IL; and Darrell Roberts of Jacksonville, FL; foster brothers: Dave Cooke, Jerry Harris, and many other foster siblings; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, David Roberts.

Family and friends may express condolences online at: www.maurinaschilling.com

Michael E. Watters

Michael E. Watters, 67, of Springfield, IL, formerly of Dwight, passed away on September 16, 2020.

Mike was born on March 3, 1953 in Galesburg, IL to Winfield and Dorothy "Tootie" Watters.

He worked in sales all his life, and loved fishing and hunting.

Mike is survived by his mother, Tootie Watters of Dwight; his brother, Mark (Diana) Watters of Dwight; a

nephew, Chris (Kathy) Watters of Merrionette Park, IL; a niece, Alyssa (Kevin) Kucera of Dwight; and his great nephews and niece, Sawyer, Harper and Callan Kucera.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Winfield Watters.

Mike's friend, Duane "Boots" Brusnighan, was a great help to Mike during his illness, and the family will be forever grateful to him.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held at a later date.

Ray E. Hoegger

Ray E. Hoegger, 89, of Odell passed away Sunday, September 27, 2020 at OSF St. James John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac.



Services will be held Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell with Father Chris Haake officiating.

Burial with full military honors will follow in St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, Odell.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell.

Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, is in charge of arrangements.

Ray was born June 24, 1931 in Pontiac, IL to Harry and Jewel (Lewis) Hoegger. He married JoAnn Verdun on January 22, 1955 in St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell. She survives in Odell.

Also surviving are his children: Jim (Angie) Hoegger of Odell, IL; Deb Hoegger of Pontiac, IL; Joni (Kevin) Masching of Odell, IL; and Sheila (Jeff Stevenson) Severson of Emington, IL; daughter-in-law, Lori Hoegger of Cabery, IL; grandchildren: Kyle (Brittany) Masching, Lindsey (Clay) Watters, Hailey (Matt) Maubach, Nick Hoegger, Jacob (Kaitlin) Hoegger,

Scott (Ali) Severson, Garrett Severson, Ashley (Will) Smith, Kristen (Adam) Hinz, and Brooke (Zach) Simmons; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Gary Hoegger and Ronald Hoegger; brothers: Earl Hoegger and Leo Hoegger; and son-in-law, Nate Severson.

Ray was a graduate of Odell High School, class of 1949. He served in the United States Army. He was a lifelong farmer in the Odell area until his retirement in 1991, and was the Nevada Township Auditor for many years. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell, IL.

Ray loved John Deere tractors. He loved vacationing and fishing and spending time in the Lake of the Ozarks. Family was most important to Ray and he loved to spend time with them. One of his favorite things was going to the grandkids' events. He enjoyed playing cards with friends and family during the holidays and family get-togethers.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Catholic School in Odell or the Odell Fire Department.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: duffyfuneralhome.com or visit us on Facebook.

Robert E. Runyon III

Robert Eugene Runyon III, 44, of Channahon, IL passed away Saturday, September 19, 2020 in Will County, IL.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A visitation was from 2 until 6 p.m., Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, IL.

He will later be laid to rest in Round Grove Cemetery.

Memorials in honor of Robert may be made to the family.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, IL was in charge of arrangements.

Robert was born in Streator, IL on May 30, 1976 to Robert Eugene Jr. and Annette (Sharisky) Runyon. Robert's

parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his children: Jade, Kaleigh, Brianna and Addie Runyon; brothers: Donald "Donny" Runyon of Pensacola, FL, and Daniel "Danny" Runyon of Manchester, TN; sisters: Christine "Chris" Allen of Channahon, IL, and Bobbie "Sissy" Runyon of Dwight, IL.

Robert worked over the years as a truck driver and loved his family fiercely. He loved spending time with his girls, riding his motorcycle, fishing and just smiling. He will be missed by all his friends and family.

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5 Minutes with Boma

End of an Era

The end of an era. I think that phrase gets used a lot. Maybe more than it should. Here is the definition of "era"; "a long and distinct period of history with a particular feature or characteristic".

What I'm going to touch on was anything but long, but it was definitely distinct and had a very particular feature and or characteristic, and that was none other than the Mitchell Trubisky time in Chicago.

I suppose there's a chance that the era is in fact, not over, but he was benched during the Bears most recent game. After his benching the Bears went on to a 16 point comeback in the second half to defeat the Atlanta Falcons and improve to 3-0.

Their backup isn't just a run of the mill backup quarterback though. He's recent superbowl mvp Nick Foles, who has had his own ups and downs in his career. But he is much more accomplished than Trubisky has been.

