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## Dwight Receives IL Strong Communities Grant

### January 25 Board of Trustee Meeting Summary

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met on January 25 via a teleconference session with all members present.

A Resolution accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Communities Program was approved by the board. The grant, in the amount of \$60,000, is to be used by the Village of Dwight to preserve affordable housing efforts by assisting with the rehabilitation and/or demolition of abandoned properties within the village.

Following up on old business, the board approved an amended petition for annexation of approximately 365 acres of land situated east of town known as the McPart L.L.C. parcels (Parcel Index Numbers (PIN) 05-03-400-011 and 05-03-400-010. The amended agreement brings all parcels together with current zoning amended to I1 - Industrial.

At the January 11 session, Mayor Jared Anderson explained that, as this property is presented to prospective clients, it is helpful if there are facilitated agreements with the Village of Dwight for water and sewer should the property be developed. According to Adam Dontz, CEO of the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Coun-

cil, proposals have been submitted to the GLCEDC from national brokerage companies and their recommendation is that the annexation and zoning be done before they move forward with a national marketing campaign. The GLCEDC has negotiated a five-year purchase option for the property and has done its due diligence with regard to inspections and property studies at an investment of approximately \$100,000. The board has approved sending the McPart annexation petition to Dwight's Planning Commission for a public hearing.

With 2020 proving to be an exceptionally challenging year for businesses, Deb Karch, with the Dwight Economic Alliance, noted several accomplishments that took place last year. Highlights of these economic enhancement endeavors include the expansion and renovation of Old Route 66 Restaurant; the opening of Tractor Supply Company (TSC), Dwight's first Fortune 400 Company; the donation by Bank of Pontiac-Dwight Bank of its former location on East Main Street, valued at \$122,000, to the DEA as its new office and job incubator location; the expansion of the Dwight Historical Society location in the historic depot building; a \$248,000 grant secured by Dwight Fire Protection District for turnout gear and other safety needs; and negotiating

tax abatement agreements securing the Blue Sky Solar project, the largest solar farm to be built in Illinois.

A VFW Post 2608 Bucket Brigade Poppy Day request was approved. Donations will be collected at the intersections of Rt. 17 and Rt. 47 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Friday, April 30 and 7 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, May 1. Proceeds from the VFW Buddy Poppy program are used to assist disabled veterans and help to maintain state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs.

The board also approved:

- payment of January 25, 2020 bills totaling \$68,167.96.
- the December 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Present for the January 25 session were Mayor Anderson, Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbort, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 8. Please check prior for meeting location meeting / access information. Throughout the pandemic, the board has been 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 which is currently set to expire on February 6.



**ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS** invited everyone to a Fall Raffle in November - one of the events that has undergone change due to the ongoing pandemic. March 6, the St. Paul Spring fund-raiser will take place. Online bidding begins Friday, March 5 @ 5 p.m. and continues until Saturday, March 6 @ 8 p.m. – [www.biddingowl.com/StPaulSchool](http://www.biddingowl.com/StPaulSchool). You can purchase tickets up until the night of the raffle. Proceeds benefit St. Paul School. For over 125 years St. Paul school has provided a Catholic Education.

## St. Paul School Receives High Marks for Parent Satisfaction

The Catholic Schools Week celebration, which is taking place this week, through February 6, is looking a little different at St. Paul School, Odell, this year. Traditional events, such as the spelling bee and guest readers, will continue, but they will be held with new safety measures in place in light of the pandemic. Yet, one thing remains consistent at St. Paul School – high parent satisfaction.

This academic year, the Diocese of Peoria conducted a survey on parent satisfaction in a variety of areas. St. Paul School scored high marks and placed well above the average marks for schools within the Diocese.

In fact, all parents responding said they were very satisfied (74%) or satisfied regarding the school providing a safe, structured, and nurturing environment. All parents also expressed satisfaction with the accessibility, approachability, and responsiveness of the administration, office staff, and teachers. Seventy-nine percent



were very satisfied regarding the communication between the school and home, while the majority of the rest of the parents were satisfied.

In response to the query, "Our family has a sense of belonging at school," 79% marked they were very satisfied while the other 21% selected satisfied. The school scored similar marks when asked if students are treated with care and respect by the principals, teachers, and support staff.

In the surveys, many parents cited the small class sizes, dedicated staff, and family-like atmosphere as strengths of the school. One parent stated, "The school gives our students more of an individualized education.

The school does what is in the best interest of each individual student." Another parent said, "Bullying is not tolerated. Teachers are very helpful to those that do not understand and need that extra help. I like how the children are taught respect, manners, and responsibilities."

Other parents listed the morals taught daily, after school care program, kid-approved hot lunch, affordable tuition, lesson format, and faith as strengths of the school. Parents also were satisfied with the safety measures taken during the pandemic.

St. Paul School currently has limited openings in its classrooms. Typically, during Catholic Schools Week, prospective families are invited to attend an open house to learn more about the school, but since the event cannot be held at this time, any interested parents are encouraged to call 815-998-2194 or e-mail school office@saintpaulodell.com.

## New Water Tower for Village of Gardner

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session, January 25, for the first time in 2021.

The board opened by observing a moment of silence in memory of former resident Todd Sandeno, who passed away suddenly.

The board accepted the resignation of Village Attorney Scott Belt. Belt resigned after being appointed Associate Grundy County Circuit Court Judge. Belt had been the Village Attorney since 1989 and recommended Chris Dearth, formerly of Scott Belt and Associates, as his successor. Mayor Serena commented the board will review Dearth's rates and qualifications and act to retain an attorney at a future meeting.

Commissioner Dick Hileman reported the village received a Notice of Violation letter from the Illinois EPA advising them of steps needed to bring the sewer pit into compliance. Village Engineer Casey McCollom stated he believes the proposal from Chamlin & Associates will bring the village into compliance. The corrective actions, outlined in the village response to the IEPA, will include adding rock to and removing sludge from the pits. Hileman also reported repairs were required to the pumps and controls following a power surge.

Hileman reported the village



**A NEW GARDNER, ILLINOIS water tower is just about in place. The ball of the new tower, above, will be painted while on the ground and then placed on the base.**

applied for and received a CURES grant, qualifying for a payment of over \$52,000. Hileman closed his comments stating there are several properties needing letters regarding abandoned vehicles on village right-of-way and noted the contract with Kraus Cable is up in 2022.

McCollom reported the water tower is proceeding on schedule. The builders would

like to paint the ball on the ground before elevating, with the final decision being based on weather.

Mayor Mike Serena reported one public works driver has his full CDL, the other has completed the written and is awaiting the driving test. Serena reported the first snow was cleared quickly and is hopeful for the current storm.

## Mona Township Board Honors Road Commissioner Hamilton, Trustee Moritz



**THANK YOU! MONA TOWNSHIP** commended Trustee Ed Moritz, pictured, left, and Road Commissioner Gerald "Woody" Hamilton, right, for their service to the community.

The Township of Mona, located in Ford County, is extending its thanks to Road Commissioner Gerald "Woody" Hamilton and Trustee Ed Moritz for their many years of service to the community of Mona Township.

Road Commissioner Hamilton started serving the community in 1981 when he ran for Road Commissioner and was elected by the residents of the

township. He has served the community for the past 40 years by maintaining the roads and helping in the community. Mr. Hamilton retired as of December 31, 2020.

