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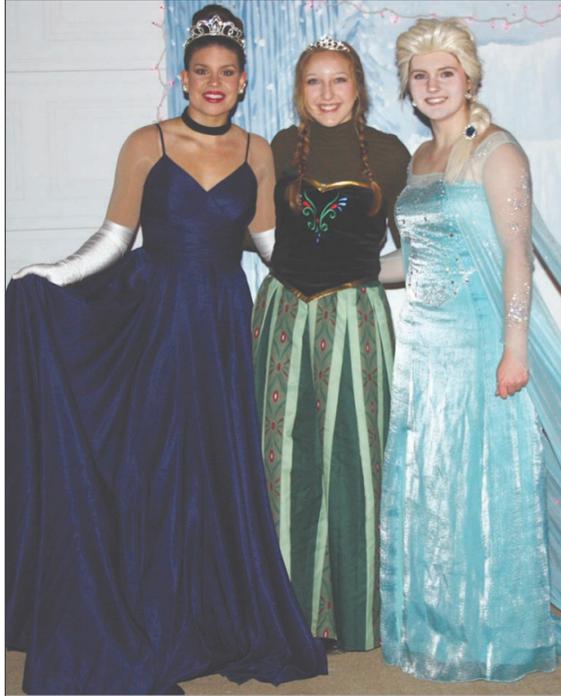
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DWIGHT ECONOMIC ALLIANCE put on a Backwards Parade December 5 to celebrate the holiday season, with area businesses and homes showing off their decorations and over 200 cars participating in the parade. Winners were announced December 8 and will be in next week's edition of *The Paper*. A Backwards Country Parade is set for Friday, December 11, for rural residents of Dwight. Lists will be made available the day of the parade.



## Dwight Novelist Published in the Universe of Sherlock Holmes

by Tim Gliwa

Around fifty years ago, an eleven-year-old Bob Madia started reading mystery novels. The stories of, "The Hardy Boys," "Nancy Drew," and "Three Investigators," would inspire a young Madia, and set him on the path to becoming a published Author in not only the mystery genre, but in the vast universe started by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in 1887.

Madia, a Dwight resident, recently had his first book, "Inspector Lestrade," published by Orange Pip Books in London, England. It takes place in the Sherlock Holmes universe, and features a riveting mystery explored and uncovered by Dr. Watson after Sherlock Holmes' apparent death.

"I came up with the idea [for the book] about 15-20 years ago," said Madia. "I had the beginning and the end figured out, I just needed to figure out how to get there."

However the story still wouldn't be written for over a decade as tragedy had postponed the writing process. A close friend of Madia died at the inception of the novel.

Madia decided to remove himself from the writing table

until he could come to terms with the loss of such a dear friend.

"It took quite a long time," admitted Madia.

Despite his grief, Madia found inspiration in his loss and channeled his real-life feelings and emotions into his novel's Dr. Watson who, in the story, had just lost his best friend, Sherlock, and his beloved wife, Mary.

While writing, Madia said that he often thought about, "How would Dr. Watson handle the loss?" This resulted in the relatability and grounded feeling of his character and the driving force behind the novel.

Madia finished the book in about six months, writing roughly two pages a day. It wouldn't be long before he grabbed the interest of Orange Pip Publishing.

While undergoing a stress test at the hospital in November of 2019, Madia received an email from the publisher, expressing their interest in moving forward with the novel.

Initially, just the first few chapters were sent to the publisher and issued to their test readers. The results were clear: They wanted more.

Anybody who knew Madia

wasn't surprised as he's been an expert in everything Sherlock for many years. He was even the Sherlock Holmes expert on the, "Nick DiGilio Show," on WGN Radio out of Chicago.

His interest in the character fleshed itself out over the years, and at the time of his first interview regarding Holmes, Madia had only 400 books in his Sherlock collection.

Madia's wife, Dawn, told him early on in their marriage, "If you don't stop, you will have to get a mortgage for a 3-room house to store it all!"

Dawn was correct, as today Madia's collection has swollen to over 1400 books, complemented with tens of dozens of movies and memorabilia.

"She was right about that, and a lot of things," joked Madia as he sat in his 3-bedroom home in Dwight.

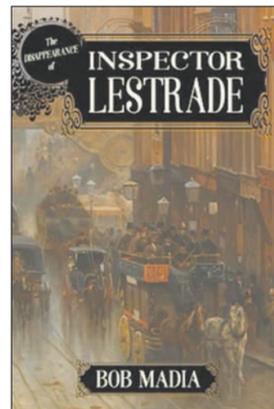
His Sherlock Holmes library and collection is impressive and features wall-to-wall book shelves, glass display cases packed with memorabilia, to-

bacco pipes, and a few chairs to relax in while reading.

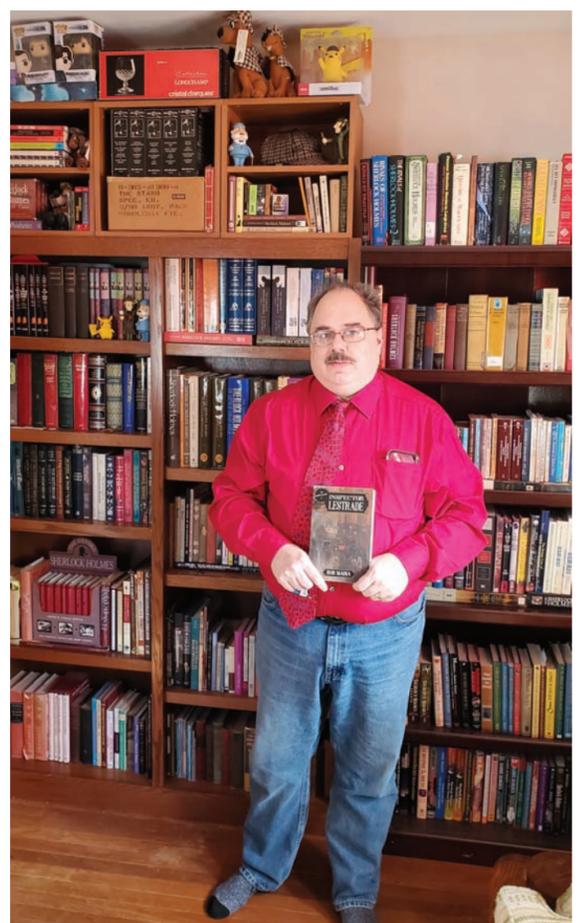
In addition to his Novel, Madia has also had several screenplays produced, to what he called, "mixed reviews." Madia enjoyed writing the book more because of the creative license it afforded him.

"In screenplays you're dealing with director's notes, actor's notes, and it detracts from the writing process," said

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BOB MADIA, DWIGHT, author of "Inspector Lestrade", poses in front of his extensive library of Sherlock Holmes books and memorabilia.



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**Tickets Issued by Dwight Police**

November 26: Nicholas A. Bzdusek, 27, Momence, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.  
 November 27: Drinart Jusufi, 25, Braidwood, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.  
 December 1: Franklin J. Smith, 39, Braidwood, 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**

November 27: 2:53 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook Dr. Arrested was Kelly Devalois, 42, of Braidwood, for violating an Order of Protection and Aggravated Battery to Officer. She was transported to Grundy Cty. Jail; 8:47 a.m., Dwight Police spoke with a resident about debit card fraud; 9:42 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Bannon Dr. for a well-being check.

November 28: 5:12 p.m., Dwight Police spoke with a female in the 200 block of E. Waupansie in reference to unwanted messages.

November 29: 10:58 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of E. James for a report of damage. Arrested was Anthony Taylor, 27, of Dwight, for Criminal Damage to Property and Criminal Trespass to Property.

November 30: 9:25 a.m., Dwight Police returned a call to a resident who had received an unrequested Unemployment Debit Card; 10:41 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of S. Franklin for an attempted break-in; 11:20 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Mazon for Criminal Defacement to a building.

December 1: 8:05 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to 300 E. Spencer for a report of a Domestic Battery.

December 2: 9:52 a.m., Dwight Police spoke with a resident in the 100 block of E. Seminole St. in reference to an unrequested Unemployment Debit Card; 1:18 p.m., Dwight Police spoke with a resident from the 300 block of S. Clinton about a property dispute; 2:07 p.m., Dwight Police spoke with a female resident in reference to a fraudulent unemployment claim.

**Accident Report**

Wednesday, December 2, 5:07 a.m., an accident was reported at 1 Aldi Dr. involving a 2016 Freight., driven by Herbert Crabtree, Rensselaer, IN, which struck a parked 2007 Volvo, owned by Nikola Radevic, Des Plaines, when attempting to back up.



**Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

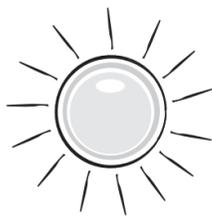
November 26: Philmar, medical; Northbrook, medical, refusal; W. Main, medical, Morris.

November 27: Northbrook, trauma, refusal; Julie Dr., trauma, St. James; Mazon, fire.  
 November 28: Mazon, medical, Morris; John St., trauma, refusal; John St., medical, Morris.

November 29: 3300 N. Rd., trauma, refusal; I-55, trauma, mutual aid to Gardner.  
 November 30: Main St., medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; South St., trauma, Pontiac; Prairie, trauma, Morris; Waupansie, trauma, refusal; Prairie, fire.

December 1: Mazon, medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris; Seminole, trauma, mutual aid from Gardner; I-55 NB, medical, St. James.

December 2: Mazon, medical, St. James; James, medical, Morris; Rt. 66, trauma, refusal.



**Temps - 2020**

Nov. 26 – high 45°, low 32°  
 Nov. 27 – high 42°, low 26°  
 Nov. 28 – high 49°, low 26°  
 Nov. 29 – high 49°, low 31° trace snow  
 Nov. 30 – high 31°, low 18° trace snow  
 Dec. 1 – high 33°, low 19°  
 Dec. 2 – high 45°, low 20°  
**One Year Ago – Dec. 9, 2019**  
 high 42°, low 19°

**Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington Dec. 14**

On Monday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine).

Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and non-perishable items) to people in need.

