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## Dwight Approves Lions Lake Temporary Closure Periods

### November 9 Board of Trustee Meeting Summary

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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The Dwight Village Board of Trustees approved temporary December weekend closure dates for Lions Lake when the board met via teleconference on November 9.

Last month, Mayor Jared Anderson reported that he had been in touch with IDNR regarding an over-population of geese at Lions Lake. Mayor Anderson proposed a controlled hunt to take place over the first three weekends in December at the lake during which time Lions Lake would be posted "closed" until the controlled mitigation process has been completed. The board approved the temporary closure of Lions Lake for December 5 – 6, December 12 – 13, and December 18 – 20.

Under old business, the board approved the final installment of membership dues be paid to three organizations. Approved for payment was \$532.50 to the Grundy Economic Development Council; \$2,126.00 to the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council; and \$5,000.00 to the Dwight Economic Alliance. These payments represent one-quarter of the 2020 commitment to each organization.

In new business, a charitable donation request for the annual Red Kettle Drive by the Dwight Salvation Army, in

conjunction with St. Peter's Lutheran Church, was tabled by the board. Following discussion, concerns were raised regarding the village, as a local government entity, donating to a specific charity. No action was taken.

In reports to the board, Chief of Police Tim Henson notified board members that the law enforcement community has experienced a surge in COVID-19 cases. Precautions are being taken with officers working to reduce physical contact with the public when possible and will eliminate any unnecessary traffic stops until the risks have been reduced. Chief Henson also reminded residents that overnight parking (2 a.m. to 6 a.m.) on village streets is prohibited from December 1 until March 1, or anytime snowfall reaches two inches or more.

Representing the Dwight Economic Alliance, Jane Anderson reported on ways the DEA is working to provide safe alternatives to the traditional Christmas parade and events. Please see related article, Dwight Economic Alliance Plans Holiday Activities, in this week's edition of *The Paper*.

The board approved several fund transfers including:

- \$311,174.93 from Referendum Fund (36) to the Referendum Bond Fund (47)
- \$125,807.57 from the General Fund (01) to the Referendum Bond Fund (47)

- \$301,950.00 from the Water Fund (51) to the Water Bond Fund (41)

- \$51,714.93 from the Sewer Fund (52) to the Sewer Replacement Reserve Fund (33)

- \$17,694.00 from the General Fund (01) to the Capital Expenditure Fund (38)

Also approved by the board were:

- payment of November 9, 2020 bills totaling \$54,305.25.

- a Resolution to adopt the Livingston County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Present for the November 9 session were Mayor Anderson, Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbort, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 23. Please check prior for meeting location meeting / access information. The Dwight Village Board of Trustees is currently conducting meetings via teleconference calls to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all those in attendance and as allowed by an edict from Governor Pritzker.



**VETERANS DAY LOOKED VERY DIFFERENT** this year at South Wilmington Grade School. Despite the restrictions from COVID-19, the students still participated in Veterans Day activities. Students drew and colored pictures, and wrote Thank You cards and letters to area Veterans who usually attend their annual Veterans Day presentation. Pictured is a collage of kindergarten students from Mrs. Olson's class, after studying in-person and virtually about Veterans Day.

## Graduated Tax 'No' in Livingston; Trump 'Yes'

Despite losing his Presidency, Donald Trump prevailed 1,340 to 662 votes for Joe Biden in Dwight's four precincts November 3.

Livingston county-wide, Trump had a 12,134 vote total, Biden 4,568.

The total Livingston county-wide vote on the defeated graduated income tax proposal was 3,737 "yes" and 12,937 "no". Dwight precincts rang up 1,501 "no" votes and

507 "yes".

Other vote totals by precinct in Livingston County are available on the internet at *November 3, 2020 Livingston County, IL vote totals*.

Trump won in Grundy County 16,372 to 9,445 for Biden.

Biden, victorious overall in Illinois, won only 14 of the 102 Illinois counties, but took Cook County 1,403,246 to 487,338.

## GSW Panther Hall of Fame – Class of 2021 Announced

The Gardner-South Wilmington Panther Hall of Fame nomination committee met on November 5 to discuss and vote on nominations for the Panther Hall of Fame – Class of 2021.

This award recognizes and honors outstanding alumni or other persons who have distinguished themselves through service to Gardner-South Wilmington High School or the community. This award recognizes pride shown for the community, accomplishments, and dedication to the GSW High School community.

**The Class of 2021 inductees are:**

**Mr. Leroy Brandt  
and  
Mr. David Doglio**

While a lot has changed since 1954, one common denominator at GSW hasn't – the lasting legacy of longtime superintendent, **Mr. Leroy Brandt**.

Leroy Brandt was superintendent of GSW High School from 1954-1975. It's said that if you ever met Mr. Brandt, you will always remember him.

Leroy grew up in Coal City and was a star basketball and tennis player for the Coalers. He attended Illinois State University, where he continued his basketball career. His senior year, he was the ISU basketball team captain.

He once played against the famous Jackie Robinson of UCLA.

Brandt married his high school sweetheart, Jessica, in 1941 – the same year he began his teaching career. Leroy and Jessica had two daughters, Cathie and Connie, who both attended GSW.

Leroy served in World War II for 2½ years, before returning home and earning his masters degree from ISU. That degree

would take him to Gardner, where he would take over the superintendency.

Mr. Brandt and his family quickly became an integral part of the GSW community. Leroy treated GSW essentially as his third child, spending tremendous amounts of time at GSW and attending GSW events. He could be found outside the building planting flowers all along the parking lot and side-walks with his daughters helping out. His wife, Jessica, worked at GSW as a secretary while attending night school



Mr. Leroy Brandt

for many years before earning her degree and later becoming a librarian at GSW.

Mr. Brandt's former students and colleagues fondly remember him and recall that he was always interested in you and strived to get the best out of you. He was a strong leader and created a wonderful climate at GSW for all those years and beyond. The drive behind the school was named in his honor many years ago.

After retiring from GSW, Mr. Brandt was elected to be the Grundy County Superintendent of Schools, a position he held for two years. Leroy also served on the Grundy

Board for several years.

Mr. Brandt – longtime GSW leader and local personality – passed away in 2001.

**Mr. David Doglio** is a lifelong resident of the Gardner-South Wilmington community. He was born and raised in South Wilmington.

As a GSW student, he participated in many activities, including Math Club, basketball, school play, Student Council, and he was Sports Editor for the Yearbook. He also served as the Class President for the Class of 1974.



Mr. David Doglio

David graduated from Illinois State University, where he earned an accounting degree. He spent most of his career in the accounting field, and he continues to enjoy serving local residents as a tax preparer.

His biggest accomplishment for the GSW community was being a dedicated GSW school board member for over 20 years. He served as the Board President for many of those years. While serving on the board, he used his accounting background to guide financial decisions made by the district. He also played an instrumental role in many building project improvements to ensure a safe

school environment for years to come.

David continues to be available and willing to provide guidance and support to the GSW school district when needed.

