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Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 Holds January 20 Meeting

The Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 Board of Education held a regular meeting January 20.

Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reported on the following: • Since returning from Winter Break - GSW currently has only three students out due to COVID-related issues, with no positive cases to report.

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

• IHSA update – Grundy County has been moved to Tier 1 – which means practices can be held. Spiritline and boys basketball started this week. Basketball is still considered a High Risk Sport, which means they can't play "games". Volleyball is a Medium Risk Sport, which means practices can start on Feb. 15 and games can be played. IHSA has another meeting on January 27 to determine the sports calendar, and hopefully they will have more answers and direction after this meeting.

• Orange & Black Night – GSW would like to hold a smaller version sometime in February, with senior parents allowed as spectators/audience.

• Senior Banners – A lengthy discussion about the senior sports banners and what groups are considered "teams" and which ones are considered "clubs" was questioned. Mr. DeLong has previously requested that the Athletic Boosters purchase banners for the senior members of the trap shooting team. There has been a lot of discussion regarding that request at the Boosters' meeting. The board requested that the administration categorize sports, clubs and activities so that everyone knows what groups they fall into and then present that to the Boosters.

• Technology Director, Mr. John Williamson, submitted his Technology Update Report to the board via electronic spreadsheet. The biggest project will be 1:1 devices for students next school year. They are looking at receiving a \$57,000 grant that can be used to close the digital gap. Mr. DeLong stated that the plan is to be 1:1 for next year. Details on how that will look will be provided later.

· Academics Coordinator, Ms. Angel Dallio, will submit her Student Services report to the board in February. Students are currently MAP testing at this time, so the report will be submitted next month.

Mr. Josh DeLong presented

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market area.

the following:

• Building update - The boiler is working and keeping the building warm this winter, but they are having steam leaks often. Mr. Debelak is repairing pipes on a weekly basis. An epoxy floor was installed over Winter Break by the gym area near the band room and weight room stairways.

Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

• End of first semester: Mr. DeLong commended the staff and Mr. Engelman for a job well done in helping the at-risk students/failing students. They provided extra help to get most grades up to passing for first semester. They also transported some students to and from GSW after regular school

· GAVC Director's Award Winner for the month of December: Austin Niccum - Culinary Arts.

· Discussion on extending the school day – GSW is looking to expand the school day to a 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. dismissal, starting most likely on March 15 for the fourth quarter. This would be the last nine weeks of the school year. This will have an impact on the 12% of students who are currently enrolled in the remote learning option if they choose to stay that way for the fourth quarter. More information on this plan will be rolled out in the coming months.

· Tentative calendar discussion for the 2020-2021 school year – This calendar would be approved next month, as they are looking to be comparable to GAVC. Students would start school on August 17 and May 25 would be the last day for the 2021-22 school year.

• Board opening(s) update – They will have four seats available, and there are four people running for election: Mr. Timothy Harvey; Mrs. Kristen Ashley; Ms. Allison Wright; and Mrs. Terry Schultz.

• Springfield update – Extending 15-days at the end of the school year did **not** pass. The Budget is still unknown at this time. To date, GSW has only received one mandated categorical payment this year. The second should be provided soon and it is unknown when and if they receive the third and fourth payments this year.

 Extension of FFCRA days – After December 31, the government did not extend

GSW decided to extend

them through March 31, 2021.

· Discussion on extra-curriculars, graduation, prom, others, etc. - A committee will be formed soon to make plans for upcoming events. Tentative plans for prom are underway. Currently all options are on the table including bringing it back locally since they are in a difprom venue is. A graduation to review all options for a graduation this year. Mr. DeLong stated his desire to be more proactive and aggressive in terms of opening back up activities and athletics. He stated there is a fine line between the safety of all parties involved and the mental and physical well being of their student athletes. He has sent letters to the governor and local legislators but wants them to move forward with any wiggle room that they can.

• Solar farm abatement -The 15 taxing bodies impacted by the pending solar farm came to an agreement with the company, Blue Sky, after several negotiation meetings between them and the three local superintendents. Blue Sky was seeking \$4 million in tax abatements over the first four years of the project. The final numbers came in at a \$2 million abatement over the first two years of the project. Mr. DeLong stated that while he was still sold more on leaning toward zero dollars than four million, the two million dollar difference for GSW is the equivalent of \$240,000 more in income over the life of the project. The final agreement is one that all taxing bodies were comfortable with and should allow the company the ability to make this project competitive and move closer to actual

Action items included:

months and older. · Opening of Board of Education closed session minutes from July 2020 - December

• Intergovernmental Transportation Agreement for trans-

• Authorizing the superintendent to begin the bid process for a transportation contract.

· Resolution for tax abatement agreement with Blue Sky

resignation – Devin Fisher.

ferent region than the current committee is being assembled

development.

· Destruction of closed session audio recording 18-

portation bid.

Solar Energy, LLC.

• Part-time Spiritline coach

DTHS Approves Solar Farm Tax Abatement January Board Actions In financial business, it was to competitive play has been by Madelyn Fogarty reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the district

LIBRARIES ARE OPEN. Sharon Dial and Sherrie Rhodes, of Prairie Creek Public Library,

Dwight, welcome patrons to the library. Under Phase 4, the library is welcoming individuals

with extra safety measures in place. See page 12 for more details on PCPL and Limestone Li-

brary. Page 2 explains new guidelines for parts of The Paper territory from the Health De-

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partments and Illinois Chamber.

Following its winter break, Dwight Township High School staff and students have returned to the classroom. At the January 20 session of the DTHS Board of Education, members learned what lies ahead as the second semester gets under-

Addressing unfinished business, DTHS Board members izing District 230 to execute a tax abatement agreement for Blue Sky Energy, LLC, allowing a two-year, eighty-percent (80%) first year abatement, and twenty percent (20%) second year abatement, not to exceed \$2 million in total. Blue Sky Solar Energy, LLC had previously requested a 75% tax abatement for two years with a maximum \$4 million abatement. The application requires that it result in a final agreement signed and delivered on or before 90 days after the resolution adoption. There are a total of 15 taxing bodies in-

volved. DTHS Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek estimates that, with a resulting increased EAV, the district will see an approximate \$300,000 - \$325,000 of potential new revenue each year from the solar farm once fully operational. The RES Blue Sky Solar Project, impacting 2,700 acres of farmland in Grundy County between Dwight and Gardner, is the largest proposed solar farm in Illinois.

Voting in favor of the abatement agreement were BOE members Betty Gantzert, Tim Henson, Anne Rodosky. Opposing was Board President Brian Perschnick with BOE member Kevin Berta abstaining. Absent were Max Sulzberger and Paul Warner.

\$22,510.35 in mandated categorical payments for 2021. It was noted that, in the past, this number has been substantially higher but currently indicates a more stable fiscal environment.

The Livingston County Health Department will be holding a clinic in the DTHS gymnasium on February 5 to supply the COVID-19 vaccine current BOE members Brian approved a Resolution author- to DTHS personnel along with the staff at Dwight Common School, Odell Grade School and St Paul School. Over 100 Dwight school personnel have signed up to receive their first dose of the vaccine.

"We are excited to have established clinics with all of our Livingston County Schools," Erin Fogarty, Health Education and Marketing Director for LCHD, told The Paper. "We understand how important it is for our families to get their children back in school, and we are working with our county schools to make that happen in the safest and healthiest way possible."

DTHS Principal Andrew Pittenger reported that current enrollment at DTHS reflects 229 total students with 173 students opting for in-person learning and 56 students choosing the remote learning option for the third semester. Mr. Pittenger also informed the board that an after-school study program will begin on January 25. The program will provide additional assistance to students with failing grades.

