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## Village of Dwight Approves 2020 Tax Levy December 14 Board of Trustees Review

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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The Dwight Village Board of Trustees approved the 2020 Tax Levy as presented when the board met December 14.

With estimated EAVs received from Livingston and Grundy Counties totaling \$76,588,697, the board approved a tax rate of 1.19 with \$909,735 as the proposed revenue amount to be collected from taxable property within corporate limits of the village subject to taxation for Year 2020.

The 2020 Tax Levy Ordinance reflects total receipts and cash, other than the tax levy, of \$8,902,867 and total expenses of \$9,812,602, with the difference (Levy) being \$909,735. This represents an increase of roughly \$43,200 over the 2019 extension of \$866,505. Last year's tax rate was 1.22.

In other business, the 2021 Illinois Municipal Insurance Co-op renewal was approved. The 18-member co-op was put in place when these area municipalities joined together five years ago. The renewal reflects a 20 percent increase largely due to litigations involved with law enforcement, although not on the local level.

The board also approved:

- payment of bills totaling \$118,127.05.
- the November 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented.
- approved General Obligation Waterworks Bond Tax Abatement Series 2016A Ordinance.
- approved a General Obligation Tax Increment Bond Abatement Series 2016B Ordinance.
- approved a General Obligation Sales Tax Bond Abatement Series 2016C Ordinance.
- a Grundy County Hazard Mitigation Resolution as required by the Federal Government every five years.
- a commitment of \$35,000 to the Dwight Economic Alliance for the next fiscal year to be paid quarterly.

In reports to the board, Mayor Jared Anderson expressed appreciation to the DEA, and all participants, with regard to this year's "Backwards Christmas Parade" event. Anderson commented that it "turned out fantastic." Jane Anderson of the DEA noted that 29 homes and businesses along with four country properties participated in the contest. An estimated 225 - 300 vehicles came out to parade by and view the Christmas displays.

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara, along with other village officials and public works, extended thanks to community member David Boggs who volunteered his time to paint the pool house at the community swimming pool this fall.

McNamara also made note that help is available for anyone needing food assistance during this holiday season. Anyone in need can reach out to the village at 815.584.3077. DEA spokesperson Jane Anderson also commented that the micro pantry is still open and stocked with free items for those in need. If you know anyone that needs food assistance, Anderson can be contacted at the DEA office.

"We don't want anyone going hungry during the holidays," stated McNamara.

Village Clerk Jill Haacke noted that the time to drop off petitions for village office is now closed. Opening day for petitions to be dropped off was December 14 with the final day being December 21. Positions opening include village president, village clerk, and three village trustee seats. The Consolidated Election will be held April 6, 2021.

In his report, Chief of Police Tim Henson asked anyone who has been a recent victim of unemployment fraud to please contact the police department and file a report. Henson stated that this situation "needs to be taken seriously."

Chief Henson again reminded residents that from De-

ember 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 there is no overnight parking allowed on any Village of Dwight street from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. The rule is also in effect anytime snowfall reaches two inches or more. Chief Henson also noted that there are now signs posted to clearly mark the restricted parking spaces on the south end of West Main Street - everyone should be aware and park accordingly.

To close his comments, Chief Henson gave a shout out to the committees for Christmas for Kids and Love Boxes, and all that helped, noting that 134 deliveries were made in Dwight on December 12.

"This is a phenomenal thing that we do here in Dwight," said Chief Henson.

DEA's Jane Anderson announced that requests for DEA membership renewals are in process. Individual memberships are being offered for \$60 until Christmas. Anderson offered last minute gift ideas with DEA Bucks available for purchase. Cat's Meow ornaments are also available and can be purchased at Emling Florist while supplies last.

All members of the board were present at the December 14 teleconference session including Mayor Anderson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbrodt, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

This was the final meeting of the 2020 year due to the holidays. The next regular meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 11. Please check prior for meeting location / meeting access information.

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees is currently conducting meetings via teleconference calls to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all those in attendance and as allowed by an edict from Governor Pritzker. Meetings are open to the public.

## Sing 'Silent Night' Christmas Eve

The Dwight Ministerial Association invites you to join other people of faith by lighting a candle and singing the first verse of "Silent Night" outside your front door on Thursday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m.

"Silent night. Holy night. All is calm. All is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace."

## Classroom Aide, Bus Driver Hired by Tri-Point Board

The consent agenda was approved as presented at the Tri-Point Schools Board meeting December 16. Also approved was the current staffing level of two teachers in the agriculture department for the 2021-2022 school year.

The 2020 Tax Levy Resolution, as presented, was approved, along with building into the school calendar planned remote learning days, December 7 to 11, and December 14 to 18.

Lynne Feldkamp, school

district bookkeeper, was authorized to pay any school district bills received December 17 and 18, 2020.

Board members went into closed session for 15 minutes.

Prior to the 8:06 p.m. adjournment, it was moved to employ Valerie Conkling as classroom aide and Lisa Weaver as school bus driver. The Board accepted the resignation of Robert Green.

The next Board meeting will be in Cullom January 20, 2021.



The children of Zion Lutheran Church-Bonfield presented their annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 20. Zion is on Route 17 just east of Herscher Road.

## GSW High School District #73 Board Meets

Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 held its Regular Meeting December 16.

Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reported on the following:

- **Problem Solving Team Meeting** - The team met and reviewed current ineligibility lists and discussed how to help these students. The team spoke

about the one large Junior English class and decided to split that particular class into two separate classes. That way, those struggling students will get more one-on-one help.

- One of their regular substitute teachers gave a very nice compliment, stating that GSW students are great kids. The sub said that students follow the

rules and that GSW is a great environment to work in.

Mr. Engelman, Athletic Director, reported on the following:

- Momence and Clifton-Central have been added to the RVC and will be included starting next school year. This was official as of the November (continued on page 11)

## Dwight High School District #230 Approves 2020 Tax Levy

### BOE/DEA Contract Approved / December Board Actions

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The Dwight Township High School Board of Education came to an agreement making way for approval of the 2020 tax levy. The BOE met virtually on December 16.

The estimated total 2020 EAV for the three counties which make up the Dwight Township High School District is projected to be \$160,719,418, reflecting an increase of approximately \$13 million over last year. Livingston County is currently projecting an EAV of \$111,978,720 (5.44 percent increase), with Grundy County projecting an EAV of \$30,220,247 (17.66 percent increase), and LaSalle County projecting an EAV of \$18,520,451 (17.99 percent increase).

With a very strong overall financial picture for the DTHS district, including an over \$4.5 million Education Fund balance, last month Board President Brian Perschnick questioned the need to continue building reserves and suggested a further reduction in rates to help ease the burden on taxpayers. Meanwhile, some other board members expressed a need for caution citing uncertainties such as state funding, pending teacher negotiations, local business loss, litigation concerns, continuing rising costs and pending improvement projects. After discussion, the board came to an agreement on a reduced levy.

Using the 2020 rate setting EAV projection of \$160,719,418, the board agreed to a 2020 tax rate of 2.3942, with a projected extension of

\$3,847,971, resulting in a decrease of \$130,453 (-3.28 percent) for the district. The 2019 tax levy rate was \$2.6957 with an extension of \$3,978,424. Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek noted that if the final EAV is off of the projection, the rate changes to still deliver that amount of money on the extension. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

In other financial business, it was reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the district \$8,107.19 in mandated categorical payments.

In other business, contract agreements between the Board of Education and the Dwight Education Association were approved. An amendment to the teachers 2020-21 contract was affirmed by the BOE which allows for an additional \$50 per (continued on page 11)



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**Dwight Police Blotter**

December 14: 11:18 a.m., Dwight Police spoke with a resident advising they had received an unrequested debit card and letter from Illinois Department of Unemployment; 11:37 a.m., Dwight Police returned a call to a resident who advised they, too, had received an unrequested letter for unemployment benefits; 2:12 p.m., Dwight Police spoke with a resident who advised they had received notification about their application for unemployment benefits; 3:19 p.m., Dwight Police returned a call to a resident who also advised they had received a letter from the Illinois Department of Unemployment for benefits; 5:39 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Seminole for a report of damage to outdoor lights; 11:15 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 500 block of E. Seminole for a subject removal.

December 15: 8:09 a.m., Dwight Police spoke with a resident who advised they had received letters from the Department of Unemployment regarding benefits.

December 16: 2:22 p.m., Dwight Police met with a resident at their department in reference to another fraudulent Unemployment letter.

December 17: 9:03 a.m., Dwight Police took a call from a resident who reported they had gotten an unrequested letter from the Illinois Department of Employment; 9:09 a.m., Dwight Police returned a call to a resident who had received a fraudulent letter from the Illinois Department of

**Unemployment.**

**Accident Report**

Sunday, December 13, 8:13 a.m., an accident was reported at E. Northbrook and Route 47 involving a Jeep Wagon, driven by Jeffrey Giacomi, Odell, which struck a Chrysler, driven by Keith Hopwell, Rostraver Twp., PA, after failing to yield while exiting a parking lot.



**Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

December 10: Susan Dr., medical, Morris.  
 December 11: South St., medical, Morris; 3200 N., medical, St. Mary's, mutual aid from Gardner; Main St., medical, Riverside.  
 December 12: Seminole, medical, Riverside; Mazon, medical, Morris; E. Seminole St., medical.  
 December 13: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.  
 December 14: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; Union, refusal.  
 December 15: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Dewitt, Change of Quarters, mutual aid to Coal City; North St., fire.  
 December 16: I-55, medical, Morris; I-55, accident, refusal, mutual aid from Gardner; Waupansie, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

**Temps - 2020**

Dec. 10 - high 60°, low 27°  
 Dec. 11 - high 45°, low 30° 1" precip.  
 Dec. 12 - high 41°, low 27°  
 Dec. 13 - high 36°, low 26°  
 Dec. 14 - high 36°, low 20°

Dec. 15 - high 31°, low 20° trace snow  
 Dec. 16 - high 30°, low 25° trace snow  
**One Year Ago - Dec. 23, 2019**  
 high 45°, low 25°

**Secretary of State Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday**

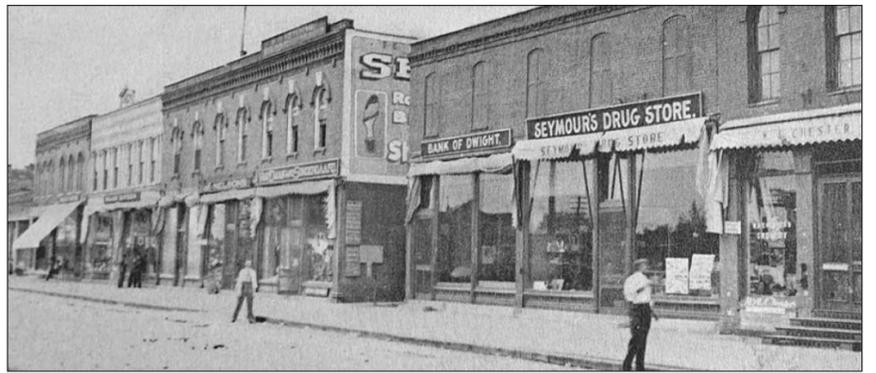
Illinois Secretary of State offices and Commercial Driver License (CDL) facilities, Driver Services facilities serving new drivers, and drive-thru facilities serving license plate stickers will be **closed Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25**, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

**All other Driver Services facilities are closed until January 4 or January 5 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

CDL facilities that operate on a Tuesday to Saturday schedule will **reopen Saturday, Dec. 26**. Offices and facilities that operate on a Monday to Friday schedule will **reopen Monday, Dec. 28**. Facilities that operate on a Tuesday to Friday schedule will **reopen Tuesday, Dec. 29**.