Through his adult life, he has been involved in many aspects of the community, including volunteering his time on the St. Lawrence Parish Council and at various church activities, including the local mobile food pantry. He is also a Trustee of the South Wilmington Fire Protection District and Greenfield Township, Treasurer of the SWEB Sanitary District, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1574.

Doglio also volunteers annually at South Wilmington's Party in the Park.

At the county level, he is a member of the Grundy County Justice Assistance Board and has volunteered his time at the Elbow Benders Spaghetti Supper that supports youth baseball and softball, as well as many Prom Lock-Ins.

His most treasured moments are spent with his family, including his wife, two daughters, and sons-in-law who are all graduates of GSW, along with his four grandchildren – who are all future Panthers.

David is very proud of this small town community. He looks forward to continuing to support the GSW community, and he is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed.

Mr. David Doglio – active community member and proud GSW alum – is now a Panther Hall of Famer.

The 2021 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Homecoming on Jan. 15, 2021. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the ceremony may be delayed until later in 2021.



## DOING THE MOST GOOD®

### Salvation Army Bell Ringers Are Needed in Dwight!

Sign up to support the Salvation Army by taking an hour ringing bells for the annual kettle collection at Dwight businesses.

Bell Ringers are needed at Casey's, Old Rt. 66, and Tractor Supply Company from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Fridays through Sundays, starting the weekend after Thanksgiving.

If you can help, contact the church that is covering the date you are available.

Dwight United Methodist Church is covering the weekend of Friday, Saturday, and

Sunday, November 27, 28, and 29. You can sign up at the church or by calling Julie Marx at 815-584-9051.

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 815-584-3522, is covering December 4, 5, and 6; New Life Assembly of God Church, 815-584-3430, is covering December 11, 12, and 13; and St. Peter Lutheran, 815-584-1199, is covering December 18, 19, and 20.

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Dwight Police Blotter

November 5: 10:06 a.m., Dwight Police met with a male who advised his personal information may have been compromised. A third party biller for a medical company had been compromised.

November 10: 11:12 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Julie Dr. for a disturbance.

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Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 5: Mazon, medical, Morris.

November 6: Rt. 17 at Rt.

Secretary of State Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Illinois Secretary of State offices and Driver Services facilities will be **closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27**, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Facilities that operate on a Tuesday to Saturday schedule will **reopen Saturday, November 28**. Offices and facilities that operate on a Monday to Friday schedule will **reopen Monday, November 30**.

As a reminder, Illinois Sec-

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Fall Veto Session Cancelled

I am disappointed to report that the fall session of the General Assembly has been cancelled.

We were scheduled to meet next week and the week after Thanksgiving, but Speaker Madigan has decided to cancel the session.

This is a serious disappointment as we have many critical issues which need to be acted upon. Instead, it appears we will be waiting until the new General Assembly is sworn in in January.

This year I have sponsored several bills which I felt needed urgent action. The legislature should be much more involved in the state's coronavirus response, rather than ceding so much authority to the Governor.

We also need action on ethics reform and property tax reform, perhaps now more than ever.

**Special Investigating Committee has not met since September.** The House of Representatives has a Special Investigating Committee looking into allegations against Speaker Michael Madigan concerning a bribery scheme in which he was implicated, but not formally charged. Over the summer the utility company ComEd entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with federal prosecutors in which the company admitted to brib-

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Ideas for Thanking Your Family

It's almost Thanksgiving. And although 2020 may have been a difficult year for you, as it has been for many people, you can probably still find things for which you can be thankful – such as your family. How can you show your appreciation for your loved ones?

Here are a few suggestions:

- *Invest in your children's future.* If you have young children – or even grandchildren – one of the greatest gifts you can give them is the gift of education. You may want to consider contributing to a higher education funding vehicle.
- *Be generous.* Do you have older children, just starting out in life? If so, they could well use a financial gift to help pay off student loans, buy a car or even make a down payment on a home. You can give up to \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring gift taxes. Of course, you don't have to give cash – you might want to consider presenting your children with shares of stock in companies they like.
- *Review your insurance coverage.* If you weren't around, it would leave some gaping holes – financial and otherwise – in the lives of your family members. That's why it's essential you maintain adequate life insurance. Your employer might offer a group plan, but it may not be sufficient to meet your needs. There's no magic formula for determining the right amount of coverage, so you'll have to consider a variety of factors: your age, spouse's income, number of children and so on. Also, you may want to consider disability insurance – if you were unable to work for a while, it could cause a real problem for your family's finances.
- *Preserve your financial independence.* When your children are young, you take care of them. But you certainly don't want them to have to do the same for you – so it's essential you maintain your financial independence throughout your life. You can do this in at least a couple of ways. First, consider investing regularly in your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. The greater your resources during your retirement years, the less you may ever need to count on your family. And second, you may want to protect yourself from the devastating costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. A financial professional can suggest a strategy to help you cope with these expenses.
- *Create an estate plan.* To leave a legacy to your family, you don't have to be wealthy – but you do need a comprehensive estate plan. You'll have to think through a lot of questions, such as: Have I named beneficiaries for all my assets? How much do I want to leave to each person? Do I need to go beyond a simple will to establish an arrangement such as a living trust? For help in answering all these issues, you'll want to work with an attorney.

By making these moves, you can show your loved ones, in a tangible way, how much you value them – and that can help you keep the spirit of Thanksgiving alive all year long.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.  
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It's History...

Residence Section (Route 17), Dwight, Ill.

MAZON AVENUE, DWIGHT, IL, circa 1910 and now. With 110 years having passed between photographs, this road – part of Illinois Route 17 – has seen a lot of changes – but is still easily distinguishable when compared to the old days.

Driver Services Facilities Closed Until December 7, Due to Worsening COVID-19 Pandemic

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced, as of November 17, Driver Services facilities statewide will be closed to the public for in-person transactions, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic. They will reopen Monday, December 7.

White is encouraging the public to take advantage of online services.

In addition, White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards will be extended until June 1, 2021. This June 1, 2021, extension also includes those who have February, March, April and May 2021 expiration dates. As a result, expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until June 1, 2021. CDL (Commercial Driver License) holders and commercial permit holders are excluded from this extension due to federal requirements.

As White noted, many transactions with the Secretary of State's office may be conducted online at cyberdrive.illinois.com, some of which include:

- Renewing a license plate sticker;
- Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers;
- Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have free, non-expiring IDs);
- Obtaining a driver record abstract;
- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports; and
- Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact adminhearings@ilsos.gov.

Those who are eligible for online driver's license renewal will receive a letter from the Secretary of State's office with a PIN necessary for online renewal. Those whose driver's licenses or ID cards expired between February 1, 2020, and January 31, 2021, who qualify for online renewal should receive their PIN letter in December 2020 or January 2021. Those whose driver's licenses or ID cards expire after February 1, 2021, will receive their PIN letter approximately 90 days before their expiration date.