**Participants are asked to stay in their cars.** The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive-thru" method to distribute pre-packed groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

**Jesse White Extends Closure of Driver Services Facilities Until January 4, 2021**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that Driver Services facilities statewide will remain closed for in-person transactions until Monday, January 4, 2021, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. White is reminding the public that expirations for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended until June 1, 2021.

**Expanded Online Services**

White has also expanded

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF DWIGHT – 1963. Professionals and Businessmen gathered for a photo of the Rotary Club. Do you know anyone in the photo? If you do, let us know!!

**Thanksgiving Weekend Traffic Enforcement in Kankakee Cty. Results in 80 Citations**

Throughout the course of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office, like many other local municipalities, participated in traffic enforcement, particularly in an effort to crack down on impaired and distracted driving.

The detail resulted in 55 vehicles being stopped, resulting in 80 citations, including: 10 – Citations for Failing to Wear Seatbelt(s); 1 – Citation for Failing to Secure a Child in a

Safety Restraint System; 1 – Arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol; 37 – Citations issued for Speeding related offenses; 12 – Citations issued for Distracted Driving offenses; 3 – Arrests for traffic-related offenses; 1 – Taken into custody for an Outstanding Arrest Warrant; and, 20 – Other Citations issued.

Additional traffic enforcement details of similar nature are planned for the near future as the holiday season contin-

ues. The Sheriff's Office is reminding those traveling on roadways to help them maintain the safety by reporting suspected impaired motorists to their local law enforcement agency.

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation, as part of the statewide *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* and *Click It or Ticket* campaigns.

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online services for the public, which they can take advantage of by visiting [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Some of these services 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 ab-

tract;

- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports; and
- Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact [adminhearings@ilsos.gov](mailto:adminhearings@ilsos.gov).

**Select Facilities Open to Serve New Drivers ONLY**

In addition, White announced that the following facilities will be open for new drivers **only**: Bradley; Charleston; Chicago North; Chicago South; Danville/Tilton; DeKalb; Marion; Mascoutah; Moline/Silvis; Olney; Peoria; Princeton; Quincy; Rantoul; Rockford; Salem; and Springfield.

Chicago North and Chicago South facilities will be open for new drivers only Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The other facilities listed above will operate under normal hours.

**Select Facilities Open to Serve CDL Applicants ONLY**

White also reiterated that 18 CDL facilities remain open for CDL written and road exams. These CDL facilities include: Bradley; Charleston; Danville/Tilton; DeKalb; Elk Grove Village; Marion; Mascoutah; 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.

**Seven Facilities Offering Drive-Thru Services for License Plate Stickers**

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

**Expanded Online Renewals for Driver's Licenses and ID Cards**

In an effort to reduce future facility visits for in-person service, White has expanded online renewals for driver's licenses and ID cards. Not everyone qualifies, particularly those who are required to pass a written or road test. For qualifying drivers, if the driver's license or ID card expired between Feb. 1 through Jan. 31, 2021, then the individual will receive a letter this month with a unique PIN needed to renew online. If the driver's license or ID card expires after Feb. 1, 2021, the individual will receive the PIN letter approximately 90 days before the expiration date.

For more information on determining whether an individual qualifies for online renewal, visit [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com) and click on "Read more on how to renew your driver's license or ID card online" near the top of the main page.

Thousands of customers have already taken advantage of the expanded driver's license and ID card online renewal program, which results in fewer customers waiting in person at Driver Services facilities once they reopen.

All other Secretary of State departments are open to serve the public. Check [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com) for more information.

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### Christmas Mural in Cullom

The Village of Cullom has added a festive look to their Main Street. The 28 x 8 foot mural, painted by resident artist Lynn Swearingen, is sponsored by Cullom's Community Advisory Board. Much of the paint was donated by Sherwin Williams of Morris. Due to COVID restrictions, Cullom will not be having its

Annual Christmas on Main Street this year. However, it hasn't dampened the village's holiday spirit. The Advisory Board is also sponsoring a home decorating contest with winners to be announced Saturday, December 12. It is rumored that Santa Claus will be visiting, as well, on Saturday, December 19.



### Christmas for Kids and Love Boxes Delivery Information

Christmas for Kids and Love Boxes need your help! Both groups will deliver Christmas gifts and food boxes to Dwight families at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 12, and volunteers are needed to deliver these items from the Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia St. If you are interested, arrive shortly before 9:00 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 contagion, the groups have made changes to their delivery process this year. For everyone's safety and to minimize the number of persons inside the church building, volunteers

are asked to remain in their cars in the church parking lots. If you want to deliver Christmas for Kids gifts and associated food boxes to families, park in the north parking lot at the church. Delivery volunteers will pull their cars in turn to the front doors of the church. Inside volunteers will take the gifts and food to the cars and will load the cars for delivery and will also provide address information for the recipient family. If you wish to only deliver Love Boxes food boxes to Dwight residents, park in the south parking lot at the church.

Delivery volunteers will pull up to the southwest door at the church, and inside volunteers will bring food boxes out and load cars for delivery and provide address information for recipients. Delivery instructions will be given to each group of volunteers in their respective parking lots. Everyone volunteering December 12 is required to wear a mask while at the church. The group also asks that volunteers wear masks while delivering the gifts and food to households. Recipients have been told that gifts and food will not

be taken into homes or apartments this year. Love Boxes and Christmas for Kids understand that the changes may slow down the delivery process this year, but feel the extra precaution is warranted. The groups hope that many volunteers will answer the call, however, and be willing to make as many delivery trips of gifts and food boxes as are necessary to get everything delivered. If you have questions about the delivery process, call 815-584-2179. The Love Boxes and Christmas for Kids committees hope to see you December 12.

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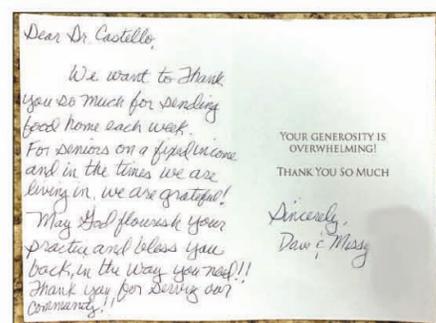


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THE DWIGHT ROTARY recently organized a collection of items to be sent in Christmas care packages by Operation S.O.S. The Dwight Rotary also made a monetary donation to pay for the shipping expenses for the Christmas care packages. Pictured are Dale Adams, Dwight Rotary Treasurer, and Carol Dippon, from Operation S.O.S.

## Rotary District 6490 Sponsoring Essay Contest

Every year, Rotary District 6490 sponsors an essay contest, with first prize receiving \$500 and second place taking \$250.

Literacy and Education are core values of Rotary and central to its global mission.

The contest is now open, and High School students are invited to participate. The deadline date for submissions is January 31, 2021. This will allow students ample time to prepare their essays under the challenging conditions of the pandemic.

Rules for the essay contest are available on the Rotary District 6490 website: [www.rotarydistrict6490.org/new-generations-service.php](http://www.rotarydistrict6490.org/new-generations-service.php).

Rotary District 6490, led by District Governor Michael D. Step, comprises 51 Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the following towns and cities: Arcola, Arthur, Atlanta, Bloomington, Casey, Champaign, Charleston, Clinton, Danville, Decatur, Dwight, Effingham, Eureka, Fairbury, Germantown Hills, Gibson City, Hillsboro, Hoopeston, Lincoln, Mahomet, Marshall, Mattoon, Metamora, Monticello, Newton, Normal, Paris, Pontiac, Rantoul, Robinson, Savoy, Sullivan, Tuscola, Urbana, Vandalia, and Villa Grove.

There are more than 1,900 members. Beyond literacy and education, Rotarians focus their philanthropic and service efforts on disease prevention; maternal and child health; peace; clean water; community development; and supporting the environment.

## Over \$75,000 in Scholarships Available to Livingston County Residents

Do you know someone attending college or trade school? Livingston Workforce Services is accepting applications for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant scholarship.

Funding is primarily used for tuition, but can also cover books, exam fees, supplies, and gas reimbursement for traveling to classes.

Each individual could be awarded up to \$10,000 tuition, plus up to \$2,500 per year in books and supplies for select majors or area of study.

For more information or to begin the application process, visit [www.livingstonworkforce.com/scholarship](http://www.livingstonworkforce.com/scholarship) or call 309-268-8280.



Will



Opal



Van

## Three Children Meet Reading Goals in Prairie Creek Library Programs

Will completed his 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten goal. He has been participating in this program, and Toddler Time, at Prairie Creek Library, Dwight. Will received a storybook and game set, a stuffed animal, and a Barnes and Noble gift card for his efforts.

All toddlers in the Prairie Creek Public Library District may participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program and join in on Toddler Time each Wednesday morning on Zoom. To sign up for either of these programs, contact the library at 815-584-3061.

In the 500 Books Before Middle School program, Opal and Van each received awards for meeting their 200 and 300 book goals. This program also is open to all district residents and currently meets via Zoom. Van also was the winner of the Rool a Turkey game played at the last meeting.

All of these programs are offered to all library district residents free of charge and can be started at any time. In the reading programs, prizes are awarded to children at various intervals of achievement on

their way to the ultimate goal of that program.

While the library is offering curbside service at this time, patrons can ask for book bundles for children, which can include holiday and winter stories or a specific author or character requested by the child. Book bundles can be tailored to each child's reading level. If forms for a program are needed, these also can be included in the book bundles. Call the library at 815-584-3061 for more information or to request a book bundle.

## New Books, DVDs at Odell Library

### Adult Fiction

All That Glitters by Danielle Steel; The Angel's Promise by Frederic Le Noir; The Awakening by Nora Roberts; Chasing Passion by Nora Roberts; The Christmas Wish by Nora Roberts; Christmas with You by Nora Roberts; Dark Tides by Philippa Gregory; Daylight by David Baldacci; Deadly Cross by James Patterson; A Dog's Perfect Christmas by W. Bruce Cameron; Exposed by Nora Roberts; Fortune and Glory by Janet Evanovich; Happy Endings by Nora Roberts; Hidden in Plain Sight by Jeffrey Archer; I'll Always Have You by Nora Roberts; In League with Sherlock Holmes by Laurie King; The Kingdom by Jo Nesbo; The Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly; Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz; Never Let Go by Sherryl Woods; O'Hurley Born by Nora Roberts; One Step Away by Sherryl Woods; A Picture of Love by Beth

Wiseman; Piece of My Heart by Mary Higgins Clark; Ready Player Two by Ernest Cline; Return to Virgin River by Robyn Carr; The Royal Affair by Nora Roberts; A Royal Invitation by Nora Roberts; Shadow of the Dragon by Marc Caameron; The Short, the Long and the Tall by Jeffrey Archer; Something New by Nora Roberts; The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris; The Turning Tide by Catriona McPherson; Undone by Nora Roberts; V2 by Robert Harris; Whispered Promises by Nora Roberts.