Athletic Director Cathy Ferguson reported that, while still in a COVID induced holding pattern but with the region moving to Tier 1 mitigation, girls and boys basketball practices and cheer practice have been allowed to resume. However, no guidance with regard

given. The IHSA is expected to meet on January 27 with an update regarding sports and activities expected by the first week of February. In the meantime, Ferguson told the board they "are rockin' and rollin' with practices."

photo by J. Partney

Dr. Jancek reported that there will be three opening board seats on the spring consolidated election ballot with Perschnick, Anne Rodosky and Betty Gantzert not seeking reelection. On the ballot will be new board candidates Joel Sandeno and Eric Scheuer, along with incumbents Tim Henson and Max Sulzberger looking to retain their current seats. There is currently one board seat with no candidate.

Dr. Jancek, along with Mr. Pittenger, extended congratulations to Erik Borne, DTHS English Department, on the completion of his doctoral degree. Dr. Borne joins Dr. Lind-Curriculum Jensen, Director/English Teacher, with earning the achievement. Dr. Jensen received her PHD last

In maintenance, Dr. Jancek reported on the science lab updates that are nearing completion and thanked the custodians and maintenance staff for their hard work on the project. A small section of bleachers has been purchased and will be placed by the shot and discus area at the track to provide additional seating. Using a surplus of Federal Free Lunch reimbursement monies that must be expended, the school is looking at adding a concrete area to the south of the cafeteria at a cost of approximately \$18,000. The area would be used for outdoor cafeteria seat-

(continued on page 12)

8 Pc. Chicken- Fried, Spicy, or Baker

Tri-Point Schools Board Meets January 18 The first meeting of 2021

for the Tri-Point Schools Board was held January 18, when a gasoline bid of \$2.154 from Heritage FS was accepted.

It was moved that the closed session minutes from July through December 2020 would remain closed.

The consent agenda and the remediation framework were approved.

At 8:30 p.m., the Board members went into closed session, remaining there until 9:05 p.m. Closed session may be used for: A. Appointment, employment, discipline, perform-

ance of specific employees; B. Special education program or matters relating to individual students; in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2(c) and (1), (2) and (3) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act.

The employment of Megan Arcari as Part-Time Temporary Title Aide (50%) of year was approved; and the dismissal of Stephanie Zike was accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m., and the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2021 in the Kempton Board Room.



FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

January 16: Shawn M. De-Long, Jr., 24, Dwight, driving under influence of alcohol.

January 18: Bobbie Dixon, 61, Gary, IN, driving under influence of alcohol.

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

Dwight Police Blotter

January 16: 1:54 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Main for a fight in progress. Arrested were Mitchell Tousignant, 33, of Dwight for Aggravated Battery, and Shawn DeLong, 24, of Dwight, for Aggravated Battery and DUI. They were transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.

January 18: 1:08 a.m., Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop in the 600 block of W. Mazon Ave. Arrested was Bobbie Dixon of Gary, IN for an In-State Warrant, DUI, Obstructing Justice, Driving on a Suspended License, and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. Dixon was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.

January 19: Dwight Police completed three reports of Unemployment Fraud.

January 20: Dwight Police received a call in reference to a report of fraud; Dwight Police were dispatched to 12 W. Northbrook Dr. A male went into the store and tried to pass a counterfeit \$100.00 bill. The clerks called for an officer and the male departed on I-55.

January 21: 1:42 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 500 block of N. Clinton. Arrested was Daniel McMeen, 30, of Dwight for Aggravated Battery. He was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 14: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, Mor-

January 15: Mazon, medical, Morris; Division, medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Emington; Northbrook, medical, Morris.

January 16: Main St., trauma, Morris; James St., medical, n/a; John, medical, Morris; Washington, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, Riverside.

January 17: Union, medical; Elm, medical, Riverside. January 18: South St.,

trauma, St. James. January 19: William, fire; Morgan, medical, Morris; Scully Rd., medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; South St., medical, St. James.

January 20: N. 3300 E. Rd., medical, Riverside.

January 21: Main St., fire; 3300 E., trauma, n/a, mutual aid - Herscher; I-55, trauma, Morris; Mazon, trauma, Morris; mutual aid – Duffy's.

Free Food to Be Distributed January 27

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, January 27, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday, while Love Boxes distribute food in December.





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some long-term financial advantages

benefit? Here are a few possibilities:

up pretty far ahead of where you'd be otherwise.)

something like a major home repair.



Temps - 2021

Jan. 14 – high 38°, low 32° .23" precip.

Jan. 15 – high 36°, low 26° .5" snow

Jan. 16 - high 36°, low 28°

trace snow Jan. 17 - high 30°, low 21° trace snow

Jan. 18 – high 32°, low 17° trace snow

Jan. 19 – high 34°, low 13° trace snow Jan. 20 - high 35°, low 12°

One Year Ago-Jan. 27, 2020 high 32°, low 28°

IDOT Prepares IL-47 Overpass Improvement Plans

The Illinois Department of Transportation, District 3 office in Ottawa, is currently preparing plans for the improvement of the structure carrying IL-47 over I-55 in Dwight, Grundy County.

Construction is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2021, subject to project readiness and funding availability.

The proposed project consists of replacement of the structure carrying IL-47 over I-55 and reconstruction of the pavement approaches over 0.62 mile. Cost of the described work will be assumed entirely by the state. I-55 will remain open to traffic at all times during construction.

Upon completion of the project, maintenance of IL-47 will resume as currently exists with the department assuming responsibility for the roadway.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Joe Kannel at 815-434-8454.

It's History...



O'Malley Bros. Saloon - Dwight, IL.

Dwight Fire Responds to Vehicle vs. Train Collision

Dwight Fire Protection District and Dwight EMS were dispatched to a vehicle versus train incident at 10:27 a.m. Thursday, January 21, at a railroad crossing at the cross streets of East 3200 North Road and East 3300 North

The vehicle was rolled over in the ditch, fully involved in fire, upon DFPD's arrival. Dwight firefighters quickly pulled a line and began extinguishing the fire.

DFPD Fire Chief Paul Johnson reported that it appeared as if the vehicle crossed the tracks and was hit by the train. Upon extinction of fire, one male was found deceased in the driver's seat. The Livingston County Coroner was called to the scene. Identification is being withheld due to next of kin being notified.

medical refusal from a Norfolk

Southern Railway train engineer, who reported no injuries.

The railroad crossing appeared to be in working order.

Dwight PD, Livingston County Sheriffs, and Grundy County Sheriffs were on scene and are further conducting investigation along with the Livingston County Coroner's office and Norfolk Southern

Other agencies assisted on Gardner EMS received a scene from Gardner and Red-

Blood Drive in Streator January 28

While the demand for blood remains constant year-round, every year the rate of blood donation decreases during the winter months. Currently, the need for donors is especially

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 28, in the lower level/basement, Conference Room - 1, 2, and 3, at OSF Center for Health in Streator. Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood by calling MVRBC at 800-747online or https://login.blood center.org/donor/schedules/zip.

MVRBC is based in Daven-

port, IA, with regional operations in Urbana (Community Blood Services of Illinois) and Springfield (Central Illinois Community Blood Center). The Blood Center is the exclusive provider of blood and blood components to 95 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, including 11 of 13 OSF HealthCare facilities.

Regions 1 and 2 Move to Phase 4

Public Health (IDPH) announced January 25 that Region 1 and Region 2 (including Grundy, LaSalle, and Livingston Counties) are moving to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Information about which more than 50% occupancy. tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the IDPH website homepage.

A Phase 4 Guidelines Overview can be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website.

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Remote Work May Offer Financial Benefits

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to work from home. But once we've moved past the

If you're one of those who will continue working remotely, either full time or at least a few days a week, how might you

Reduced transportation costs - Over time, you can spend a lot of money commuting to and from work. The average

commuter spends \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year on transportation costs, including gas, car maintenance, public transportation

and other expenses, depending on where they live, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S.

· Potentially lower car insurance premiums - Your auto insurance premiums are partially based on how many miles you drive each year. So, if you were to significantly reduce these miles by working from home, you might qualify for lower rates.