The bad play of Trubisky has been emphasized by the fact Patrick Mahomes and Deshaun Watson, both of whom were available when the Bears took Trubisky, have both been great in their own right since they entered the league.

The Bears made the playoffs in Trubisky's second year, and even while he had ups and downs that season, ultimately they were winning games. Then last year comes, and they were very much not winning games, much of which had to do with his play.

It's been a tumultuous few years with Mr. Trubisky under center, but it appears that time has come to an abrupt end. Patrick Mahomes signed a 10 year contract this year and it's currently a toss up as to whether or not Trubisky will still be in the league in 10 years. The contrast of their two careers is profound.

While Nick Foles probably won't light the world on fire, he does give them a better chance to win right now and with the defense as it is, I think that's the right move.

Hate to see it, Mitch, but the Bears need wins.

Go Bears, Go Cubs. Go Bulls. They now have a competent head coach.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Village of Odell Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Village Hall, 213 South Front Street, Odell, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m. on October 20, 2020, for the purpose of considering a Petition for Variance filed by John Colman for the replacement of front steps/deck with respect to the following described tract, to wit: Lot 135 x 100 & Lots 7 and 8, Block 2 of the Village of Odell, Livingston County, Illinois; commonly known as 208 South Morgan Street, Odell, Illinois; Permanent Tax Identification No. 10-10-152-011;

In addition, Notice is hereby given that at this same meeting as referenced above, the Village of Odell Zoning Board of Appeals, the board will also consider the Petition of Variance being filed by Jerald and Susan Newkirk for the replacement of an existing shed with respect to the following described tract, to wit: Lot 75 x 135 and the West 1/2 of Lot 10 and all of Lot 11, in Block 29 of the Village of Odell, Livingston County, Illinois; commonly known as 407 East Richard Street, Odell, Illinois; Permanent Tax Identification No. 10-10-136-005.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2020

Iris Thorne
Village Clerk

Lady Redbirds Roll to Regional Victory

**Thursday, September 24
Dwight vs. El Paso
Regional -**

The Dwight Lady Redbirds were in first round regional action against El Paso September 24, cruising to a 17-1 win.

Samantha Harsh mowed down 12 batters, en route to the win in the circle.

At the plate, Taylor Heath hit an inside-the-park home run and a single. Maci Johnson added a triple and two singles, while Kiah Handzus tripled and singled. Sophie Buck doubled and singled, with Harsh helping her own cause with two sin-

gles. Averi Jury and Brynn Connor each contributed a single.

**Saturday, September 26
Dwight vs. Fieldcrest
Regional Championship-**

Samantha Harsh was superb in Dwight's 12-0 regional championship victory over Fieldcrest September 26.

Harsh struck out 12 and allowed - nothing - in a perfect game, going up against a tough Fieldcrest team. She would also provide a double and two singles on offense.

Taylor Heath tripled once

and singled twice, while Maci Johnson added a triple and a single. Brynn Connor hit a single and a double, with Kiah Handzus and Madi Ely each doubling once. Averi Jury and Sophie Buck singled twice each, while Lily Walkup chipped in with a single of her own.

"The girls played great all season long," stated Coach Leonard after the game, "and I am so proud of them for all the hard work they put in."

Dwight ends the season with a record of 11-1.

Lady Mavs Fall to St. Mary's in Regional Championship

**Saturday, September 26
MVK vs.
Pontiac St. Mary's
Regional Championship -**

The Lady Mavs had their impressive run come to a close September 26, losing a 3-1 decision to Pontiac St. Mary's in

the regional championship.

MVK's offense mustered just three hits in the contest - two of those coming from Tessa Krull (single, triple), who also stole a base. Hayden Pfeifer added a single, while Audry McNabb walked once,

stole two bases, and scored her team's lone run.

Krull was, once again, great on the mound, despite the outcome - striking out ten and allowing just three earned runs on seven hits and a walk.



GSWB LADY LIONS SOFTBALL

**Tuesday, September 15
GSWB vs. Saratoga**

Maddie Simms pitched all seven innings in GSWB's September 15 match-up with Saratoga, striking out three and allowing three hits and two walks in the Lady Lions' 6-2 loss.

Nina Siano and Hannah Balcom each had two hits.

The GSWB defense com-

mitted four errors in the contest.

**Saturday, September 19
GSWB vs. Dwight**

The Lady Lions fell on the wrong side of a 7-0 decision against their rivals from Dwight September 19.

Nina Siano collected the only hit for GSWB.

"We look at way too many good pitches," admitted Coach

Bexson afterwards, "so we are making it very difficult for us to get on base or make anything happen offensively."