As a reminder, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has extended all expiration dates to June 1, 2021, for driver's licenses/ID cards.

White encourages people to conduct business online at [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com) for services such as renewing license plate stickers, obtaining replacement driver's licenses/ID cards, and renewing driver's licenses.



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**OSF HealthCare Warns of Potential Phone Scam**

OSF HealthCare has been made aware of potential phone scam activity making use of its caller ID.

OSF HealthCare has learned that patients or caregivers have received calls from what appears to be an OSF HealthCare caller ID. The callers, falsely claiming to represent OSF HealthCare, have asked for social security numbers and other personal information.

OSF HealthCare wants the public to be aware these calls are taking place. If you receive such a call, particularly if you have had no interaction with a department at an OSF HealthCare facility, hang up. If you are concerned the call may be legitimate, call the OSF location back using the main switchboard number at the facility. Ask the operator to connect you to a specific department, do not call the number provided during the original call.

You are encouraged to report the potential scam call to your local police department.

**300 fewer terminals**

**November Video Gaming**

By Tom Tock  
 Video gambling in Dwight and statewide is still shut down until further notice on orders from Springfield.

Meanwhile \$295,621 was played in Dwight's 51 video gaming terminals prior to November 19, the village receiving \$4,342 as its share of Net Terminal Income.

Video gambling in Illinois took place at 7,233 locations in November, 117 less than in October.

There were 300 fewer video gaming terminals in use for a total of 37,159. Three terminals in Dwight ceased operation.

Dwight and Gardner results by location are below.

**Dwight**

NOV.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Anne's	\$10,717	8,884	1,832	531	91
Cherry Red's	2,740	1,890	849	246	42
JT's Saloon	18,984	15,170	3,813	1,105	190
Lila Mae's	46,646	32,327	14,318	4,152	715
Love's	66,130	45,951	20,178	5,851	1,008
Mac's	52,726	35,688	17,037	4,940	851
VFW	34,115	25,883	8,231	2,387	411
Vic. Lanes	11,542	8,340	3,201	928	160
Virbapa	4,876	2,851	2,024	587	101
Willy's	47,145	31,788	15,356	4,453	767
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$295,621</b>	<b>208,776</b>	<b>86,844</b>	<b>25,184</b>	<b>4,342</b>

**Gardner**

	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Gardner
Buddies (3)	1,601	1,005	595	172	29
Marks (5)	21,240	16,750	4,489	1,302	224
TA Ops (5)	8,857	6,296	2,560	742	128
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$31,698</b>	<b>24,052</b>	<b>7,645</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>382</b>

\*The State of Illinois and Villages receive a total of 33% of the Net Terminal Income monthly (State 28%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 67%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.

Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBler.

**Jerry Curtis Announces Candidacy for Dwight Mayor**

"I will be seeking the office of Village President (Mayor) in the upcoming Consolidated Election to be held April 6, 2021.

"I have been involved the past twenty years as a village trustee and prior to that twelve

years on the Plan Commission. "I am running for this office to continue the progress we have made on street projects, water and sewer main projects, and downtown improvements. Economic and community development will remain a prior-

ity since this is the lifeblood of a community. The LSC printing plant closing and the pandemic has had a serious impact on jobs, revenue, and small business.

"I feel that I have the experience, knowledge, and along with the village board to guide Dwight through these major hurdles and together keep Dwight strong and moving forward."

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**Investment Lessons from 2020**

As the year draws to a close, it's fair to say that we've all learned something about the social, political, physical and environmental forces that have affected everyone. And, in some ways, our lives will be changed, perhaps permanently. But as an investor, what lessons can you learn from 2020?

- Here are some to consider:
- **The markets look ahead.** Here's something many investors discovered in 2020: Investment prices don't always move in the same direction as the overall economy. This might not have seemed apparent right after the COVID-19 pandemic struck in mid-February, as the overall economy and the stock market took big hits. But just about five weeks later, the markets began a rally that lasted several months. During this time, the economy also recovered somewhat, but still remains on weak footing.
  - **What can explain this discrepancy between the markets and economic activity?** Essentially, economic numbers, such as the unemployment rate and gross domestic product (GDP), reflect what's happening today, but the markets are always looking toward tomorrow, which means they are anticipating a stronger economic recovery and the results that come with it, such as greater corporate earnings in 2021. No one can say for sure what the future holds, but you can usually know the market's opinion by its performance.
  - **Opportunities will always exist for investors.** Although the coronavirus seems unprecedented, the equity markets have rebounded from many crises before it. From war to global financial meltdowns, the market has seen it all. But even at the height of these events, when the markets might be most affected, individual segments or industries can do well.
  - **Patience and discipline can pay dividends.** As mentioned above, the stock market dropped sharply in the weeks immediately following the pandemic, but then gained steadily for months afterward. Investors who tried to "cut losses" and exited the market likely did so at the wrong time and missed out on the beginning of the upturn. Unfortunately, this is not uncommon - investors who overreact to market declines often find themselves on the investment sidelines just when a new rally begins. Rather than being reactive in this way, you may be better off sticking with a long-term investment strategy, and buying and selling investments only when it makes sense for your situation, such as when you need to diversify your portfolio.

For many reasons, it's unlikely that we'll see anything exactly like 2020 again. But some of the investment lessons we learned are applicable in every year - so keep them in mind for 2021 and beyond.

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# Grundy County Children in Need Celebrated Christmas with Grundy County Heroes & Helpers

Non-Profit Grundy County Heroes & Helpers, INC. and local police officers, firefighters, sheriff deputies, and EMS celebrated Christmas with 76 children and their families through the second annual Shop with a Hero on Saturday December 12th. The children were selected through an application process where families had opportunity to share about a hardship from 2020 that was making celebrating Christmas to the fullest particularly difficult this holiday season.

"With Covid-19 impacting us this year we had to get creative, we knew we couldn't have our event like last year where we match a hero; police, fire, sheriff, ems with a child and send them on a shopping spree together," said GCHH president Wendy Briley. "We needed to be able to provide social distancing and space our families out, which I am happy to say with the help of First Christian Church and Pastor Scott Zorn we were able to successfully provide a safe, social distanced event for everyone."

Local heroes and volunteers for the organization shopped on December 1st at Walmart in Morris. Each hero was given a list of necessities for the children; coats, clothes, shoes, etc. Items were then wrapped by the heroes and helpers and set aside for the big celebration day. Families were given a time slot to arrive at First Christian Church on December 12 from 9 am - 4 pm. Upon arrival children were assigned a local hero and helper and were invited to greet Santa, Dave DiVincenzo, for a social distance picture. Santa sat in Santa's house with a plexi-glass window separating them. The children were able to sit in front of him on a Santa's House specially built prop. The heroes then walked the children to tables of toys laid out by age, the children were able to pick out several toys. Once toys were picked, the children continued through the one way circle to a gift opening station where the children opened a couple of the clothing items previously purchased by the heroes. In between children the stations were sanitized assuring everything was clean and ready for the next family. The heroes and helpers helped the families to their cars to load up all of their presents and Christmas cheer.

"The most important part of our celebration is giving children an opportunity to meet our county's heroes," said Briley.



**HEROES & HELPERS!** Pictured, front row, are volunteers Jordie Cory, Tasha Saltzman, Recipients Thomas Hernandez, Olivia Farcus, Owen Farcus, JR Hernandez, and volunteer Shannon McConaughy; back row, Grundy County Heroes & Helper board member Becky Di Vincenzo, Sheriff Ken Briley, Dwight Fire Department Lt. Joshua Jahn, and Deputy Sheriff Tony Cheshareck.

"We are so grateful and honored for all the heroes and departments throughout the entire county who came through and gave their undivided attention to the children we served this year."

"It brings me a lot of joy to see the kids come through the doors and get to see all the heroes together interacting with the kids," said Sargent Chris Harseim of Coal City Police Department. "It is nice to see the community come together to give back to the kids." This is Harseim's second year to participate along with his wife, Britt Harseim, who also helped with shopping, wrapping, and celebrating at the event.

Due to an anonymous donor, 22 bikes were able to be raffled off. Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley surprised recipients and then took a photo with the child and their new bike. Morris resident Kyle Connor's son was one of the recipients.

"This was a really great experience, my son randomly won a bike raffle," said Connor, father of 10 year-old Adriana and 4 year-old Axel. Being able to interact and hang out with the police and firemen helps set my kids up for the future. There's a lot of misrepresented things about police officers. Having this first-hand experience with them is almost more valuable than any of the gifts because they will remember this experience for years to come."

This year's event was sponsored by Sportsman For Charity a \$10,000 blessing in a world that cancelled most of GCHH's 2020 fundraising



**RECIPIENTS ETHAN SHANNON AND DAKOTA FITCH** pose with Dakota's new bike and Sheriff Ken Briley, Santa Dave Di Vincenzo, and Sheriff Deputy Sean Wojtczak.

events. 150.00 dollars was spent per child at Walmart for clothes and shoes. Families throughout the community donated new, unwrapped toys including 9 year-old Madison Connor who raised \$1100.00 in cash and collected new, unwrapped to go towards toys for the event.

Paisano's Mexican Grill & Market of Morris generously donated food to feed the heroes and volunteers during a 40 minute break. Holeigh Strange of Morris generously donated her time, materials, and talent to build the 2020 social distance Santa House. Scott Zorn of First Christian Church donated the church's space for the

event and several times leading up to prepare for the event. Morris Hospital Cath Lab staff and Morris Cath Lab doctors donated new and unwrapped toys and volunteered for shopping and helping at the event. Serve Pro, a fire and water cleanup and restoration company, generously donated wrapping paper for the event.