Trustee Ed Moritz has decided after 40 years to step down from his trustee position. Ed ran in 1981 to be Trustee for Mona Township and was elected by the residents of the township. He has served the

community for the past 40 years as trustee and will serve on the board until after the next election. Ed has been an active member of the board and will continue to support the community.

The Mona Township Board honored Road Commissioner Hamilton and Trustee Moritz on January 14, and hope to have an open house later this year.

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FOR THE RECORD

**Tickets Issued by Dwight Police**  
January 24: Dominic R. Macaluso, 26, Bradley, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.  
January 26: Elizabeth N. Fortier, 18, Mazon, no valid regis./1st and 2nd.

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

**Dwight Police Blotter**  
January 22: Dwight Police generated two reports of ID fraud.  
January 25: Dwight Police generated a report of ID fraud.  
January 27: 8:59 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to a Domestic Disturbance in the 100 block of Bannon; Dwight Police generated three reports of ID fraud.

January 28: Dwight Police generated seven reports of ID fraud; 11:15 a.m., Dwight Police met with a resident who had been victim of fraudulent activity in his banking.

*The Attorney General and Secretary of State's Office are alerting the public of a new scam regarding the new "REAL ID." (For those who fly domestically, the federal government will require you to use*

*a valid U.S. passport or REAL ID). REAL IDs have a gold star in the upper corner, and are obtained through the Illinois Secretary of State's office. Scammers are sending unsolicited text messages claiming to be from the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security. The scam urges recipients to "click on a link to update their Illinois Driver's License or State ID." Do not click on the link or provide any information.*



**Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

January 21: Delaware, medical, Morris.

January 22: Mazon, medical, Morris; 2700 East Rd., trauma; I-55, fire.

January 23: Mazon, medical, Morris.

January 25: Scully Rd., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Duffy – COQ.

January 26: Judd, trauma, Riverside; Mazon, medical, Riverside.

January 27: Scully Rd., medical; Prairie Ave., trauma.

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### With Ultra-low Rates, Should You Still Invest in Bonds?

If you've been investing for many years and you've owned bonds, you've seen some pretty big changes on your financial statements. In 2000, the average yield on a 10-year U.S. Treasury security was about 6%; in 2010, it had dropped to slightly over 3%, and for most of 2020, it was less than 1%. That's an enormous difference, and it may lead you to this question: With yields so low on bonds, why should you even consider them?

Of course, while the 10-year Treasury note is an important benchmark, it doesn't represent the returns on any bonds you could purchase. Typically, longer-term bonds, such as those that mature in 20 or 30 years, pay higher rates to account for inflation and to reward you for locking up your money for many years. But the same downward trend can be seen in these longer-term bonds, too – in 2020, the average 30-year Treasury bond yield was only slightly above 1.5%.

Among other things, these numbers mean that investors of 10 or 20 years ago could have gotten some reasonably good income from investment-grade bonds. But today, the picture is different. (Higher-yield bonds, sometimes known as "junk" bonds, can offer more income but carry a higher risk of default.)

Nonetheless, while rates are low now, you may be able to employ a strategy that can help you in any interest-rate environment. You can build a bond "ladder" of individual bonds that mature on different dates. When market interest rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher yields (and long-term yields, while fluctuating, are expected to rise in the future). When interest rates rise, your maturing bonds can be reinvested at these new, higher levels. Be sure you evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Furthermore, bonds can provide you with other benefits. For one thing, they can help diversify your portfolio, especially if it's heavily weighted toward stocks. Also, stock and bond prices often (although not always) move in opposite directions, so if the stock market goes through a down period, the value of your bonds may rise. And bonds are usually less volatile than stocks, so they can have a "calming" effect on your portfolio. Plus, if you hold your bonds until maturity, you will get your entire principal back (providing the bond issuer doesn't default, which is generally unlikely if you own investment-grade bonds), so bond ownership gives you a chance to preserve capital while still investing.

But if the primary reason you have owned bonds is because of the income they offer, you may have to look elsewhere where during periods of ultra-low interest rates. For example, you could invest in dividend-paying stocks. Some stocks have long track records of increasing dividends, year after year, giving you a potential source of rising income. (Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated at any time.) Be aware, though, that stocks are subject to greater risks and market movements than bonds.

Ultimately, while bonds may not provide the income they did a few years ago, they can have a place in a long-term investment strategy. Consider how they might fit into yours.

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## Temps - 2021

Jan. 21 – high 43°, low 17°

Jan. 22 – high 21°, low 7°

Jan. 23 – high 32°, low 7°  
trace snow

Jan. 24 – high 36°, low 24°

Jan. 25 – high 36°, low 30°  
1" snow

Jan. 26 – high 32°, low 21°  
trace snow

Jan. 27 – high 26°, low 6°

**One Year Ago – Feb. 3, 2020**  
high 35°, low 28°  
trace snow

Driver in Fatal Crash Identified

The driver of the Jeep Renegade involved in the fatal crash January 21 at 32584 North 3300 East Road in Round Grove Township was identified on January 27 as 40-year old Thomas L. Vaughn of Elwood.

The Livingston County Coroners Office was able to positively identify the body with dental records.

Mr. Vaughn was north bound on 3300 East Road in Livingston County when he failed to stop at the railroad crossing. A west bound train was passing through at the time.

Livingston Cty. Offices Closed Feb. 12, 15

All Livingston County Offices will be closed **Friday, February 12, and Monday, February 15**, in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday.

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Secretary of State Offices to Close for Lincoln's Birthday and Presidents Day

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that all offices and facilities will be closed **Friday, Feb. 12**, in observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. In addition, facilities that operate on a Monday through Friday schedule will be closed on **Monday, Feb. 15**, while facilities open Tuesday to Saturday schedule will be closed **Saturday, Feb. 13**, in observance of Presidents Day.

Also, Chicago North, 5401 N. Elston Ave., and Chicago South, 9901 S. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., are closed on Monday.

All Driver Services facilities will be open for business **Tuesday, Feb. 16**.

(Note: The Chicago West facility, 5301 W. Lexington Ave., will remain closed due to the city's sewer repair work, which has closed Lexington Ave. around the facility. In addition, the James R. Thompson Center and Chicago Loop Express, 69 W. Washington St., Driver Services facilities will remain closed because they are located in public buildings that are not open).

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website,

cyberdriveillinois.com, to locate the nearest Driver Services facility and the hours of operation.

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 for services such as renewing license plate stickers, obtaining replacement driver's licenses/ID cards, and renewing driver's licenses.

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District Named to House Republican Leadership Team

I was honored this week to be selected by House Republican Leader Jim Durkin as a member of his leadership team for the upcoming 102nd General Assembly. As an Assistant Republican Leader I will have an even greater opportunity to influence policy and get things done for our district and for the state.

When making the appointment, Leader Durkin commented that: "Tom has been a longstanding, tireless advocate for his region and small businesses in his district, and has never once backed down in getting the answers and solutions they desperately need. Whether it's fighting for more efficiency at IDES or working to get small businesses reopened during the pandemic, Tom will bring that drive to our Leadership team and ensure the House Republican Caucus has a voice at every table he finds himself."

I appreciate Leader Durkin's kind words and the opportunity to serve our district

and the state in this capacity. We hope for a busy spring session ahead, and I am looking forward to making positive change.

**House Republicans speak out against proposed tax increase on small businesses.** I stand with my House Republican colleagues who spoke out in opposition to a proposal which could increase taxes on small businesses by anywhere from \$500 million to \$1.4 billion.