Maddie Simms gave up seven hits and walked five, while striking out three, in the loss.

On a bright note, Bexson added "Our defense has improved tremendously since the beginning of the season."

GSWB Falls Victim to Krull, MVK in Regional

**Thursday, September 24
GSWB vs. MVK
Regional -**

The Lady Lions had their season come to a close September 24, as they were shut out by the Lady Mavericks, 1-0, in a contest that saw MVK standout Tessa Krull pitch a perfect game.

"MVK has an extremely talented pitcher who pitched a perfect game. They beat us 10-0 in five innings in the first game of the season. To play them in a 1-0 game in our final game of the year says so much about the improvements this group made throughout the sea-

son," stated GSWB's Coach Bexson. "We aren't making silly mental errors like we did a few weeks ago."

Krull struck out 16 Lady Lions on 76 pitches - en route to yet another victory. She would also plate the game's only run on a home run in the third inning. She also singled and stole two bases.

Also collecting hits for MVK were Madison DeGrush (BB, SB), Hayden Pfeifer (BB, SB), and Audry McNabb (SB) - all singling once. Aurora Weber walked once and swiped a bag.

GSWB's Maddie Simms

pitched all seven innings, striking out five and allowing three walks and five hits - keeping the Lady Mavs batters on their toes.

Aiding Simms on defense was Olivia Siano, making two big catches in the outfield, and Ella Mack and Kayla Scheuber doing stellar work behind the plate.

"We are a very young team and have learned a lot this season," Bexson added. "I am looking forward to seeing what this group can accomplish as they get older and stronger."

**Monday, September 21
Dwight vs. Seneca
Regional -**

In Class 2A regional action September 21, fourth-seeded Dwight rolled past Seneca, 13-3, in six innings.

Joey Starks and Jake Wilkey combined to throw a no-hitter in the contest.

Owen Dunlap, Luke Gallet,

Maddox DeLong, Starks, and Wilkey all had hits in the game.

**Tuesday, September 22
Dwight vs. Saratoga
Regional -**

The Redbirds traveled to Saratoga September 22 for a second round regional match-up with Saratoga - falling by a 10-0 decision, and putting an

end to their 2020 season.

Luke Gallet had the lone hit for Dwight.

On the mound, both Gallet and Drew Anderson pitched for the Redbirds in the loss.

"Good season, Redbirds," commented head coach Jared Steck, "and thank you to all of the eighth grade boys for their hard work this season!"

Redbirds Soar Past Seneca, Succumb to Saratoga in Regional

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Lions Put Down Pilots, Fall to Rockets in Regional

**Tuesday, September 22
GSWB vs. Marseilles
Milton Pope
Regional -**

The Lions took the field September 22 needing a win to advance - or a loss would have their season come to an end.

Gabe McHugh got the nod for GSWB, going up against Paxton Giertz for the Pilots - both putting on phenomenal performances for their respective squads, as the game saw just four hits in total. A true pitcher's duel.

Giertz collected ten strikeouts in six innings, allowing only three hits.

However, McHugh would single in the fourth inning and Owen Vitko would reach on a fielder's choice. With one out, Cole Hampson lined an RBI single up the middle to put the Lions ahead, 1-0 - and that would be all they needed.

McHugh would outlast Giertz and the Lions advanced to the regional title game.

McHugh went all seven innings, fanning 12 and allowing just one hit and one walk.

Padding his stats at the plate, as well, was McHugh - going 2-3 with a double and a run scored. Hampson provided the RBI single, with Gavin Bafia walking once.

**Saturday, September 26
GSWB vs. Joliet St. Ray's
Regional Championship -**

On September 26, GSWB traveled to Joliet to take on St. Ray's in the regional championship.

The Lions wasted no time taking an early lead, as lead-off batter Gabe McHugh hit a home run to put them up 1-0.

GSWB carried this into the third inning and got the first two Rocket hitters out before giving up four consecutive singles to trail 3-1.

In the fourth, Tyler Wilkey had an RBI double, scoring Ayden Christians to cut the lead to 3-2.

St. Ray's answered again in the fifth, with three straight hits scoring two more to make the score 5-2.

Then in the sixth, the heart of the order for the Rockets in-

creased the score to 8-2 heading into the seventh inning.

The Lions did not go down quietly, however, as they drew three walks and picked up three singles to score five runs - making the score 8-7.

Unfortunately, GSWB's rally came up a run short, as the tying run was stranded on second base to end the game.

Wilkey wound up 2-2 with a double and RBI. McHugh walked, hit the homer, and scored twice. Christians singled twice, scored once, and batted in a run. Brock Enerson and Owen Vitko each picked up base knocks and scored a run.