Heroes from the following departments participated; Grundy County Sheriff Office, Minooka Police, Morris Police, Morris Fire Department, Gardner Fire Department, Coal City Police Department, Coal City Fire Department, Dwight Fire Department, and Verona Fire Department.

## the corner

by Tom Tock

I was happy to see some holiday lights at Pinecone Path on its original trail between Franklin and Columbia Streets. It's one of my favorite spots in Dwight.

I can't help but bring up the need for a special committee to take care of the original Pinecone -- it could be an incredibly attractive path.

Dream a little with me -- imagine Pinecone lighted every evening -- wildflowers every spring and summer -- the creek itself lined properly with anti-erosion stone -- tree trimming -- benches kept in good repair -- new concrete to replace the 32 broken slabs -- all of this would certainly attract a lot of foot traffic and be a real plus for the community.

I'm not talking a Naperville Riverwalk, but a down-home nature trail that could re-establish one's inner psyche every time it is tread.

There was a plan advanced in 1972 to extend Pinecone along the creek through Dwight. It was to be completed little by little, and by now probably finished. It didn't happen. Now Pinecone needs attention just to continue to exist in semi-attractive form.

Interested? 584-3707

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Video gaming in Illinois was stopped November 19 when a decree from Spring-

field went out across all the land prohibiting such activity until virus numbers go down.

A little calculation showed that for 2020 so far the total of Net Terminal Income (funds kept by the machines) averaged 27.40% of the money played, almost 2% more than in calendar years 2018 and 2019. The months of October and November 2020 show NTI of 28.92% and 29.37% respectively.

A two percent increase in Net Terminal Income means an additional \$12,000 is being taken from the players in a \$600,000 month.

I have a good friend who had reason to call 1-800 GAMBLER (it works, by the way) a few years ago. He told me that video gamblers will continue to play the machines until the machines become positively confiscatory.

Aren't they already?

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My thanks to my fellow columnist, grandson Aaron Boma, for his birthday wishes and superkind words about the White Sox last week.

Aaron, you must know, is a strong Cubs fan, so it took courage to write what he did, especially when the Sox recently stole the Cubs television announcer, Len Kasper, to broadcast next year's Sox radio's play-by-play. C'mon springtime.

## Filing for Consolidated Election Underway in Kankakee County

Dan Hendrickson, Kankakee County Clerk, has announced that filing for the April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election is underway, as it began on December 14.

Kankakee County will hold elections for offices including City and Village Officeholders, Township Officeholders, School Board Members, Park District Trustees, and Library Trustees. Referenda may also be held.

Only candidates for school

board members or for Multi-Township Assessors will file with the County Clerk. All other candidates running for an office will submit their paperwork with the appropriate local election clerk (village clerk, township clerk, park, library, community college secretaries or their designee). Prospective candidates are required to file their petitions by December 21 at 5:00 p.m. for the Consolidated Election -- which will be held on February 23 for voters in the City of Kankakee.

## Morris Hospital Earns Another 'A' Grade for Patient Safety

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers was awarded its fifth consecutive 'A' on the most recent Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade that was released on December 14. This national distinction recognizes Morris Hospital's achievements in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to all gen-

eral hospitals across the country and is updated every six months. The grade is based on a hospital's performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections, and other harm to patients in their care.

Developed under the guidance of a national expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The

Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

The data used to calculate the Fall 2020 Hospital Safety Grade covers a time period ranging from 2017-2020, depending on the measure.

Of the 103 Illinois hospitals that were assessed on the fall report, 35 received A's, 27 received B's, 38 received C's, one received a D, and two received F's.



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## Remote Learning at South Wilmington GS

### Positives of Remote Learning from a 1st Graders' Point of View

Remote learning certainly looks different at every grade level. But the smiles on children's faces everyday, and their enthusiasm for learning at this level, is especially exciting to see according to South Wilmington Grade School first grade teacher, Mrs. Emily Wurl.

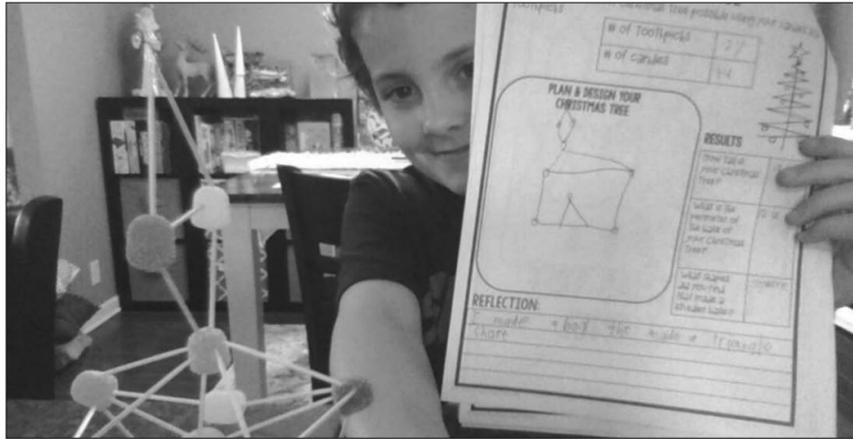
Her class was recently asked what the best part of remote learning was – these are the students' responses:

- I like seeing my friends – Delayni.
- The best part of remote learning is staying in our pajamas – Leia.
- I like P.E. the best – Mason.
- U like math and zooms – Mia.
- I'm glad I get to see my friends on the iPad – Nick.
- I like to read on remote learning – Brayton.
- Another thing I like is seeing you smile, Mrs. Wurl – Ethan.
- I like math the best – Jacey.
- I like remote learning the best because I like Shurley English and seeing my friends on the computer – James.
- I like to do crafts the most. I like seeing my friends on Zoom – Layla.

### Mrs. Simms'

#### 2nd and 3rd Grade Class

Not being at school in person has not stopped SWGS students from having holiday fun while learning this school year! Students in Mrs. Simms' 2nd and 3rd grade classes have been busy with many holiday-themed activities. The students have been reading about holi-



Above is Keaton Phillips (3rd grade Student) with his gumdrop tree STEM creation.

day traditions from all over the globe. They have had discussions about how important it is to respect and learn about cultures other than their own.

Students also learned the phrase "Merry Christmas" in many different languages. Some of the students were surprised with how hard other languages can be to learn, and yet how similar some sound to English.

These students have created many art projects at home, including a step-by-step snowman painting and making cards to spread cheer. They have been engaged in many STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) activities, including building Christmas trees from a variety of materials, and building a Christmas catapult.

While students are missing the classroom, they have made

sure that they are not missing out on the fun while they are learning.

"Great parent participation and help has made the weeks of

remote learning great for these students," said Mrs. Simms, "and hopefully they are making many great memories of learning from home."

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY – PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC

Plaintiff,  
vs.

Unknown heirs and legatees of Teresa Lanigan aka Teresa L. Lanigan; Amanda Emling aka Amanda B. Emling aka Amanda B. Lanigan; Aaron M. Lanigan; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Defendants.  
CASE NO. 20-CH-39  
1604 4H Park Road, Pontiac, Illinois 61764

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown heirs and legatees of Teresa Lanigan aka Teresa L. Lanigan, Amanda Emling aka Amanda B. Emling aka Amanda B. Lanigan, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AS A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND 877 FEET EAST OF A STONE IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 565 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTER OF THE VERMILION RIVER 165 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT 1122 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 637 FEET, THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 145 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT A STRIP OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AS A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND 877 FEET EAST OF A STONE IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 565 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTER OF THE VERMILION RIVER 165 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT 1122 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 637 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 145 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

P.I.N.: 15-15-21-100-004

Said property is commonly known as 1604 4H Park Road, Pontiac, Illinois 61764, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Teresa L. Lanigan and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2016R-03739 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Livingston County on or before January 15, 2021, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.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 [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp).

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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- **Tri-Point #6J (Cullom, Kempton, Piper City):** February 1 – 815-253-6299, ext. 100.
- **Dwight #232:** March 4 and 5 – 815-584-6278 or 815-584-6254.
- **Saunemin #438:** March 25 – 815-832-4421.
- **Odell #435:** April 15 – 815-998-2272.

Areas screened include vision, hearing, speech, language, learning, motor, and

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<p><b>Family Pack #4 \$79.99</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32 pc. Broasted or Fried Chicken*</li> <li>• 6 lbs. Coleslaw</li> <li>• 6 lbs. Mashed Potatoes, 2 lbs. Gravy</li> </ul>	<p>• 14 Slices of Fresh Baked Bread</p> <p>Serves 12 to 14 people</p>	<p><b>We Deliver within 5 miles of Dwight!</b> (\$1 delivery charge in Dwight for delivery person; additional 50¢/mile for out of town)</p> <p>*****NEW DELIVERY HOURS:***** Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.</p>

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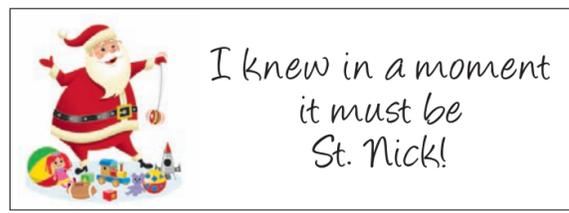
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) No. 19-CH-51  
MEGHAN M. COULTER, and unknown owners and )  
non-record claimants, )  
Defendants. )

**NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE**

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 316 E. Richard St., Odell, IL 60460.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 9 in Block 20 in the Village of Odell, Livingston County, Illinois. PIN: 10-10-138-018  
Commonly known as: 316 E. Richard St., Odell, IL 60460.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 1-story single-family home, including 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, crawl space, and 1-car detached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: January 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

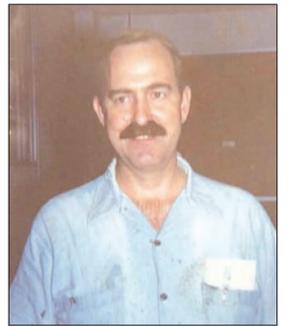
I. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Donald R. McClarey  
Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

**Leo McCormick Celebrates 30 Years at LSC**

Leo McCormick celebrated 30 years of service at LSC Communications on December 20, 2020.

Leo began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on October 9, 1989, as a Casual Material Handler and became a full-time Bindery Material Handler on July 4, 1992. Leo was promoted to Bindery Hoist Operator in December of 1997 and then to his current position, Shipping Hoist Operator, in July of 2015. Leo resides in Dwight.



**Amiel Gernentz to Celebrate 80th Birthday**

Amiel (CA) Gernentz, of Odell, will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Friday, December 29.