· Lower expenditures on lunches – If you typically eat lunch in restaurants or get takeout while at work, you could easily

be spending \$50 or more per week - even more if you regularly get coffee drinks to go. By these figures, you could end

up spending around \$3,000 a year. Think how much you could reduce this bill by eating lunch at home during your remote

· Lower clothing costs - Despite the rise in "casual dress" days, plenty of workers still need to maintain appropriate office

As you can see, it may be possible for you to save quite a bit of money by working from home. How can you use your

For one thing, you could boost your investments. Let's suppose that you can save \$2,500 each year by working remotely. If you were to invest this amount in a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA or your 401(k) or similar employer-

sponsored plan and earned a hypothetical 6% annual return for 20 years, you'd accumulate more than \$97,000 - and if

you kept going for an additional 10 years, you'd have nearly \$210,000. You'd eventually pay taxes on the amount you

withdrew from these accounts (and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty), but you'd still end

You also might use part of your savings generated by remote work to help build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses. Without this fund, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts to pay for

Becoming an at-home worker will no doubt require some adjustments on your part - but, in strictly financial terms, it

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Census Bureau. If you are going to work primarily from home, you should be able to greatly reduce these costs.

attire. By working from home, you can "dress down," reducing your clothing costs and dry-cleaning bills.

savings to help meet your long-term financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?

virus, many workers may continue working from home. More than one-third of companies with employees who started

working from home now think that remote work will stay more common post-pandemic, according to a Harvard Business School study. This shift to at-home work can affect people's lives in many ways - and it may end up providing workers with

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to ten people.
- Seated areas should be

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

The Illinois Department of arranged so that tables allow for six feet between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than six feet apart.

Retail and Service Counter

- Continue capacity limit of no
- Personal Care
- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy. **Indoor/Outdoor Recreation**
- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed.

• Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity.

- Museums • Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy.
- Guided tours should be limited

to 50 or fewer people per group. **Meetings and Social Events** • Limit to the lesser of 50 people

- or 50% of room capacity.
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms.

IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increased measures.

Metrics for moving from a higher to lower tier are as fol-

Moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2

• Test positivity rate $\geq 8\%$ and

below 12% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND • Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20% for three consecutive days

(7-day average); AND • Sustained decline in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1

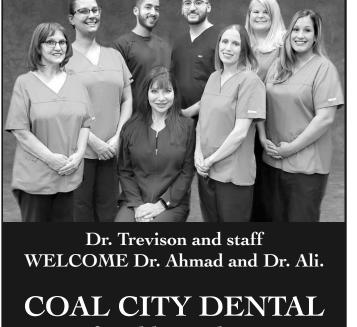
- Test positivity rate between 6.5% and 8% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND • Staffed ICU bed availability > 20% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- · No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7day average for 7 of 10 days) Moving from Tier 1 to Phase 4

• Test positivity rate $\leq 6.5\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day

- average): AND • Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20% for three consecutive days
- (7-day average); AND · No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-

day average for 7 of 10 days) Information about mitigation and resurgence metrics can be found on the IDPH website at

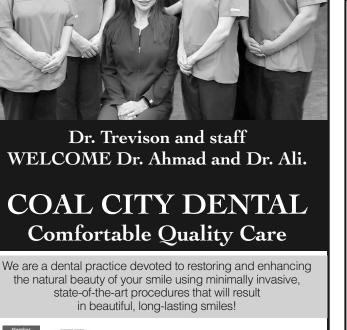
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by Tom Tock Remember Frank Mautino? He was the subject

of a number of news stories in The Paper after he was charged with improper campaign expenditures (previously detailed) while a member of the Illinois House of Representatives, 76th Dis-

What piqued The Paper's interest in Mautino and his campaign committee was the fact that charges against them were filed in February of 2016 by David Cooke, former Dwight resident.

Rather ill-timed was the fact that Mautino was named Auditor General of Illinois in January of 2016. The Auditor General is responsible for seeing that all government agencies in Illinois spend their money properly.

Mautino's case was brought to the attention of the Illinois State Board of Elections. The Board, rather uniquely composed of four Republicans and four Democrats, twice tied their votes on whether they should take any action, and didn't. On appeal, the Mautino committee was fined \$5,000 for not filing proper reports. The \$5,000 is still unpaid due to the decommissioning of Mautino's committee in 2015.

Cooke and lawyer Jeffrey Schwab from the Illinois Policy Institute wanted the original complaint to be judged, however, and succeeded in appealing to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Last week Schwab told The Paper that "the matter is still pending before the court, and oral arguments should be

Dwight FCCLA is hosting a

formal dress drive to give used

dresses a new purpose, and

dresses can now be donated

and dropped off at the follow-

• Franklin Corner, Dwight

ing locations:

· Gigi's, Morris

held sometime in the spring."

A subscriber to *The Paper* in Sullivan, IL mailed us a front page of our November 25 edition -- it arrived at the subscriber's home January 12 of this year!

This is not meant to be a rap on the USPS, but we all wondered where this newspaper could possibly have spent some 48 days between here and Sullivan. The front page looked to be in good condi-

I may have mentioned this before, but the post office delivery service in Dwight is excellent. The Paper arrives in local mailboxes on Wednesday each week.

Production of *The Paper* goes like this: the deadline for ads and stories, pictures, etc., is Friday at noon. Saturday and Sunday is when the number of pages is determined and computer makeup gets underway. Some days get long. Monday the pages are read and corrected, then sent electronically to a Schaumburg printing facility.

The copies are trucked to the back room at 204 East Chippewa, Dwight, very early Tuesday, inserts added, subscribers' copies addressed, bundles counted and tied for area communities, and by mid-afternoon taken to the Dwight Post Office for weigh-

At the break of dawn on Wednesday the papers are driven to outlying post offices by two stalwart men, weather or not. Readers are waiting.

And you thought this was

Proceeds will go to the

#TeamLore Continues Support, Fight

Have you ever heard the song, "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten?

The chorus goes, "This is my fight song, take back my life song, prove I'm alright song. My powers turned on and starting right now I'll be strong; I'll play my fight song and I don't really care if nobody else believes because I've still got a lot of fight left in me.'

That has been the facility's anthem song at Heritage Woods of Dwight ever since finding out one of their own, Lore Stone, had been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Lore works in the kitchen as a dietary aide and has worked at Heritage Woods for almost four years. And just like any of their staff members, Her-

itage Woods considers her family.

They wear these shirts you see pictured to support Lore, because not only is this her fight, but they are standing right beside her through it all – because they believe nobody does or should fight alone.

As a tight-knit commu-

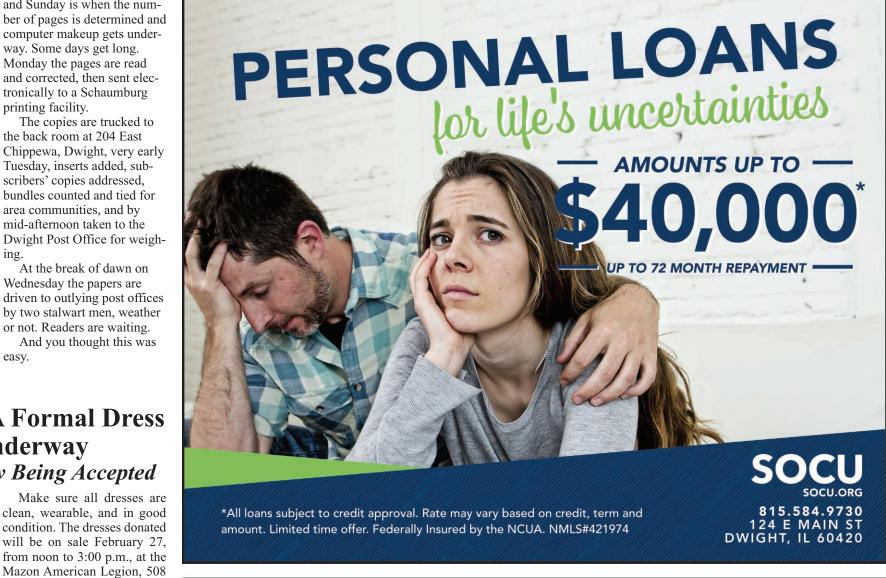
nity, their staff has put together an essential care basket with toiletries and food for Lore, and monetary do-

They will continue supporting, fighting, and wearing their t-shirts to be strong for Lore during this difficult time in her life.