In the closing hours of the lame duck session, Democrats tried to rush through legislation which would have "decoupled" Illinois from language in the federal CARES Act intended to let hard-hit small businesses deduct their additional pandemic losses from 2020. It would result in the state taking away federal tax relief from small businesses which are barely hanging on due to the pandemic and the shutdowns.

We were able to stop the proposal in its tracks when it was called for a vote in the

middle of the night, but the Governor has stated that he intends to make the tax hike a priority for the spring session. This aid from Washington was intended to help businesses survive the many hardships which they have been subjected to over the past year. It should not be swept away by Springfield. I intend to oppose this effort again this spring.

**Unemployment went up in December.** The unemployment rate in Illinois increased to 7.6 percent, up from 6.9 percent in November. The figures reflect the effects of the lockdowns which were reimposed in many parts of the state in the fall. Illinois continues to trail the national average of 6.7 percent. One year ago the unemployment rate in Illinois was 3.5 percent.

Some areas of the economy saw improvement, the largest of which was "Professional and Business Services," where Illinois gained 13,000 jobs. Unfortunately these gains were cancelled out by the loss of 40,900 jobs in "Leisure and Hospitality," the segment of the economy which includes bars and restaurants. Leisure and Hospitality has lost a total of 198,100 jobs over the past year. In total, Illinois lost 423,000 nonfarm jobs in 2020.

**How much do we owe?** As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$4,756,288,805 in unpaid bills to state vendors. It does not include debts that can only be estimated.

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# GLCEDC Holds Election, Welcomes New Directors

## COVID Relief Stimulus Grant Applications Available

On January 20, the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council held its election for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. New members on the GLCEDC Board of Directors and Executive Committee are as follows:

- Executive Committee**
- **Brad Solberg** – OSF Health-Care St. James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, Chairman.
  - **Matt Vanderveen** – Caterpillar, Vice Chairman.
  - **Ashley Ralph** – State Bank of Graymont, Secretary/Treasurer.
  - **Don Lambert** – Village of Saunemin.
  - **Jason Bunting** – Livingston County Board.
  - **Jimmie Lansford** – Mayor, City of Streator.
  - **Jon Kilgore** – Pontiac Township High School.

- **Kevin McNamara** – Village of Dwight.
- **Mark DeKeersgieter** – CIRBN.
- **Mike McCoy** – McCoy Construction.
- **Terry Sullivan** – Lyons Sullivan Realty.
- **Ty Eshleman** – The Farnsworth Group.

- Board of Directors**
- All members of Executive Committee, plus:
- **Ann Adkins** – Johnson Press of America.
  - **Bennie Hardin** – Exact Packaging.
  - **Bernie Anderson** – Nicor Gas.
  - **Bill Alvey** – Mayor, City of Pontiac.
  - **Bob Kalebich** – Public Services.
  - **Bob Weller** – Livingston County Board.
  - **Brad Gulliford** – Selig Seal-

- ing.
- **Brian Dukes** – Pontiac School District #429.
- **Brent Rush** – Enbridge.
- **Brian Wilins** – OSF Health-Care.
- **Bruce Mustread** – LSC Communications.
- **Cathi Coppinger** – Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce (ex-officio).
- **Debra Karch** – Dwight Economic Alliance (ex-officio).
- **David Slagel** – Mayor, City of Fairbury.
- **Dustin Smith** – First Financial Bank.
- **Jason Vanantwerp** – Busey Bank.
- **Jerry Hoffman** – Technical Metals.
- **Keith Cornille** – Heartland Community College.
- **Michael Blackwell** – Diamond Bros.
- **Nick Hiltbrand** – InsureChampaign.

- **Ray Magee** – Advanced Technology Recycling.
  - **Ron Briscoe** – Flagstar Bank.
  - **Ron Slagel** – tdf Energy Services.
  - **Ryan McGuckin** – Woodland CUSD #5.
  - **Sam Miceli** – Vactor.
  - **Sandy Erschen** – Manpower.
  - **Steven Mahrt** – Ancel Glink.
  - **Troy Harms** – Bank of Pontiac.
- In the last few months, the GLCEDC approved five building improvement grants to: Ehresman Holdings LLC, to update three buildings on the square in Pontiac; Market 59, creating a pop-up shop in Block 59 of downtown Pontiac; and Chenoa Pharmacy to update their newest Fairbury location. The GLCEDC also approved a Property Tax Abatement to Technical Metals in Fairbury and gained a new member, Ron Briscoe, Flagstar Bank.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the GLCEDC and Livingston County collectively created a COVID Relief Stimulus Grant, funded by local resources, for small businesses affected by COVID-19. Submit your application no later than February 26 to the Livingston County Board Office, 112 West Madison Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or [ahartley@livingstoncountyil.gov](mailto:ahartley@livingstoncountyil.gov). Grant applications will be reviewed weekly and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. For questions concerning this application, contact GLCEDC Chief Executive Officer Adam Dontz at 815-842-2900 or Livingston County Executive Director, Alina Hartley, at 815-844-6378.

Visit [www.glcedc.org](http://www.glcedc.org) to download the application.

## OBITUARY

More Obituaries appear on pages 7 & 10.

### William E. Malone

KEMPTON – William E. “Bill” Malone, 87, Kempton, died peacefully Sunday afternoon, January 31, 2021 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Pontiac. Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation will be



the Olson, Bute, Malone American Legion; a lifetime member of the Kempton Fire Department, last serving as a Trustee. He was also the clerk for Mona Township for close to 40 years.

Although Bill lived the last couple of years in Pontiac, he always considers Kempton “Little Town Big Heart” as home. He was also proud to live in Ford County, “You know, that strange shaped county.” Bill was a loving, supportive husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was a supporter of all of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren interests, rarely missing a sporting event or even a pee-wee livestock show. If not present he wanted a full accounting of the event.

He is survived by three daughters: Debra (Frank) Howard-Ornelas, Mesa, AZ; Deanna (Reed) Myer, Denver, CO; and Dona (Dean) Tharp, Cullom; five grandchildren: Tony (Ginger) Howard, Jared (Amy) Howard, Will (Beth) Myer, Morgan (Daniel) Mackinson and Jordan Tharp; four great - grandchildren: Elissa and Quin Howard, Reagan and Rowan Mackinson and a new baby on the way.

Also surviving are two sisters: Donna Liska and Sherry Starr; one brother-in-law, Robert (Darlene) Bohm, who was raised in the Malone home during his high school years; three sisters-in-law: Bernice Malone, Judy Bohm and Phyllis Bohm; also surviving are several nieces and nephews of whom he was very proud.

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

He served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1956. He returned to Kempton and worked for Warmbir Trucking until 1967. In 1967 he started his own trucking business, William Malone Trucking, which he operated until his retirement in 2001. Bill was always a civic-minded person, serving on many boards throughout his lifetime: Tri-Point School Board, Kempton Methodist Church boards; a member of

## New Money Mentors Volunteers Needed

Financial challenges are real for most people in the community. Last year, University of Illinois Extension’s Money Mentors program helped over 100 community members with their financial goals. This year more people are likely to seek help. Money Mentor volunteers complete 30 hours of financial education and coaching training with U of I Extension educators. Mentors are then matched with people who seek help with financial goals and organizing their finances.

The next Money Mentor training is 12 weekly training sessions on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., beginning as soon as possible. Training sessions include online class discussions by Zoom. Each week has homework in the form of activities, readings, and online training. Assistance is available for anyone who is not familiar with Zoom meetings. For more information, visit [go.illinois.edu/MoneyMentors](http://go.illinois.edu/MoneyMentors). Registration is required.