The Lions were strikeout victims 17 times in the game, as the Rocket pitchers were dominant.

Cole Hampson (4-3) threw the ball for GSWB, going four-plus innings allowing seven hits and five runs. Vitko would pitch the remainder of the contest in relief.

The Lions finish the season 11-6, tied for second in the IVC, and were the regional runner-up.



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- #8 Taylor Heath, Catcher

- #11 Maci Johnson, Shortshop
- #16 Averi Jury, 3rd base, pitcher
- #4 Sarah Parker, Center field
- #7 Makayla Wahl-Seabert, Outfield
- #9 Lily Walkup, Left field
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Senior Camden Beier flips a tire during the lineman tire relay at the Friday Night Lights Event.



Freshman Connor Telford throws a pass during the JV 7 on 7 scrimmage.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

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(at left) Senior Jarrett Jancek catches a touchdown pass at the 7 on 7 scrimmage.



Senior Hudson Beier flips a tire during the lineman tire relay at the Friday Night Lights Event.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

Monday, September 21
GSW vs. Kankakee
Trinity Academy

The Panthers were on the road against Kankakee Trinity Academy September 21, losing 2-1.

“Two unearned runs in the first hurt us today,” admitted Coach Wills following the game.

Those two runs proved to be all KTA needed to get the win. GSW put up one unearned run of their own in the fourth, but that was all they could muster.

“Both team’s pitchers threw well,” Wills added. “Hopefully experience facing a solid pitcher will pay off later on.”

Brandon States took the loss on the mound, allowing just one hit and walking two, while striking out six in three innings of work. Kaden Grivetti came on in relief for three innings, walking one batter and striking out three.

States provided the only hit for the Panthers, a single, and scored the only run. Nathan Weese (SB) and Aidan Daugherty each drew two walks, with Grivetti, Blake Huston (SB), and Garrett Grant (SB) each walking once. Alex

Clayton was hit by a pitch and later stole a base.

Tuesday, September 22
GSW vs. Grace Christian

In a showdown with Grace Christian September 22, GSW cruised to an 11-1 victory.

“We did a nice job bouncing back from yesterday’s game,” Coach Wills stated, “especially with the bats.”

Ryan Olsen led the way with two singles and two RBI, while Brandon States (3 singles, SB, 3 runs), Caydan Landry (triple, 2 BB, SB, 2 runs), Kaden Grivetti (BB), Blake Huston (2 BB, run), Garrett Grant (single, BB, run), Bennett Grant (2 BB, 2 runs), and James Morrison (2 singles) each batted in one run. Nathan Weese (2 BB) and Alex McElroy (BB) each scored a run.

Earning the win was Huston, tossing four innings and giving up just three hits and a walk, fanning two. B. Grant tossed an inning in relief, walking one, striking out one, hitting two batters, and allowing one earned run.

“This was a nice team win,” Wills added, “with every starter either scoring a run or driving someone in.”

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Dates	Location	Hours
MONDAY-FRIDAY September 24-November 2 (Closed October 12 for Columbus Day)	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SATURDAY October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon
WEDNESDAY October 21, 28	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(Extended Hours Voting)		
TUESDAY November 3 (Grace Registration & Voting)	Livingston County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St. - Pontiac	6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

What is Early Voting? Early Voting starts September 24 and ends November 2, 2020. This process allows any registered voter in Livingston County to use the above location to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Early voters must be registered Livingston County voters. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply.

Vote by Mail Voting: Starts Tuesday, June 16, and continues through Monday, November 2, 2020. A person may request a Vote by Mail ballot by USPS no later than October 29. In order to be counted the ballot must be postmarked by midnight or returned in person by 7 PM to the County Clerk's Office on November 3. (Voters must check with their local post office to find out the time for the last pickup from their post office outside/inside drop boxes for postmark date.)

Grace Registration and Voting: Begins October 7 and continues through November 3. This is for new registrants and those who have transferred or moved and did not update their voter registration before October 7. Voting takes place at the same time registration is made in the County Clerk's Office.

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters. You can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. An On-Line as well as a downloadable Vote by Mail application is available from our website (listed below). To register to vote or check your registration status, visit https://ova.elections.il.gov or visit our website (listed below).

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PTHS INDIANS SWIM TEAM

**Thursday, September 17
Pontiac vs. Metamora**

The Indians swim team squared off against Metamora September 17, falling 88-46. Individual scores are as follows:

1m diving: Anneke Esposito, 1st, 180.85.

200m free: Emma Nelson, 2nd, 2:49.72; Emma DeWald, 3rd, 2:50.32; Alana Christianson, 6th, 2:59.88.