### DVD

3D Sun: As Close as You Ever Want to Get; American Gods, Season One; Badger Santa; Bill & Ted Face the Music; Critical Thinking; The Crown: Season 3; Foster Boy; Hacking Your Mind; Harry Chapin: When In Doubt, Do Something; Home Alone: 5-Movie Collection; The Nest; A Picture of Love by Beth

Back, Evolution; Saturday Night Live Christmas; Summerland; Upside-Down Magic; Z-O-M-B-I-E-S 2.

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### Adult Nonfiction

Consumer Reports Buying Guide 2021; Different Not Less by Dr. Temple Grandin; Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey; A Promised Land by Barack Obama; Strength Training for seniors by Paige Waechner.

### Easy/Juvenile

Bear Meets Bear by Jacob Grant; The Couch Potato by Jory John; Dog Diaries: Double Dog Dare by James Patterson; Elevator Bird by Sarah Williamson; How the Crayons Saved Christmas by Monica Sweeney; The Ickaboy by J.K. Rowling; The Little Blue Cottage by Kelly Jordan; The Little Mermaid by Jerry Pinkney; Llama Llama Loose Tooth Drama by Anna Dewdney; Snow Friends by Margery Cuyler.

## Virtual Pet Show Hosted by Prairie Creek Library December 14-18



Prairie Creek Library will host a Pet Show and Tell for patrons age 18 and up on the library's Facebook page – which can be found by searching Prairie Creek Public Library District.

This virtual event will begin Monday, December 14, and conclude at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 18. A prize will be awarded the following Monday.

Adults are invited to post to the library's page a photo of their pet, along with the pet's name and something special about the pet.

The contest is open to library district residents only.

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## - Hi, Dwight Community -

It's that time of year again and we are not going to let this difficult 2020 slow down our annual Love Boxes and Christmas for Kids.

Our committee is full steam ahead and we are hoping you will volunteer your time and/or resources to make this another successful year. We would love to see all of our past volunteers again along with many new faces.

Our volunteer schedule is December 10th (6:00-8:00), December 11th (9:00-11:00), and December 12th (9:00-11:00), all at the Methodist Church, here in Dwight. We promise to have all volunteer efforts be COVID safe!

Last, if you would like to provide our organization with a financial gift, please make all checks payable to Dwight Love Boxes and mail to Destiny Connor at 208 W. Mazon Ave, Dwight, IL 60420."



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**Consider These Year-end Financial Moves**

We're nearing the end of 2020 – and for many of us, it will be a relief to turn the calendar page on this challenging year. However, we've still got a few weeks left, which means you have time to make some year-end financial moves that may work in your favor.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Add to your IRA.** For the 2020 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,000 to your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You actually have until April 15, 2021, to contribute to your IRA for 2020, but the sooner you put the money in, the quicker it can go to work for you. Plus, if you have to pay taxes in April, you'll be less likely to contribute to your IRA then.
- **Make an extra 401(k) payment.** If it's allowed by your employer, put in a little extra to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. And if your salary goes up next year, increase your regular contributions.
- **See your tax advisor.** It's possible that you could improve your tax situation by making some investment-related moves. For example, if you sold some investments whose value has increased, you could incur capital gains taxes. To offset these gains, you could sell other investments that have lost value, assuming these investments are no longer essential to your financial strategy. Your tax advisor can evaluate this type of move, along with others, to determine those that may be appropriate for your situation.
- **Review your investment mix.** As you consider your portfolio, think about the events of these past 12 months and how you responded to them. When COVID-19 hit early in the year, and the financial markets plunged, did you find yourself worrying constantly about the losses you were taking, even though they were just on "paper" at that point? Did you even sell investments to "cut your losses" without waiting for a market recovery? If so, you might want to consult with a financial professional to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance, or if you need to make some changes.
- **Evaluate your need for retirement plan withdrawals.** If you are 72 or older, you must start taking withdrawals – technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. However, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act suspended, or waived, all RMDs due in 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money, you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.
- **Think about the future.** Are you saving enough for your children's college education? Are you still on track toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned? Or have your retirement plans changed as a result of the pandemic? All of these issues can affect your investment strategies, so you'll want to think carefully about what decisions you may need to make.

Looking back – and ahead – can help you make the moves to end 2020 on a positive note and start 2021 on the right foot.

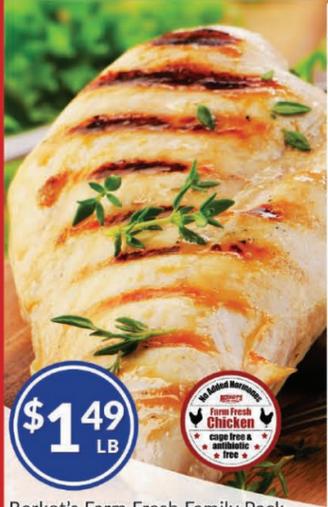
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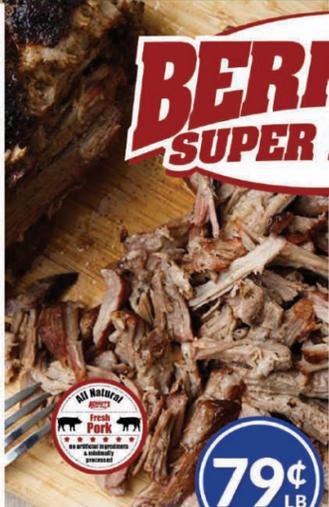
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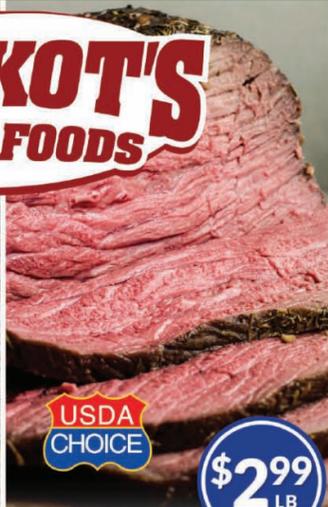


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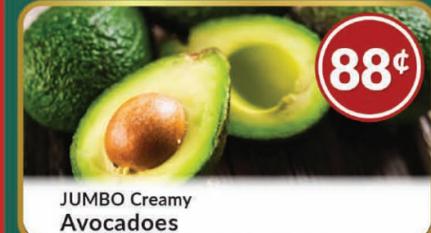
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## Livingston County 4-H Staff Receives State Extension Honors



**SARA ATTIG, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Coordinator, is the recipient of the Program Support Excellence Award. Attig works from the Livingston County location.**

Sara Attig, 4-H program coordinator serving Livingston, McLean, and Woodford Counties, was honored by University of Illinois Extension for creative and dedicated work in support of Extension programs.

Attig received the Program Support Excellence Award for her attention to detail, extensive job knowledge, and unmatched reliability. Her passion and creativity were highlighted this year when the spring butterfly school program was at risk of cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attig successfully transitioned the in-person program to a virtual experience in order to reach area youth during the stay-at-home order. Her efforts garnered the attention of National 4-H

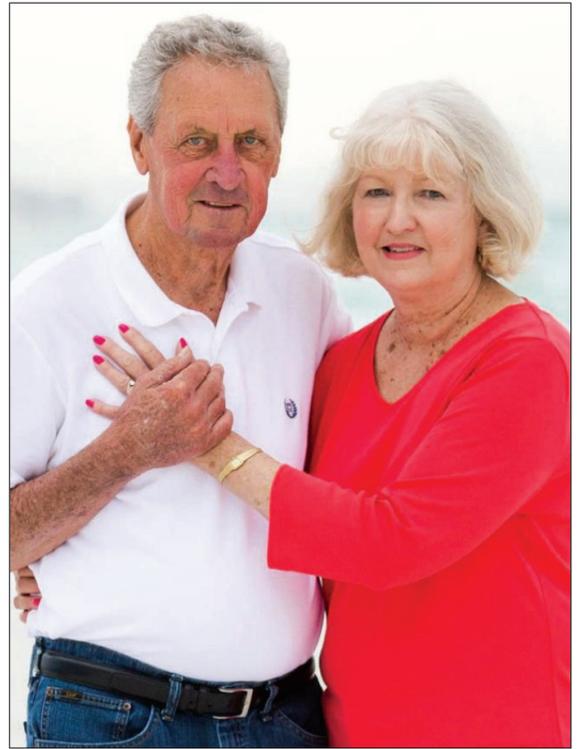
Council, which highlighted the program on its website.

Erin Estes, office support specialist serving Livingston, McLean, and Woodford Counties, was also honored by University of Illinois Extension for her dedicated and conscientious program support.

Estes received the Office Support Excellence Award in recognition of efforts contributing to the success of Extension programming. Estes supports multiple program areas in her unit, where her work ethic and attention to detail is highly valued by her colleagues. Her unwavering passion for Extension programs and the communities she serves make her a true ambassador for Extension and its myriad programs.



**ERIN ESTES, University of Illinois Extension Office Support Specialist, is the recipient of the Office Support Excellence Award.**



**Bruce and Deanna Trotter**

## Bruce and Deanna Trotter to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Bruce and Deanna (Dede) Trotter will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 18.

Bruce and the former Dede Savage were married at the Church of Hope Presbyterian

Church in Gardner December 18, 1970.

The couple has one son, Michael (Cathy) and two granddaughters, Morgan and Lauryn.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: GARDNER COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DIST. 72C

Gardner CCSD 72C is required to conduct a public hearing involving Parents and interested Stakeholders to allow opportunity for the Board of Education to hear public comment related to the district's E Learning Plan. The E Learning Plan is available for review on the home page of the district website.