A fee applies for training; partial scholarships are available. Currently, the program is open to residents in 11 Illinois counties: Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, Vermilion, Livingston, McLean, Woodford, Kankakee, Will, Grundy, and Cook Counties. Help from mentor volunteers is free and confidential. If you have questions regarding the program, contact Camaya Wallace Bechard, Consumer Economics Educator, [cawb17@illinois.edu](mailto:cawb17@illinois.edu) or 309-663-8306.

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# Morris Hospital Fire Starter Contributes to Patient Care in Multiple Ways

Lori Stevens is proof that when you love what you do and you're committed to the organization you work for, it's easy to shine.

For 30 years, the Morris resident made a difference as a Registered Nurse on Morris Hospital's 2 East inpatient unit. Today, she uses her nursing knowledge and computer expertise to enhance the quality of patient care as an IT Clinical Applications Specialist.

Described as an extremely positive person who always has a smile on her face, Stevens was honored as Morris Hospital's Fire Starter of the Month for December.

Stevens began her career at Morris Hospital in 1987 as a CNA on midnights. After graduating from nursing school in 1990, she accepted an RN position at Morris Hospital just as the new 2 East wing was opening. As the hospital started preparing for a brand new computer application called Meditech in the late 1990s, Stevens was asked to serve on the core team to help develop computerized nursing documentation for the very first time in the hospital's history. Her special niche in the Infor-



Lori Stevens

mation Technology world never went away.

"I started training new nurses as they were hired, and as computerized documentation continued to evolve, my involvement just kind of kept going," says Stevens, who also served as a charge nurse when she was working on 2 East. "I had a dual role of IT and nursing - really the best of both worlds. Two years ago when we started preparing for the transition to our next electronic health record system, I decided it was time to turn my full-time focus to the IT world."

While having the perspective of both an RN and IT Specialist

has proven to be invaluable for the internal customers she serves, there's more to Stevens than her clinical and computer expertise. John Biesen, IT Applications Manager at Morris Hospital, says Stevens is simply a joy to work with.

"Lori has an amazing work ethic and is always willing to step in and help out wherever needed," says Biesen. "She is very compassionate, and we are extremely lucky she is part of our team."

When asked what's most rewarding about her work, Stevens says: "I just love my job, and I'm happy to have my job. I have literally grown up here (Morris Hospital), so this is my second home - my second family. We are a small community hospital with employees who have big caring hearts and who do great things. I have a huge loyalty to Morris Hospital."

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

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St. Paul School, Odell, will be participating in the Empower Illinois program again this year. This program offers donors a 75% tax credit on Illinois state taxes for every \$1 contributed. For example, if someone owed \$100 in taxes, they could donate \$100 to St. Paul School and only owe \$25 in taxes. This program helps participants keep their state tax dollars in the area.

All money contributed to St. Paul School is used toward scholarships to students. Last year, St. Paul School awarded over \$6,000 in scholarships. That amount likely could increase next year as enrollment continues to grow.

This year, as of February 1, John and Kathy Schreiber will donate \$1 for every \$1 donated

to St. Paul School through Empower Illinois, up to \$15,000. This program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on March 31, whichever comes first.

If anyone is considering donating to the Empower Illinois program to benefit St. Paul School, do so now so that the school may take advantage of this matching gift and help

more families.

Scholarship applications are now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Any family interested in attending St. Paul School next year is welcome to apply at the Empower Illinois website.

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“The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley” -- Robert Burns

The quote above might be applied to the fairy tale known as High Speed Rail that was sold to the nation by the Obama administration in 2009 for \$8-billion. Not every state wanted to partake, but Illinois took its share, added \$300-million of its own, and told us high speed trains would soon be whisking us from Dwight to Chicago or St. Louis in record times.

— In 2012, test runs between Dwight and Pontiac were made at 110 mph, but discontinued.

More speed increases, to 90 or 110 mph, were forecast yearly.

However, 79 mph remains the top speed, partly because the Federal Railroad Administration won’t allow higher speeds until a Positive Train Control system is installed to keep trains from running into each other.

The High Speed Rail concept was doomed from the start because of rail congestion at Chicago and at St. Louis, but proponents went along with the program in Illinois anyway. New track, new locomotives, new coaches (promised), new \$3.26-million train station in Dwight -- but no higher speeds.

And then came the pandemic, which almost halved the number of passengers using Amtrak in 2020

Lauryn Lewis Selected to Join NSLS at Lewis University

Lauryn Lewis, granddaughter of Norm and Judy Lewis of Dwight, has been selected to join Lewis University’s chapter of The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS).

Lewis is finishing her first year in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program – on the child and adolescent track, citing the want to be involved in a career that is bigger than herself and that creates positive change.

“I plan on creating a non-profit organization for adolescents that are aging out of the foster system,” she says. “My plan for this future organization is that it will help lower the statistics of adolescents aging out and becoming homeless.”

She also plans on opening her own private practice.

“Counselor self-care is extremely important in this field, so in my free time I enjoy spending time with my fur children, Grace and Letty. I also

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Come on, now.’

Rep. Adam Kinzinger cast a politically courageous vote - to impeach a president who refused to admit defeat in an election he lost, then encouraged a mob to violently invade the US Capitol to prevent the Congress from certifying the electoral vote count as required by the Constitution, rampaging in the halls of Congress, flying the battle flag of the Confederacy, seeking to hunt and kill the vice president and the speaker of the house, condemning themselves with their own words on live TV, saying the president sent them to stop the steal - Rep. Kinzinger considered that impeachable conduct and voted that way.

The real problem is that that was a politically courageous thing to do. No matter where you get your news, the only facts that everyone saw was footage of the live event from tons of sources. An angry crowd assembles near the White House ellipse, speakers promoting the Big Lie that the

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.

Kristy A. Masching  
Livingston County Clerk

SWGS Kindergarten Pre-Registration February 24

Pre-registration for South Wilmington Grade School’s kindergarten Class of 2021-2022 will take place Wednesday, February 24, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the school office.

No fees will be taken at this time.

Take in two proofs of residency and your child’s birth certificate. Your child will need to be five years of age by September 1, 2021.



COLTON ALEXANDER, a junior at Gardner-South Wilmington High School, received the Grundy Area Vocational Center (GAVC) Director Award for Automotive Technology for the month of January.

Clear the Walks

It was a beautiful, winter Sunday morning – just a dusting of snow and no wind. I felt I better get my walk around town in before the predicted snowstorm arrived in the next coming days.

As I was walking on the sidewalk just north of downtown, without warning, I was flat on my back, spread eagle, on the sidewalk which had not been cleaned of the snow and icy patch underneath. Luckily I was not hurt but decided to finish the rest of my walk in the street.

Over the years of walking in this community, I have been barked at, growled at, bitten and pounced on by dogs whose owners said they wouldn’t hurt a fly. But now do I also have to experience homeowners and renters who don’t feel it necessary to clear their walks of snow and ice to protect those who use them?

There is no law stating our sidewalks have to be cleared of snow and ice, but it would be nice.

Janet Maeder  
Dwight

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Boards of Education of Gardner Community Consolidated School District No. 72C, Braceville School District #73, and Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 are accepting sealed bids for Regular Student Transportation Services for the school years 2021-2024. Bid packages are available for pickup from the Gardner South Wilmington High School, 500 E. Main Street, Gardner, IL.