White noted that 19 CDL (Commercial Driver License) facilities will remain open for CDL written and road exams. These CDL facilities are located in: Belleville; Bradley; Charleston; Danville/Tilton; DeKalb; Elk Grove Village; Marion; Moline/Silvis; Olney; Peoria; Princeton; Quincy; Rantoul; Rockford; Salem; South Holland; Springfield; and West Chicago.

CDL driving tests are by appointment only by calling 217-785-3013.

Lastly, White announced that seven facilities will be offering drive-through services for license plate sticker transactions **only**. These facilities were selected due to the configuration of the buildings which allowed for drive-through transactions. The seven drive-through facilities are: Chicago North; Chicago West; Rockford-Central; Macomb; Springfield; Tilton; and Chicago South.

All other Secretary of State departments are open to serve the public. Check cyberdrive.illinois.com for more information.

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# Dwight Common School District Prepares 2020 Tax Levy

## COVID-19 Continues to Challenge Staff and Students

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Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education met via a virtual meeting on November 11 where District Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek gave the BOE a financial presentation including the projected 2020 EAV and recommendations for the upcoming tax levy.

According to the Livingston and Grundy County Assessors, the projected 2020 EAV for the Dwight Common School District is expected to increase approximately \$10 million over 2019 for an 8.13 percent projected increase. Assessed valuations for the Livingston County portion is projected to increase 5.71 percent while Grundy County projects a 17.67 percent increase for its portion.

Using the projected 2020 total EAV of \$136,404,511, Superintendent Jancek presented his recommendations for the 2020 tax levy rate and extension. The recommended 2020 tax rate is \$3.0766 and with an extension of \$4,196,607. With this recommended scenario, the district would see approximately \$191,247 in new money, or a 4.77 percent increase over last year, largely due to the increased EAV. The 2019 tax levy rate was \$3.1751 with an extension of \$4,005,360.

No action was taken. The BOE will review, discuss and adopt the final proposed 2020 Tax Levy at its December meeting.

In other business, the BOE discussed thoughts around incorporating additional remote learning days and amending the 2020-21 school calendar. With growing concerns as COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the area, suggestions that going full remote for two weeks following the holiday travel season might be in order. BOE member Nick Stipanovich expressed his concerns with regard to the youngest members of the student body and how the learning limitations of a remote program, along with loss of group interaction, is impacting these learners.

“The effect on that component of the student body is detrimental,” said Stipanovich with regard to the loss of in-

person instruction. “The hardest hit demographic of our student body is the younger students.”

Kindergarten Teacher Joy Meister described ways that she provides virtual instruction to her young students and expressed that “there is teaching going on, it just looks a lot different than normal.”

“Instruction is happening,” echoed Principal Julie Schultz. “It is just not traditional.”

BOE member Cathy Ferguson and School Nurse Erica Sandeno shared their concerns regarding COVID contact tracing and the constant disruption that occurs when students are removed from the classroom.

“There is no consistent, solid day of teaching,” said Ferguson.

No action with regard to amending the calendar was taken. The board will continue the discussion at its December meeting and make a decision then regarding possibly moving to a full remote schedule for two weeks following Christmas break.

“Always the goal is to be in-person as much as possible,” said Dr. Jancek. “We will keep marching forward until we can’t.”

In another COVID related matter, the BOE heard a proposal for a classroom supervision option that will allow the school to continue operating in a time when staff members may be out due to quarantine mandates and substitute teachers are scarce. The suggestion is to allow unlicensed district employees, such as bus monitors, to act as classroom supervisors. These classroom supervisors do not teach, but would monitor students and equipment while an otherwise healthy but quarantined teacher provides instruction virtually from home. While unlicensed to teach, all classroom supervisors would require a clean background check. The board gave consensus to move forward with the proposal.

In other new business, a key card access security system was discussed. The swipe-in system would be installed on each school door and provide the ability to track building entry and exit of each person with key card access. The system can also provide door status, such as a door left open,

and can also monitor printer access. The total cost of the system is still being reviewed, but would be funded 50/50 from grant monies and the district’s O&M Fund. No action was taken as more information is being gathered.

Dr. Jancek provided an update on the Blue Sky Solar Project which could have a significant financial impact to the district as it comes closer to fruition. Nearly 2,700 acres of farmland has been designated for the solar farm which would be located in Grundy County between Dwight and Gardner. The largest proposed solar farm in Illinois, it could potentially bring substantial new money to the Dwight Common School District each year after any agreed upon tax abatements are gone. While more information is being gathered regarding the financial impact, Dr. Jancek commented that “it will be a benefit to both school districts.” It is anticipated that the solar farm proposal will come to the BOE for action next month.

In his reports to the Board, and in honor of Veterans Day, Dr. Jancek extended thanks to all Veterans for their service. DCS Teacher Sam Beier was also recognized for her efforts each year to pay tribute to Veterans with an outstanding display of flags on the school lawn.

School Nurse Erika Sandeno was also recognized with gratitude expressed for her “amazing work and tireless hours” put forth due to COVID-19.

“She puts herself in harm’s way for our staff and students,” said Dr. Jancek.

The BOE also:

- approved Rhonda Miller, Substitute Nurse.
- approved Board Policy 5:060-AP2 Employee Expense Reimbursement, Second Reading.
- approved payment of bills as presented.

All board members were present at the November session. The next regular meeting of the Dwight Common School Board of Education will be 6 p.m., Wednesday, December 16. Please check for location / virtual access information prior to the meeting. Meetings are open to the public.

# Livingston County Health Department Issues Letter to Businesses Regarding Mask, Distancing Compliance

The Livingston County Health Department understands that many are exhausted by the ongoing battle with the COVID-19 pandemic. It is imperative, however, that everyone — individuals and businesses alike — continue efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in order to ensure the health and safety of Livingston County residents. The LCHD has released the following letters to area businesses:

Per Governor Pritzker’s orders, which went into effect August 26, employees of businesses are mandated to wear masks (correctly — securely over the nose and mouth) when unable to maintain six feet of social distance, while also strongly encouraging patrons to do the same. This mandate is an effort to keep both workers and consumers healthy and safe.

While hoping businesses would comply on their own, it has become clear that some businesses are not taking these actions — as the LCHD receives daily complaints for businesses of all types across the county.

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across the county, ensuring compliance with this mandate has become increasingly more important.

**This letter is to be considered by all Livingston County businesses as a first warning in failing to comply with the mandate to enforce face-masks and social distancing in places of employment.** The LCHD will be conducting

compliance checks in Livingston County businesses and offering continued support to help these businesses comply with this mandate. **Note that businesses found to be in repeated violation of this mandate may incur a fine.**

The LCHD also asks that you talk with your employees about taking action outside of the workplace as well. It is imperative that everyone:

- Avoid large gatherings
- Limit social interactions and tighten their social circles
- Stay home when sick
- Wear masks *correctly*
- Practice social distancing
- Get tested if symptomatic or in close contact with a confirmed case (5-7 days after exposure)

- Quarantine while waiting to be tested and/or for test results

This is for the health and safety of not only the Livingston County community at large, but for the health and safety of your own business.