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Virginia Wollgast Turns 95 on February 6

Virginia Wollgast will turn 95.

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Gas Prices For This Week

The national average increased by 2 cents. Only 3 states saw gas price averages increase by more than a nickel. Motorists continue to see gas prices increase but at a slower rate than the past few weeks. If demand continues we can expect to see pump prices get more expensive. However, the average price is still 12 cents cheaper than last

City/Village	January 25	January 18
Dwight	\$2.33	\$2.34
Kankakee	\$2.43	\$2.37
Streator	\$2.45	\$2.41
Pontiac	\$2.34	\$2.21
Gardner	\$2.42	\$2.47
Braceville	\$2.49	\$2.49
Morris	\$2.47	\$2.44
Herscher	\$2.49	\$2.49
Chicago	\$2.62	\$2.59
Illinois	\$2.54	\$2.51
U.S.	\$2.40	\$2.39
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Joyce Named Chair of Senate Agriculture **Committee**

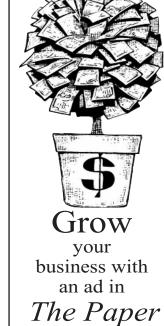
State Senator Patrick Joyce (D-Essex) will serve as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee in the 102nd General Assembly.

"As a fourth-generation farmer, I am honored to chair the Senate Agriculture Committee," Joyce said. "I've seen firsthand the issues and concerns facing the farming community, and I look forward to leading the committee to make sure our farmers' best interests are kept in mind."

During these challenging times for farms, ranches and rural communities throughout the state, Joyce vows to be a strong representative to address critical matters affecting Illinois' food supply chain. He intends to work hand in hand with the leaders of the state's agricultural industries.

"Agriculture is a vital industry in my district and the state of Illinois," Joyce said. "I will strive to improve resources and supports for the Illinoisans who work tirelessly to put food on our tables."

Joyce served as a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee in the 101st General Assembly.



Livingston County Retired Teachers **Association Makes Donations**

The Board of the Livingston County Retired Teachers Association (LCRTA) has announced recent donations made to three organizations that have some relationship to serving the youth in the community.

These donations were decided to be given because the LCRTA normally gives scholarships each year to teachers in the area that apply and are chosen because of their uniqueness. However, due to the pandemic, which has caused many changes for how the educational material is being taught and the extreme amount of work the planning and execution of lessons has been on the teachers, the LCRTA felt that it would be a lot to ask them to take time to apply. Another factor was that the LCRTA has been unable to hold any in-person meetings during 2020 due to the pandemic and there was scholarship money that could be used.

Each of the recipients of the donations received a check for

One of the checks was presented to the Regional Office of Education #17 to be used to address the professional developof teachers administrators of Livingston County. They particularly would like this donation to provide support for the school staff members who are facing hybrid instructional programs, virtual instructional programs, etc.

The Livingston County Health Department received a check that was presented to be used to address the mental health needs of the youth and families of Livingston County. They are aware that COVID-19 has created a new "normal" for children and their families as they face the

families to deal with anxiety and pressure differently. This donation allows the Health Department to provide programming or whatever they feel would be beneficial in this area. The last check was presented to the Boys and Girls Club of

restrictions of the pandemic.

These new "normals" and the un-

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Livingston County. They provide much needed help to care for school age children. Again, this pandemic has required much change in how their programs needed to be set up to provide for and meet the requirements by the State. This donation was given in the hopes that it could be used to provide programming, staff assistance, after-school support or whatever uses the Boys and Girls need right now.

Club feels would be helpful in addressing the issues that families are experiencing.

This money for the donations came from the scholarship fund of LCRTA, which is money donated on a volunteer basis by the members. Part of the money also came from a memorial donation given a few years ago by Louise Masching, in memory of her hus-

The checks were delivered to these various places by LCRTA President, Bob Walter.

The members of LCRTA have dedicated their professional lives to teaching and serving youth and families of Livingston County. It is hoped that these donations will continue to provide some support for those most in

Joint Statement on Fox Developmental Center COVID-19

The following statement can be attributed to the Livingston County Health Department, the Illinois Department of Human Services, AFSCME Council 31, and the Illinois League of Advocates for the Developmentally Dis-

Vaccine

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the staff and residents of the Fox Developmental Center is crucial to our community.

Together, we are urging everyone working at the Fox Developmental Center to take the vaccine for COVID-19 that was made

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and the best, independent scientific research all agree that the vaccine helps provide safe and effective protection against the virus and will help us get back to normal.

To protect the residents and staff of the Fox Developmental Center – as well as their families and others in the community – we also respectfully remind everyone: please continue wearing a face covering, wash your hands regularly, and practice social distancing measures

Area COVID-19 Stats as of January 25

LIVINGSTON COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS Associa-

tion President, Robert "Bob" Walter, right, presents a check

to Jackie Dever, Livingston County Health Department Ad-

ministrator. LCRTA also made donations to the Regional Of-

fice of Education #17 and the Boys and Girls Club of

<u>Town</u>	Tested	Cases	
Dwight	7,807	460	
Herscher	2,014	191	
Gardner	1,481	164	
Odell	1,556	139	
Mazon	1,110	121	
Braceville	1,130	110	
Essex	808	109	Numbers
S. Wilmington	598	80	
Cullom	741	61	as of
Reddick	631	58	01/25/21
Buckingham	535	53	C4 - 4° - 4° ° - ·
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Verona	415	37	dph.illinois.gov
Ransom	490	34	
Emington	279	29	
Cabery	382	28	
Blackstone	189	27	
Kempton	308	23	
Campus	257	15	
Union Hill	82	12	
Kinsman	145	9	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	159,249	11,720	179
LaSalle	114,716	9,791	197
Grundy	37,367	4,531	50
Livingston	60,078	3,792	60
Iroquois	35,016	2,624	56
Ford	20,806	1,506	43

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,101,819; Deaths: 18,750; Probable Deaths: 1,930; Total Tests Performed: 15,409,832; Recovery Rate: 98%.

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John Allen Powell, age 58, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Morris Hospital, late of Dwight, IL and formerly of Romeoville and Chicago.

John is survived by his loving siblings: Flora Edwards, Betty (the late George) Platt, Sharon (the late Wayne) Scrivner, Cleveland Powell and Mary (James) Fraley; also loved by his nieces, nephews and many

great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death

by his son, John Allen Powell, Jr.; parents, George and Betty Powell; sister, Rebecca Powell; and a brother, Robert Powell.

Visitation was Fri-

day, January 22, 2021 from 10 a.m. until the time of service, 12:30 p.m. at Anderson Memorial Home, 21131 W. Renwick Rd., Plain-

field, IL 60544. Interment followed in Oakridge Cemetery, Hillside, IL. (www.Anderson-Goodale.

com) 815-577-5250

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Jean Sarrazin, age 90, of Wilmington passed away Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Regency Care of Morris.

Born January 19, 1931 in Middlesex, England, Jean was a daughter of Edwin and Edith (O'Brian) Powlesland. She was raised in the suburbs of London, and on February 14, 1953 she married Paul E. Sarrazin on the South Ruislip USAF Base in

Soon thereafter, Jean immigrated to the United States with her husband and first-born son. They lived throughout the United States wherever Paul was called to duty, until moving from California to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois in 1964. It was there that Paul retired from the service, and the family relocated to Wilmington, Illinois in late 1966.

In addition to raising her family, Jean worked for Braun Sales in Wilmington before gaining employment with Royal Willow Nursing Home, where she worked for 25 years until her re-

Jean was proud to have gained her US Citizenship in the late 1980s, as well as attain her driver's license. She never lost sight of heritage and was honored to hold her dual citizenship with the US and England. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. She was a diehard Chicago Cubs fan.