His family – saddened that they cannot celebrate with family and friends – are asking, instead, to shower him with cards sent to: Amiel Gernentz, 408 N. Morgan St., Odell, IL 60460.

The family notes that he also enjoys scratch lottery tickets.

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

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

- **Bonfield:** Shelby Corbett, Kimberly Gaddis, Lauren Zell.
  - **Cabery:** Anicah Bruner, Elise Bruner, Hallie Sippel.
  - **Herscher:** Jeannie Denault, Hailey Ullman.
  - **Reddick:** Megan Cox.
  - **Union Hill:** Morgan Jones.
- To be named to the President's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.80 or higher and be enrolled in six or more semester hours.
- Making the Honors List at KCC for the fall 2020 semester were the following students:
- **Buckingham:** Haley Wagner.
  - **Cabery:** Katie Paquette.
  - **Cullom:** Ashten Melton, Mark Miller.
  - **Essex:** Emily Maldonado.
  - **Gardner:** Madelyn Storm.
  - **Herscher:** Brittany Miller, Zachary Miller, Jessica Torres, Joyce Wilson.
  - **Reddick:** Holly Brown.

**AUSTIN NICCUM, a senior at Gardner-South Wilmington High School, is the Grundy County Vocational Center (GAVC) Director Award Winner for the month of December for Culinary Arts.**

**Congratulations, Austin!**

*Do you have  
News to share?  
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*Merry Christmas!*



**Prairie Creek Library to Host a Different Kind of Family Reading Night**

Each year, Prairie Creek Library, Dwight, hosts a Family Reading Night – which offers fun stories, crafts, and snacks. Although Family Reading Night will look different this year, the library will still hold the event Thursday, January 7.

This year, it will be a virtual event, which will be posted at 5:00 p.m. on their Facebook page. Families can watch it to-

gether at their convenience that evening. The event will feature a funny puppet show and a story.

Parents are encouraged to make this an entertaining evening for their family by watching the event together and, perhaps, enjoying a snack.

Registration is not necessary, but the event will expire from the page after January 7.

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The Dwight VFW Post 2608 and its Auxiliary want to thank everyone who donated food or money to our Food Drive for Veterans. We collected over 254 pounds of food and \$450.00. The money was sent to the VFW Department of Illinois to be distributed to those in need. Due to Covid, we were unable to deliver the food to the VA hospitals, so the IL VFW Department suggested we donate it to our local food pantry. Patti Rosenbaum was kind enough to pick up the food at the Dwight VFW for the Dwight Township Food Bank. Dwight is truly a generous community. Thank you!!

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**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on December 7, 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 McArdle Realty, located at 106 E. Main Street, Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2020.

Kristy A. Masching  
Livingston County Clerk

OBITUARIES

Clifford Clement 'Tiff' Steichen

Clifford Clement "Tiff" Steichen, 81, of Dwight went peacefully home to the Lord on December 14, 2020 surrounded by his wife, family and his faithful companion Chico at his side at home in Dwight.



Plainfield, IL; brother, James (Darlene) Steichen of Campus; sister, Jane (Roger) Schnoor of Mt. Ayr, Iowa; 21 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and his dog, Chico.

According to Clifford's wishes cremation rites will be accorded. Private services will be held in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Campus, IL with Father Stanley Drewniak officiating.

Burial will follow the services in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, also in Campus.

Memorials in honor of Clifford may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Clifford was born September 28, 1939 to Clifford Clement Sr. and Margaret Irene (Bannon) Steichen. He married Dorlene Hansen on November 20, 1959 in Dwight, IL. She survives in Dwight.

He is also survived by sons, Doug (Julie) Steichen of Dwight, Dan (Kelly) Steichen of Gardner; daughters, Cindy (Alan) Guest of Hudson, IL, Teri (Don) Kennedy of Pontiac, IL, Sara (Joel) Kirstein of

his parents; brother, George Steichen; sisters, Ann Mortensen, Jackie Oelschlagger, Marilyn Oelschlagger and Mary Gretchen Sprecher.

He leaves behind many friends and memories in Arizona where he wintered for the last 20 years.

He was a man of strong faith and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Campus, IL. He was also a member of the Campus Lions Club, was a school board member in Reddick, and a volunteer firefighter in Campus. He worked for more than 42 years for Caterpillar.

Clifford enjoyed hunting, golfing and watching his grandchildren play sports. He was a diehard Cubs and Bears fan. He also enjoyed his favorite radio program, playing euchre in Campus and was known to go "fishing."

Online condolences may be made at hagermemorial.com

Wayne Edwin German

Wayne Edwin German was called home on Friday, December 4, 2020 at St. Joe's Hospital, Bloomington.



Wayne was born September 21, 1937, the son of Russell and Rella (Swaney) German. He was raised on a farm in Nokomis, Illinois and was the youngest boy of eight children. He married his childhood sweetheart and love of his life, Glenda Zeifang, on June 30, 1957.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda; children: Kathy (Tony) Johnson, Mark (Donna) German, Gail (Mike) Humbert, and Denise Banks; grandchildren: Jennifer (Justin) Rhodes, Samantha (Sam) Williamson, Andrew German, Kelli (Brandon) Schlegel, Stephanie (Clayton) Parkhill, Carson Banks (Megan Hillis), and Blake Banks; great-grandchildren: Taylor, Aubrey and Kaden Rhodes, Maisie and Wrenley Schlegel and Theodore Parkhill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, and his only sister.

Wayne worked for Caterpillar Tractor Company from 1956 until his retirement in 1989.

He was involved with the Boy Scouts of America and was assistant scoutmaster for years. He received the Order of the Arrow and Silver Beaver Awards as well as serving as a

committee member. For years, he took his Troop camping in Canada for their annual camping trip. To this day, we still hear stories about those trips.

He was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church. He was a member of Methodist Men, served on the Property Committee, Staff Parish, Building and Parsonage Committee, Trustee and Ad Board, and played on the dartball team. He additionally was instrumental in coordinating donations and pickup for the Mountain Mission.

He was on the chain gang and timekeeper for the high school football team. He started keeping score for the boys high school basketball team in 1974 and was inducted into the Dwight High School Hall of Fame for over 40 years of service at more than 2,000 basketball games.

He was an avid golfer, loved farming in the fall, helping anyone any way he could, and there wasn't a thing he could not fix.

A private graveside ceremony will be held at McDowell Cemetery with Pastor Mary officiating. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Hager Memorial will oversee arrangements.

Linda K. Schultz

Linda K. Schultz, age 72, of Essex, IL passed away Thursday, December 17, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL.



Fennel; Rachel and Kellen Appel; two great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Eleanor Navickas; one brother, Gerry (Judy) Monroe of Essex, IL; one niece, Jenne (Wade) Kilman; and one nephew, Ryan (Catie) Monroe.

She was born February 27, 1948 in Pontiac, IL to the late David and Dorothy Louise (nee Haag) Monroe.

Linda graduated from Reddick High School with the class of 1966. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Goodfarm Township. She retired from J.R.'s Crop Service in Reddick after working there for more than 30 years.

Linda enjoyed flowers, and she especially enjoyed crafting and getting together with her friends.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years, Ronald Schultz of Essex; one daughter, Ladena (Patrick) Appel of MN; three step-daughters: Cari (Scott) Pierard of Coal City; Michelle (Dan) Fennel of Streamwood, IL; and Vikki Morrill of IN.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren: Kameron Dohnansky, Abby Navickas, Zack Pierard, Reagan Morrill, Mike, John and Maddie

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Visitation for Linda will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory, Braidwood, Wednesday, December 23, 2020 from 11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with a funeral service commencing at 1:00 p.m. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, follow social distancing guidelines, and due to the capacity requirements, please be brief with your condolences to allow other guests pay their final respects.

Interment will follow in North Cemetery, Essex.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 515 E. Stonewall Road, Dwight, IL 60420.

For more information and to visit her online guestbook, log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

Charles Anthony Delli

Charles Anthony "Chuckie" Delli, 58, passed away December 3, 2020.



(Robert) Delli, Edward (Laura) Hepko, Charlene Gordon, Renee "Pep" (the late Frank) Seibert and the late Artie, Bill, Joan "Sissy," Edward, Jimmy, Bob, Jerry and Dave; dearest cousin of many.

He was the beloved son of Patricia A. (the late Frank) La Brizzi, nee Hepko, and the late Jerome Harold Delli;

loving brother of Ronald Edward and Thomas Arthur (Debbie) Delli, Peter La Brizzi and the late Katherine Minkalis and Frank La Brizzi, Jr.; cherished uncle of Amanda (John) Sommer, Christopher Delli, Jennifer Rivera and Renee Penna; and great uncle of many; adored nephew of Josephine

Chuckie was a passionate fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. He was a longtime resident of William W. Fox Developmental Center in Dwight, Illinois, where he enjoyed many friendships with other residents and staff.

His big, bright smile lit up any room he occupied.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Another obituary appears on page 9.

Dwight Township General Assistance Office will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Thursday, December 31. Leave messages @ (815) 584-1959.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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

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

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

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 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, IL 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525

Minutes with Boma



SAD

We made it. We finally made it. You might be asking, who is we, and what did we make it to, well, I'm going to tell you.

Today, as I am typing this it's December 21st, 2020. (Before I go any further, the fact the world is still in one piece and turning, is somewhat incredible unto itself.)

But, what I really want to point out is today (Monday) is the shortest day of the year. Now, obviously the time length of each day is the same, but the sunlight, now that is a different story.

If you're like me, and approximately 3 million other Americans, then you suffer from SAD or, Seasonal Affective Disorder. Essentially the disorder is, when it's dark out all the time, it's not as fun. Very appropriately named in that sense.

Then you factor in the whole don't leave your house aspect, and it being 25 degrees every day and it makes for extra not fun.

For the last few weeks I've been telling myself to just make it to the 21st, December 21st is the top of this proverbial mountain and once we're on the other side, we're closer to daylight, we're closer to a vaccine, and closer to fun, and no more SAD.

I'd say in the past that I've experienced varying degrees of SAD but this year has felt even more pronounced with everything that is transpiring concurrently.

Alas, the mountain top has been reached and it's all downhill from here, which in most sense, would not be a good thing, but, in this very specific scenario, I couldn't be happier to be headed downhill.

Go sunlight, go longer days, and go Bears.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

Happy Holidays

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

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In memory of Barbara Kramer, 4/12/47 - 12-14-11



"There is a special place in our hearts for those we loved, for those who have loved us without question, without a word or promise... There is a special place where there is no pain or fear, where love flows freely... There is a special place to rest in our hearts forever."