Due to social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, this annual meeting will be facilitated via a Zoom meeting Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:50 p.m. Any person interested in participating in this public hearing should call 815-237-2313 or email Superintendent/Principal, Dr. Michael Merritt, at mmerritt@ggs72.org to receive the Zoom meeting credentials.

## Tonia Deutscher Celebrates 30 Years at LSC

Tonia K. Deutscher celebrated 30 years of service at LSC Communications on December 8, 2020.

She began her career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on August 13, 1990, as a Casual Material Handler and became a full-time Pressroom Material Handler on September 21, 1991. Tonia was promoted to Press Helper in July of 1995, and Roll Tender in May of 2000. She was promoted to Assistant Press Operator in November of 2002, and to her current position of Print Production Account Specialist in

March of 2015.

Tonia and her husband, Mark, reside in Saunemin and share three children: Brandon Schneider, Nicole Nyman, and Kristi Deutscher. The couple now enjoys their six grandchildren, including Camedyn and Kaysen Schneider and Sawyer, Foster, Maren, and Vivian Nyman.

"As the Dwight facility comes to a close," said Tonia, "I would like to say that I have enjoyed the last 30 years with the Dwight manufacturing team."

## Dwight Common School Students of the Month

The following students were named Students of the Month at Dwight Common School:

Penelope Bowman, Ari Wiles; 3rd - Charleigh Wilkey, Delilah Bowman, Van Patten; Reagan Connor, Addy Pittenger; 5th - Hudson Colclasure, Raegan Brown; 6th - Lauren Snyder, Cash Carter; 7th - Ryan Bean, Seth Suarez; 8th - Averi Jury, Ava Meister.

### September

PreK - Livi Maxard, Freya Bowman, Brooklyn Folkers; Kindergarten - Madi Miller, Kynleigh Toppel; 1st - Aidan Fromherz-Herald, Charlotte Paulsen; 2nd - Cooper Irvin, Jaxon Lee; 3rd - Sam Brownfield, Jace Jensen, Violet Weber; 4th - Skylare Sorenson, Emmalee Tarnowski; 5th - Olivia Buck, Landon Mortensen; 6th - Avery Connor, Evan Lehman; 7th - Makayla Wahl-Seabert, Filemon Ortiz; 8th - Vinny Boyd, Wyatt Statler.

### October

Kindergarten - Lainy Maxard, Aubree Leach, Sky Brown; 1st - Harper Connor, Mackenzie Mallaney; 2nd -

### November

PreK - Sophie Buchenau, Monroe Gerber, Neveah Martinez; Kindergarten - Mackenzie Hurt, Jace Lee; 1st - Damien Coleman, Payton Elsey, Breckin Halstead; 2nd - Allie Hansen, Kade Jensen; 3rd - Blayze Halstead, Tayden Hooper, Delani Leonard; 4th - Dalton DeLong, June Woods; 5th - Axel Kargle, Leanne Ruth; 6th - Audrina Marshall, Michael Leithlitter; 7th - Katy Dolan, Sarah Parker; 8th - Cole Boucher, Christina Jiang.

## Morris Hospital's Carb Counting Now Available Virtually

Morris Hospital is offering a free, virtual **Carbohydrate Counting** class that can be watched any time from any location.

Taught by a registered dietitian, the class is a basic introduction to carbohydrate counting and provides information on healthy foods that fit into your lifestyle and how diet impacts blood sugar control. The class is especially recommended for individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes.

To register, go to morris hospital.org/events. Immediately after registering, participants will receive a link to the class via e-mail.

After viewing the video, anyone with additional questions about carbohydrate counting can contact Morris Hospital's registered dietitian by phone or e-mail.

For more information about the virtual Carbohydrate Counting class, call 815-705-7527.

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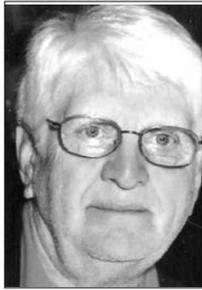
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OBITUARIES

James Allen Drach

James Allen Drach of Emington, Illinois died peacefully on December 2, 2020 from COVID-19 at the age of 75.



Throughout his lifetime, "Jim" was quite the colorful character as well as a habitual collector of many unusual artifacts; evocative obituaries and wedding photos from local newspapers, arrowheads discovered in his corn and soybean fields, black rubber semi-truck straps found alongside country roads, bizarre Christmas cards, heaps of dilapidated farm equipment, local stories of friends and neighbors, and good old-fashioned grudges every now and again.

Although cantankerous and ornery to the bitter end, he will be missed sorely by all who knew and loved him through it all.

Jim was born August 25, 1945, the son of Doris Agnes (Niessen) Drach and Clifford Vincent Drach, and was raised on the family farm in Saunemin, Illinois. He was the second oldest of seven children. Brothers: Terrence (Becky) Drach, Roger "Buck" (Kelly Green) Drach, and Dan Drach; Sisters: Diane Nagy, Marcia Pickett, and Paula (Mark) Madison.

Jim was born weeks after the end of World War II and attended a one-room school house, the Union Township School in Emington, IL. He graduated from Saunemin High School in 1963 and shortly thereafter enlisted in the US Army. He was stationed in Huntsville, AL; Germany; and South Korea, working on the Hawk Missile System.

He returned home safely and met Patricia Ann (Whiteman) Drach while they were working together at the Joliet Arsenal. Jim and Pat married in June of 1973 and had three children: Jennifer Drach (married to Jason Kamler) of Janesville, WI; Jeffrey Drach of Lombard, IL; and Matthew Drach of Janesville, WI. Jim's

wife, Patricia, died tragically in the fall of 1985 while driving home from teaching school.

Jim continued to raise their three children on his farm in Emington, IL with the constant love and support of his mother, "Dorie" Drach, and their dear family friends and neighbors, Don and Marcia Bunting.

In 1996, Jim married Marcia (Beiswanger) Drach, Dwight, IL, whereupon the couple intertwined Jim's three children and Marcia's two children, Devon (Jeremy) Crouch and Brian Trainor. The newly-formed family affectionately decided they had truly become a "Brady Bunch" of sorts.

Jim is survived by his wife of 24 years Marcia Drach; their five children and their seven grandchildren: Pierce Crouch, Carson Crouch, William Trainor, Brooklin Trainor, Samuel Kamler, Henry Kamler and Lucy Kamler.

Jim retired from farming in 2018, enjoyed a lifetime of traveling, skiing, euchre playing in many different card clubs, and storytelling.

Jim was also the Commander for the Flynn Eich VFW Post #451, a lifetime Farm Bureau member, a 4th degree Knight of Columbus member, Pontiac, Illinois; a former President of the Parish Council at St. Patrick Church in Dwight, Illinois; a School Board member at St. Paul's School in Odell, IL; the Union and Township County Supervisor, and an active volunteer for Operation S.O.S. in Dwight, IL.

Private burial ceremony: St. Mary's of Loretto Catholic Cemetery, Emington, IL.

Due to the pandemic, a Catholic Mass, wake and a gathering of friends and family will be announced and held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make any charitable donations to the Flynn Eich VFW Post #451, c/o Lee Bunting, 28542 N 2900 E Rd., Dwight, IL 60420 or the donor's choice.

Michael Kent Bennington

Michael Kent Bennington, 67, of Dwight passed away November 30, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Champaign, IL.



Visitation was from 9 a.m. until the time of services on Monday, December 7, 2020 at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, IL.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., at the funeral home, officiated by Pastor Victor Randle of New Life Assembly of God Church.

Burial followed in Round Grove Cemetery, where his parents have already been laid to rest.

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

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Mike was born August 6, 1953 to Calvin and Marietta

(Fitzpatrick) Bennington in Pontiac, IL. High school class of '71, he turned down a full-ride scholarship to the University of Illinois to help his parents with the family farm.

Mike continued to farm the land all of his life and also raised cattle. He was also the President of the miniature horse association. Mike had many friends and horse friends. He was chosen by the Worm Family to manage their daughter's estate after her parents passed away. Mike's friends were like family to him as most of his blood family had moved away.

Big Mike, as many of his friends called him, always liked kids and animals.

He had an Irish sense of humor and liked to kid people.

Online condolences may be made at hagermemorial.com

Charles Arnold Branz

Charles Arnold "Chuck" Branz of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN and formerly of Pontiac and Dwight, IL passed away December 6, 2020.



He was born in Saunemin, IL on July 23, 1946, the son of Arnold and Frieda Gerken Branz. He attended Saunemin schools and was active in basketball and football.

Chuck's military service included 1965-67 at Ft. Polk, LA and Ft. Hood, TX.

He was employed at Pontiac Chair Factory in Pontiac, IL for 13 years, and in 2003 Chuck retired from the US Postal Service after 25 years of service. He was a member of the Emington, IL American Legion. Chuck was an avid golfer and assisted with the aeration and mowing at Wolf Creek Golf Course in Pontiac, IL.

Chuck and Lorene (Beiswanger) Ferguson were married in 1999 in Townsend, TN.

Upon his retirement, he and his wife moved to Tennessee in 2005, where he could spend time golfing year-round (and not worry about shoveling snow). He became connected with a great bunch of fellow golfers and good friends.

Throughout his life, he had six holes-in-one (first one being the first year he started golfing and the other five after retiring.) He also enjoyed bowling, watching old Western movies (especially John Wayne), crossword puzzles and playing with his beloved dachshund, Casey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Nancy (Beiswanger) Raycraft; and brother-in-law, James Drach.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene; daughter, Nicole (Jason) Morgan; grandson, Maxwell, and step-grandchildren, Jasper and Julia, all of IL; brother, Richard (Arlene) Branz of IL; cousin, John (Margo) Branz of IL; brother-in-law, Terry (Linda) Beiswanger of TX; sister-in-law, Marcia Drach of IL; and several nieces and nephews.

No service will be held, but the family asks that you celebrate Chuck's memory in your own special way. They appreciate your prayers and well wishes during this time of loss.

Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of Chuck Branz.



Top 5 Christmas Songs

In the spirit of it being December, and kind of cold, and approaching Christmas, I'm going to talk about the Chicago Bears some more. (Just kidding.)

In the spirit of it being Christmas time I am going to rank my 5 favorite/best Christmas songs. I think it's always a tough distinction when ranking things if it's objectively the best, vs something I just enjoy the most, so I'm going to do my best to combine the two here.