Sealed bids clearly labeled “SEALED BID FOR REGULAR EDUCATION STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES – DO NOT OPEN PRIOR TO BID DATE” are due on or before Wednesday, March 3, by 12:00 p.m. noon, at the address above. Questions about this bid package must be written and directed to Mr. Josh DeLong, Superintendent, Gardner South Wilmington High School District 73. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Gardner South Wilmington High School District 73 or via Zoom using the following log in credentials:

Join Zoom Meeting:  
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Meeting ID: 777 7938 0179  
Passcode: pG99JIS

The bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, at Gardner South Wilmington High School, 500 E. Main Street, Gardner, IL, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Braceville Elementary 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honors

**Fifth Grade:** Blake Brassard, Lacey Rodriguez.  
**Seventh Grade:** Kylee Lindner.

Second Honors

**Fifth Grade:** Samantha Runty, Steven Woodworth.  
**Sixth Grade:** Isabella Attaway, Alauna Farrey, Tyler Galass, Boose Haberkorn, Eythyn Rossi.  
**Seventh Grade:** Cheyann Wampler.

St. Paul School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Straight A’s

**Eighth Grade:** Lilly Duffy, Gianna Giacometti, Hannah Miller, Hayden Miller, Emerson Peters.  
**Sixth Grade:** Luke Josefik.

High Honors

**Eighth Grade:** Holden Miller.  
**Sixth Grade:** Joe Duffy.  
**Fifth Grade:** Grace Tjelle.

Honor Roll

**Sixth Grade:** Hunter Paulsen.

Valentines for Seniors Card Drive Underway

State Senator Jason Barickman is hosting a Valentines for Seniors Card Drive through February 10, and is formally inviting you to participate.

Seniors are incredibly important to the community and Barickman needs your help by writing cards to those living in assisted living and long-term care facilities in the 53rd Senate District. The hope is to bring joy to communities’ seniors this Valentines Day.

Drop off or mail your cards to Barickman’s office

and they will deliver those cards to seniors.

Drop off or mail cards to: **Senator Jason Barickman’s Office**, 3004 G.E. Road, Suite 1B, Bloomington, IL 61704.

If delivering cards in-person, place them in the marked mailbox located inside the Bloomington office. Remember to maintain social distancing and wear a mask when entering the office.

For questions, contact: **Silas Scott at 309-661-2788 or silas@jasonbarickman.org.**

Free Developmental Screenings Available

Free developmental screenings for children from newborn to three years are available at OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, Pontiac. A screening takes approximately one hour and includes speech, gross and fine motor development, problem solving, and interpersonal/social skills.

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OBITUARIES

Michael P. Burke

Michael P. Burke, age 73, of Pontiac passed away Monday, January 18, 2021 at Wesley Place in Chicago.

Born November 24, 1947 in Pontiac, Illinois, Michael was a son of John R. and Mary Helen (Bradley) Burke.



He was raised in Pontiac, graduated from Pontiac Township High School with the Class of 1965, and attended Loop College in Chicago. He went on to graduate from Bloomington School of Practical Nursing in 1971, and worked as a ward nurse for the Department of Corrections before entering mortuary college.

Mike graduated from Wosham College of Mortuary Science in 1979 and began his apprenticeship with Clancy Funeral Home in Kankakee, before having the opportunity to return home to Pontiac. He gained employment with the Raleigh J. Harris Funeral Home of Pontiac in 1980, and in 1981 Mike moved to Cullom, where he began establishing his legacy of service for the following 26 years. Mike funeral-directed for the Raleigh J. Harris Funeral Home until 1992, and co-owned Martin-Burke Funeral Homes from 1992 until 2007.

During this timeframe he also took the position of Livingston County Deputy Coroner in 1988, which later led to being named Livingston County Coroner on November 12, 1991. This was a public position Mike took with great honor, and remained humbled by the job he did, the people he served, and the families and friends he made.

Mike was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac, the Knights of Columbus Council #854 in Pontiac, the B.P.O. Elks Pontiac Lodge #1019, and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #745 in Bloomington. He was the United Way co-chair in 2004 and enjoyed giving history programs on Livingston County, utilizing his collection of postcards.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law,

Joanna and Steven Fief of Clarksville, Tennessee; two grandchildren: Nora Catherine Fief and Gabriel James Fief; one sister, Kathleen Burke, and one brother, Dr. James B. Burke, both of Chicago; one sister-in-law, Laurie Burke of Iowa; and nieces and nephews: Megan A. (Matt) Bowman of Minnesota; and Kyle P. Burke, Mary Kate Burke, and Liam J. Burke, all of Pontiac; two great-nieces and one great-nephew; as well as cousins and countless friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, John R. Burke (1999) and Mary Helen Burke (2018); and one brother, John Kevin Burke (2011).

A private family Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Adam Cesarek in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac.

Inurnment followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, where Mike was laid to rest in the Burke family lot.

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To honor Mike's wishes, the family looks forward to welcoming everyone to a Celebration of Life in Pontiac as soon as it is safe for all of us to gather.

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Please, no flowers. Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Mike's memory to the Clark Hose Company of the Pontiac Fire Department; to St. Mary's Grade School Building Fund; or to Wesley Place - Chicago Methodist Senior Services.

An online guestbook, as well as the recording of the Mass of Christian Burial, honorary procession and committal services are available by logging on to Mike's Memorial Page at: [www.Reeves-Baskerville.com/obituary/Michael-Burke](http://www.Reeves-Baskerville.com/obituary/Michael-Burke)

Cremation service and memorial arrangements were made under the direction and care of Matthew R. Baskerville and Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Homes. (815-634-2125)

Norma E. Siedentop

Norma E. Siedentop peacefully passed away Saturday, January 30, 2021 at her son's home in Ransom, Illinois, surrounded by her family.



Norma Elaine Hinkelman was born August 3, 1927 to Alvin and Violet (Walling) Hinkelman in Streator, IL.

Visitation was held at the United Methodist Church of Dwight Tuesday, February 2, 2021 from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

Services were held at 11 a.m., also at the church, with Pastor Mary Arnold officiating.

Burial followed the services at Oaklawn Cemetery in Dwight, IL.

She married Henry F. Siedentop Jr. on March 7, 1948 in Ransom, IL. He preceded her in death in August of 2016 after 68 loving years of marriage.

Norma attended a one-room schoolhouse in Ransom and graduated from Dwight High School in 1945, where she met Henry. Once married, Norma and Henry resided in Blackstone, IL for their entire marriage where they enjoyed life on the family farm.

After graduating High School, she worked at Streator National Bank, where she developed many lifelong friendships. Later, she was a longtime familiar face at Clapp's Supermarket for many years. Norma was also an active member of the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Norma was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister, as well as a loyal friend to many. She was a supporter of all of her grandchildren's interests and rarely missed a sporting event, concert, or livestock show.

She was experienced in the kitchen and her home was always filled with smells of delicious food and sweet treats.

She had a gift for pie making and was known to share her baked goods with the ones she loved. Her pies were often the first items chosen at any gathering or function.

She enjoyed her bowling league for many years. On Saturday nights, you could often find Norma and Henry square dancing or playing cards with friends. Henry and Norma were very well traveled and made it to nearly all 50 states over the course of their marriage. They enjoyed trips to Branson in their retirement. In recent years, one of her favorite ways to spend time was playing with her many great-grandkids.