Love you and miss you, Bill

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

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

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 of the Estate of PHILIP J. McARDLE, Deceased 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, IL 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525

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## Letters to Santa Claus...

**Bonfield - 1st Grade**  
**Mrs. Jan Ferris**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Charleigh. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring me a horse for Christmas. What does your work shop look like? Thank you!

Love,  
Charleigh

Dear Santa,  
My name is Madison. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year. Please bring me a Drone for Christmas. How do reindeer fly? Thank you!

Love,  
Madison

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bentley. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring a new elf squeshey for Christmas. How do you stay so quiet? Thank you!

Love,  
Bentley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Trinity. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year. Please bring a new stuffy Christmas. What does your workshop look like. Thank you!

Love,  
Trinity

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lydia. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year. Please bring me a new Turtle for Christmas. How do you keep the toys in the bag. Thank you!

Love,  
Lydia

Dear Santa,  
My name is Colton. I'm 7 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring a elf on a sehlf for Christmas. How do you stay so quiet. Thank you!

Love,  
Colton

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kenzie. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring a horse for Christmas. How with no chimney do you get in? Thank you!

Love,  
Kenzie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Olivia. I'm 7 years old. I've been good this year. Please bring me a phone for Christmas. How with no chimney do you get in? Thank you!

Love,  
Olivia

Dear Santa,  
My name is Paisley. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring a new foin for Christmas. How do reindeer fly? Thank you!

Love,  
Paisley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Blake. I'm 7 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring a new fox for Christmas. Do you use magic? Thank you!

Love,  
Blake

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ayden. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring a new drone for Christmas. How do reindeer fly. Thank you!

Love,  
Ayden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sebastian. I'm 6 years old. I've been bad this year. Please bring for Christmas. How do reindeer fly?

Love,  
Sebastian

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nash. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring me a one wele for Christmas. How do you stay so quiet? Thank you!

Love,  
Nash

Dear Santa,  
My name is Emely. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring a new toy horse for Christmas. How you fly hiy. Thank you!

Love,  
Emely

My name is Belinda. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year! Please bring a new book for Christmas. How with no chimney do you get in?

Thank you,  
Belinda

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mason. I'm 7 years old. I've been good this year. Please for Christmas. Thank you!

Love,  
Mason

Dear Santa,  
My name is Logan. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year. Please bring me a new fone for Christmas. Thank you!

Love,  
Logan

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dominic. I'm seven years old. I've been good this year. Please bring a Minecraft game for Christmas. How many elves do you have? Thank you!

Love,  
Dominic

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zaelynn. I'm 6 years old. I've been good this year. Please bring a new skateboard for Christmas. Thank you.

Love,  
Zaelynn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Malakai. I'm 6 years old. I'm good this year. Please bring a new smart watch for Christmas. How old are you? Wen do you come to my house? Thank you!

Love,  
Malakai

**Bonfield - 1st Grade**  
**Ms. Annie Maier**

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? I have been good. Please bring me a four-wheeler. Please bring my mom a pink four-wheeler.

Kaiden

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a scooter for Christmas. Will you get Owen a phone?

Love,  
Audrey

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a hair styling kit for Christmas. My mom would like me a good Christmas.

Love,  
Shelby

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like slime for Christmas.

Love,  
Aubrie

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I would like a play vet stand for Christmas and for my sister a Minnie Mouse stand.

Love,  
Maddy

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I would like a puppy dog please Santa. And a phone. My dog Lloyd would like a toy dog. Can I ride on your sleigh?

Love,  
Mark

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a computer for Christmas. My brother would like a motorcycle. Can I call?

Love,  
Parker

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a Nintendo switch for Christmas. Do elves get presents for Christmas?

Love,  
Liam

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like an Elf for Christmas.

Love,  
Wyatt

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a fish and a phone for Christmas.

Love,  
Lyla

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a Barbie dream house. My mom would like to be happy for Christmas.

Love,  
Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like Legos for Christmas. My sister would like a new phone. Are you magic?

Love,  
Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a bunny for Christmas. My mom would like some curtains. Can I go for a ride on your sleigh?

Love,  
Owen

Dear Santa,  
I have been good for Christmas.

Love,  
Jordyn

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a hoover board for Christmas.

Love,  
Brantley

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a comic book for Christmas. Can I call you please?

Love,  
Gavin

Dear Santa,  
I have been good for Christmas. Can I come visit you?

Love,  
Annabelle

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like an iPhone for Christmas. And Gavin would like Legos for Christmas.

Indie

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a corn head. I would like you to bring my brother a horse. How many elves do you have?

Caisen

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would lie a hoover board for Christmas. Kiley might want a new tablet. I wish Christmas was every day.

Love,  
Kailynn

**Mrs. Froelich**  
**Saunemin - 2nd Grade**

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are reaty for Christmas. Can I have a toy light saber, a toy Ninja Rings, and a Nintendo Switch please.

Love,  
Anthony

Dear Santa,  
I tried to be very good this year. I love you and your elves. I would like an American Girl School Doll, a dirt bike for my cousin, his broke. And a coffee maker for my mom.

Thank you,  
Clara

Dear Santa,  
Are the elfs good? All I want for Christmas is a roller skate, a yo-yo, paint, and crayons, please, and have a good day.

Love,  
Nate

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. What I want for Christmas is a bicycle, roller skates, and a kiten. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Kaelyn

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are feeding the reindeer vary good and you too Santa. I am wanting a four wheeler, a dirt bike, and a x box please. I was a little good this year. Mary Christmas and a toy Pockit Rockit and a go cart. Don't eat a lot of cookies.

Love,  
Jackson

Dear Santa,  
I want roller skates and Babears, plz and LOLs and I am making sugar cookies this year. Ho ho ho!

Love,  
Michaela

Dear Santa  
I want a Pocket Rocket and training wheels for my dirt bike. Be safe from blizzards. Bye-bye.

Love,  
Greyson

**Mrs. Legner**  
**DCS - 2nd Grade**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? My name is Emma. I am in Mrs. Legner's second grade class at Dwight Common School. Will your reindeer and you be wearing masks while delivering toys this year? I really don't want any of you to get sick! This Covid is not fun and made this year not good. I have been pretty good for my parents and teachers I think. For Christmas this year I hope you can bring my sister Miranda some slime, my brother Logan a scooter, my sister Piper a scooter, and me a tiger toy please. I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. Merry Christmas to you all!

Love,  
Emma B.

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am doing good. Elf Joey is hiding in the Christmas tree. I want a sled. Merry Christmas!

From,  
Kade J.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, shoes, roller skates and a talking baby yoda

From,  
Arianna Boyer

**Ms. Countryman**  
**GGG - 1st Grade**

Dear Santa,  
Say hi to Mrs. Claus. This year I want a bridle and sadall for Christmas.

Love,  
Cece

Dear Santa,  
Hi Mrs. Claus. This year I want American doll for Christmas. This year I want sagwaye for Christmas.

Love,  
Paige

Dear Santa,  
Tell the reindeer hi for me! This year I want American girl doll for Christmas.

Love,  
Mia

Dear Santa,  
Hi Mrs. Claus! This year I want a scatbord for Christmas.

Love,  
Brynlee

Dear Santa,  
Tell the reindeer hi for me! This year I want a alechreck scoodr and American girl doll cloths for Christmas.

Love,  
Addie

Dear Santa,  
Tell the reindeer hi for me! This year I want a scatebaod for Christmas.

Love,  
Ethan

Dear Santa,  
Tell the reindeer hi for me! This year I want a princess barbie doll for Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Maeve

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new hammer. I have been very good.

Love,  
Julius

Dear Santa,  
I have bin a good boy. This year I would like Star Wars toys, Mandalorian toys, and a skateboard.

Love,  
Cal

Dear Santa,  
I want a ball nerf gun.

Henry

**Heather Muzzarelli**  
**GGG - 2nd Grade**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kinnzee. I am seven years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: 1 slime, 2 squishies, and 3 kittens. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From,  
Kinnzee B.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kenzie. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a desk, a dog for outside of the barn, and a Christmas coloring book. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From,  
Kenzie C.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kinley. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. These are three things I am wishing for: a skateboard, my own Xbox, and presents. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From,  
Kinley D.

**Christmas Greetings**  
from Tom and Louise Tock  
their grandkids Nathan, Nick, Amanda, Molly, Jon and families;  
Dan, Kate, Aaron, Josh and Caleb;  
and great-grandkids  
Mallory, David, Valor, Bodhi, and Alexander;  
Noah, Lucas, Lilly, Olivia, and Cole



**Merry Christmas**

We wish you and your family a happy and safe Holiday Season.

We will be open until NOON on Thursday, December 24.

We will not be open on Friday, December 25.

We will re-open on Saturday, Dec. 26.

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## Letters to Santa Claus...

**Heather Muzzarelli**  
**GGG - 2nd Grade**

(continued)

Dear Santa,  
MY name is Sadie. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. I am wishing for a dog, some paints and an art book.  
Love, Sadie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kimari. I am seven years old. This year I have been good and bad. These are three things I am wishing for: a ps5, an iPhone, and a bike. I will set out cookies for you on Christmas Eve.  
From,  
Kimari S.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Braylyn. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a Barbie plane, a doll, and a baby doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.  
From,  
Braylyn N.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Colton. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the things I am wishing for: a train, a model train, and I wish I can be like you. I will set out milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve.  
From,  
Colton R.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dixie. I am 7 years old. I have been bad and good. These are three things I am wishing for: Baby Yoda, and Sailor Moon, and R2d2. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.  
From,  
Dixie G.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dominic. I am 7 years old. This year I have been good. These are three things I am wishing for: Xbox one headset, Xbox gift card, and a Nerf drone. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.  
From,  
Dominic W.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Peyton. I am 7 years old. I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: legos, a kitty, an iPad, and money. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.  
From,  
Peyton

Dear Santa,  
My Name is Ty. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a bow, a rumor tank, and an RC car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.  
From, Ty

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brenden. I am 8 years old. I have been nice this year. These are three things I am wishing for: a Playstation 5, wrestling toys, and a laptop. I will leave cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.  
From,  
Brenden D.

## Morris Hospital Administers First COVID Vaccines

An unexpected supply of 100 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine arrived at Morris Hospital on December 19, and less than 12 hours later, physicians and staff were lining up to receive the vaccine that is key to bringing an end to the pandemic.

"The vaccine is the answer to our prayers and the ray of hope that we've been waiting for all these months," said Dr. Lakshmi Anubrolu, a hospital physician who has been caring for hospitalized COVID patients since March and was the very first to receive the vaccine at Morris Hospital.