Should an employee test positive for COVID-19, it is asked that employers **not** require a negative test result in order to return to work after completing isolation. People may remain positive for up to 90 days after contracting COVID-19; however, they are not contagious after their ten days of isolation. Those individuals who are considered close contacts must quarantine for 14 days regardless of whether they test negative or

never develop symptoms. Release letters required to return to work may be accessed through a link sent via text message after individuals complete a survey on their final day (day 11 for isolation or day 15 for quarantine). The LCHD will not provide these letters.

Local employers and their workers may visit the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) website to download resources and find further details on employee safety to help guide their businesses. You may also visit the Livingston County Health Department’s Local Business page, as well as the LCHD Food Safety page, for links to these resources.

It is important to note that new guidance is continuously being developed, and the LCHD is doing its best to update its website as often as possible with new information for their communities.

If you have concerns or questions regarding the needed adjustments to your business operations, contact the DCEO on their Business Hotline, Monday through Friday, at 1-800-252-2923, or e-mail at [ceo.support@illinois.gov](mailto:ceo.support@illinois.gov). You may also reach out to the LCHD at 815-844-7174, ext. 252, or e-mail [lchd@lchd.us](mailto:lchd@lchd.us).

Businesses are urged to reach out for support in ensuring compliance with the safety measures put forth by IDPH.

# Morris Hospital COVID Testing Supply is Limited



In an effort to balance limited testing supplies with increased demand for testing, Morris Hospital has asked providers on its medical staff to limit COVID testing orders to those who need it most: symptomatic patients and those at high risk for complications.

“Right now, there is a very high demand for COVID testing,” says Kimberly Wolfer, Director of Laboratory Services at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. Wolfer says the recent increased demand for testing has also slowed test results.

“We have a limited allocation of rapid tests each week and at this time have to reserve the rapid tests for patients being admitted to the hospital or having pre-surgical testing,” explains Wolfer.

Morris Hospital continues to operate its outpatient COVID drive-thru testing site on the hospital main campus for patients who have a physician’s order. After the physician’s order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital calls the patient to schedule the appointment. The drive-thru testing does not accept self-referrals or walk-ins.

COVID testing is also done at Morris Hospital’s urgent care locations only if the provider determines testing is appropriate after evaluating the patient’s medical history and symptom

severity through a medical exam. The cost includes a physical exam and a separate charge for COVID-19 testing if testing is ordered. Both get billed to insurance.

Morris Hospital also advises that the hospital emergency department should be reserved for those who are in need of emergency medical care.

Additional information about COVID testing through Morris Hospital is available at [morrishospital.org/covid19](http://morrishospital.org/covid19). A list of testing sites in Illinois is available at website: [dph.illinois.gov/covid](http://dph.illinois.gov/covid).

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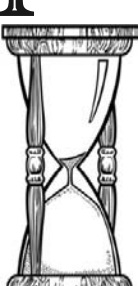
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# Simantels to Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary

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Clarence and Bertie Simantel

By Bridget DeWaard

Bertie and Clarence Simantel are planning to celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary November 23. Their family has planned a COVID-respectful zoom party in honor of their life-long commitment. They're also inviting others to celebrate with them via a card shower.

Both Clarence and Bertie grew up on farms around the area, meeting by chance one night in Odell. Clarence happened to go to the same free movie as Bertie, an activity she often enjoyed with her brother, Herbert. Bertie had met Clarence before, but only on less personal occasions. "I knew Clarence through him



Simantel wedding day

being friends with my brother, Delbert. The boys ran together along with other friends, Marvin Kutz and Ray Welch," Bertie remembered warmly.

After dating for two years, Clarence took Bertie on a beautiful summer date, and proposed. "Clarence asked me if I was ready to get married," Bertie said of their journey's beginning. "I said yes! I was so happy." They were then married six months later, November 23, 1950, by Reverend E. W. Swartz at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Goodfarm. Clarence's sister Dorothy McCullough and Alberta's brother Delbert Holm were their attendants.

After the ceremony, the two newlyweds started off with a long drive, driving into the night, their first adventure as husband and wife. They would later end up at a relative's house, staying there for a cozy honeymoon.

After their marriage, for some time they rented an apartment, moving to Clarence's family home after the unfortunate passing of his mother, Pauline. Clarence had always helped with the farm, working there during the earlier years of their marriage. They would continue to help Clarence's father, August Simantel, at the farmhouse, until he passed. Moving several times throughout the years, they would find themselves eventually pulled to Dwight, and Clarence even built the house that would become their family home. They have lived in Dwight ever since, now residing in Heritage Woods.

The first 10 years of their marriage were filled with struggles, and grief. After first losing Bertie's mother, in addition to Clarence's mother and father, they also endured the loss of two baby boys prematurely. "Fortunately, we had lots of support, from family and friends," Bertie said of the tragedies. From the very beginning, they had many storms to weather, and having a trusted person to sail with makes all

the difference. "If any problem occurs, or comes up, try to work it out together," Bertie advised, thinking back on the years spent with Clarence. "Communication is key," she added.

Besides guiding each other through the worst, the couple have remained romantic and dedicated over the years. Bertie's favorite part of marriage is maintaining a sweet sense of connection, and having someone close. "Waking up with a kiss in the morning, and a kiss at bedtime," she said fondly. "We loved doing things together," Clarence shared, recalling the simple moments of togetherness. "Like going to the movies, or even just shopping."

The Simantels also maintain their connectedness through enjoying activities together and supporting their individual interests. "I like to bake, do crafts and embroider," Bertie explained. "Clarence likes to watch T.V., especially the weather," she added. Whenever they travelled, Clarence would always keep a watchful eye on the weather, able to recount the forecast along their drives. The pair made several cross-country trips over the years to visit their children, enjoying the various views and seeing crops while travelling.

Clarence and Bertie have six children, spread out over several states. Marilyn (David) Maskel of Dwight, Betty (Frank) Crossland of IN, David (Babs) Simantel of WI, Carol (Tom) Senft of IL, Randy (Lisa) Simantel, AL, and Kim (Chuck) Trainor of Dwight. They also have many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and have loved getting to watch all of them grow.

Bertie continued, "His favorite team is the Cubs. He does word searches too." The couple still cares for a pet finch together as well, having been avid bird lovers throughout their lives.

Still very much in love, the Simantels are a beautiful couple, and true shipmates, having journeyed for 70 years together. To celebrate this milestone, you may send a card to the address below.

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## the corner

by Tom Tock

When I stopped writing a weekly column for *The Paper* in March of this year I stated that I thought I had become too preachy.

Since then, I spent 16 days in St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington, fighting pneumonia, (non-Covid related) and four weeks in Dwight's Heritage Health Nursing Home where their therapy department got me walking again.

Anyway, I have a renewed desire to write a column -- at least now and then -- preachy or not. I can't resist the desire to try and create some discussion about so many happenings, local and otherwise.