She is survived by two sons: Larry (Sheri) Siedentop of Placentia, CA and Jim (Pam) Siedentop of Ransom. Also surviving are grandchildren: Kate (Jordan) Amberston of Glen Allen, VA; Nick (Stephen Gent) Siedentop of Durham, NC; Kevin (Kelly) Siedentop of Charleston, SC; David (Cassie) Siedentop of Gardner; Rachel (Frank) Erschen of Pontiac; great-grandchildren: twins, Will and Sophia Amberston; Henry Siedentop; twins, Abi and Gwen Siedentop; Jonah Erschen; and Kolin Siedentop; and several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband Henry in 2016. She is also preceded in death by her parents; her in-laws, Henry Sr. and Jane Siedentop; as well as her sister and brother-in-law, Roma and Jack Held.

Norma will be buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Memorials in honor of Norma can be made in the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be made at [Hagermemorial.com](http://Hagermemorial.com)

Margaret M. Richie

Margaret M. "Peggy" Richie. 85. died Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Morris Hospital.



Cremation rites were accorded. Hager Memorial 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

great-grandchildren: 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; one son, Daryl Harlon Rafferty; 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, gardening, fishing, and puzzles.

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

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

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

Dr. Richard M. Neu, D.D.S.

Dr. Richard M. Neu, D.D.S. passed away unexpectedly Monday, January 25, 2021.

Born April 18, 1955 in Streator, he attended Kinsman Grade School and MVK High School. He was the son of the late Eugene and Beverly (McCambridge) Neu.

Dr. Richard had been a dentist practitioner in Gardner since 1981 until his retirement.

Dr. Richard is survived by his longterm partner, Judy Conley; his brother, Gary Neu; and his sister, Nancy McCambridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Beverly.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

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

Joshua M. Newell

Joshua M. Newell, 28, of Dwight, IL passed away Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11:56 a.m. at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur, Illinois.



Joshua was born October 1, 1992, the son of Albert and Kathy (Hill) Newell.

Survivors include: his mother; sister, Amanda Hill of Dwight, IL; children: Autumn and Benjamin Newell of Dwight, IL; and his best friend, Corey Watson; and a special buddy, Robin.

He was preceded in death by his father; grandparents, Dale and Phyllis Hill of Essex; and his Aunt Sherry Teague.

Joshua was educated at Dwight High School. He enjoyed going to Chicago Bulls

games, going to Wrigley Field to see the Cubs, attending concerts, and was a big fan of the LA Rams.

He had a heart of gold and would help anyone. He loved talking to his son, Ben, about PlayStation games and superheroes, and talking to his daughter, Autumn, about Roblox. He very much loved his children. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and his dog, Riley.

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

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at [www.hagermemorial.com](http://www.hagermemorial.com)

Lonnie Andersen

DWIGHT – Lonnie Andersen, 71, of Campus, IL passed away Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 1:55 a.m. at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee, IL.



A Funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Campus on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. with Father Chris Haake officiating. A Catholic Burial will follow the service at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Campus.

A visitation will be held prior to the service at the church from 10-11 a.m.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of the arrangements.

Lonnie was born April 3, 1949, in Streator, Illinois, the son of Bill and Evelyn (Eich) Andersen.

He is survived by his sisters: Judy (Bud) Bressner of Chenoa and Shari (Jerry) Fritz of Bourbonnais; nieces and nephews: Jeff (Jill) Bressner, Julie (Rick) Bressner, Jamie (Eric) Bird,

Kyle (Allie) Fritz, and Rachel (Austin) Denault; nine great-nieces and nephews; and several aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bill Andersen; step-father, Carl Hanlin; mother, Evelyn Andersen Hanlin; and grandparents: Roy and Viola Eich, and Axel and Dora Andersen.

Lonnie served in the United States Army. He worked at the Hines VA Hospital in Chicago. He was a lifelong member of the South Wilmington Fireman's Club. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Campus.

Lonnie enjoyed fishing and golfing, but what he enjoyed the most was spending time with his family.

Memorials can be made in Lonnie's name to Sacred Heart Church in Campus.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

More Obituaries appear on pages 4 and 10 in The Paper today.



# 5 Minutes with Boma



## Groundhog Day

I'm a big fan of making predictions (usually wrong) but a big fan of making them nonetheless. Given how print media works, when I type or think things, by the time they are read time has usually passed, and oftentimes the thing I am making a prediction about will pass as well.

Having said all that, it's time for another one! This time it's for our little rodent buddy out east, Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog. What a guy, well, this past Tuesday from when you're reading it, Mr. Phil will have climbed out of his little hole setup he has and take a look around himself and see if he sees his shadow.

Naturally I have reviewed the weather for Tuesday, February 2nd in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and for the day of February 2nd, there is set to be online one hour of the entire day that shows sunlight, the rest of it is clouds clouds clouds, meaning, the groundhog will likely not see his shadow, and spring will be here ASAP.

The best part about this prediction is that if I'm wrong, I can basically blame accuweather, so I can't lose, I want 100% of the credit if I'm correct, and none of the blame if I'm wrong.

This is also vitally important for us in Illinois because we recently have witnessed a snopacalypse, snowmagedden, whatever end of the world word you want to use with snow in front of it, we just had it.

From all of us in Illinois, and basically anywhere north of about Kentucky or so, please Mr. Phil, please please, don't see your shadow on Tuesday, I beg of you.

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# Grace Meadows to Attend William Jewell College



Grace Meadows – standout senior volleyball player at York High School in Elmhurst – has chosen NCAA Division II William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri as her next destination for continuing her career in sports and education.

After reaching out to a plethora of potential schools, Meadows was drawn in by William Jewell’s location – the Midwest.

As part of the Great Lakes Valley Conference, William Jewell takes on local schools, such as Lewis University in Romeoville, making it easier for her parents to witness her compete live.

While volleyball is still a major focal point for Meadows, she also has her eyes set on becoming a veterinarian, while pursuing a biology major – citing her aunt, a veterinarian, as an in-

spiration.

On the volleyball side, Grace says she really likes the William Jewell volleyball coaching staff, and looks forward to the challenge of playing at the next level.

With all of the changes and adjustments needing to be made in the past year, amidst a global pandemic, Meadows is eager to be back on the court for her final season at York this spring. However, she has been staying active as a member of the 1st Alliance volleyball club – which has kept her busy as York awaits the go-ahead to begin play.

The club has given players the option to take a break to re-join their high school team when able or remain on the club team.

Grace is the daughter of Sandy Harris and granddaughter of Diane Harris. Steve and Cindy Harris are her uncle and aunt.

# IHSA Board Announces Sports Schedule for Remainder of 2020-2021

The IHSA Board of Directors met for a special board meeting January 27, where the Board provided an updated sports schedule and other guidance for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

“We understand the high level of anticipation surrounding [today’s] announcement, along with the scrutiny that will accompany it,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “Ultimately, the Board adhered to its stated goals throughout the pandemic: providing an opportunity for every IHSA student-athlete to compete safely this year and maximizing opportunities for traditional IHSA spring sports after they lost their entire season a year ago. I recognize that many schools and coaches could likely offer a tweak here or there that would have, in their opinion, made it ‘better’ for their school or sport. Our Board faced an impossible task with a litany of factors. They were conscientious in considering every possibility and I believe their decisions [today] are a positive step for the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of our students. We are excited to channel our energy into creating as many positive experiences for Illinois high school students as we can between now and the end of this extraordinary school year.”

The Board is considering State Series competition for traditional IHSA spring sports only. Dance and cheerleading will be allowed to conduct virtual Sectional and State Final meets, as they will record their performances and submit them to be judged.