Joining Dr. Anubrolu at the front of the line was Dr. John Bolden, infectious disease physician; Linda Koepshke, an environmental services associate; and Adam Greiff, a registered nurse in the Emergency Department December 20 and took advantage of the opportunity to receive the vaccine.

"I think the risk of getting the vaccine is miniscule compared to the risk of getting COVID," Dr. Bolden said.

Dr. Mary Gordon, cardiologist, was rounding on patients in the hospital when she heard that an unexpected supply of vaccine had arrived, and she didn't hesitate to be among the first 100.

"The more of us who get the vaccine, the more we protect each other," said Dr. Gordon, adding that she felt like she was waiting in line for Santa as she waited her turn. Sarah Kastler, a registered nurse who works in the Family Birthing Suites, was on duty Dec. 19 and said she raised her hand



Adam Greiff, a registered nurse in the Emergency Department, receives the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Today is sort of a surreal moment because I've been following vaccine trials since they started."

Dr. Mark Gibson was scheduled to work in the Emergency Department December 20 and took advantage of the opportunity to receive the vaccine.

"I feel some sense of relief for lots of people," said Kastler after receiving the vaccine. "This is to protect my family, our patients, and the people we care for."

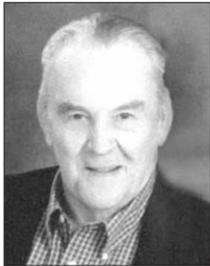
Steadham said Morris Hospital is still expecting to receive its first official supply of vaccine from the Illinois Department of Public Health any day and will continue vaccinating physicians and staff as soon as the supply is received.

Illinois is currently in Phase 1a of the COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Program, which includes vaccination of healthcare personnel and long-term care facilities. While additional phases of the mass communication plan are not yet finalized, residents should watch for updates and information from the health department in the county where they reside.

## OBITUARY

### William V. Martin

William V. "Bill" Martin, age 90, of Morris and formerly of Odell, passed away peacefully Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Park Pointe Gardens in Morris, Illinois.



was his family, and Bill will be most remembered as a loving husband and devoted father, who was his grandkids biggest fan at their sporting and school events.

Born July 7, 1930 in Pontiac, Illinois, William Vincent was the son of William Frederick and Ellen "Nellie" (Condon) Martin.

He was raised in Odell and graduated from St. Paul's with the Class of 1948. Following high school, Bill attended Gallagher School of Business in Kankakee before entering the United States Navy (1951-1955).

Following his honorable discharge, he married Patricia Ann Fraher on November 26, 1955 in St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell. Together they made their home in Odell until relocating in the summer of 1972. Bill began his career with the United States Postal Service. He served as Postmaster of Odell until 1971, when he took the Postmaster position with Morris. He served the Morris community for 19 years until his retirement in 1990.

Bill and Pat were dedicated members of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Morris. He was a member of Morris Country Club and American Legion Post 294 in Morris. He belonged to the Lions Club, Moose Lodge, and the Postmasters Association.

One who was an avid sports fan, Bill took great pleasure in following the Chicago Bears, Notre Dame football, and the Chicago White Sox. Throughout the years, he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing golf, and working in the yard with Pat.

He was truly a 'Jack of all trades,' and could fix or repair anything. His number one hobby

Survivors include his children: Michael (Ann) Marcen of Stamford, Connecticut and Sheila (Thomas) Riccolo, Mary (Terrence) O'Connor, and Bill (Meghan) Martin, all of Morris; seven grandchildren: Caroline Riccolo, Peter Riccolo, Sean Martin, Brendan Martin, Caitlin O'Connor (Ben Wollam), Eileen (Cameron) Berner and Erin O'Connor (Matt Wiehl); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; son, Mark W. Martin; wife, Patricia Martin; sister, Ruth Mobus; and granddaughter, Regina Martin.

The family will receive friends for a COVID observant and walk through visitation Monday morning, December 28, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, 408 E. Washington St., (one block east of Illinois Route 47), in Morris. Due to current pandemic guidelines, face masks will be required for attendees and measures of safe social distancing practices will

be in order. The funeral home staff will assist the family not to exceed the safe number set forth for the visitation.

Funeral services will follow at 12 noon in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 600 E. Jackson St. in Morris. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Jason Stone.

Those wishing to participate in Bill's funeral service online are welcome to join the live-streamed service beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 28, 2020. This virtual service is accessible by logging on to his memorial page.

Burial will be in St. Paul Catholic Cemetery in Odell, where Bill will be laid to rest with his late wife, Pat.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Bill's memory to Immaculate Conception School or Immaculate Conception Church.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, and share Bill's memorial page online through social media by logging on to: [www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/WilliamBill-Martin](http://www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/WilliamBill-Martin)

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Morris (815) 942-2500.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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

In the Matter of the Estate of 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.illinois courts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON, Deceased. No. 2020-P-129

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

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OF MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON, DECEASED, PURSUANT TO 755 ILCS 5/6-10

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON, who died on November 30, 2020, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of his death was 30847 N. 3100 East Road, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to George William Hoffman, a/k/a William G. Hoffman as Independent Executor of the Last Will and Testament of MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON dated April 23, 2013, by Order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois dated December 11, 2020.

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 first date of publication of this notice is December 23, 2020. Six months after the first publication date shall be June 24, 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.

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.

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

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

In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL K. BENNINGTON, Deceased.

PETITION TO TERMINATE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

1. On December 11, 2020, an order was entered granting independent administration to George William Hoffman a/k/a William G. Hoffman, 11220 S. Gorman Road, Gardner, IL 60424 as Independent Executor of the Estate of Michael K. Bennington.

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

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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 ARDC# 1785494

Area COVID-19 Stats as of December 21

Table with 3 columns: Town, Tested, Cases. Lists towns like Dwight, Herscher, Gardner, Odell, Essex, Mazon, Braceville, Cullom, S. Wilmington, Buckingham, Reddick, Saunemin, Verona, Cabery, Ransom, Emington, Kempton, Blackstone, Campus. Includes sub-tables for Numbers as of 12/21/20 and Statistics via dph.illinois.gov.

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 900,370; Deaths: 15,202; Probable Deaths: 1,205; Total Tests Performed: 12,434,525; Recovery Rate: 98%.

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.



victory lanes bowling

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. Lists Pumpkin Patch, Pinkie's Out, Dairy Queen, Big Run Ranch, Gaston Construct, Coleman/Son.

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: Men - Doug Gassman, 255; Michael King, 241; Chuck Dudak, 236; Terry Wilkey, 235; Scot Banks, 213; Women - Paula Watts, 197; Kathy Howard, 172; Sheri Colebank, 167; Brandi Farcus, 163; Anne Sporrer, 152. HSS: Men - Doug Gassman, 664; Michael King, 628; Terry Wilkey, 628; Chuck Dudak, 607; Bob Babczak, 565; Women - Paula Watts, 488; Kathy Howard, 486; Sheri Colebank, 444; Brandi Farcus, 440; Anne Sporrer, 419. HHG: Chuck Dudak, 259 - Paula Watts, 241. HHS: Chuck Dudak, 676 - Kathy Howard, 666. HSG: Victory Lanes, 954. HHG: Agritile, 960. HSS: Big Run WolfRanch, 2645. HHS: Agritile, 2664.

Table with 3 columns: League Standings, W, L. Lists Willy's Pub, Whiskey Cav, Agritile, Victory Lanes.

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Aaron Paquette, 266; Mike King, 265; Scot Bankds, 258; Dane Sorensen, 249; Bosco Gassman, 249. HSS: Brandon Petry, 692; Michael Hallam, 678; Mike King, 665; Dane Sorenson, 650; Bosco Gassman, 640. HHG: Aaron Paquette, 300. HHS: Dane Sorenson, 734. HSG: Rury's Tap, 1078. HHG: Rury's Tap, 1137. HSS: Victory Lanes, 2973. HHS: Jensens, 3077.

Table with 3 columns: League Standings, W, L. Lists Victory Lanes, Star Trucking, Rambo Construct, Rockey's Pub, Jensen BP II, Rury's Tap, Hallam Elect, Willy's Pub, Jensens, DeLong Ford, Jeremy's Barber.

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Notary Public

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Independent Executor of the Estate of Michael K. Bennington, deceased George William Hoffman, a/k/a William G. Hoffman 11220 S. Gorman Road Gardner, IL 60424

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## Dwight High School District #230 Approves 2020 Tax Levy

### BOE/DEA Contract Approved / December Board Actions

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month insurance allowance through the end of the current contract taking that allowance from \$680 to \$730 per month. In addition, a new three-year contract was approved beginning with the 2021-22 year. The new contract will see base salary increases of 3.0 percent for year one of the contract; 3.25 percent increase for year two; and a 3.5 percent increase for year three of the contract. In addition to the base salary increases, the additional \$50 per month insurance allowance will continue. The Dwight Common School District BOE approved the agreement at its December 9 session. Speaking for the DEA, Jackie Froelich expressed appreciation for the work of the negotiations team.

"I am grateful for a contract that will allow us to hold onto our teachers," said Mrs. Froelich.

Third quarter learning platforms were approved. Students will continue to finish out the second quarter with remote learning through December 18. Following Christmas break, January 4 - 5 will be teacher institute days with no student attendance. Students will return to remote learning only January 6 - 8. Beginning January 11, students will return to their selected individual learning platforms barring any new IDPH restrictions or staffing shortages. This schedule will mirror Dwight Grade School's return to school schedule.

Dr. Jancek provided an update on the RES Blue Sky Solar Project. Nearly 2,700 acres of farm land has been designated for the solar farm which would be located in Grundy County between Dwight and Gardner. The proposed 300 megawatt solar farm would be the largest solar farm in Illinois, bringing substantial new money to the Dwight Township High School District each year after any agreed upon tax abatements are gone. Currently, RES Blue Sky is requesting a 75 percent tax abatement. The abatement agreement would last for three

years and amount to a total of \$4 million over all of the taxing bodies. The 15 impacted taxing bodies associated with the project are in negotiations regarding the tax abatement request. The final proposal is expected to come to the taxing body boards for approval in January.

In his board report, Principal Andrew Pittenger shared that students are making their 3rd quarter learning platform choices, and with numbers still pending, currently 41 students have chosen a full remote platform.

Mr. Pittenger discussed with the board concerns regarding the mental health of some students, such as depression and anxiety, brought on by the social isolation due to the pandemic. A virtual assembly on this topic is being planned to let students know there are resources available to them and that they are not alone. Athletic Director Cathy Fuergson also noted what she referred to as "kids exceptionally depressed" and called the situation "alarming".

Commending the staff again this month, Mr. Pittenger told the board, "The DTHS faculty and staff continue to do an outstanding job of navigating these tough times."