1 - Mariah Carey - All I Want For Christmas Is You

I think this is the unequivocal number one choice. It's synonymous with Christmas, it's been used in holiday rom coms (I think, maybe I'm making that up.) It's just the best Christmas song ever released and I'm not sure it's that close. There aren't many Christmas songs that can come on at a bar, or a party in the middle of the summer that people sing along to at the top of their lungs, this is the one.

2 - Frank Sinatra - Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

I'm taking it way way back for number 2. This song came out forever ago, lifetimes ago, but it just makes me think of being with family and at a relatives house. It makes me think of mentally preparing myself to eat way too much of the ham or whatever it is that's being served for Christmas. It's the number one "this is family" Christmas song, and that slots it at number 2 for me.

3 - Bing Crosby - White Christmas

Piggybacking off of the previous choice, this one is just the other classic "you think about Christmas when you hear this song" song. It's a little slower, and also very very old, but it's also very very timeless. I think of getting ready to go to the midnight mass with this one, kind of the same realm as being with family, it's just the warm, christmas feeling.

4 - RUN DMC - Christmas In Hollis

This is partly being included because there needs to be some sort of hip-hop representation, and part because it's probably the best hip-hop Christmas song ever. It deserves to be on this list. It's not the most played by any means but it's a very viable Christmas song, and like All I Want For Christmas, has playability in non-Christmas times.

5. Nat King Cole - Joy To The World

I want to end the top 5 with the most uplifting and positive Christmas song there is. If you attend Christmas mass in some form this almost always makes the rotation, it's about spreading and doing good in the world, ties right in with Christmas. Nothing better than ending a good Christmas Mass with this hymn.

Aaron J. Boma  
2016 ISU Grad

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Morris Hospital Honors Two Extraordinary Employees

Morris Hospital's employee health nurse and infectious disease physician were honored as the hospital's Fire Starters of the Month during September and October.

Employee Health Nurse Barb Ragan, of Morris, was honored as Fire Starter of the Month during September in appreciation of her extraordinary passion for keeping Morris Hospital's 1,400 employees safe and healthy. She has a commitment to preventative health, an appreciation for the human body, sound judgment and critical thinking skills, an empathetic ear, and a desire to share what she knows with others.

Ragan joined the team at Morris Hospital eight years ago after a long career with the Grundy Health Department, where she served in roles that paved the way for the position she holds today.

As Morris Hospital's Employee Health Nurse, Ragan makes sure employee immunization requirements are up-to-date. She's the point of contact when employees have an injury that impacts their ability to do their job, coordinates annual fit testing to make sure physicians and staff are wearing the right size N-95 mask, tracks employee absences, arranges employee flu shot clinics, and serves on the hospital's Wellness, Safety, and Patient Handling committees. And over the past nine months,

she has served as the key resource for employees who have concerns about COVID symptoms.

Helping others is really what inspires Ragan to give her best every day.

Ragan works closely with Morris Hospital's infectious disease physician, Dr. John Bolden, who was honored as October Fire Starter of the Month.

Described as being resourceful, kind, caring, passionate, and empathetic, Dr. Bolden's leadership and expertise has been greatly appreciated during the first global pandemic to strike in 100 years.

When asked about the long hours he has worked over the past several months, Dr. Bolden said he used a similar approach that he did in residency in terms of time management and making sure he gets rest.

The pandemic has also given Dr. Bolden more opportunity to do what he loves: educate the public and patients while providing medical and emotional support for patients in the hospital and office setting.

In early civilizations, fire starters were individuals who had the important job of keeping the flame alive. With over 1,400 employees, Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is the largest employer in Grundy County.

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.

The Paper reserves the right to edit or reject any or all submitted items. Address letters to: Editor, The Paper, P.O. Box 245, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420.

We welcome your thoughts.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of )  
 ) 2020-P-96  
JOHN W. ZIEGENHORN, Deceased. )

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of JOHN W. ZIEGENHORN, whose place of residence at the time of his death was Desert Winds Assisted Living, 20545 N. Lake Pleasant Rd., Maricopa County, Peoria, AZ 85382, and who died on August 28, 2013.

Letters of Supervised Executor of the estate of JOHN W. ZIEGENHORN were issued on November 16, 2020 to STEPHEN A. ZIEGENHORN, 2073 N. 87th Drive, Peoria, AZ 85382 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is December 9, 2020. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in Cause No. 2020-P-96 or with the Supervised Executor or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Supervised Executor and the Supervised Executor's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

DONALD R. McCLAREY  
Attorney for the Supervised Executor  
of the Estate of JOHN W. ZIEGENHORN, Deceased  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of )  
 ) 2020-P-113  
PHILIP J. McARDLE, Deceased. )

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of PHILIP J. McARDLE, whose place of residence at the time of his death was 200 Scott Drive, Dwight, Illinois 60420, and who died on November 9, 2020.

Letters of Independent Executrix of the estate of PHILIP J. McARDLE were issued on November 18, 2020 to KAREN S. McARDLE, 200 Scott Drive, Dwight, Illinois 60420 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is December 9, 2020. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in Cause No. 2020-P-113 or with the Independent Executrix or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executrix and the Executrix's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

DONALD R. McCLAREY  
Attorney for the Independent Executrix  
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## Will-Grundy Medical Clinic Launches New Housing, Healthcare and Hope Demonstration Program

The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic has announced the launch of its new Housing, Healthcare and Hope Demonstration Program.

Many in the community have come upon financial hardships and even become homeless due to the pandemic. WGMC recognizes the many social determinants of health and the role that housing security plays in positive health outcomes.

The new program seeks to address both the housing and medical needs of its partici-

pants through a holistic approach.

They have partnered with several other community organizations to assist participants in securing housing, while WGMC provides patients with one-on-one care coordination and medical case management. They help program participants reduce barriers to accessing primary care services, specialists, medications, at-home health management tools, and access to telehealth technologies.

WGMC care coordinators

meet with program participants wherever they are living – in shelters, in transitional housing, while staying with friends or family – to identify barriers and develop a plan to overcome them. They are ensuring access to healthcare during the pandemic; reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and allowing participants to contribute positively to the community. This helps keep everyone healthier.

For more information about the clinic, its programs, and ways to support the mission, visit them online at [www.willgrundymedicalclinic.org](http://www.willgrundymedicalclinic.org) or on Facebook (Will Grundy Medical Clinic), Instagram (@wgmedclinic), Twitter (@wgmedclinic), and LinkedIn.

## There's Never a Time to Ignore Medical Emergencies

Some alarming statistics have been published since the onset of the COVID pandemic that show a decline in the use of hospital emergency departments, causing concern that some people are putting off seeking treatment for serious conditions such as heart attack, strokes, and uncontrolled diabetes.

Medical experts agree that even in the midst of a global pandemic, it's always important to immediately seek care when symptoms of serious medical conditions occur. According to the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), time is critical for many types of medical emergencies, and delays in treatment can have serious consequences.

While some symptoms may be obvious medical emergencies – serious injuries, deep wounds, choking, unconsciousness, head or spine injuries, or

uncontrolled bleeding – there are a number of other symptoms that people too often take a wait-and-see approach.

According to ACEP, the following symptoms are signs of a medical emergency that require immediate medical attention: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; chest or upper abdominal pain or pressure lasting two minutes or more; fainting, sudden dizziness, weakness; changes in vision; difficulty speaking; confusion or changes in mental status, unusual behavior, difficulty walking; any sudden or severe pain; unusual abdominal pain; severe or persistent vomiting or diarrhea; coughing or vomiting blood; suicidal or homicidal feelings; ingestion of a poisonous substance.

In addition to the symptoms listed above, for children any significant change from normal behavior can be a sign of medical emergency, including con-

fusion or delirium, decreasing responsiveness or alertness, excessive sleepiness, irritability, seizure, lethargy, or strange or withdrawn behavior.

Feeding or eating difficulties can also indicate a medical emergency in children, as well as skin or lips that look blue, purple or gray.

Morris Hospital opened a new emergency department in March 2020 that includes 17 private treatment rooms, a trauma room, a rapid care area, and specialized treatment rooms for pediatric, gynecology, and psychiatric emergencies. Morris Hospital is designated by the Illinois Department of Public Health as a Level II Trauma Center and an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics, in addition to having Primary Stroke Certification from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program.

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### Gas Prices For This Week

Gas prices increased this week despite the demand falling. This was the softest demand reading for the week of Thanksgiving in 1997. The national gas price is more expensive than the previous months; however still cheaper than this time last year.

City/Village	December 7	November 30
Dwight	\$2.03	\$2.12
Kankakee	\$1.99	\$2.07
Streator	\$2.06	\$2.06
Pontiac	\$1.99	\$2.04
Gardner	\$2.14	\$2.16
Braceville	\$2.23	\$2.27
Morris	\$2.14	\$2.01
Herscher	\$2.19	\$2.19
Chicago	\$2.31	\$2.28
Illinois	\$2.23	\$2.20
U.S.	\$2.16	\$2.12

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

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## First Farmers State Bank to Merge with Bank of Pontiac

Bank of Pontiac, headquartered in Pontiac, and First Farmers State Bank, headquartered in Minier, announced December 2 that First Farmers State Bank will merge into Bank of Pontiac.

The transaction will add banking locations in Minier, Delavan, and Bloomington to the footprint of Bank of Pontiac, which presently has offices throughout Livingston County, as well as in Coal City. It will bring the assets of Bank of Pontiac to approximately \$800 million.

"We are excited to team up with First Farmers State Bank," said Bill Kauffman, President and CEO of Bank of Pontiac.

"We are committed to the local business community and are confident that this partnership will bring additional strength and opportunities to First Farmers State Bank's market area."

"After more than 145 years, it's time to affiliate with an organization that we trust to continue to care for the banking needs of the communities we love," said Craig Peine, Chairman of First Farmers State Bank. "We believe that the acquisition of First Farmers State Bank by Bank of Pontiac ensures the continuity and quality of banking services our customers deserve."

"Beyond benefitting our

customers, this is a win-win for both our staff and communities," said First Farmers State Bank CEO Brian Schroeder. "As a larger community bank, Bank of Pontiac will open new doors for professional growth and development for our employees. Whether you're talking about making loans, community donations, or simply good corporate citizenship, Bank of Pontiac has an outstanding record of commitment to the communities it serves. We're sure that this will continue to be the case here in Minier, Delavan, and Bloomington."