200m IM: Camryn Mies, 3rd, 3:06.25; Abby Lauritsen, 5th, 3:15.01; Esposito, 6th, 3:24.63.

50m free: Hannah Grove, 4th, 31.98; Nelson, 5th, 32.07; Mary Hilt, 6th, 33.64.

100m fly: Nelson, 2nd, 1:18.89; Esposito, 5th, 1:38.01; Christianson, 7th, 1:48.28.

100m free: DeWald, 2nd, 1:13.55; Mies, 4th, 1:14.78; Hilt, 6th, 1:20.50.

400m free: Grove, 4th, 5:49.56; Lauritsen, 5th, 6:05.99; Christianson, 6th, 6:26.78.

100m back: Nelson, 3rd, 1:25.14; Mies, 4th, 1:28.36; Esposito, 6th, 1:38.94.

100m breast: Hilt, 2nd, 1:32.74; Grove, 4th, 1:37.45; DeWald, 5th, 1:38.21.

Tuesday, September 22

Pontiac vs. Central Catholic
Pontiac suffered an 84-50 loss to Central Catholic in swim team action September 22. Individual results are as follows:

1m diving: Anneke Esposito, 1st, 178.72.

200m free: Emma DeWald, 2nd, 2:39.00; Alana Christianson, 4th, 3:00.48; Mary Hilt, 5th, 3:01.70.

200m IM: Emma Nelson, 4th, 2:55.69; Camryn Mies, 5th, 3:04.32; Abby Lauritsen, 6th, 3:17.56.

50m free: DeWald, 2nd, 32.15; Hannah Grove, 4th, 32.70; Christianson, 5th, 35.83.

100m fly: Nelson, 3rd, 1:21.11; Esposito, 4th, 1:32.50; DeWald, 5th, 1:37.82.

100m free: Nelson, 2nd, 1:14.01; Mies, 2nd, 1:14.39; Hilt, 5th, 1:21.86.

400m free: Grove, 4th, 5:52.63; Lauritsen, 5th, 6:11.75; Christianson, 6th, 6:24.17.

100m back: Nelson, 3rd, 1:22.49; DeWald, 5th, 1:26.14; Mies, 6th, 1:38.94.

100m breast: Grove, 3rd, 1:34.16; Hilt, 4th, 1:35.60; Lauritsen, 5th, 1:42.33.

Thursday, September 24

Pontiac vs. St. Thomas More
Pontiac was in action September 24 against St. Thomas More, with the varsity winning 94-21 and the JV girls winning 98-18. Individual scores are as follows:

Varsity -
200m free: Camryn Mies, 1st, 2:40.55; Abby Lauritsen, 2nd, 2:48.47; Hannah Grove, 3rd, 2:58.06.

200m IM: Emma DeWald, 1st, 3:11.89; Mary Hilt, 2nd, 3:17.69; Anneke Esposito, 3rd, 3:24.17.

50m free: Mies, 3rd, 33.25;

Alana Christianson, 4th, 34.92.
100m fly: Emma Nelson, 1st, 1:19.78; Lauritsen, 2nd, 1:36.83; Esposito, 3rd, 1:40.95.

100m free: Nelson, 1st, 1:12.55; DeWald, 2nd, 1:13.21; Christianson, 3rd, 1:18.26.

400m free: Mies, 1st, 5:38.61; DeWald, 2nd, 6:01.53; Hilt, 3rd, 6:25.69.

100m back: Nelson, 1st, 1:24.77; Lauritsen, 3rd, 1:34.38; Christianson, 4th, 1:40.08.

100m breast: Hilt, 1st, 1:33.89; DeWald, 2nd, 1:36.22; Mies, 3rd, 1:38.04.

JV -

1m diving: Esposito, 1st, 182.55.

200m free: Paige Collins, 1st, 3:05.78; Kassyn Harcharik, 3rd, 3:13.67; Nia Eggleston, 4th, 3:14.02.

100m IM: Molly Masching, 2nd, 1:35.18; Raegan Montello, 3rd, 1:41.59; Riley Kelly, 5th, 1:50.72.

50m free: Collins, 1st, 37.55; Eggleston, 2nd, 38.43; Harcharik, 3rd, 41.48.

50m fly: Eggleston, 1st, 45.06; Montello, 2nd, 46.10; Harcharik, 3rd, 55.54.

100m free: Masching, 1st, 1:26.35; Montello, 2nd, 1:31.13; Kelly, 3rd, 1:36.24.

300m free: Collins, 1st, 5:05.53; Kelly, 2nd, 5:17.59.