DTHS Athletic Director Cathy Ferguson provided a Covid update with regard to athletics and activities. DTHS continues to follow the IDPH and State guidelines and is not allowing any sport practices or contests. On a positive note, Scholastic Bowl has begun virtual practices and has been invited to virtually attend the January 16 Great Lakes Academic Challenge in Chicago.

In his maintenance report, Dr. Jancek reported that the science lab has been gutted and in the process of being updated. He also reported that the main entrance is being prepared for the installation of a secondary security wall which was approved last month. The addition of a security wall in the main lobby entrance will provide an additional layer of

building security. A quote of \$17,100 was received in November from Mike's Glass Plus, of Pontiac, with additional costs anticipated for a buzz-in system. A military themed mural by Conman Painting is also being planned for the area.

The board also:

- agreed to employment of a fulltime health aide to assist the school nurse; cost to be split with Dwight Common School District.
- employed Chad Miller, Guidance Office Registrar.
- employed Tiffany Gamble, .6 Paraprofessional.
- accepted the resignation of Keli Chambers, .6 Paraprofessional.
- accepted the resignation of Randy Thomas, Assistant Boys Golf Coach.
- reviewed IASB Press Plus Board Policy Issue 106 Updates (first reading).
- approved 2021 employee health insurance provider, Health Alliance.
- approved 2021 employee dental insurance provider, Humana.
- approved 2021 employee vision insurance provider, Humana.
- approved 2021 employee life insurance provider, Dearborn National.

The board entered into a closed session discussion with no action following.

All board members were present at the December session including Board President Brian Perschnick, BOE members Tim Henson, Anne Rodosky, Kevin Berta, Betty Gantzert, Paul Warner and Max Sulzberger.

The next regular meeting of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education will be 6 p.m., Wednesday, January 20. Please check the school's website for location / virtual access information prior to the meeting. Since October 2020, members of the Redbird and Trojan community have been able to virtually log in and watch the regularly scheduled monthly board meetings.

## GSW High School District #73 Board Meets

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2020 meeting. Now that these two additional teams have been added, there are now ten teams in the RVC.

Mr. Josh DeLong, Superintendent, added:

- The IHSA is still in a holding pattern with sports. They have indicated that they still want to have every sports season take place for the 2020-21 school year. These will all take place in the spring/summer.
- Ms. Dallio, Academics Coordinator, and Mr. Williamson, Technology Director, will give reports during the January meeting.
- GSW still has 90 Chrome books on back order. They are exploring the purchase/lease of about 50 more to be able to move towards a 1:1 program for next school year.

Mr. DeLong presented the following:

- **Building updated** - The building is very clean right now. Mr. Debelak is keeping up with the daily boiler maintenance. The epoxy floor down the band stairway/hallway and weight room hallway should be put in over winter break. They will then look to add new lighting in those areas with a drop ceiling. They are exploring potential mural options for the updated gymnasium and waiting on the new mats to arrive.
- **Tentative Summer work discussion:**

- The cafeteria and kitchen will be getting a face lift. Mr. Debelak is taking classes in order to be certified to remove the floor tiles. The rooms will be painted, new tile flooring will be installed, and they will

look to move from gas to electric.

- Routine deep cleaning from their summer staff.
- Begin a rotation of painting in classrooms.
- Parking Lot - summer of 2022. They will look at a few different options.

Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- **GAVC Director's Award Winners** - for the month of November:
  - Nathan Weese, Criminal Justice.
  - Lee Veverka-Cardwell, Culinary Arts.
  - Jacob Mammosser, Health Occupations.

- **COVID update** - They held remote learning days December 16-18 and 21-22 for their students. Winter break runs Dec. 23 thru January 6 for students. Monday, Jan. 4, is a Teacher Institute Day, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 5 and 6, are Remote Planning Days for their teachers, and students will start back up with remote learning on Jan. 7 and 8. Students will return in person to school Monday, Jan. 11.
- **Solar Farm Project update** - There have been several Zoom meetings between the impacted school district superintendents, all 15 taxing bodies and RES, the solar farm company. RES is asking for a four million dollar tax abatement over the first three years of the project. While everyone feels this solar farm is beneficial for

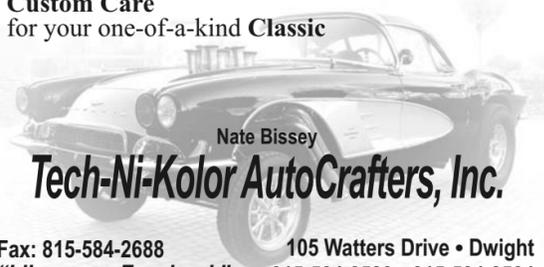
all the taxing bodies, as it will greatly increase the EAV of that land - creating more revenue for the taxing bodies - Mr. DeLong and others are hesitant on the abatement amount being sought. The impacted superintendents have been negotiating with RES on this and held another meeting Dec. 18.

- **Transportation update** - They will be going to bid soon. GSW will look to go to bid using an Intergovernmental Agreement with the three feeder Grade Schools (South Wilmington, Braceville, and Gardner). There is some concern on the number of companies who may submit a bid.
- Mr. Michael Perrott, former GSW HS Superintendent, stopped by last week and donated a large Panther Head Logo, that his son carved out of wood, to GSW. Ms. Dallio and her art class will be painting it, and it will be displayed in the school. This donation was very much appreciated.
- GSW has also been dealing with fraudulent unemployment claims. This is happening all over the state and several GSW employees have been hit by this.

**Action Items** included the following:

- **Approve 2020 Tax Levy, as presented.**
- **Certificate of Compliance with Truth and Taxation.**
- **Appoint the Superintendent to review Closed Session Minutes.**

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### St. Peter's Lutheran Hosting Christmas Eve Drive-In Service

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 326 West Chippewa St. in Dwight, will host a Drive-In Worship Service at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24 - at the corner of Lincoln and W. Chippewa St.

Candle light and communion will be provided to all from the safety of their car.

In addition, St. Peter's will also be having servants available online at servantsunited parish.org.

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### Gas Prices for This Week

As of Dec. 21st. Pump prices across the country are getting more expensive. Since Monday, the average gas price has jumped by six cents. However, demand still remains low. Today's national average is 11 cents more than last month but 33 cents less than last year. Happy Holidays! Safe travels!

City/Village	December 21	December 14
Dwight	\$2.23	\$2.04
Kankakee	\$2.13	\$2.09
Streator	\$2.08	\$2.07
Pontiac	\$2.24	\$1.92
Gardner	\$2.25	\$2.14
Braceville	\$2.34	\$2.23
Morris	\$2.24	\$2.10
Herschher	\$2.19	\$2.19
Chicago	\$2.38	\$2.31
Illinois	\$2.32	\$2.23
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Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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- '20 EcoSport Titanium, 4K, 4WD.....\$19,900
- '20 EcoSport Titanium, 5K, 4WD.....\$19,900
- '20 Explorer XLT, 4K, 4WD, Sunroof, NAV.....\$37,900
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- '19 T350 XLT, 20K, 15 Pass, Mid-roof.....\$32,900
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If you, or someone you know is qualified and interested in this position, please send your resume to [rachel@vanfab.com](mailto:rachel@vanfab.com) or mail your resume to Vanfab, Inc 1 Center Street, Union Hill, IL 60969 or call Rachel at 815-426-2180.

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## Dwight Peace Meals

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Thurs., Dec. 24: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Fri., Dec. 25: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Mon., Dec. 28: Sausage in gravy, mini potato bakers, fruit juice, biscuit, warm cinnamon buttered apples.

Tues., Dec. 29: Cheese tortellini Alfredo, peas, kidney bean salad, peanut butter cup, whole grain wheat (1), warm fruit cobbler.

Wed., Dec. 30: Saucy cabbage rolls, corn, broccoli, whole grain wheat (1), Mandarin oranges.

Thurs., Dec. 31: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Italian green beans, Texas toast, cranapple salad.

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## Pet of the Week

Hi, all! I'm Troy. I am a poodle, estimated to be around 9-years-old. I get along well with cats & dogs, male or female. I am an ex-puppy-mill dog. I can be shy and I will need multiple visits with my potential adopter before I am comfortable. Don't get me wrong. I am a very happy boy and my tail is always wagging. I will need to be in a home with a companion, so my new family will need to have an existing dog in the home. I also need a home without small children. And a family who is willing to be patient with me and give me time and attention. I am a "hair" dog. I will need daily brushings and monthly grooming to keep my hair from becoming matted. I am ready for my new family to spoil me like I always deserved.

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 584-3420 church  
[Dwightumc.org](http://Dwightumc.org)  
 Pastor: Mary Arnold

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS**  
 325 E. Mazon Ave.  
 584-3433 church  
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**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
 200 W. Delaware St.  
 584-1260 church  
 Rev. Grant Speece  
 DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Service with Communion; Service of Lessons with Instrumental Carols; Service at 4 p.m. – Taking candles home to stand outside of homes with lit candles singing Silent Night, 6 p.m.  
 DEC. 27: Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40; "The One Who will Redeem is Redeemed".

**New Life Assembly of God**  
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 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
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 815-584-1199  
 Pastor Chrissy Salsar  
 email: [chrissytherev@att.net](mailto:chrissytherev@att.net)  
 DEC. 24: Drive-In Worship Service at Corner of Lincoln & W. Chippewa, 5 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church "Goodfarm" LCMS**  
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 Rev. William Mitschke  
 815-725-1341

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 815-237-8512 Church  
 815-483-9343 Cell  
[bracevilleumc.com](http://bracevilleumc.com)  
 Pastor Donald Batz  
 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**CABERY**  
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 Father David Sabel

**CULLOM**  
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 st.johns@frontiernet.net  
 Pastor: Gabriel Baumgardner  
 DEC. 23: Advent Service, 6 p.m.  
 DEC. 24: Text Study Livestream on FB, 10 a.m.; Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.