“The Board wants to do everything in their power to prevent spring sports from going two consecutive years with no postseason IHSA play,” said Anderson. “There are obviously no guarantees, as risk levels by sport and local region mitigation statuses will factor significantly. Postseason could mean being limited to a Regional or Sectional level of competition, but we have not ruled out the idea of playing a full state tournament in these traditional spring sports if possible. The overwhelming feedback we have heard from athletic directors and coaches was that returning to play in all sports should be the main goal.”

With the exception of football, which requires individuals to participate in practice on 12 different days, all sports will be required to hold practice on seven different days prior to holding a contest. Holding multiple practices on a date does not impact that timeline. If student-athletes transition from basketball or boys swimming and diving into football, they will need to participate in practice on

ten different days prior to their first contest. Winter sport contests could begin as early as today, dependent on when a school’s Region reached the appropriate mitigation status and when they began practices.

The IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) issued a statement reminding all student-athletes, coaches, and schools on the importance of acclimatization:

“The IHSA SMAC reminds member schools that student-athletes may need additional conditioning in order to participate in a full schedule this season. In addition to season/practice requirements, care needs to be given to each student’s individual acclimation as they return to play. When building schedules, attention needs to be given to academic pressure, changes from in-person to remote learning, changes between tiers of mitigation, time spent traveling to events, appropriate time to practice/learn the sport between games, etc. to ensure the student experience truly enhances the academic day.”

IHSA guidelines require all student-athletes to participate in masks (with the exception of swimming and diving, gymnasts on an apparatus and outdoor events where social distancing can occur) and for all game personnel not participating in the contest to also wear masks and adhere to social distancing.

“We still have regions of the state that need to make strides in order to be able to play basketball this winter,” said Anderson. “That underscores the importance of our schools following

all the mitigations and precautions. We need to maintain a positive trajectory not only to get winter sports going, but to make sure we do not have any regions regress before spring and summer sports have their opportunity. We can all do our part by wearing a mask and socially distancing.”

The Board also agreed to consider other participation opportunities for a given sport, like basketball, if the sport is unable to be played in a specific region.

“We have said from day one that if and when we were allowed to play again this year, the situation would be fluid,” said Anderson. “We don’t feel great about the notion of some schools falling behind based on their Region’s status, but also recognize that we are running out of time and can’t afford to hold back the Regions that can play.”

In October, the Board ruled that students who play sports (football, boys soccer, girls volleyball) that were displaced from their traditional season could participate on high school and non-school teams simultaneously. The Board affirmed this position in the Jan. 27 meeting with additional sports moving out of their traditional seasons, and also ruled that girls and boys basketball players will need to cease non-school team participation within seven days of their first high school game.

All sports that are out-of-season can conduct contact days through June 4. Contact days are limited to three days per week per sport with a maximum of six hours of contact per week with

no interscholastic competition.

The IHSA Board of Directors issued the following statement on the day’s events:

“Unprecedented circumstances create extraordinary decisions. The IHSA Board of Directors faced one of the most difficult decisions in the Association’s 100-plus year history today. Please know that we did so with great diligence, empathy, and understanding. There were an immense number of factors that went into today’s decisions. We knew there would be obstacles no matter what we decided. Whether those hurdles included overlapping seasons for multi-sport athletes, equity between sports, preseason acclimatization guidelines, the prioritization of spring sports, facility conflicts for schools, officiating, and that is just naming a few. Please know that each potential roadblock was recognized and given consideration. The IHSA membership, like our state, is incredibly large and diverse. Each Board member brought different concerns to the table that impacted their own school or region differently. There was never going to be a one-size fits all solution to playing 25 sports seasons in a little over four months. What did occur was collaboration and camaraderie. Each Board member may not have been able to have all of their specific concerns addressed, but we worked together to produce a schedule and plan that we believe will work for our student-athletes.”

**The Board approved the following schedule for the remainder of the school year:**

Sport	IDPH Risk	Practices Start	Practice Dates Before Games	State Series	End Date
Boys/Girls Basketball	Higher	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Boys Swimming & Diving	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Dance	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	Virtual (2/27 & 3/6)	March 13
Cheerleading	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	Virtual (3/6 & 3/12)	March 13
Boys/Girls Bowling	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Girls Gymnastics	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Badminton	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	TBD	April 3
Boys Soccer	Moderate	March 1	7 dates	No State Series	April 17
Football	Higher	March 3	1st Game March 19	No State Series	April 24
Girls Volleyball	Moderate	March 8	7 dates	No State Series	April 24
Boys Gymnastics	Lower	March 15	7 dates	TBD	May 22
Boys/Girls Water Polo	Moderate	March 15	7 dates	TBD	May 29
Baseball	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys/Girls Lacrosse	Higher	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Girls Soccer	Moderate	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Softball	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys Tennis	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys/Girls Track & Field	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys Volleyball	Moderate	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Wrestling	Higher	April 19	7 dates	No State Series	June 12

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City/Village	February 1	January 25
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Streator	\$2.46	\$2.45
Pontiac	\$2.35	\$2.34
Gardner	\$2.59	\$2.42
Braceville	\$2.49	\$2.49
Morris	\$2.58	\$2.47
Herschler	\$2.49	\$2.49
Chicago	\$2.65	\$2.62
Illinois	\$2.59	\$2.54
U.S.	\$2.42	\$2.40

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

Defendants.  
No. 20-CH-43

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Pontiac, Illinois



## DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

**Saturday, January 30  
Dwight vs. Ridgeview  
Varsity -**

In what head coach Jeremy Connor has dubbed “The Pandemic Tour”, the Dwight Trojans held off a pesky Ridgeview team to come away from Colfax a 56-52 winner on January 30.

Dwight held a slight advantage heading into the second half, and continued to increase the lead before entering the final frame.

In the fourth quarter, the Mustangs outscored the Trojans 11-7 – but it was not enough, as Dwight was able to

secure the victory.

Brandon Ceylor was high scorer for the Trojans with 23 points to go with seven rebounds. Wyatt Thompson added 11 points, 12 boards, with Trent Tilley providing nine points and six rebounds. Isaac Telford put up eight points, while Landon Brown scored five.

Brown was named the “D Chain” defensive player of the game, battling in the post – despite being undersized – and supplying his squad with some huge rebounds and a few key steals and assists.

## Victory Lanes Bowling, Dwight League Results

### Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Austin Tripam, 278; Chris Cook, 268; Todd Butcher, 247; Lane Galloway, 245; Kent Jensen, 244. HSS: Todd Butcher, 688; Josh Gerentz, 678; Chris Cook, 666; Doug Gassman, 655; Brandon Petry, 647. HHG: Austin Tripam, 305. HHS: Todd Butcher, 727. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1102. HSS: Victory Lanes, 2922. HHS: Star Truck-

ing, 2953.