50m back: Masching, 1st, 43.79; Harcharik, 3rd, 50.95; Collins, 4th, 51.23.

50m breast: Masching, 1st, 46.70; Eggleston, 2nd, 51.88; Kelly, 3rd, 54.53.



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League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Doug Gassman, 258; Jeff Behning, Jr., 258; Gregg Jensen, 257; Josh Gernentz, 251; Lane Galloway, 242. HSS: Doug Gassman, 731; Josh Gernentz, 709; Jeff Behning, Jr., 698; Gregg Jensen, 675; Brandon Petry, 619. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1111. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 3190.

League Standings	W	L
Rury's Tap	15	1
Hallam Elect.	13	3
Victory Lanes	12	4
Star Trucking	10	6
Jensens I	8	8
Rambo Const.	7	9
Willy's Pub	6	10
DeLong Ford	6	10
Rockey's Pub	5	11
Jensen BP II	5	11
Jeremy's Barber	5	11

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**Commercial League
Bowlers**

HSG: **Men** - Curtis Price, 258; Paul Seabert, 227; Brian Scott, 225; Doug Gassman, 221; Michael King, 215; **Women** - Brandi Farcus, 193; Linda Dunlap, 172; Joyce Fox, 169; Paula Watts, 166; Kasey Strachan, 160. HSS: **Men** - Doug Gassman, 641; Curtis Price, 618; Michael King, 611; Dan Tarnowski, 560; Terry Wilkey, 560; **Women** - Brandi Farcus, 511; Linda Dunlap, 469; Paula Watts, 469; Kasey Strachan, 446; Sheri Colebank, 438. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 960. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 2633.

League Standings	W	L
Whiskey Cavalier	13	3
Muck Fike	9	7
Willy's Pub	9	7
Dairy Queen	9	7
Pinkie's Out	8	8
Victory Lanes	7	9
Pumpkin Patch	7	1
Gaston Const.	4	12
Coleman/Son	4	12
Agritile	2	6

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County SWCD
Fish Sale
Underway**

The Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is holding its semi-annual fish sale, with an assortment of fish to choose from and in different lengths - from four-six inch channel catfish to five-eight inch large-mouth bass.

Other species include albino catfish, hybrid sunfish, bluegill, crappie, redear, hybrid redear, triploid grass carp, and fathead minnows.

If you would like an order form mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to you, call their office at 815-942-0359, ext. 3, to let them know. The order form is also available at facebook.com/Grundy-County-Soil-Water-Conservation-District or on the District webpage - grundycountyswcd.weebly.com.

The triploid grass carp orders are due Thursday, October 1, and all other orders are due Tuesday, October 13. They will be delivered Tuesday, October 20.

If you have any questions or would like help in the selection process, feel free to contact them at the phone number listed.

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Dwight Golf Invitational - Senior Camden Beier's chip on hole 11 just misses - teammate Dawson Carr. photo by J7images



DTHS TROJANS GOLF

Tuesday, September 22

Dwight vs. Mokence Varsity
Dwight defeated Mokence by a score of 184-244 when the two teams met September 22.

Leading the Trojans were Jack Groves and Dane Halpin, each posting a 41. Brody Hoegger shot a 50, followed by a 52 and 54, respectively, from Jack Denker and Dawson Sulaica. Wyatt Thompson shot a 55.

Dwight improved to 4-5 on

the season.

JV - The JV team shot a combined score of 189.

Chase Becker and Will Trainor shot a 46 and 47, respectively. Cam Beier and Reid Gall each tallied a score of 48, while Jace Gall and Evan Sandeno each shot a 52.

The JV Trojans are 3-3 for the year.

Thursday, September 24

Dwight Invitational
The Trojans hosted the

Dwight Invitational September 24 - an 18-hole, two-person scramble with all three scores counting in the team event. Scores for Dwight are as follows:

Brody Hoegger/ Dane Halpin - 74; Dawson Sulaica/Cam Beier - 80; Jack Groves/Jack Denker - 81.

The Trojans' combined score of 235 was good enough for fourth place in the six-team contest.

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The STAR program was created in 2017 through the Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District to promote sustainable farming practices. The purpose of STAR is to motivate those

making cropping decisions to use conservation management practices that will ultimately meet the goals of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. The STAR evaluation system assigns points for each cropping, tillage, nutrient application, and soil conservation activity used on individual fields.