One who had a servant's heart, it was not uncommon for Jean over the years to bring home a resident from work for the holidays, and she always put others ahead of herself. She was a true prim and proper English lady, who enjoyed a good cup of tea, and excelled in the kitchen with notable dishes such as her roast beef, shepherd's pie, and Yorkshire pudding.

Having not gained her driver's license until later in life,

Jean Sarrazin



she could often be found riding her bike, and she cherished looking after her grandchildren. Jean enjoyed knitting, and leaves behind both heirloom blankets and sweaters. She was a wonderful ballroom dancer; enjoyed listening to her albums on the record player; and indulging in KitKats and Cadbury Bars. Jean loved going out to eat, and many memories were created at Al's Steakhouse and Red Lobster, or as Jean would refer to "The Lobster."

Gone from our sight, Jean Sarrazin, a wife, mother, nan, sister, and friend, leaves behind a priceless collection of memories to those who were honored to know and love her. May her memory be eternal.

Survivors include her four children: Paul "Stephen" (Pam) Sarrazin of Streator, Illinois; Dale (Jacqueline) Sarrazin of Paris, Illinois; David (Valerie) Sarrazin of Robbins, North Carolina; and Carolyn (Randy) Koehn of Dwight, Illinois; nine grandchildren: Bridgett (Jason) Broman, Brian (Kristine) Sarrazin, Tiffany (Troy) Cassiday, Veronica Sarrazin, Gabrielle (Mike) Frey, Eric (Carly) Koehn, Todd (Marissa) Koehn, Alec Brownlee and Alyssa Brownlee (Kaidon Hibler); 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Daphne (Jim) Murphy of Perth, Australia; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul, on June 1, 2012; and three brothers.

The family will receive friends for a COVID-observant walk-through visitation at

Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Road in Wilmington on Friday, January 29, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Face masks and measures of social distancing will be followed, and the funeral home staff will assist the family to ensure current restrictions are in

A private family service will follow with Rev. Dr. Roy Backus officiating.

Those wishing to participate in the funeral services virtually are welcome to join the livestreamed service on Friday morning, January 29, 2021 beginning at 11 a.m. A link to the event will be available on Jean's memorial page.

Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, where Jean will be laid to rest with her late husband, Paul.

The family wishes to extend sincere appreciation to Heritage Woods of Dwight, as well as Regency Care of Morris, especially Jessica Wilkey and Kaitlyn Harty – for their continued love and support over the past years. A heartfelt thank you is also extended to Joliet Area Community Hospice for their tremendous services provided to Jean in her final days.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Jean's memory to Regency Care of Morris Activities Department or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guestbook, upload photographs and share Jean's memorial page online through social media by logging on to: www.Baskervil leFuneral.com/obituary/Jean-

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Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington. 815-476-2181.

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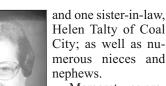
Margaret Stahler, age 84, a resident of Heritage Health in Dwight and formerly of Watseka, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Born October 9, 1936 in Granville,

Illinois, Margaret Ann was a daughter of Charles and Mary (Gordon) Talty. She was raised in Coal City and graduated from Coal City High School. On April 19, 1958 Margaret married Frank Joseph Stahler, Jr. and together they raised three children.

Margaret was a member of St. Edmund Catholic Church in Watseka, and was a member of the Grandmothers Club, as well as the Royal Neighbors, Farm Bureau, and Rural Letter Carriers Association. She greatly enjoyed traveling, having visited all 50 states, and she enjoyed playing bingo. Margaret was also a great collector and took pleasure in going to yard sales.

Survivors include her three children: William (Betsy) Stahler of Coal City; Teresa Stahler of Bradley; and David (Julie) Stahler of Bartlett; seven grandchildren: Mary (Sam) Spurney of Koehler, Wisconsin; James (Cassie) Stahler of Cambridge, Illinois; Andrew LaReau of Chicago; Melissa LaReau of Bradley, Illinois; and Rebecca Stahler, Joseph Stahler and Stephen Stahler, all of Bartlett; two great-grandchildren: Lena Spurney and Theodore Stahler; Coal City. 815-634-2125



Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank (1999); brothers: James Talty,

Thomas Talty and William Talty; and one sister, Patricia,

Funeral services were Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. in Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, 215 S. Kankakee St., Coal City. The Mass of Christian Burial was

celebrated by Rev. Raed Bader. Those wishing to participate in the funeral services virtually were welcome to watch the live-streamed service beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday morning, January 23, 2021. A link for the event was available on Margaret's memorial page.

Burial was in Saint Patrick Cemetery, Ransom, where Margaret was laid to rest with her late husband. Her grandchildren served as pallbearers.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guestbook, upload photographs, and share Margaret's memorial page online through social media by logging on to:

www.ReevesFuneral.com/obit uary/Margaret-Stahler

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in

Mark S. Wilber

Mark S. Wilber, age 63, of Kinsman passed away Friday, January 22, 2021 at Morris Hospital.

Born April 8, 1957 in Gary, Indiana, Mark was a son of Lloyd and Elizabeth Grace (Johnson) Wilber.

A guy who loved being outdoors and was a gun enthusiast, Mark will most be remembered for his love of fishing, and an avid motocross rider.

Survivors include three brothers: Craig (Denise) Wilber of Newburn, North Carolina: Michael Wilber of Kinsman; and Russ (Theresa) Wilber of Verona; nieces and nephews: Kelly Wilber (Jason Kuder), Rachel (Justin) Kolthoff, Michelle Wilber and Scott Johnson; and greatnieces and great-nephews: Aiden, Jackson, Emma and Avery.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Howard, John and Brian in

The family received friends for a visitation Tuesday, Janu-

ary 26, 2021 from 4 until 7 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 N. Broadway (one block north of Illinois Route 113) in Coal City.

Funeral services will be Wednesday morning, January 27, 2021

at 10:00 a.m. at the Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Roy

Backus officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington, where Mark will be laid to rest in the

Wilber family lot. Face masks will be required, and social distancing will be in order. The funeral home staff will assist the family to maintain current restric-

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guestbook, upload photographs and share Mark's memorial page online through social media by logging on to:

www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/Mark-Wilber

services and Funeral arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Homes. (815-634-2125)

Edward Patrick Masching

Masching, 89, of Pontiac, IL died Monday, January 18. 2021 at 5:45 a.m. at Evenglow Lodge Tjardes Health Center, Pontiac, IL.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Adam Cesarek Saturday, January 23, at 12 noon in St. Mary's

Catholic Church, Pontiac, IL. Burial: St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Pontiac, IL.

Visitation was in the church from 10 a.m. until the time of

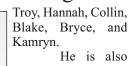
Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, was in charge of arrangements.

He was born March 29, 1931 in Pontiac, IL, the son of Patrick and Alice (Ehrhardt) Masching. He married Lucille K. Kelly, his wife of 69 years, on October 20, 1951 in Loretto, IL. She survives in Pontiac.

He is also survived by his children: Joyce (Don) Seib of Hubertus, Wisconsin; Joan (Richard) Hyde of Island Lake, Illinois; Mark (Kristy) Masching of Pontiac; Kevin (Joni) Masching of Odell, IL; and Eric Masching of Wiscon-

A brother, William (Donna) Masching of Campus, IL; three sisters: Rita (Marion) King of Matteson, IL; Norma (Don) O'Brien of Reddick, IL; and Ruth Schott of Buckingham, IL also survive.

Surviving are his grandchildren: Brian (Lindsay) Todd Masching, (Jen) Masching, Rich (Jamie) Hyde, Kara (Justin) Hoffman, Brock Masching, Kyle (Brittany) Masching, and Larissa (Charles) Johnson; and greatgrandchildren: Addison, Bailey, Cayden, Owen, Olivia, Damian, Adley, Darren, Arya,



survived by his brother-in-law, Leo Kelly of Pontiac; sisters-in-law, Delores Kelly of Cornell, IL and Kay Kelly of

Pontiac; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Lucille Turner; one grandson, Derek Seib; brothers-in-law: Mac Turner, Kim Schott, Clare Kelly, and Joe Kelly; and sister-in-law, Betty Kelly.