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It's over. The election, that is. Trump earned his defeat, and it appears Kamala Harris, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and oh yes, Joe Biden, will be sworn in come January to lead America into its future. Nuff said.

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Writing a weekly column should be easy, with so many subjects available that could be of interest to our readers.

But some help would be appreciated. I hope readers feel free to offer some ideas to "the corner", with or without the writer's name being used.

Here's one thought -- what would you do if you were Mayor of Dwight? Describe what you think the town needs most and air it out. It could be of interest to many others. We will certainly give your thoughts our consideration.

Please include your phone number (not to be published) with a submission.

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106th District State Representative Tom Bennett has an excellent column this week in *The Paper*. Illinois House speaker Mike Madigan, the unelected governor of Illinois, has cancelled any meetings of the House until January, including hearings on how ComEd participated in a bribery scheme with an unnamed Illinois official.

Fingers point to Madigan's involvement, but without a hearing, well, the state staggers on, basically bankrupt, ethically as well as financially.

## Dwight Ministerial Association Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be Held Online Nov. 22

Due to the pandemic, the Dwight Ministerial Association invites the public to join the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 22, live online.

The service will be broadcast live at 7:00 p.m. the Sunday before Thanksgiving. You may find the link to the live broadcast and the order of service at [dwrightumc.org](http://dwrightumc.org). Rev. Grant Speece from First Congregational Church will be preaching.

This spring, the Ministerial supported a family whose home burned by paying for

hotel costs until they were able to find alternative housing. However, their funds have been greatly depleted.

If you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to New Life Church and put "Ministerial" in the memo or on the envelope and mail them directly to the New Life Church, 903 S. Old Rt. 66, Dwight, IL 60420.

Begin your Thanksgiving celebration right by gathering with other people of faith online. The service will be recorded and posted on YouTube as well.

## Village of Dwight Reminder

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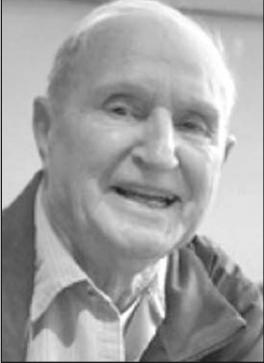
Donald William “Don” Malone knew (just like Yogi Berra) that love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too.

Born January 27, 1929 to William and Vera Malone, he surrounded himself with hard work, baseball, and basketball from the start. Don was fiercely competitive, always pushing himself mentally and physically to shine brighter, play better.

He used that drive to serve his country in the United States Air Force for 24 years, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. While serving in the Air Force, he played and coached a variety of sports in Washington, New Mexico, Germany, and Michigan.

While working for Northrop in Saudi Arabia, he helped form a youth baseball league and coached the Saudi team in the European Little League World Series.

A fiery competitor, Don was tossed out of many games over the years (as player, coach, and



parent). He continued to play softball into the late 80s, still sliding into bases and hustling out infield singles.

Don loved being around people, out in the woods as a hunter, and fishing the waters of Puget Sound and the Pacific Coast. He enjoyed cooking Chinese food for his family, cheering on his beloved Chicago Cubbies, and had a fondness for his feline companions.

On October 16, 2020 Don called his game of life on account of rain. He leaves behind his wonderful wife Bernice; sons Michael, David and Steven; niece and daughter of his heart Robin; grandchildren Jennifer, Lindsay, Jeff and Meagan; great-grandchildren Kiera and Sienna; brother William; twin sister Donna; sister Sherry; and every friend or player who ever loved the game (and life) a little more because of him.

Remembrances for Don can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Philip J. McArdle

Philip J. McArdle, 77, of Dwight passed away Monday, November 9, 2020 at the Morris Hospital.

Born February 23, 1943 in Morris, he was the son of the late William J. and Barbara M. (Ulrich) McArdle.

Philip was involved in agriculture all his life. He graduated from U of I with a Bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Business. He grew up on a farm southeast of Morris and was a farm manager for local banks, DSM for Pioneer Hi Bred International and Wyffels Seed Company, and owned and operated McArdle Grain and Commodities. He sold insurance, but he mainly concentrated on farm insurance and real estate in Dwight. Philip would also read the Ag report on Morris radio, WCSJ.

Philip married Karen Goodrum on June 29, 1984, together they raised their family in Dwight. Philip adored and loved spending time with his grandkids, including shooting their guns on the McArdle farm. He enjoyed family outings to Lake Lawn Lodge in Wisconsin and watching U of I



games. He was also an avid gardener.

He will be so deeply missed by his family and friends.

Philip is survived by his loving wife Karen; children: Brian (Kelly) McArdle, Kimberly Robertson and Timothy Goodrum; grandchildren: Kaitlyn (Levi) Hankin, Bailey (Colton) Quaka, Ireland Robertson, Peyton Robertson, Mason and Ana Goodrum; and great-grandchildren, Sawyer and Landon Quaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Dick McArdle; and sister, Kay Yutani.

Philip’s life will be celebrated privately by his family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Philip’s name to the donor’s choice.

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

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

Linda Marie Goodman

Linda Marie Goodman, 70, of Dwight, IL passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial services will be at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, IL. A visitation will be held that same day at the memorial home from 2:00 p.m. until the time of services.

Memorials in Linda’s honor may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society.

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

Linda was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 26, 1950. She was the daughter of Eugene and Patricia (Gilardi) Wozniak. She married Gary Goodman, Sr. in July of 1982 at their home in Dwight. He survives in Dwight.



She also survived by her step-children: Jason Goodman of Montana; Allen Goodman of Montana; Gary Goodman, Jr. of Chatsworth, IL; Vicki Hopper of Dwight, IL; and Jenny Goodman of Lexington; and a sister, Geri Finch

of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Sharon Sullivan.

Linda graduated high school in Chicago and was of the Lutheran faith. She worked for ATW in circuit board manufacturing and later worked for Casey’s General Store. She was a member of ASPCA and the Caterpillar camping club. After traveling the country with the Caterpillar Club, Gary and Linda continued to camp often.

Online condolences may be made at [hagermemorial.com](http://hagermemorial.com)

Harold George Mahler

Harold George “Fuzz” Mahler, age 88, of Gardner, IL passed away Saturday, November 7, 2020.

Born June 26, 1932, he was the last of the 12 children born to William and Ida (nee Balzerick) Mahler. Harold “Fuzz” served in the United States Army from 1953 - 1955 during the Korean War in both South Korea and Okinawa, Japan.

On June 29, 1957 he married Margie Malek and for the past 63 years they have raised their family and made their home in Gardner.

He served as an Elder at the Church of Hope in Gardner and enjoyed doing dishes there. He had several jobs throughout his lifetime. He loved farming and with his brother formed a partnership that lasted 50 years. He also farmed with Bill and Dave Masching of Cabery, IL for seven years and also with Lyle Johnson.

For 44 years he served on the Goodfarm Township Board. Fuzz was always helping his neighbors and was loved by all who knew him. He was proud to have been chosen to take the Honor Flight from Springfield to Washington, DC on April 7, 2015.