Kauffman added, "We've been impressed by the strong

community bank that the First Farmers State Bank directors and employees have built over many years. This is a great opportunity for us to partner with another strong, like-minded bank, and we're excited by the prospect of providing an expanded range of products and great customer service to our new customers. Bank of Pontiac is committed to continued growth and expansion in First Farmers State Bank's market."

The merger was announced as Pontiac Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of Bank of Pontiac, and Minier Financial, Inc., the parent company of First Farmers State Bank, jointly announced that they have entered into a Purchase Agreement for Pontiac Bancorp's acquisition of First Farmers State Bank. Terms of the agreement are not being disclosed. The merger is subject to customary regulatory approvals, as well as the approval of Minier Financial, Inc.'s shareholders, and is expected to close late in the first quarter of 2021.

Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP served as Pontiac Bancorp, Inc.'s and Bank of Pontiac's legal counsel, and Cummings & Company, LLC served as their financial advisor. Godfrey & Kahn S.C. served as legal counsel to Minier Financial, Inc. and First Farmers State Bank, and Olsen Palmer served as their financial advisor.



### Godley Park District Virtual Tree Lighting

Friday, Dec. 11  
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### Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65 for 2020 will be held on December 16, 2020, at 6:45 p.m. at 400 S. Lane, Ransom, IL 60470. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Mary Pat Baima, Superintendent of Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65, 400 S. Lane, Ransom, IL 60470 (Phone number: (815) 586-4611).
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$1,119,418.00. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$1,376,536.00. This represents a 22.9% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 were \$106,575.00. The estimated property taxes levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 are \$101,676.00. This represents a 4.59% decrease over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$1,225,993.00. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$1,478,212.00. This represents a 20.5% increase over the previous year.

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## 2021 Kankakee Cty. Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

The Kankakee County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering scholarships to support those furthering their education in an agriculturally-related field of study.

The Kankakee Cty. Farm Bureau's Foundation has announced that their scholarships for graduating high school seniors will be \$1,500 each this year.

In order to complement the scholarships being available to graduating high school seniors, the program expanded in 2015 to include support for those other than high school seniors. Through generous contributions from Farm Bureau members, businesses, and other organizations, this educational support is made possible.

To date, \$109,900 in scholarships has been awarded to Kankakee County students who are furthering their agricultural education. Last year, a record number of 11 scholarship recipients were named, which included five graduating high school seniors, with scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each, and six Kevin Yohnka Memorial Renewable Scholarships recipients at \$1,000 each. Two additional applications for financial support were also funded at \$500 each, which are for those participating in agriculturally-related workshops, conferences, classes, study sessions, and other programs, but who are not full-time students.

### Scholarships for High School Seniors

Scholarships of \$1,500 each will be made available this year to the 2021 high school graduating class. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors, agriculture advisors, and at the Kankakee Cty. Farm Bureau office. Electronic copies and fillable forms of the application may also be requested by contacting the Farm Bureau office. Completed applications will be due at the Farm Bureau office (or postmarked) by March 31, 2021.

The scholarships are offered to high school seniors whose primary residence is in Kankakee County or are a Kankakee Cty. Farm Bureau member family. Applicants must be accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution with an agriculture-related field of study. Accredited post-secondary schools include colleges, universities, junior and community colleges, and technical and vocational schools. The applications will be assessed on four categories: demonstrated interest in agriculture, character and personality, academic performance and honors, and financial need.

The scholarship recipients will be notified in May of 2021, but the funds will not be disbursed until the student has completed his or her first grading period at the post-secondary school with a "C" grade point average or better. During that grading period, the recipi-



ent also must be a full-time student at his or her educational institution and enrolled in an agricultural field of study. The scholarship funds will then be disbursed to the scholarship recipient to be applied to post-secondary education expenses. Recipients are to submit official grade transcripts by March 1, 2022, or the scholarship will be forfeited.

### Renewable Scholarships

The Foundation is again making a renewable scholarship for last year's 2020 scholarship recipients. This renewable scholarship is known as the Kevin Yohnka Memorial Scholarship and will be in the same denomination matching the recipient's first year scholarship amount. To be considered for this renewable scholarship, the recipient must submit an essay no longer than one page to the Foundation when they submit their first grading period grade transcript, which is due (or postmarked) by March 1, 2022. The essay should detail experiences of their first semester. Based on the essays, the Foundation will choose recipients for this Kevin Yohnka Memorial renewable scholarship.

### Financial Support to Other Full-Time Students

The Foundation continues making scholarship opportunities available to those other than high school seniors. These Continuing Education scholarships are in the amount of \$1,500 each. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student at an accredi-

ted post-secondary school to study an agriculturally-related field. These applicants could include transfer students, students who have changed their field of study to an agriculturally-related field, those who wish to return to school to further their agricultural education, and others. Applicants with ties to Kankakee County, Illinois or Kankakee County Farm Bureau member family will be given preference. Applications for this scholarship are available at the Farm Bureau office. As with other scholarships and financial assistance, final judgment of applications and qualifications will be at the discretion of the Foundation board. Completed applications will be due at the Farm Bureau office (or postmarked) by March 31, 2021.

As with the high school senior scholarships, the funds for both renewable and continuing education scholarships will not be disbursed until the student has completed his or her next grading period at the post-secondary school with a cumulative "C" grade point average or better. During that grading period, the recipient also must be a full-time student at his or her educational institution and enrolled in an agricultural field of study. The scholarship funds will then be disbursed to the scholarship recipient to be applied to post-secondary education expenses. Recipients are to submit official grade transcripts by March 1, 2022, or the scholarship will be forfeited.

### Financial Support for Other Agriculturally-Related Educational Programming

The Foundation would also like to remind those who are participating in agriculturally-related workshops, conferences, classes, study sessions, and other programs that financial assistance for those programs is available as well. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be accepted or applying to an agriculturally-related program. The application must be submitted at least one month in advance of the program for which the applicant is seeking financial assistance. The program syllabus, contact information for the sponsoring agency or instructor, and costs associated with participation must be included with the application.

Applicants with ties to Kankakee County or a Kankakee Cty. Farm Bureau member family will be given preference. Criteria for awarding financial assistance include program relevance to agriculture, program quality, and the applicant's demonstrated interest in agriculture. Final judgment of applications and qualifications will be at the discretion of the Foundation board.

The Kankakee Cty. Farm Bureau Foundation was established in 2003 with the purpose of promoting agriculture education. At the November, 2004 Kankakee Cty. Farm Bureau Foundation annual meeting, it was decided to create a scholarship program to promote and support the further study of agriculture.

Members of the Foundation board include: Paula Karlock, President; Kelly Knobloch, Vice President; Katelynn Ohrt, Secretary; Patrick Koerner, Treasurer; and directors Dr. Joseph Meisenback, Clayton Abbott, and Ted Petersen III. Although a separate entity, the Kankakee Cty. Farm Bureau provides staff and resources for the promotion and operation of the Foundation.

Contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible and are accepted throughout the year to: Kankakee County Farm Bureau Foundation, 1605 West Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901. For more information on the Foundation, the scholarship programs, and ways to contribute, call the Farm Bureau office at (815) 932-7471.



## PNB, Dwight, Gives Back to Local Small Businesses

Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, Dwight Banking Center's Priority Plus Club recently invested over \$4,000 into gift certificates with the Dwight Economic Alliance.

The gift certificates (in lieu of their annual Christmas

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## LTLD Has Virtual Programming and Curbside Service

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) is continuing to offer Virtual Programming on their Facebook page and YouTube Channel, as this region of the state continues with Tier Three of the remediation plan.

They have Storytime every Tuesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook with Ms. Holly and Ms. Karyn.

Thursday, December 10, features Science with Mr. Nofke at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook, as he explores mixing this with that to see what will happen.

Cooking with the Season takes place Monday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. Join Austin as he demonstrates how to make BBQ Pork Meatloaf and Roasted Sweet Potatoes.

Chess Club will meet with Austin Thursday, December 17, on Facebook at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19, will feature Ellana Turrell creating Origami Christmas Trees on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. Kits with the origami paper will be available for pick-up during

curbside service the day before.

LTLD is offering Curbside Services by appointment. Library patrons can order items from the library by phone, email, or holds placed on their Prairie Cat account, accessible from the limestone library.org website. They provide copying and faxing services through their Curbside Service as well.

They are putting the bag of library materials through an open window on an available rear car seat or in the trunk of your car.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message them at Facebook or Instagram. Their website has more information.

## the corner

by Tom Tock

What is all this concern about who is really going to be the next president of the United States? One of the candidates is even fighting court battles to try and prove that he is not the loser.

It might be a good time to note that the first president of the United States, a fellow by the name of George Washington, spoke and wrote repeatedly that he did not want to be president of our fledgling nation. He wanted to go back to Mt. Vernon and resume his life as a planter.

Washington fought against a second term in the same way. According to one reference (Jack Warren in *American Heroes*), Washington wrote the following in a letter to a close friend:

“My movements to the chair of government will be accompanied with feelings not unlike those of a culprit going to his place of execution, so unwilling am I in the evening of a life nearly consumed in public cares, to quit a peaceful abode for an ocean of difficulties.”

My advice to President Trump is that the job really isn't worth all the trouble he's going to. Retire as gracefully as you can, Donald, go build some hotels and play some golf. Losing the presidency could be the win of your life.

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The Main Streets project in Dwight that began three years

ago (new paving, sidewalks, build-outs, lights, railings where necessary, plantings) ran into a case of the shorts so work on the project had to be curtailed until more money is available.

A number of openings in the new sidewalks were left, enclosing wires ready to be attached to new streetlights that have yet to be ordered.

For safety reasons, the openings in the sidewalks were covered with dirty orange and white barrels that are usually used to route traffic at construction sites.

Let's just say the barrels are less than attractive. One barrel has been decorated in seasonal garb (below), and it would enhance the downtown if others received similar holiday treatment. Would be fun.



### Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Mazon-Verona-Kinsman ESD 2C

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Mazon-Verona-Kinsman ESD 2C for 2020 will be held on December 17, 2020, at 6:50 p.m. at the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman ESD 2C Middle School, Community Room, 1013 North Street, Mazon, IL 60444. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mrs. Nancy D. Dillow, Superintendent of Schools, 1013 North Street, Mazon, IL 60444. (815) 448-2200.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$3,526,282. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$3,801,460. This represents a 7.8% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 were \$289,746. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 are \$289,880. This represents a <1.0% increase over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$3,816,029. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$4,091,340. This represents a 7.2% increase over the previous year.

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Money Mentor volunteers complete 30 hours of financial education and coaching training with U of I Extension educators. Mentors are then matched with people who seek help with financial goals such as paying down debt, building spending plans, saving for dreams, and organizing their finances.

The next Money Mentor training begins January 26, 2021; weekly trainings are Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Training sessions include online class discussions. Each week there is homework in the form of activities, readings and online training. A fee applies for training.

If you have questions regarding the Money Mentors program, contact Sashia Grabenstetter, Consumer Economics Educator, at swhit ley@illinois.edu or 217-244-2445. Registration is required.

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State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

## A Call For Special Session

House Republicans call for special session on coronavirus response plans. This week should have been the second week of the fall session of the Illinois General Assembly, but House Speaker Michael Madigan cancelled the planned session, citing the continuing spread of the coronavirus. House Republicans believe we as legislators have a duty to act and to be involved in the state's handling of the response, which includes the planning for distribution of a vaccine as it becomes available.

A group of House Republicans renewed the call for Governor Pritzker to call the House and Senate into special session to discuss the next steps in the state's response. Many of us have been calling for the legislature to reconvene throughout this crisis, as the Governor has ruled the state by executive order since March. The legislature met for a quick, four-day in session in late May and has not re-convened since.

The state should be working collaboratively with local leaders and legislators to respond to this emergency. As a vaccine is produced and begins to be distributed over the next few months we need to work together on a plan to ensure that it is made available to as many Illinoisans as possible as quickly as possible, and that the plans are coordinated with local officials to make sure this is done safely and efficiently. I hope the Governor will respond favorably to this call.

**Calls growing for investigation into coronavirus outbreak at LaSalle Veterans Home.** Last month we learned of an outbreak of coronavirus at the LaSalle Veterans Home just north of our district. Last week the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, Linda Chapa LaVia, told a Senate committee hearing that she had called for an outside investigation of what went wrong at the facility where 27 veterans have died of coronavirus. Republican members of the House Veterans Affairs committee called for a hearing this week as well.

It is clear that such an invest-

igation is needed. After the outbreak was discovered it took the Department of Public Health 11 days to get into the facility. A report by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs uncovered some very troubling information. Among their findings were coronavirus-positive staff still working at the home, improper use of personal protective equipment, and the wrong kind of hand sanitizer being used to prevent further spread. More than 200 positive cases have now been confirmed among residents and staff at the facility. These veterans' families deserve answers.

**Jobs numbers show continuing recovery.** Figures released by the Department of Employment Security show that a growing number of Illinoisans who were laid off or furloughed during the pandemic shutdowns have begun returning to work. Unemployment in the state dropped to 6.8% in October, down from the revised rate of 10.4% in September. Illinois is now in line with the national unemployment rate.

Gains were reported in three sectors: Professional and Business Services, Construction, and Trade, Transportation and Utilities. The good news did not extend to all sectors of the economy, however, as small businesses and restaurants continue to be hard-hit. During the most recent week reported 46,526 Illinoisans filed new unemployment claims. Illinois makes up less than 4% of the population of the United States, but had more than 6% of the new unemployment claims for that week. The overall news is encouraging, but it also shows that many Illinoisans continue to suffer.

**How much do we owe?** As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$7,084,597,867 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$6.3 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.

## OSF HealthCare Offering New Treatment for High Risk COVID-19 Patients

In an effort to prevent COVID-19 hospital admissions, OSF HealthCare is now offering a cutting edge monoclonal immunotherapy infusion.

Bamlanivimab, or BAM, is approved for high risk adult and pediatric COVID-19 positive patients with mild to moderate symptoms. The laboratory-made antibody mimics a naturally occurring

one, which is known to fight off the virus that causes COVID-19.

The Eli Lilly drug received an emergency use authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) last month. Now the drug is being administered in specially designated outpatient infusion sites throughout the OSF HealthCare Ministry.

Patients who qualify for

BAM have been found to be at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness, and might need hospitalization if untreated. BAM is most effective when given early, and needs to be administered within ten days of the onset of symptoms. BAM is not intended for routine use in the management of COVID-19, and is not approved for hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

Qualifying patients need to be at least 12 years old and weigh 88 pounds. Adult patients must be 65 or older or have one of the following risk factors:

- Body mass index (BMI) greater than 35
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes

- Immunosuppressive disease
- Immunosuppressive treatment
- Patients 55 and older with heart disease, lung disease, or who are undergoing immunosuppressive treatment also qualify for BAM. The qualifications for pediatric COVID-19 patients age 12-17 include:
- Body mass index (BMI) above the 85th percentile for age
- Sickle cell disease
- Cardiovascular disease
- Neurodevelopmental disease
- Use of a medical dependent device

If you are COVID-19 positive and want to know if BAM is available to you, contact your primary care physician.

## Area COVID-19 Stats as of December 7

Town	Tested	Cases
Dwight	3,930	304
Herscher	1,482	157
Gardner	1,042	114
Essex	611	88
Odell	1,046	87
Mazon	761	86
Braceville	805	81
Cullom	493	51
Buckingham	412	50
S. Wilmington	381	39
Reddick	475	39
Saunemin	502	36
Cabery	298	26
Verona	276	25
Ransom	332	23
Kempton	206	17
Emington	160	16
Blackstone	105	13
Campus	179	9

Numbers as of 12/07/20

No Data for: Kinsman, Union Hill

Statistics via: dph.illinois.gov

County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	111,564	9,364	118
LaSalle	67,185	6,797	141
Grundy	24,950	3,121	24
Livingston	32,427	2,484	35
Iroquois	23,701	1,898	34
Ford	13,838	854	23

**Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 787,573; Deaths: 13,255; Probable Deaths: 861; Total Tests Performed: 11,101,214; Recovery Rate: 97%.**

*Probable cases are individuals who have been tested and are found to have a positive test result by a local clinic using "rapid" tests that are not, at this time, IDPH-approved tests.*

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate )  
)  
of ) No. 2020-P-118  
)  
ROSELLA E. HERB, Deceased. )

### CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS UNDER 755 ILCS 5/18-3

### AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OF ROSELLA E. HERB, DECEASED, PURSUANT TO 755 ILCS 5/6-10

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of ROSELLA E. HERB, who died on October 28, 2020, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of her death was 111 E. Waupansie Street, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Laura Salz and Joel Salz as Independent Co-Executors of the Last Will and Testament of ROSELLA E. HERB dated June 22, 2005, by Order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois dated November 25, 2020.

Claims against the estate must be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, the first date of publication of this notice being December 9, 2020, and the last day to file a claim shall be on or before June 9, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before the above determined dates is barred.

Claims should be e-filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois under the instructions as set forth below. Claims may also be filed with the Independent Administrator or the attorney for the estate, or both. If a claim is e-filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, the Claimant must, within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Administrator or the attorney for the estate, or both, and provide proof to the Livingston County Circuit Clerk of such mailing or delivery. All claims filed with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk must be filed electronically, as more specifically set forth below.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, under Independent Administration pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq., unless pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-4 an interested party Petitions the Court to Terminate Independent Administration by e-filing a Petition to Terminate with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, pursuant to instructions found on the Circuit Clerk's website, such Petition to Terminate shall be as provided under Supreme Court Rule 110, Explanation of Rights in Independent Administration; Form of Petition to Terminate with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois by filing such Petition electronically as set forth below.

An explanation of the rights under Supreme Court Rule 110 - Rights of Interested Parties During Independent Administration, and the Form of the Petition to Terminate Independent Administration are as follows:

### Supreme Court Rule 110 Explanation Rights of Interested Parties During Independent Administration: Form of Petition to Terminate Administration

A copy of the Order granting Independent Administration of the decedent's estate dated November 25, 2020 may be obtained from the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois and/or the Independent Co-Executors, or the Independent Co-Executors' attorney, at the addresses as stated herein.

Independent Administration means that the executor or administrator will not have to obtain court orders or file estate papers in court during probate. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the Court to become involved.

Under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person may terminate Independent Administration at any time by e-filing a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration to the Clerk of the Court (as set forth below). However, if there is a Will which directs Independent Administration, Independent Administration will be terminated only if the Court finds there is good cause to require Supervised Administration; and if the petitioner is a creditor or nonresiduary legatee, Independent Administration will be terminated only if the Court finds that termination is necessary to protect the petitioner's interest.

A petition in substantially the form set forth below may be used to terminate Independent Administration:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate )  
)  
of ) No. 2020-P-118  
)  
ROSELLA E. HERB, Deceased. )

### PETITION TO TERMINATE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

\_\_\_\_\_, on oath states:

1. On November 25, 2020, an order was entered granting independent administration to Laura Salz and Joel Salz, 2944 E. 2359th Road, Marseilles, IL 61341 as Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Rosella E. Herb.

2. I am an interested party in this estate as

(heir) (nonresiduary legatee) (residuary legatee) (creditor) (representative)

3. The Will does direct Independent Administration.

4. I request that Independent Administration be terminated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and Sworn before me

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(end of form)

In addition to the right to terminate Independent Administration, any interested person may also have such further rights as set forth under 755 ILCS 5/28-1, et seq.

**The following additional Notice is hereby given pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/6-10 as follows:**

Notice is hereby given with respect to the above proceeding to probate a Will to any unknown heirs at law of Rosella E. Herb, deceased, and/or heirs at law or legatees whose names or addresses are not otherwise known and/or stated in the Petition for Probate of Will and Letters Testamentary - Independent Administration, that an Order Admitting Will to Probate and for Issuance of Letters Testamentary - Independent Administration was entered by the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois on November 25, 2020, admitting the Last Will and Testament of Rosella E. Herb dated June 22, 2005 to probate, and appointing Laura Salz and Joel Salz as the Independent Co-Executors thereof.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open Court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

E-filing is now mandatory for filing Petitions, claims and other documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file any such claim, Petition or other document with the Circuit Clerk, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or call the Livingston County Circuit Clerk's office at Pontiac, IL. The address and phone number for the Livingston County Circuit Clerk is as follows:

Livingston County Circuit Clerk  
Livingston County Law & Justice Center  
110 N. Main Street  
Pontiac, IL 61764  
Ph#: 815-844-2602

Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Rosella E. Herb, deceased.