Ed graduated from Reddick High School. He had been a farmer in the Campus, IL area before working as a foreman at Interlake Steel in Pontiac, IL starting in 1965. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac.

He loved to attend his grandchildren's sporting events, and always enjoyed having a large garden. He also enjoyed showing dairy cattle in the past.

He was a past member of the Pontiac Moose Lodge, Pontiac Elks Lodge, and a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Ed always enjoyed telling and hearing a good "Dad joke."

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks and gratitude for the loving and compassionate care the nurses and staff at Evenglow Lodge Tjardes Center and Good Samaritan Home Pontiac provided to Ed.

Memorials: St. Mary's Catholic Grade School, 414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL or Evenglow Lodge Tjardes Health Center, 215 E. Washington St., Pontiac, IL.

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

Minutes



Greatest Ever

I think you could basically write some form of this column every year that football has been played since about 2016, but since then, I think it's indisputable that Tom Brady is the greatest quarterback and football player ever. If you want to get into semantics and say that maybe that there's been more talented players, sure, maybe, but time and time again Tom Brady ends up in the SuperBowl, this being his 10th time in 21 seasons.

Now I am going to proceed to list absurd statements after absurd statements about this trip to the superbowl for him and the Bucs.

He's the only quarterback ever to lead his team to the Superbowl in both the AFC and the NFC, 9 in the AFC and now this being his first in the NFC.

With that NFC conference Championship game win he now has as many NFC championship game wins as Aaron Rodgers, Drew Brees and Rex Grossman.

He is the only quarterback ever to play in a super bowl with 4 different presidents in office, (and probably the only one with 3 as well, but I'll have to get stats and info on that one.)

Steph Curry, who is widely considered the greatest shooter ever has a career 3 point percentage of 43%, Tom Brady has advanced to 47% of the potential Super Bowls he could have advanced to in his career, meaning when a season starts it's more likely Tom Brady will advance to the Super Bowl than it is Steph Curry will convert a 3 point attempt successfully.

After this super bowl, 20% of all the super bowl games played will have involved a Tom Brady

The endearing part of this run is that his opponent, Patrick Mahomes is probably the only guy with a realistic chance to unseat Brady and some of these absurd numbers.

It's a long way to go for Mahomes if he were to do it, but it all starts with this one, as Mahomes is going for his second in a row, the first to do so since... you already know the answer.

Love him, hate him, respect him, whatever you want to do, Tom Brady is the greatest of all time, and it's been incredible to witness it.

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"...Time to Listen, Think and Observe'

In July 2020, our son decided we needed a puppy! Zeke and I take two daily walks. This is my time to listen, think and observe. I'd like to share

- Many sidewalks need repair and I think about Shel Silverstein's book Where The Sidewalk Ends.
- 2. Why don't homeowners pick up the spilled debris on the parkway after garbage day before they drag the container
- 3. Signs and flags still supporting Trump. He lost by popular vote and the Electoral College. Do the remaining flags and signs support or encourage the violence of January 6th?
- 4. The "Veterans Against Trump" sign made me smile with pride! Contrary to Trump's remarks about our

great military people being "losers and suckers". I'm very grateful and thankful to each member.

5. Pritzker signs. I'm in total support of our local businesses, Churches and schools that have been hit hard by the pandemic. Pritzker's decisions are based on health statistics, science and the strategy of mask wearing, social distancing and washing hands. He's "damned if he does" and "damned if he doesn't". Hopefully the vaccine will ease the positive cases and lessen the deaths from COVID.

6. Lions Park is awesome after the Summer clean up! Rotary Park was a delight with the Solar Christmas lights! Both Rotary Park and Pine Cone Path could use a trash can.

> Julie L. Marx Dwight

ASSUMED NAME **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2021, 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 Under The Water Tower Antiques, located at 120 E. Chippewa St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2021.

Livingston County Clerk

Notice of Availability of Audit Report of Highland Township

Highland Township hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 has been made, and that a report of such audit dated December 16, 2020 has been filed with the County Clerk of Grundy County, in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/.01 et. seq. The full report of the audit is available for public inspection at 9965 S. Kinsman Road, Kinsman, IL 60437. Please contact Doreen Harlow, Supervisor, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at (815) 585-2593 or e-mail her at doreenharlow@gmail.

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

VILLAGE OF CAMPUS, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

KATHLEEN EMMONS, a/k/a KATHLEEN BENSON, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, as Trustee for the Taxing District,

Defendants. No. 20-CH-43

NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is given you, KATHLEEN EMMONS, a/k/a KATHLEEN BEN-SON, Defendant in the above entitled action, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that an order may be entered declaring the property commonly known as 207 County Highway 1, Campus, IL 60920 to be abandoned, and granting Title to said property to the Plaintiff, VILLAGE OF CAMPUS, an Illinois Municipal Corporation. Summons was issued out of the court against you as provided by law, and the action is still pending.

Consequently, unless you, KATHLEEN EMMONS, a/k/a KATH-LEEN BENSON, Defendant, file your answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise make 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 February 25, 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.

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Planning Your Big Day

The Origins of the Words 'Bride' and 'Groom'

The world of weddings is homo full of interesting words, traditions, symbols, and superstitions. Some of the customs we use nowadays are quite old, while others are relatively new. why do we call a bride, "bride" and a groom, "groom"? Where do these words come from? The Language Linguistics Conlangs Blog gives a clear and concise explanation:

The word "groom" dates from 1604, and is a shortened form of "bridegroom". Bridegroom comes to us via Old English brydguma meaning "suitor" and is a compound of the words bryd, "bride", and guma, "man". Bryd is the ancestor of the word bride, guma ried woman", derives from

meaning "human". The modern form of "groom" is a modification resultfrom folk etymology comparing groom, meaning

combination bridegroom is commonplace in Germanic lan-"Bride, meaning guages. "bride, betrothed or newly mar-



traditionally, "male child, boy, youth". The the new bride lived with her husband's family, making the only "newly wed females" in the household the daughters-in-

> While 400+ years for the existence of these terms is a long

time, the Italian analogs are at least 2000 years older!

The Italian synonym for "bride" is "sposa", and for the groom is "sposo" -- words coming from Latin "sponsa" and "sponso" (coming in turn from Ancient Greek @). The meaning of these words was: "definitely promised" (to someone), and they were widely used in Ancient Rome.

Today, bride & groom and sposa & sposo symbolise a happy couple, new beginnings, joy, and love! They are definitely associated with various festivities, flowers, beautiful dresses, families and friends, good food, and great music.

In other words – with a wed-

'Plus One' Etiquette for Weddings



Couples tying the knot typically want to share their excitement with as many friends and family members as possible. Preliminary wedding guest lists can be quite extensive, but many couples ultimately shorten such lists in adherence to their budgets.

One fuzzy area in regard to guest lists is whether or not to include a "plus one" on the invitation for single friends or family members. A "plus one" refers to single guests' dates. Party planners may extend the courtesy of giving single guests the choice of whether they would like to bring someone along to the event or attend solo. The rules concerning plus ones are flexible, and ultimately, it may be up to the couple to create their own plus-one rules. The following tips can help couples determine which way to go.

Length of relationship

One way to set limits on plus ones is to look at invitees on a case-by-case basis. Think about unmarried guests and the type of relationship status they currently claim. For example, a cousin who has been dating someone for several months can be encouraged to invite this serious boyfriend/girlfriend.

Recently divorced or widowed guests may not feel comfortable bringing a date along, but because this person was in a committed relationship so long, it may be well worth the courtesy to allow these types of guests to bring someone along so they can feel more comfort-

Etiquette experts at The Knot say that, whenever possible, all guests should be addressed by name on the invitation. Couples can ask single friends whether they plan to bring a date to the wedding and who their dates might be.

Number of single friends

Another consideration is how many single people will be invited to the wedding. If it's a small number, a blanket plusone rule can be established. However, if many guests are single, which tends to happen when young couples are getting married, the cost can be prohibitive. Single friends and family can be seated together so that they can converse and have fun.