**Cullom United Methodist Church**  
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 Pastor John Lyons  
 815-257-5751 cell

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# Legals

## 2020/2021 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE for the levy and assessment of taxes for the Essex Fire Protection District, Kankakee and Will Counties, State of Illinois.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of authority vested in them by "An ACT in Relation to Fire Protection Districts", approved July 28, 1927, as amended, the Board of Trustees in meeting assembled, do hereby find and declare that there will be required to be raised by general taxation the amounts hereinafter set down, to be levied upon all the taxable property in said District, in order to meet and defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the District as required by statute or voted by people in accordance with law, and the amounts so required are itemized and needed for uses and purposes as specified herein below; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees does hereby find and declare that it will be necessary to provide for a levy of taxes at a rate in excess of .125 percent but not in excess of .30 percent of the value of all taxable property within the said District as equalized or assessed by the Department of Local Government Affairs and for State and County purposes; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Trustees does hereby find and declare that in addition to the levy of taxes, it will be necessary to provide for an additional levy to pay the costs of protecting itself against liability under the provision of 745ILCS 10/9-103 et. seq. of the Illinois Compiled Statutes with said additional levy being in the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars and 13/100 (\$38,518.13) as shown hereinbelow; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Trustees does hereby find and declare it will be necessary to provide for an additional levy to pay for the costs of its annual audit with said additional levy being in the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and 21/100 (\$1,744.21) as shown hereinbelow;

WHEREAS, said Board of Trustees does hereby find and declare it will be necessary to provide for an additional levy to pay for the costs of its ambulance service with said additional levy being in the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and 40/100 (\$135,178.40) as shown hereinbelow;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTIES OF KANKAKEE AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS:

SECTION I: That upon all property subject to taxation within said ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Counties of Kankakee and Will, State of Illinois as assessed and equalized for the State and County purposes, a general tax levy at a rate in excess of .125 percent but not in excess of .30 percent in the following amounts for the respective corporate purposes hereinafter mentioned and additional levies under 745ILCS 10/9-103 et. seq. and 50ILCS 310/9 is necessary:

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Table with 2 columns: FIRE STATION, FIRE STATION BUILDING. Items include Building maintenance & repair, Electric Service, Heating Fuel, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: AUDIT FUND, INSURANCE FUND. Items include Accountant's fees, Liability and Workmen's Compensation, etc.

Table with 2 columns: AMBULANCE, TOTAL LEVY ALL FUNDS. Items include Ambulance, TOTAL LEVY ALL FUNDS: \$268,715.94

SECTION II: That if any item or part of the foregoing Ordinance shall, for any reason, be deemed invalid, it shall not affect the validity of any item or items or part of this Ordinance which would otherwise be valid.

SECTION III: The Secretary of Essex Fire Protection District, Counties of Kankakee and Will, State of Illinois, is hereby directed to file certified copies of this Ordinance with the County Clerk of the Counties of Kankakee and Will, Illinois, as is by law required.

SECTION IV: There is hereby levied the aggregate sum of NINETY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND 20/100 (\$93,275.20) for General Corporate purposes, THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND 13/100 (\$38,518.13) for Insurance purposes, and ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND 21/100 (\$1,744.21) for Audit purposes, and ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND 40/100 (\$135,178.40) for ambulance service, for the grand total aggregate sum of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND 94/100 (\$268,715.94) to be raised by taxation and levied upon all taxable property within the said Essex Fire Protection District as assessed and equalized for State and County purposes, in order to meet and defray all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the people in accordance with law. And it is hereby directed that aforesaid sum be raised by taxation in the manner provided by law.

SECTION V: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

PASSED this 25th day of November, 2020.

APPROVED this 25th day of November, 2020.

Eddie T. Kennedy, PRESIDENT, ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST: Bonnie J. Dvorak, SECRETARY, Essex Fire Protection District

## ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE-ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2020 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2021 FOR GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION I: That this Ordinance be and the same is hereby termed "The Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Essex Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2021".

SECTION II: That the amounts hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for Corporate purposes as specified with particularity as Section IV of this Ordinance.

Table with 2 columns: GENERAL FUND, REVENUES. Items include Cash on hand - checking, Property tax - Kankakee County, etc.

Table with 2 columns: EXPENDITURES, TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS. Items include Administration, Fire Station Building, etc.

Table with 2 columns: ENDING BALANCES, SECTION IV. Items include Printing, Postage & Office Supplies, etc.

SECTION IV: That the items appropriated and the objects and purposes of the same are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: GENERAL FUND, ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE, Fire Protection, Ambulance Protection. Items include Printing, Postage & Office Supplies, etc.

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## 2020/2021 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS )
COUNTY OF KANKAKEE )
COUNTY OF WILL )

I, Bonnie J. Dvorak, Secretary of Essex Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Tax Levy Ordinance passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Essex Fire Protection District, Kankakee and Will Counties, Illinois on the 25th day of November, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of November, 2020.

Bonnie J. Dvorak, SECRETARY, Essex Fire Protection District

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25th day of November, 2020.

OFFICIAL SEAL, Andrea A. Vining, NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF ILLINOIS )
COUNTY OF KANKAKEE )
COUNTY OF WILL )

I, Eddie T. Kennedy, President of Essex Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Tax Levy Ordinance passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Essex Fire Protection District, Kankakee and Will Counties, Illinois on the 25th day of November, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of November, 2020.

Eddie T. Kennedy, PRESIDENT, Essex Fire Protection District

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25th day of November, 2020.

OFFICIAL SEAL, Andrea A. Vining, NOTARY PUBLIC

### CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH P.A. 96-957 Certificate of Truth in Taxation

The undersigned, presiding officer of Essex Fire Protection District, hereby certifies that I am the presiding officer of Essex Fire Protection District, and as such presiding officer, I hereby certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is appended hereto, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with, the provisions of Sections 4 through 7 of the "Truth-In-Taxation Act".

The notice hearing requirements of Section 6 of the Act are: (Check appropriate box) ( ) Applicable (X) Inapplicable

The notice requirement of Section 7 of the Act is: (Check appropriate box) ( ) Applicable (X) Inapplicable

Eddie T. Kennedy, President

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25th day of November, 2020.

OFFICIAL SEAL, Andrea A. Vining, NOTARY PUBLIC

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## ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE-ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GENERAL FUND

Table with 3 columns: FIRE STATION BUILDING, FIRE/AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION. Items include Building Maintenance & Repair, Fire Fighting Equipment, etc.

Table with 3 columns: AUDIT FUND, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INSURANCE FUND. Items include Accountant's Fees, Liability & Workmen's Compensation, etc.

Table with 3 columns: TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS, SECTION V: PRINCIPAL BALANCE REMAINING. Items include Truck Loan, Building Loan, etc.

Table with 3 columns: SECTION VI, SECTION VII, SECTION VIII, SECTION IX. Items include Truck Loan, Building Loan, etc.

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SECTION VI: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION VII: That each appropriated fund total shall be divided among the several objects and purposes specified, and in the particular amounts stated for each fund respectively in Section IV, constituting the total appropriations in the amount of Four Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$463,900.00) for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2021.

SECTION VIII: That Section 3 shall be and is a summary of the annual Appropriation Ordinance of this Township, passed by the Board of Trustees as required by law and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

SECTION IX: That a certified copy of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

ADOPTED This 25th day of November, 2020 pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of Essex Fire Protection District, Kankakee & Will County, Illinois.

Table with 4 columns: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AYE, NAY, ABSENT. Items include Eddie T. Kennedy, Bonnie Dvorak, Patrick O'Brien.

Bonnie J. Dvorak, SECRETARY, Eddie T. Kennedy, PRESIDENT

## ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE-ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

IN RE THE ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN THE COUNTY OF WILL AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

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

The undersigned, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Taxing District hereinafter named, does hereby certify that attached hereto is a TRUE AND CORRECT COPY of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of said District for its 2020/2021 fiscal year, adopted on November 25th, 2020.

I further certify that the ESTIMATE OF REVENUES, by source, anticipated to be received by said Taxing District, either set forth in said ordinance as "estimated receipts" or attached hereto by separate documents, is a true and correct statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements of Public Act 83-8819 (sec. 643 of Revenue Act, as amended) and on behalf of the ESSEX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF WILL AND KANKAKEE, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2020.

Pat O'Brien, Treasurer

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN before me this 25th day of November, 2020.

OFFICIAL SEAL, Andrea A. Vining, NOTARY PUBLIC

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

HEIDI JASPER, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL D. JOHNS, BANK OF PONTIAC, and non-record claimants, Defendants.

BANK OF PONTIAC, Counter-Plaintiff, vs. HEIDI JASPER, DANIEL D. JOHNS, and non-record claimants,

Counter-Defendants. No. 20-CH-22

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgement of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Seventy-five feet off of the South End of Lots 13 and 14 and off the East half of Lot 12 all in Block 1 of Kuenzi's Addition to the Town of Fairbury, and also described as Block 1 of Kuenzi's Subdivision of Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Block 39, North Addition to the City of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois, being a tract 125 feet East and West by 75 feet North and South excepting any interest or estate in the minerals underlying the surface of the land which may have been heretofore conveyed or reserved, and all rights and easements in favor of any such mineral interest or estate.

PIN: 25-03-401-014

Commonly known as: 406 N. 4th St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is HEIDI JASPER. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on June 14, 2011 and recorded on June 15, 2011 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 609920. The cause of action initiated by the Counter-Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Counter-Defendants in Case No. 20-CH-22 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before January 15, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk  
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit,  
Livingston County, Illinois

### Check Out Virtual Programming at LTLD

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) is celebrating the holidays this year. While they are open only for curbside service, as the state continues with Tier Three of the remediation plan, they have Virtual Programming on their Facebook page and YouTube channel.

For the last two weeks of the year, they will have Storytime every Tuesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook with Ms. Holly and Ms. Karyn.

LTLD is offering Curbside Services by appointment. Library patrons can order items from the library by phone, e-mail, or holds placed on their Prairie Cat account, accessible from the [limestonelibrary.org](http://limestonelibrary.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.

LTLD will be closed Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday. They will reopen to curbside service Saturday, December 26, at 10:00 a.m.

LTLD will also be closed Thursday, December 31, and Friday, January 1, for the New Year holiday. They will reopen to curbside service Saturday, January 2, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Got news?  
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WITH MAZON-VERONA-KINSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S boys basketball and girls volleyball seasons set to begin in January – and the uncertainty of if they will be able to play – both teams spread some school spirit and gave back to the community. Each squad competed to see who could collect the most canned goods for the local food pantry. All students were able to participate by placing a canned good item in the "Basketball" or "Volleyball" box. The coach of the losing team (Mr. Baker or Mrs. Jensen) had to dress up in an embarrassing outfit one day during the last week before winter break. On the day before the competition ended, they had 195 canned goods. Mrs. Jensen and Mr. Baker agreed that if they collected 300 items, they would both dress up. Below, by the end of the next day, they had 489 items for their community.



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- Seagrams V.O. 1.75 liter ..... **\$19<sup>99</sup>**
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- MGD, Miller 64, Lite, Budweiser or Coors Light 24-pack bottles ..... **\$16<sup>63</sup>**
- Michelob Ultra 30-pack cans ..... **\$19<sup>99</sup>**
- Goose Island or Blue Moon (12-pack bottles or 15-pack cans) ..... **\$12<sup>99</sup>**

## WINES



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