Surviving are his wife, Margie Mahler; children: Verna Sue Morecraft and Richard Scott (Kory Anderson) Mahler; sisters: Lucille (Leo) Lenzie of Peru, IL; Helen (Don) Lamons of Palo Alto, CA; and Edna (George) Cressey of St. Catherine, Ontario, Canada; sisters-in-law: Debbie (Jim) Kratochvil of Gardner and Pat (Don) Farrer of Lemont, IL; and brother-in-law, Bill (Faye Lynn) Malek of Lakeview, AR.



Also surviving are five grandchildren: Michelle (Rich) Reese, Margaret (Tom) Shuck of Ottawa, IL; Marlene (Mark) Woodward of Sheridan, IL; Mike (Diana) Morecraft of St. John, IN; and Stephanie

Mahler of Manteno, IL; seven great-grandchildren: Tyler, Nick, Ashley, Tom, Becky, Riley and Brianna; one great-great-grandson, Paul Morecraft, and two more on the way; and more than 100 nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his son, Robert Craig Mahler; son-in-law, David Morecraft; sisters: Freida Halfaker, Gertrude Krueger, Erna Kline, Dorothy Lind, Mildred Dinelli and Ruth Payne; and brothers: Bill Mahler and Leonard Mahler.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A drive-by memorial visitation will be held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Monday, November 16, 2020 between the hours of 1 - 4 p.m. Attendees are asked to remain in their vehicles and please follow the instructions from the funeral home staff while pulling into the parking lot.

Private inurnment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe St., Gardner, IL 60424 or the Scleroderma Foundation, 125 S. Clark St., 17th floor, Chicago, IL 60603.

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

CAUCUS NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT ON December 1, 2020, at Goodfarm Town Hall, A CAUCUS OF THE Republican Party in the Township of Goodfarm in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois will be held for the purpose of nominating candidates. This caucus will be opened at 7 o’clock p.m. Dated: November 18, 2020.

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**TVs**



In this economy?! I like to ironically and unironically say that from time to time in reference to things that have absolutely nothing to do with the economy.

In this economy.... Everything is seemingly up, (disregarding the pandemic numbers) home prices, up, car prices, up, grocery costs, up. Everything is up up up.

Now, while this seems like it’s the case, I want to shed light on something that has quietly slid under the radar and the prices have gone, down down down.

It’s.. stocks. (Just kidding, those only go up.)

It is the television market. I talk sometimes about being grateful for what you have around you, family, friends, roof over your head, all of that, but I also at this very moment want you to take a second to be grateful for the TV market that we currently live in.

You can get a 32 in. TV, which when I was growing up as a kid, if you had one of those in your room to play video games on, you had it all, for a little over \$100. You can get close to a 60 inch for \$400 or less in some cases.

The amount this has decreased over the last two decades is a sight to behold, and it’s almost unbelievable. It’s not like the technology is getting worse, it’s getting better, the TVs are getting smaller, smarter, bigger and cheaper.

I was TV shopping for someone recently and was aghast at the current state of the TV market.

I’m not sure who made the cost drop, was it Elon Musk, was it Donald Trump, does it tie all the way back to Henry Ford and the invention of the assembly line? I don’t know, but it’s awesome, and I just wanted to give a shout out to the TV market, if someone in your family asked for one this holiday season, you’re in luck, what a time to buy.

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CLAIM DATE NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Erlan Edward Domagala, and Letters of Office were issued on the 6th day of November, 2020, to Robert A. Crater, 460 Oak Street, South Wilmington, IL 60474, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is JOAN N. HARROP, 220 West Main Street, Suite 300, Morris, Illinois 60450.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk.

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Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Grundy County Court House, 111 E. Washington Street, Morris, Illinois 60450, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 17, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Vienna Township Central Committee will hold a caucus pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/45-10 at 501 N. Division St., Verona, IL 60479, Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. This Republican caucus is being held for the purpose of nominating:

- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- 4 Township Trustees
- Township Highway Commissioner

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Vienna Township Board

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as MGS Powersports, located at 216 Elm St., Campus, IL 60920.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2020.

Kristy A. Masching  
Livingston County Clerk

NOTICE

The November Board meeting for the Board of Education of South Wilmington CCSD #74 scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM in the gym at 375 5th Avenue, South Wilmington, Illinois. The Levy Hearing will be held prior to the meeting at 6:50 PM.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

*The Paper* welcomes letters to the editor on topics of current local interest. All letters must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. No letters will be published with fictitious names or if unsigned. All letters should be typed or neatly printed and should not exceed 250 words. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household. Political letters will not run the week prior to an election.

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From a mechanical aspect, winter conditions - wet, cold and icy weather - present the greatest challenge to your vehicle's operating efficiency. Since these conditions cannot be avoided, prepare for winter by performing a complete vehicle checkup in the fall. Check, or have your mechanic check, the following items:

**1 . Electrical system**  
Battery:  
The heart of your vehicle's electrical system is the battery. Cold-weather starts require a battery that is fully charged. Have your battery checked and replaced, if needed. Have your alternator or generator, voltage regulator and drive belts checked, too.  
Ignition system:

Damaged ignition wires, a cracked distributor cap or worn spark plugs can make starting difficult or may cause a sudden vehicle breakdown. A fall vehicle checkup will reveal any problems.

Lights:  
During the winter, working lights become more critical for others to see you. Make sure all your lights and lenses are clean and functioning properly. Grime on headlight lenses reduces their effectiveness by as much as 90 percent.

**2. Brake system**  
The ability to slow the vehicle is critical in any driving environment. Have your brakes checked regularly and do not delay any necessary maintenance or repairs.

**3. Tires**  
The amount of traction that exists between the tires and roadway surface determines how well the vehicle accelerates, turns and stops. Make certain your tires are properly inflated and in good condition.

If you live in a region that receives light to moderate snowfall, then a set of all-season tires (M+S rated) might be the answer to your winter driving needs. For driving in greater amounts of snow, tires specifically designed for use in snow would be a better choice.  
While it is best to purchase tires in sets of four, if you only purchase two, mount them on the rear wheels. For extreme snow and ice driving conditions, tire chains can provide the best traction. If chains are necessary, they should be on all four tires.

**4. The exhaust system**  
The exhaust system serves two main purposes. First, it carries off carbon monoxide and other harmful gases produced by the engine. Second, it muffles engine noise. Have a mechanic check your exhaust system for leaks in order to minimize the chances of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is odorless, very hard to detect, and it can quickly cause death. If your car is stuck in the snow and you

have the engine running, open a window slightly and clear snow away from the exhaust pipe.

**5. Heating and cooling system**  
Make sure your vehicle's cooling system contains enough antifreeze to prevent freezing in cold weather. Keep the mixture fresh by changing it regularly and having the entire system checked for leaks. Please check your vehicle owner's manual to determine the best type of coolant for your vehicle.