For the guests ...

It's important for people on the receiving end of a wedding invitation to understand some key plus-one rules as well.

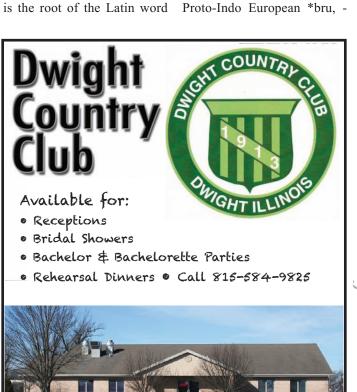
• If the invitation does not say "plus one" or "and guest," that means you have been invited alone. It is rude to bring a guest unexpectedly.

· Avoid asking to bring someone to the wedding if you were not originally given the option. • If you were given plus-one status, be sure to respond with your guest's name. If you can't confirm who you will be bringing or don't know if you will have a date for the evening, it

is better to come alone. • Don't use the plus one as a chance to bring a friend only for the free food and drinks.

Weddings can be complicated to plan, and negotiating plus ones for single guests is part of that planning.

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Unconventional Wedding Menu Ideas

Traditionally, one of the more memorable aspects of wedding receptions is the food. Whether it was fun, tasty or something entirely new for guests, food tends to leave a lasting impression.

The experts at Boho Weddings say that, more than ever before, couples are seeking menu ideas that reflect their personalities as a couple as they seek to make a statement at their events. Celebrating with delicious, unique foods can make receptions that much more amazing.

Bite-sized bursts

Tapas and a movement toward small bites has started to take hold at wedding receptions. Such a choice allows guests to try many different flavors without filling up too quickly. From sliders to mini grilled cheese to soup shots to bite-sized pizzas, many of these small bites feature flavors borrowed from familiar comfort

Traditionally, one of the foods — just presented on a pre memorable aspects of miniature scale.

Comfort stations and bars

Couples who love comfort food can put it on display with a crostini station, a mashed potato bar, a chicken and waffles station, a gourmet popcorn snack station, or a ramen noo-

Food trucks/carts

Outdoor weddings can be enhanced with the addition of trendy food trucks. These restaurants on wheels can inject burgers, sandwiches, international delights, crêpes, noodles, and so many more flavors into a wedding.

High-end options

Couples may want to give guests a taste of the lavish with olive oil and vinegar tasting stations, whiskey bars, French hors d'oeuvres, Kobe beef sliders, lobster tails, risotto stations, and more.



Childhood favorites

When it comes time for dessert, some couples opt to avoid or downplay wedding cakes in favor of something simpler. A cookie-and-milk bar, doughnut holes, soft pretzel stations, pie pops, or dessert shot jars push creativity and sweetness to new levels. Do-it-yourself dessert stations, such as s'more-making and ice cream sundae stations, also can

be big hits.

Couples are increasingly feeling less beholden to traditional wedding reception menus as they look to infuse their personal tastes into the foods they plan to serve their guests. Many catering managers and chefs welcome the chance to work with couples looking to create unique reception menus.

Celebrate at home

It may not seem as glam-

orous as a night out, but home

cocktail parties can be cus-

tomized. Hire a mixologist to

whip up special drinks for the

occasion. Caterers may be

available to cook personalized meals in your home, providing

Bachelor and bachelorette

parties may have to change as

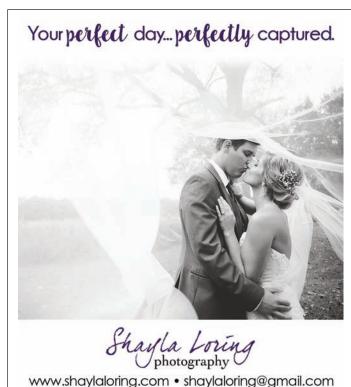
the world continues to confront

the pandemic. With a few

tweaks, these events can still be

enjoyable and memorable.

lessons along the way.





Throw a Safe Bachelor, Bachelorette Party



The concensus from public health professionals around the world is to maintain continued social distancing to help prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus. Various events have been modified due Couples may need to make certain changes to traditional gatherings like bachelor and bachelorette parties to stay safe. Wedding parties average four to five close friends or family members on each side, according to Martha Stewart weddings. Gatherings of five will likely comply with the limitations set for gatherings for indoor and outdoor venues. However, it's essential to check local regulations before planning festivities. Even if gathering with your wedding party is doable, you may have to think

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outside the box when it comes



to how to enjoy these last hoorahs before the wedding.

Host it outdoors

vent further spread of the COVID-19 virus. Various events have been modified due to the pandemic, and weddings and bachelor/bachelorette parties have proven no exception. Couples may need to make certain changes to traditional gatherings like bachelor and bachelorette parties to stay safe. Wedding parties average four to five close friends or

Try an "extreme" activity Weekend travel has become

a standard option for many bachelor and bachelorette parties. But travel restrictions or personal health preferences may mean it's not prudent to take a trip to Las Vegas or Cancún. Booking activities that are a little edgy can add some adventure to the festivities if travel is a nonstarter. Some amusement parks are still open, so an evening of riding zerogravity coasters or free-fall bungee jumps could satisfy everyone's adventurous side. Race tracks offer tourist options where novices can take high-speed spins around the course. When traveling in small groups, these activities can be possible.

Virtual karaoke

In-person karaoke nights may be unavailable, but there's a bevy of online sing-a-long apps that enable participants to sing with backing tracks either for solo performances or with others — even people around the world. Each member of the bachelorette or bachelor party can download the same app and then sing together. Laugh along to renditions of classic tunes or modern favorites.







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OBITUARIES

Edward J. Verdun

Edward J. Verdun, 93, of Odell died Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11:20 a.m., at Accolade of Pontiac with loving family nearby.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell, with

Father Chris Haake officiating. Burial will follow in St.

Paul Catholic Cemetery, Odell. Visitation will be Saturday, January 30, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the church, with

the Rosary recited at 9:30 a.m. Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, is in charge of arrangements.

Ed was born October 6, 1927 on the family farm in Odell, son of Peter and Irene (Coleman) Verdun. He married Enis N. Dinelli on February 7, 1959 in Naplate, IL. She passed January 4, 2013.

He is survived by his children: Nancy (Frank) Legner of Odell, IL; Peter (Mary) Verdun of Byron, IL; and Brian (Stacie Ehrat) Verdun of Odell, IL; nine grandchildren: Valerie (Dr. Mark) Johnson, Frankie (Jessica) Legner, Katie (Jake) Hadsall, Valerie Verdun, Mary Elizabeth Verdun, Rick (Cherise) Verdun, Nathan Worby, Bryan Worby, and Noah Worby; and nine greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Enis; and two sisters, Ruth Ellen Verdun and Mary Jean Rennick.

Ed attended grade school at

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the Verdun Country School and graduated from St. Paul High School in 1945.

> He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell, the Livingston County Farm Bureau, and was a past member of the

Odell Knights of Columbus and the Farmer's Union.

Ed took over the family farming operation after graduating from high school. He was a lifelong farmer on the family farm, progressing from horses to tractors. He continued to actively work until the age of 85. He loved being a farmer and working the land. Throughout the years, he enjoyed raising crops, cattle, and chickens. Ed was the recipient of a Century Farm award with the farm belonging to the family for over 128 years and three generations.

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks and gratitude for the compassionate care the nurses and staff at Accolade provided to Ed. A special thank you goes to Art Runyon, Kathy Finkenbinder, and Nurse Nancy Zillmer, who comforted Ed in his final hours.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Paul Catholic Grade School or St. Paul Catholic Church at 200 S. West Street, Odell, IL 60460.

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

Margaret Marie Adams

Margaret Marie Adams, age 95, of Coal City, IL passed away Friday, January 22, 2021 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

She was born August 11, 1925 to Dominic and Julia (nee Peredetto) Bertoglio.