Some possible benefits and value from the program include:

- Decreased nutrient loss
- Gain new farms to lease as landowners can evaluate tenants' contributions to conservation

- Assist in securing local conservation cost-share (when available)
- Assist producers in obtaining documentation to support potential water quality issues
- Assist producers to obtain potential market incentives for sustainable cropping practices

They are currently accepting STAR Field Forms for the 2020 crop year. If you are interested in participating in the program, or need more information, you can contact Becky Taylor at the Livingston County SWCD at 815-844-6127, ext. 3, or by e-mail at rebecca.m.taylor@il.nacdnet.

Morris Hospital Joins IHA in Encouraging Patients to Get the Healthcare They Need

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers, a member of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA), is supporting a statewide public education campaign encouraging patients to move their health ahead. Due to safety concerns from COVID-19, many patients have put off important health screenings, physician visits, preventive care, surgeries and even emergency room visits.

The "Moving Healthy Ahead" initiative will inform

the community of the many procedures and practices that hospitals across the state, have implemented to ensure their safety, comfort and confidence. These practices include such actions as social distancing in waiting areas, symptom and temperature checks upon entering the hospital, mandatory mask requirements, and enhanced cleaning.

"We know that many people in our community are putting off getting the care they need to

treat severe diseases, manage chronic health conditions, and stay up-to-date on preventive screenings and procedures," said Mark Steadham, President & CEO of Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers.

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 Tues., Oct. 6: Cheese

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The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure for government and laws. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment. Proposed changes in the existing constitutional amendment are indicated by underscoring all new matter and by crossing with a line all matter which is to be deleted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX - REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

- (a) ~~The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations.~~ In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.
- (b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires and this amendment will set things right for middle-class and working people. Currently, it is unfair that billionaires pay the same tax rate as regular people. Voting "yes" on the amendment means that the State will enact a new tax structure where only those making above \$250,000 a year will see their taxes go up. This amendment is simply upgrading Illinois' old tax system to a graduated system which is how the federal government and the majority of other states do it.

This Amendment Would Make Illinois' Tax System Fair.
 Approval of this amendment would enact a fair system that allows the state to tax wealthy people at higher rates and lower income people at lower rates, replacing Illinois' current unfair tax system, in which wealthy people pay the exact same tax rate as lower and middle income people.

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires, and approval of this amendment will set things right for the middle class and working people. This amendment will help small business owners by creating a stable economic environment for their businesses to thrive.

While others try to mislead you, under the current tax system in Illinois, policymakers already have the authority to set any tax rate and to change tax rates at their will. The current system forces policymakers to charge the same tax rate to everyone, regardless of how much money they make. If this amendment passes, the State will have the ability to tax higher income earners at a different rate. In fact, upon passage of this Amendment, a new tax structure will go into effect where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less, while only those making more than \$250,000 a year will see a tax increase.

This amendment does not tax retirement income.

The Federal Government and Most States Use the Graduated Tax System Proposed in this Amendment. Not the Unfair System Currently Used in Illinois.
 Illinois is among a minority of states that do not utilize graduated tax rates because the Illinois Constitution requires a "flat tax" that penalizes middle-class and working people and benefits higher income individuals. A majority of states and the federal government already use the kind of graduated income tax system proposed in this amendment to ensure that wealthy people pay their fair share of taxes. Nearby states including Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin are among the majority of states that have graduated tax systems.

Illinois' Current Income Tax System Relies on Taxes from Middle and Lower Income Earners. While a Graduated System Would Lower that Burden and Fund Critical Programs such as Education and Human Services.
 While some states have fair tax rates in which the highest income earners pay the highest tax rate, Illinois' "flat tax" rate continues to rely unfairly on taxes from middle and lower income earners. Under Illinois' "flat tax" structure, a nurse making \$50,000 per year pays the same tax rate as an executive making \$4 million per year. A graduated tax rate would have the executive pay more. Because of the way our current tax system is set up, the bottom fifth of Illinois taxpayers (those making below \$21,800) contribute 14.4% of their income to state and local taxes, compared to 7.4% for the top 1 percent of Illinois taxpayers.

If this Amendment passes, the State has already enacted a new graduated tax structure where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less. Under the new tax structure, only the top 3% of Illinois income earners would pay more in income taxes. Everyone who makes \$250,000 or less a year would pay the same or less. Over 95% of small businesses earn \$250,000 or less a year in profits, and their owners will not see a tax increase under the new tax structure.

This change will generate additional revenue each year that can help address Illinois' budget deficit and fund critical programs, including the State's education system, public safety, and social services like mental health and substance abuse treatment and domestic violence shelters.

After the COVID-19 Pandemic, We Need to Do All We Can to Help the Economy and Middle-Class and Working People.
 Working people and essential workers like nurses, first responders, and grocery store clerks should not pay the same tax rate as the wealthy. Nurses making \$50,000 a year should not pay the same tax rate as an executive making \$4,000,000 a year.