**6. Windshield wipers, washer, glass and vehicle exterior**  
Clean windows offer optimal visibility. Thus, wiper blades that streak the windshield should be replaced. The washer reservoir bottle should be filled with an antifreeze washer solvent. To prevent damage to your wiper blades or



wiper motor. be sure the wipers are free of ice and snow and turned off before starting the engine.

**7. Winter driving kit**  
The following items, carried in your vehicle, will be invaluable should an emergency de-

velop: Bag of abrasive material (sand, salt or cat litter); Small snow shovel; Snow brush; Traction mats; Flashlight; Window-washing solvent; Gloves or mittens; Ice scraper; Cloth or paper towels; Booster cables; Blanket; Warning flares or triangles; Cellular phone.



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<b>Commercial League</b>			Victory Lanes	3	5
<b>Bowlers</b>			Gaston Construct.	3	5
HSG: <b>Men</b> – Jeff Friedman,			Coleman/Son	3	5
225; Scot Banks, 212; Paul			Big Run Ranch	2	6
Seabert, 211; Bill Becker, 208;			Pumpkin Patch	2	6
Chuck Dudak, 203; <b>Women</b> –					
Brandi Farcus, 199; Kathy					
Hanold, 190; Anne Sporrer,					
167; JennaT Mortenson, 158;					
Linda Dunlap, 140. HSS:					
<b>Men</b> – Bill Becker, 592; Scot					
Banks, 568; Jeff Friedman,					
567; Chuck Dudak, 558; Bill					
Green, 552; <b>Women</b> – Brandi					
Farcus, 558; Kathy Hanold,					
488; Anne Sporrer, 419; Paula					
Watts, 401; JennaT Mortenson,					
388. HHG: Bob Maxwell,					
245 – JennaT Mortenson, 248.					
HHS: Matt Norton, 688 – Jen-					
naT Mortenson, 658. HSG: Big					
Run WolfRanch, 880. HSS:					
Big Run WolfRanch, 2630.					
HHG: Pinkie's Out, 931. HHS:					
Pinkie's Out, 2682.					
League Standings	W	L			
Whiskey Cav	7	1			
Willy's Pub	7	1			
Dairy Queen	5	3			
Pinkie's Out	4	4			
Agritile	4	4			

<b>Sportsman League Bowlers</b>		
HSG: Bob Whicker, 290;		
Josh Gernentz, 265; Rick		
Rambo, 259; Coo Hallam, 256;		
Chris Cook, 255. HSS: Coo		
Hallam, 725; Chris Cook, 715;		
Bob Whicker, 705; Jeff Behn-		
ing, Jr., 702; Josh Gernentz,		
688. HHG: Bob Whicker, 297.		
HHS: Chris Cook, 745.		
HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes,		
1096. HSS/HHS: Victory		
Lanes, 3204.		
League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	11	1
Jensen BP II	11	1
Rockey's Pub	9	3
Star Trucking	7	5
Rambo Construct.	7	5
Willy's Pub	7	5
DeLong Ford	6	6
Rury's Tap	4	8
Jeremy's Barber	4	8
Hallam Elect.	3	9
Jensens	3	9



NOAH KELLEHER, a freshman honor student and member of the Providence Catholic High School Marching Band in New Lenox – the 2020-21 Division I State and Midwest Champions (ranking third in the National Championship) – was able to put to good use his new, gleaming silver trumpet as part of the production of “The Hidden World”. This season’s production, and the choreograaphy of it, faced all the social distancing and other mitigation challenges required by the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, all submissions to various competitions and invitational were made virtual, with recordings of all performances. “I am so proud to be a part of this band, and to work with and learn from the upper classes and great directors,” Kelleher stated. “We practiced quite a bit all summer and early fall.” PCHS is on a hybrid schedule of alternating in-class and remote learning. “My favorite classes are band, algebra, technology, and science. The virtual classroom cameras and advanced sound make it feel as close as possible to the sensation of sitting in the class with the Green cohort students on alternating days. I look forward to the concert band season.” Each time the school wins a State Championship, they celebrate with a day off for the entire school. This time, the day will be November 24 – added to the Thanksgiving break. Noah is the son of Andy and Tracy Kelleher, Dwight. Visit the Providence Catholic High School Band Facebook page for more information.



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Extension Educators Andrew Holsinger, Chris Enroth, Ken Johnson, and Katie Parker will lead a series of five live sessions with follow-along activities.

Webinars are free and will be 3:00-4:00 p.m. CST Wednesdays from November 25 to December 16 and return in 2021 on January 6. Sign up for one or all of the sessions. Advance registration is required for each session.

- **Christmas Tree Types and Care | November 25:** Different types of Christmas trees offer different colors, strength of fragrance, needle retention, branch sturdiness, and other attributes. Join Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Katie Parker to learn about the different types of trees and how to care for live trees. Illinois Extension educators will demonstrate how to create nature-themed ornaments, in this kid-friendly hands-on activity. Sign up at [go.illinois.edu/GGChristmasTrees](http://go.illinois.edu/GGChristmasTrees).
- **Fun with Evergreen Foliage | December 2:** Craft some holiday elegance with evergreen foliage for your home. Learn how to craft your favorite holiday décor and how to source suitable materials in your home

landscape. Extension Educator Andrew Holsinger will demonstrate how to make a wreath and follow along at home with hands-on activities for kissing balls, outdoor holiday planters or evergreen gnomes. Sign up at [go.illinois.edu/GGEvergreenFoliage](http://go.illinois.edu/GGEvergreenFoliage).

- **Popular Holiday Plant Care | December 9:** Do you love buying holiday plants like poinsettia and amaryllis, but struggle to keep the plants alive through the holidays, let alone keeping them going year-round? Join Illinois Extension educators as they discuss popular holiday plants and their care. During this webinar, they will talk about poinsettia, amaryllis, holiday cactus, and Norfolk Island pine. Sign up at [go.illinois.edu/GGHolidayPlantCare](http://go.illinois.edu/GGHolidayPlantCare).
- **Holiday Spices | December 16:** Ever wonder about where those holiday spices you're using come from, or if you could grow them? Illinois Extension educators Ken Johnson and Chris Enroth will cover the origins and how to grow popular holiday spices such as nutmeg, cinnamon, clove, allspice, peppermint, citrus, and ginger. Sign up at [go.illinois.edu/GGHolidaySpices](http://go.illinois.edu/GGHolidaySpices).
- **Create a Winter Bird Haven | January 6:** Gardens are a haven for birds year-round. Lots of wildlife use yards for over-wintering and provide a delightful spectacle on cold days. Attracting birds to the winter landscape can be incredibly rewarding for all ages.

Horticulture Educator Chris Enroth will describe the species of birds in Illinois during the winter, what they're looking for, and how to make a habitat so they stick around all year. Chris will be joined by other Extension Educators who will demonstrate creative ways to feed the birds with logs, toilet paper rolls, grapefruit, and a fruit and popcorn garland. Sign up at [go.illinois.edu/GGWinterBirds](http://go.illinois.edu/GGWinterBirds).