She was born and raised in the Coal City area, graduating as Salutatorian from Coal City High School, Class of 1942.

Margaret married John Adams, who was from South Wilmington, on March 7, 1943 in Morris. She worked as a secretary for many businesses over the years, including in the 1940s at the Joliet Arsenal, in the 1970s at Kerns Furniture, North American Furniture and McCluckie Oil, and in the 1980s as an Assistant H.R. Manager for Stepan Chemical, all while raising her family.

Margaret was very active in her community, belonging to the Assumption Catholic Church, the Martha's and the Coal City Junior Women's Club. She was also honored as Woman of the Year. After retirement, Margaret provided in-home care to many local residents. She enjoyed being a seamstress, crocheting, quilting and baking. She was an avid card player and enjoyed cooking Italian Sunday Dinners.

She is survived by her children: Sue Ann (Steven) Wright, Julie (Gary) Hughes, and John Jr. (Bonnie) Adams; nine grandchildren: Stacy (Doug) Rivara, Adam (Amber) Walsh, Joanna (Michael) Filippini, Jason Hughes, Gina (Matt) Weidling, Sara (Steve) Paulsen, AJ (Liz) Adams, Emily (Mari) Adams-Vielma and Seth Adams; eight greatgrandchildren: Bailey and Riley Rivara, Davis and Mad-

die Walsh, Morgan Lucille (the late Bill) ris Hospital. Wolfe; sisters-in-law, Sharon (the late Dominic) Bertoglio and Betty George) Adams.

Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dominic and Julia Bertoglio; her husband of 58 years, John Adams; brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Janice Bertoglio; brother, Dominic Bertoglio; brother-inlaw, George Adams; brothersister-in-law, (Shirley) Adams and Bill Wolfe, and sister and brotherin-law, Edna Mae (Celestine) Ciluffo.

Memorials in Margaret's name may be directed to the Coal City Food Pantry, 245 South Kankakee Street, Coal City, IL 60416.

Visitation was Tuesday, January 26, 2021 from 10 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Coal City, IL, with Reverend Raed Bader officiating.

Burial followed in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood. A mask must be worn and social distancing observed.

Margaret's grandchildren: Doug Rivara, Adam Walsh, Michael Filippini, Jason Hughes, Matt Weidling, Steve Paulsen, AJ Adams and Seth Adams served as pallbearers.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at: www.ferrarifuneral.com

Ferrari Funeral Services of Coal City are entrusted with arrangements.

More obituaries appear on pages 6 and 7.

Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: The Paper fax: 815-584-2196 email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

Margaret M. Richie

Margaret and Maggie Filip- "Peggy" Richie. 85. pini, and Taylor and died Saturday, Janu-Kaitlyn Noel; sister, ary 23, 2021 at Mor-

Cremation were accorded.

Hager Memorial (the late Home is in charge of the arrangements.

> Margaret was born September 8, 1935 in rural Dwight to Kenneth and Mary (Wilkey) Black. She married Robert Richie on February 14, 1970. He preceded her in death on May 6, 2002.

She is survived by four daughters: Brenda (Bob) Chellson of Campus, Tamela (Troy) Quinley of Odell, Elizabeth (fiance: Jeff Friddle) Hausman of Coal City; and Gina (Gregg) Dockins of LaSalle; two sons: Craig (Kelli) Rafferty of Campus and Jeffery (Stacy) Richie of Dwight.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren: Kiedra (Craig) Meece, Jason (Kimberly) Simmons, Shane (Shawna) Cuddy, Jamie (Josh) Horton, Patrick (Ashley) Rafferty, Tanisha (Luke) St. John, Taylor Richie, Sophia Richie, Allison Hausman and Logan Hausman; 13 greatgrandchildren: two sisters: Juanita Cable of Mazon and Linda Oster of Godley; one half-sister,

Shirley Nelson of Glasgow, Kentucky; one half-brother,

Lee (Lisa) Black of Kentucky; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two daughters-in-law, Lori and

Sabrina Richie; and one sister, Jean Bunting. Margaret graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1953. She retired from Natural Gas Pipeline Company, Herscher, in 1997. She enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune,

Margaret would like to be remembered as a loving Mother and Grandmother.

gardening, fishing, and puz-

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cam-/ Emington Fire pus Department or a charity of the donor's choice.

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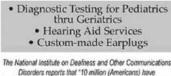
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Jackie Haas of Kankakee, in reaching out to Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul to find out what is being done to protect the thousands of Illinoisans who have been affected by the ongoing unemployment fraud at the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). As you know, many Illinoisans have had fraudulent unemployment applications filed in IDES has been slow to respond and both I and

Rep. Haas have been hearing from numerous constituents and local law enforcement agencies asking for help in fighting these fraudsters. This week we sent a letter to Attorney General Raoul trying to get answers to the questions we have been hearing from people in our area.

One year ago, the backlog stood at \$7.1 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as our unfunded pension liability which is subject to a wide range of factors and has been estimated to be more than \$141 billion.

minute information regarding changes or cancellations.

their name over the past several months. news from state

> How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$5,509,829,038 in unpaid bills to state vendors.

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Limestone Township Library District Re-Opens

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) has been opened to the community since January 19. As positivity rates in the county go down, they are able to open their doors to the public.

Hours are shorter, but the computer area and copier are available with restrictions.

In following the guidelines from the Public Health Department and Restore Illinois, no more than 15 people will be allowed in the library building at any given time. Patrons will be restricted to be inside the library up to one hour. Patrons will be required to use hand sanitizer upon entering and to wear a mask while inside. If patrons are unable to wear a mask, the library is happy to provide contactless curbside

Every Saturday, they have a new Grab-and-Go craft, which can be picked up at the library while supplies last. Ask at the front desk for more information.

Virtual Programming is available on their Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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

On Thursday, January 28, Austin will host Chess Club at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook, giving watchers techniques to improve their game.

Their Adult/YA craft for January will be a knitting tutorial from Creativebug on how to make your own socks. That will be presented on Facebook Saturday, January 30, at 11:00 a.m. Call on Wednesday or after to arrange pick-up of your supply bag. Supplies are limited.

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

LTLD is offering Curbside Services by appointment to those



PICK UP YOUR OWN **GRAB-AND-GO CRAFT at Limestone Township Library** District. A new craft is revealed every Saturday.

who still need or wish to have it. Give staff at least one hour's notice for a pick-up so they can have your items ready when you arrive in the parking lot.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message them at Facebook or Instagram. Visit limestone

library.org for more information.

Prairie Creek Library Now Open to Patrons risk patrons by appointment only

Creek Dwight, is now open again for patrons to enter the building, with extra safety measures in effect. For those who prefer curbside service, the option remains available.

Magazines also may be checked out at this time.

The new hours are as follows: Mondays-Thursdays, open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and open to seniors and at-

from 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Fridays, open to the general public from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and open to seniors and at-risk patrons by appointment only from 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Saturdays, open to the general public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (no special hours available).

Patrons must wear masks to enter the building and while they are inside the building. No more than ten people will be allowed in the building at a time. Patrons should limit their visits to 30 minutes.

Computers will be available for 30-minute sessions. If a patron is working on a tax return, resume, or something of similar importance, they may go past the 30 minutes only if no one is waiting. Appointments for computer use are preferred and can be made by calling 815-584-3061.

DTHS Approves Solar Farm Tax Abatement January Board Actions

(continued from page 1) In new business, Dr. Jancek reported on government COVID relief funding and possible expenditures with the District 230 portion totaling approximately \$159,000. This one time lump sum payment must be expended by September 2022. Three categories including PPE (including building and cleaning supplies necessary to keep the building open); loss of

learning options; and mental health are allowed for use of the funding.

Dr. Jancek also noted that a contract extension through the 2021 year has been signed with Evergreen FS which includes the purchase of 4,000 gallons of fuel at \$1.83 per gallon.

The board also:

• approved IASB Press Plus Board Policy Issue 106 Updates

The next regular meeting of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education will be 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 17. 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 login and watch regularly scheduled monthly board

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