Having wealthy people pay more would reduce the burden on working families. This is money that middle and lower income people need for housing, groceries, medicine, and essentials. When the wealthiest people pay more, middle and lower income earners can pay less while the State funds critical services that our essential workers rely on.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 1) The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.
- 2) Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.
- 3) In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.

The proposed amendment would give the Legislature unlimited new authority to increase income tax rates on any group of taxpayers at will, including low-income and middle-income families and small business owners. There would be no limit on the number of tax brackets that could be created and no limit on how high tax rates could be increased on individual taxpayers. In addition, this proposed change will pave the way for a tax on retirement income.

Nothing in the amendment requires the Legislature to do anything to control spending. Nor does it require funds to be spent on essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety. It would simply give the Legislature a blank check to spend billions of dollars however they want, with no accountability.

Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.

Illinois already has some of the highest property taxes and sales taxes in the nation. And the Legislature has increased Illinois income tax rates twice in the past decade to try to deal with the out-of-control spending in Springfield.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our state had a huge and growing multi-billion-dollar budget deficit, and the unfunded pension liability skyrocketed to over \$137 billion. That's because the Legislature has continued to increase state spending instead of eliminating government waste, corruption, and abuse.

Because they refuse to control spending or pass major reforms, the Legislature will just continue to raise taxes on everyone in Illinois, and middle-class families will be their next target.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused layoffs, unemployment, bankruptcies, and closures. As small businesses and local employers struggle to rebuild, this is the worst possible time to impose huge new tax increases. Even before the COVID-19 crisis, many residents and businesses were leaving the state because of the high tax burden. If the Amendment passes, it would be the last straw for thousands of small businesses, causing more jobs to leave the state, and making Illinois lose out on investments to rebuild our economy. This would mean fewer jobs and less opportunity for Illinois families.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES	For the proposed amendment of Section 3 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.
NO	

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Jesse White

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,
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Welcome, New Teachers in *The Paper* Territory

Dwight

Tayah Guerrero is teaching World History, Government/Civics, and Psychology at Dwight Township High School. Guerrero is originally from Ottawa. She went to Illinois State University, where she majored in History-Social Science Education and also minored in Political Science.

Although she has experience teaching summer school in Taiwan, this is actually her first real year of teaching on her own, as she just graduated from ISU in May.

Guerrero will also be coach-



Tayah Guerrero

ing the JV Lady Trojans basketball team.

Herscher

Danette Maxwell – HHS Family and Consumer Sciences.

Michael Mosier – HHS Career and Technology Education.

Diantha Strylowski – LMS Special Education.

Cassandra Bashayreh – HIS Special Education.

Olivia Becker – BGS Kindergarten.

Becker went to school at Olivet Nazarene University. This is her first year teaching.



Olivia Becker

She and her husband, Blake, live in Limestone with their

dog, Jayde, and two cats, Oliver and Jack.

Odell

Lauren Reckard – Special Ed.

Misty Patchett – Head Cook.

Saunemin

Tiffani Tipton – 3rd Grade.

Tiffani went to Prairie Central for high school and earned her teaching degree from Eureka College.

She spent several years substitute teaching, but did, however, have a career change the past eight years due to minimal teaching jobs in the area 10-12 years ago.

This is her first year as her own classroom teacher.

Tipton and her husband, Scott, have two kids – Aiden, 11, and Ally, 8, and live in Fairbury.

Rose DeVenuto – Music.

Tri-Point

Ms. Jenna Baker has been hired as the new agriculture education instructor and will work along with long-time agriculture teacher, Diana Loschen, until Loschen's retire-

ment at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Jenna Baker is originally from Somonauk. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May of 2020 with her bachelor's degree in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education.

Prior to joining the Tri-Point High School faculty, Jenna spent part of her final semester of college student teaching at Flanagan-Cornell High School with agriculture teacher Jessica Collins.

Baker's agriculture background stems from her family's corn, soybean, wheat, and swine farm in Leland. She was also very involved in FFA throughout high school; she was a member of the Somonauk-Leland-Sandwich FFA chapter and participated in many FFA activities on the local, state, and national level.

Jenna is excited to be joining the Tri-Point team and is looking forward to teaching a wide variety of ag classes, providing opportunities for students, and getting involved with the Tri-Point communities.

Drive-Up Public Flu Clinic in Dwight October 7

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) will hold a drive-up public influenza (flu) clinic in Dwight in October.

A well-trained LCHD nurse will be administering the flu vaccine at the Dwight Village Hall Wednesday, October 7, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. No appointment is necessary.

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