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City/Village	November 16	November 9
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Braceville	\$2.24	\$2.24
Morris	\$2.02	\$2.04
Herscher	\$2.22	\$2.22
Chicago	\$2.31	\$2.34
Illinois	\$2.23	\$2.25
U.S.	\$2.13	\$2.11

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

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**DWIGHT**  
**Dwight United Methodist Church**  
701 S. Columbia  
584-3420 church  
[Dwightumc.org](http://Dwightumc.org)  
Pastor: Mary Arnold

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS**  
325 E. Mazon Ave.  
584-3433 church  
584-1291 fax  
Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor

**First Baptist Church**  
401 N. Clinton St.  
815-584-3182  
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Pastor Dan Woodward  
Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.  
Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.  
NOV. 24: Wednesday (held on Tuesday) Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

**New Life Assembly of God**  
903 S. Old Route 66  
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
Mazon Ave. at Prairie  
815-584-3522 Office  
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
326 W. Chippewa St.  
815-584-1199  
Pastor Chrissy Salser  
[email:chrissytherev@att.net](mailto:email:chrissytherev@att.net)

**Trinity Lutheran Church "Goodfarm" LCMS**  
515 E. Stonewall Rd.  
Rev. William Mitschke  
815-725-1341

**BRACEVILLE**  
**Braceville United Methodist Church**  
106 W. Gould St.  
815-237-8512 Church  
815-483-9343 Cell  
[bracevilleumc.com](http://bracevilleumc.com)  
Pastor Donald Batz  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**CABERY**  
**Cabery United Methodist Church**  
Ames & Chester  
815-949-1681  
Pastor John Lyons  
815-257-5751 cell

**CHATSWORTH**  
**Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church**  
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Father David Sabel

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**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church NALC**  
511 W. Jackson  
815.689.2120  
[stjohns@frontiernet.net](mailto:stjohns@frontiernet.net)  
Pastor: Gabriel Baumgardner

**Cullom United Methodist Church**  
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**EMINGTON**  
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Rev. Grant Speece

**ESSEX**  
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Janet Chandler, Pastor  
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815-237-8312  
[ChurchofHope@sbcglb.net](mailto:ChurchofHope@sbcglb.net)

**United Lutheran Church ELCA**  
309 E. Jefferson St.  
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[pastorule@att.net](mailto:pastorule@att.net)  
Pastor Greg Olson

**HERSCHER**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS**  
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P.O. Box 414  
815-426-2262  
[email:trinityher1@comcast.net](mailto:email:trinityher1@comcast.net)  
Rev. Eric J. Brown, Pastor

**St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church**  
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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

**Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ**  
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# Secretary White Upgrades Temporary License Plates

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that his office has upgraded temporary license plates (also known as TRPs or temporary registration permits), making them more durable and providing more information in an effort to continue to combat fraud and criminal activity.

The newly designed temporary license plate features a more durable material that is thicker and will better withstand car washes and inclement weather, ensuring that the information on the temporary license plate is easily visible to law enforcement. The new temporary license plates also include a bar code and enlarged expiration date, as well as identification including the vehicle's VIN, year, make and



model, and the name of the automobile dealer that issued the temporary license plate. Like the old temporary license plates, the new ones will be affixed to the rear back license plate holder.

In addition, the issuance process of temporary license plates has been upgraded to require that applications for title and registration are completed before an automobile dealer may issue a temporary license plate. This change improves

consumer protection and helps combat fraud, ensuring automobile dealers and remitters apply for title and registration before a temporary license plate can be printed. This step guarantees that ownership of the vehicle will be properly transferred in a timely fashion to the purchaser.

The newly designed temporary license plates – which are being issued statewide at all Driver Services facilities as well as the 10,048 automobile dealers, currency exchanges and remitters – continue to give law enforcement the ability to access vehicle information immediately through LEADS.

Approximately 500,000 temporary license plates are issued each year. There are more than 10.2 million vehicles in Illinois.



PNB OF KEWANEE, DWIGHT BANKING CENTER, DONATES TO LOCAL CHARITIES. Due to this year's current COVID-19 restrictions, Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, Dwight Banking Center, will not be hosting its annual Christmas Open House. However, during these trying times, Dwight Banking Center would like to show its support to the community. Instead of the open house, they've decided to donate \$500 to two local charities – Christmas for Kids and Dwight Love Boxes. It is their hope that next year they will be able to continue the Christmas Open House, along with their other holiday traditions.



## Dwight Economic Alliance Plans Holiday Activities

by Madelyn Fogarty

As we continue to practice social distancing protocols in the face of COVID-19, Holiday celebrations may look a little different this year. However, there are many creative thinkers out there who will ensure fun and festive activities still take place. At the November 11 meeting of the Dwight Village Board, Dwight Economic Alliance representative, Jane Anderson, reported on ways the DEA is working to provide safe alternatives to Dwight's traditional Christmas parade and events.

This year, on December 5, residents can enjoy and participate in a "Backwards Parade" from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Decorated residential locations, businesses and churches can enter to be on the parade route. Entries must be received in the

DEA office by the morning of November 30th. A list of participants will be available to the public along with a voting ballot. Completed ballots are to be turned into the drop box at the DEA building by 8 a.m. on December 7. Prizes will be awarded in each category.

A "Backwards Country Parade" will also be held to include farm house locations. The Backwards Country Parade will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on December 11 with a list of locations and voting ballot available from the DEA. Entries for the parade must be received in the DEA office by December 7. Voting ballots must be turned in to the DEA drop box by 8 a.m. on December 14. Prizes will be awarded. According to Anderson, the DEA does have a limited amount of decorations available for use by partici-

pants if needed; contact the DEA for more information.

The DEA is also working on an idea to possibly bring Santa and live holiday mannequins for viewing through the window of the DEA office.

Shop Local/Shop Small is another effort being put forth by the DEA. Copies of receipts for purchases made at local retail and restaurant locations on November 27 and 28 can be turned in to the DEA drop box by 9 a.m., November 30, for a drawing and chance to win DEA Bucks.

It was also noted that the 2020 Cat's Meow piece has arrived and this year's holiday ornament is expected to arrive soon. Both pieces are of the Dwight Post Office and will be available at Emling Florist, the DEA office, and through the DEA Facebook shop.

## Spend the Evening at Home Reading Together for Family Reading Night Nov. 19

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is encouraging families to read together at home to celebrate Illinois' annual Family Reading Night (FRN) Thursday, November 19.

Family Reading Night is officially celebrated across the state on the third Thursday in November. This year, the Illinois State Library has again coordinated with Illinois READS,

a program of the Illinois Reading Council, along with the Illinois Library Association's iREAD. The FRN theme continues iREADS "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover" summer reading theme. The Illinois State Library distributed thousands of colorful posters and bookmarks to libraries, schools and literacy programs across the state to promote FRN to students and

their families.

This year marks the 29th year that the Secretary of State's office has sponsored FRN.

For more information about Family Reading Night, visit [cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center\\_for\\_the\\_book/frn.html](http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center_for_the_book/frn.html) or contact the State Library at 800-665-5576, ext. 2.

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