Laura Salz  
2944 E. 2359th Road  
Marseilles, IL 61341

Joel Salz  
2944 E. 2359th Road  
Marseilles, IL 61341

Attorney for the Independent Co-Executors:

Irvin L. Masching  
Attorney at Law  
105 East Chippewa Street  
P.O. Box 247  
Dwight, IL 60420-0247  
Ph#: 815-584-1700  
Fax#: 815-584-2900  
E-Mail: [imasching@maschinglaw.com](mailto:imasching@maschinglaw.com)  
ARDC# 1785494

## Morris Hospital's Breastfeeding Classes Now Available Virtually

Morris Hospital is also offering a free **Introduction to Breastfeeding** class - which is now available virtually and can be viewed any time, from any location.

Taught by an obstetrical nurse/certified lactation consultant, the class focuses on the benefits of breastfeeding for both mothers and babies, techniques and recommendations for having the best possible breastfeeding experience, and tips for returning to work.

After viewing the video,

registered participants are welcome to reach out to Morris Hospital's lactation consultant by phone or e-mail with any additional questions about breastfeeding.

To register for the free Introduction to Breastfeeding class, go to [morrishospital.org/](http://morrishospital.org/) events. A link to the class will be provided immediately after registering. For more information, call the Morris Hospital lactation consultant at 815-705-7366.

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 16, 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 Studio 134, located at 146 E. Main St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2020.

Kristy A. Masching  
Livingston County Clerk

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 18, 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 Done Right Home Inspections, Inc., located at 208 Center St., Campus, IL 60920.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2020.

Kristy A. Masching  
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**AT THE CHURCHES**

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**Kempton Church of the Nazarene**  
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815-253-6250  
Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor

**KINSMAN Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
219 W. Emmett Street  
Rev. Stanley Dzewniak,  
swkrcatholics.org

**MAZON Mazon United Methodist Church**  
509 7th Street  
815-448-5677 Church  
815-483-9343 Cell  
mazonmethodist.com  
Pastor Donald Batz  
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

**Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ**  
806 Park Street  
Pastor Tyler Carrell  
Phone 448-5514

**ODELL St. Paul Catholic Church**  
200 S. West St.  
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Morgan Street  
Phone 815-998-2271  
Rev. Jancen Tronc

**RANSOM St. Patrick Catholic Church**

110 Wallace Street  
Pastor, Fr. Ghislain Inai,  
SMA; Parochial Vicar,  
Fr. Augustin Kassa, SMA;  
Deacon Ron Wackerlin  
Parish Office: 815-795-  
2240 (Marseilles)  
Email: stjtoetorino@gmail.com  
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Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30  
p.m.; Wednesday and  
Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Ransom United Methodist Church**  
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Sunday 10 a.m. and live

*on Facebook*  
102 E. Plumb St.  
Phone: 815-587-0488  
email:  
RansomUMC@gmail.com  
Pastor Andrew King  
Pastor cell: 815-257-4657

**REDDICK Reddick United Methodist Church**  
35900 E 3200 N Road  
Pastor Kevin Boesen  
815-426-6169

**Zoar Community Church**  
18172 W. Route 17  
P.O. Box 87  
Reddick, IL 60961  
Pastor Andrea Boggs  
Email: Zoarcommunity@yahoo.com  
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
216 E. Lincoln Street  
Rev. Stanley Dzewniak  
815-237-2230  
swkrcatholics.org

**SAUNEMIN Saunemin United Methodist Church**  
90 North Street  
815-832-4935  
Pastor Jane Bradford

**SOUTH WILMINGTON South Wilmington United Methodist Church**  
225 Rice Street  
Pastor Kevin Boesen  
815-426-6169

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church**  
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**VERONA Verona United Methodist Church**  
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Pastor Andrew King

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

**Allen-Otter Creek CCSD 65**      **400 S. Lane St., Ransom, IL 60470**      **815-586-4611**      **M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm**  
School District/Joint Agreement Name      Address      Telephone      Office Hours

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website @www.isbe.net.

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year

**Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020**

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	868,172	194,161	37,843	61,096	42,504	0	25,544	40,945	25,501
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	134,378	0	0	87,887	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	82,063	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>1,084,613</b>	<b>194,161</b>	<b>37,843</b>	<b>148,983</b>	<b>42,504</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,544</b>	<b>40,945</b>	<b>25,501</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>1,275,336</b>	<b>146,255</b>	<b>105,025</b>	<b>137,090</b>	<b>28,349</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>33,710</b>	<b>28,295</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		380	0	620	10,000	0	0	(11,000)	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019</b>		<b>409,624</b>	<b>61,871</b>	<b>69,486</b>	<b>32,832</b>	<b>25,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>222,670</b>	<b>63,968</b>	<b>30,450</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020</b>		<b>219,281</b>	<b>109,777</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>54,725</b>	<b>39,190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>237,214</b>	<b>71,203</b>	<b>27,656</b>

**SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

Allen-Otter Creek CCSD 65  
35-050-0650-04

**GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
SHEILA BROCKMAN JAMES FRULAND JANELL M SALTER PAUL R DURDAN CINDY L MACCHEITTO AMANDA M ESGAR TINA SHAE MCKEE	DESIREE EDEN KATRINA L HAMILTON	MARY W CABA ERIN M MARCONI BRAD T COUGLIN LINDSEY B PAUL ORATINA M GAGNON MELINDA C STEVENS	ANITA M DALLY NANCY A MCMULLEN	MARY PAT BAIMA

**GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
MICHELLE R BLACKLAW CYNTHIA L NURCAR MINDY E HEPNER DEREK J MCMULLEN TRISHA PUCKETT BRANDI J STERLING CARA E BOREN SHANNAN D D'AGOSTINO JULIE L KNOX DANIEL E MCMULLIN CURTIS R STARNER RHONDA BOREN MARY M FULTON CRISTYN KOSTAL LINDA PLYMIRE CATHEREN STARNER	THOMAS J EMM ANGELA K LEWIS	DAWN M REILLY	

**Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.**

Allen-Otter Creek CCSD 65  
35-050-0650-04

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA	7,594	NCS PEARSON INC	4,159
THE ATLANTA NATIONAL BANK	105,025	PRAIRIE FARMS, PEORIA DIV	3,088
THE BABY FOLD	70,889	RAMZA INSURANCE GROUP INC	15,159
BRAD COUGLIN	8,113	REVOLVING FUND	7,590
CDW GOVERNMENT	3,466	LASALLE COUNTY ROE	3,014
CHEMSEARCH	3,200	SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC	2,959
DWIGHT TRP HILGH SCHOOL	2,575	STREATOR ELEM SCHOOLS	53,369
CARD MEMEBR SERVICES	27,969	TINA GAGNON	5,447
ERIN MARCONI	9,682	TEACHERS RETUREMENT	72,427
FIRST STATE BANK	156,737	THIS FUND	16,014
THE HARTFORD	24,420	VISSERING CONSTRUCTION	5,975
ILL ASSOC OF SCHOOL BDS	2,602	SHERI LEROY	28,143
ILL DEPT OF EMPLOY SECURI	6,146	WALTER J ZUKOWSKI & ASSOC	6,950
IDEAL ENVIORNMENTAL	27,514		
ILL EDUCATION ASSOC	7,007		
IFIBER	8,400		
IL DEPT OF REVENUE	35,808		
ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER	3,065		
ILLINOIS CENTRAL SCH BUS	83,166		
ILL MIN RET FUND	10,326		
JERRY SCHMITT	6,600		
KEITH LIPTAK	6,327		
KELLY ELECTRIC INC	17,366		
KOHL WHOLESale	20,878		
KROGER'S	3,693		
KS STATE BANK	11,292		
LAURA MENTGEN	12,541		
L.E.A.S.E.	33,290		
LIVINGSTON CO SPEC SERV	24,750		
T.W.A.P.T. INC	40,395		
MACK & ASSOCIATES	6,690		
MARCO, INC	7,941		
NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES	11,480		
NICOR	4,067		

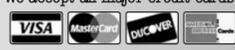


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Mary Kilbride 815-263-8753	Bob deOliveira 815-295-3281

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**Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS**  
325 E. Mazon Ave.  
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Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor

**First Baptist Church**  
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Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
200 W. Delaware St.  
584-1260 church  
Rev. Grant Speece  
DEC. 13: Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Third Sunday of Advent; Isaiah 61:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:19-28; "Isaiah's Promise"

**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  
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815-237-8512 Church  
815-483-9343 Cell  
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Pastor Donald Batz  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**CABERY**  
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Ames & Chester  
815-949-1681  
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815-257-5751 cell

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815.689.2120  
[stjohns@frontiernet.net](mailto:stjohns@frontiernet.net)  
Pastor: Gabriel Baumgardner  
DEC. 9: Advent Service, 6 p.m.  
DEC. 10: Text Study Livestream on FB, 10 a.m.  
DEC. 13: Sunday School, 8:45 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; Poinsettia Orders Due.  
DEC. 14: Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
DEC. 16: Advent Service, 6 p.m.

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- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2020 were \$616,812.27. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$647,375.00. This represents a 4.95% change over the previous year.
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- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$672,899.57. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$706,500.00. This represents a 4.99% increase over the previous year.

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(continued from page 1) Madia.

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Bob Madia has a collection of over 1400 books complimented with tens of dozens of movies and memorabilia.

lock and Me," television series with NBC. Although this fell through, Madia is turning the four screenplays he wrote for the project into children's books, as Orange Pip publishes for all ages.

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Madia is not sitting by idly though, as he's already started work on a second novel. The pride and love of his first novel keeps his ambitions high, and it shows in his work.

Madia gives credit to his wife who has been with him every step of the way.

"They say every author has to dedicate their first published book to their spouse. In this case it was completely necessary," said Madia.

The novel, "Inspector Lestrade," can be found on Amazon and thebookdepository.com.

Madia is also available for speaking engagements and encourages anyone interested to e-mail him at tripleb221@hotmail.com



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