League Standings	W	L
Rockey’s Pub	16	4
Star Trucking	15	5
Willy’s Pub	15	5
Victory Lanes	13	7
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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**  
Cabery United Methodist Church

Ames & Chester  
815-949-1681  
Pastor John Lyons  
815-257-5751 cell

**CHATSWORTH**  
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
406 N. 7th St.  
815.635.3127  
Father David Sabel

**CULLOM**  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
NALC  
511 W. Jackson  
815.689.2120  
[st.johns@frontiernet.net](mailto:st.johns@frontiernet.net)  
Pastor: Gabriel Baumgardner  
FEB. 4: Text Study  
Livestream on FB, 10 a.m.  
FEB. 7: Worship, 10 a.m.  
FEB. 8: Friendship Day, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Cullom United Methodist Church  
103 E. Van Alstyne St.  
815-689-2484  
Pastor John Lyons  
815-257-5751 cell

**EMINGTON**  
Emington Congregational United Church of Christ  
103 Division Street  
Rev. Grant Speece

**ESSEX**  
Essex United Methodist Church  
114 Waverly St.

**GARDNER**  
Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (USA)  
202 N. Monroe  
P.O. Box 248  
Janet Chandler, Pastor  
Office hours:  
T-W, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
815-237-8312  
[ChurchofHope@sbcglo.net](mailto:ChurchofHope@sbcglo.net)

United Lutheran Church ELCA  
309 E. Jefferson St.  
815-237-2227  
[pastorrule@att.net](mailto:pastorrule@att.net)  
Pastor Greg Olson

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

Herscher United Methodist Church  
274 N. Elm Street  
Phone: 815-426-6169  
Pastor Kevin Boesen

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
Main Street  
Fr. Ron Neitzke  
815-426-2153

Herscher Christian Church  
30 Tobey Drive  
Pastor Sam Stow  
Office Hours: Tue.-Fri, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
815-426-2908  
Staff e-mail: [office@herschercatholic.com](mailto:office@herschercatholic.com)  
[herschercatholic.com](http://herschercatholic.com)  
On Facebook: Herscher Christian Church

**KEMPTON**  
Kempton United Methodist Church  
305 Main Street  
815-253-6373  
Pastor John Lyons  
815-257-5751 cell

Kempton Church of the Nazarene  
105 E. Main St.  
815-253-6250  
Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor

**KINSMAN**  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
219 W. Emmett Street  
Rev. Stanley Drenniak,  
[swkrcatholic.org](http://swkrcatholic.org)

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

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

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

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
216 E. Lincoln Street  
Rev. Stanley Drenniak  
815-237-2230  
[swkrcatholic.org](http://swkrcatholic.org)

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

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

**RANSOM**  
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110 Wallace Street  
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Parish Office: 815-795-2240 (Marseilles)  
Email: [parishgroup3@gmail.com](mailto:parishgroup3@gmail.com)  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m.

Ransom United Methodist Church  
Worship Service Sunday 10 a.m. and live on Facebook  
102 E. Plumb St.  
Phone: 815-587-0488  
email: [RansomUMC@gmail.com](mailto:RansomUMC@gmail.com)  
Pastor Andrew King  
Pastor cell: 815-257-4657

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

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

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
135 Rice Street  
Rev. Stanley Drenniak  
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OBITUARY

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Lee H. Golding

Lee H. Golding, 74, Crescent City, IL, originally of Reddick and formerly of Ocala, Florida, passed away Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at Riverside Hospital in Kankakee, IL.



Lee was the son of Jack and Ardes (Keeney) Golding, born December 1, 1946.

He married Mary Lou (Warhol) October 25, 1986, who preceded him in death on October 19, 2015.

Lee, a proud United States Veteran, served his country with the U.S. Army. After service, Lee began a career in local truck driving alongside his father, and eventually transitioned to a cross-country driver, sharing the miles and countryside with Mary Lou and their pup, Maggie. Whenever the haul would take them, Lee would make a friend. Lee knew no strangers. Instead, Lee had a story to share with everyone. Lee was also a Harley Davidson enthusiast, enjoyed NASCAR, and loved a good western.

Lee will be lovingly remembered by his two daughters: Mandi (Kedra) Golding of Mesa, AZ; and Meagan (Jason) Golding Richardson; along with grandchildren: Scottlyn, Meadow and Jake Richardson of Cassville, MO.

He will also be lovingly remembered by his daughter and son through marriage: Joni Timm of Crescent City, IL and Tomi (Jarvis) Kuczynski of Oakland Park, FL; three grandchildren: Brandy (Derek) Buchmeier, Manteno, IL; Tori (Corey) Legan, Cissna Park, IL; and Erikka Conroy, also of Crescent City; and five great-grandchildren: Makayla and Adeline Buchmeier and Bennett, Rowan and Oliver Legan.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Judith Rickenberg; and brother-in-law, Ralph Rickenberg.

Memorials may be made to Iroquois County Hospice or your favorite veterans charity in his name.

Prairie Creek Library  
Inviting Grade School Students  
to ‘Plow into a Good Book’

Throughout the month of February, children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in the “Plow into a Good Book” contest at Prairie Creek Library, 501 Carriage House Lane, Dwight.

Throughout the month, children will receive drawing slips for completing various tasks. The drawing slips will be entered into a raffle for a winter fun prize basket.

Children will receive one drawing slip for each of the following activities: checking out a book (one per day), picking

up a take it and make it craft bag, commenting on a photo of their finished craft on Facebook (or e-mailing a photo to 4pclibrary@gmail.com), or completing challenges posted on Facebook. Challenges will include a Lego build and a video penguin hunt. Check the library’s Facebook page for challenges.

Children may try to collect as many slips as they can to be entered into the drawing through February 28. All slips must be earned and turned in by 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 1.

Livingston County COVID-19 Vaccination Update

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) continues to make progress administering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to those eligible Livingston County residents. As of January 27, the LCHD has received 2,100 doses of the Moderna vaccine and have administered 1,570 doses to those that qualify, with the remaining doses already scheduled for administration. The LCHD has chosen to prioritize residents age 65 and older, as well as school personnel working in Livingston County schools, within Phase 1B in order to ensure efficient and equitable distribution of the vaccine.

Mass vaccination clinics for Livingston residents age 65 and

older will continue to be held throughout the county in the weeks and months ahead.

As Livingston County continues to work through Phase 1B (Age 65+ and Essential Workers), those residents age 65 and older will receive first priority in vaccination distribution. A questionnaire is available on the LCHD website (<https://lchd.us/site/covid-19-vaccination/>) for those age 65 and older to sign up for updates regarding clinic times/dates and appointment availability. **Only those Livingston County residents age 65+ may register at this time.**

The LCHD recommends reaching out to friends or loved ones age 65 and older in Livingston County

with limited technology or internet access and assisting them in signing up for alerts. If an individual does not have an e-mail address, it is recommended that the person helping him/her sign up enters their own e-mail address to monitor for alerts for their friend or loved one.

Within Phase 1B, the LCHD has also prioritized school personnel working in Livingston County schools. COVID vaccination clinics have been established for all county schools.

The COVID vaccine is not yet available to essential workers in Livingston County as the LCHD is currently focused on vaccinating residents age 65 and older as well as Livingston school personnel. Essential workers eligible within Phase 1B are asked to check the LCHD website regularly for up-to-

date information, as well as *The Paper*, local media and Facebook (@LivCoHealthIL), as Livingston County progresses through Phase 1B.

The COVID vaccine will be administered in Livingston County in accordance with the phases as recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Availability and timing of vaccine administration in Livingston County will depend on vaccine delivery from the State of Illinois, as well as uptake of the vaccine by those individuals who are eligible. **It is requested that the public refrain from contacting the LCHD with questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.** If you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, contact your healthcare provider.

Area COVID-19 Stats  
as of February 1

Town	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Dwight	8,160	475	181
Herscher	2,072	196	202
Gardner	1,533	167	53
Odell	1,630	144	64
Mazon	1,171	134	57
Braceville	1,188	114	43
Essex	828	111	
S. Wilmington	626	83	
Cullom	779	61	
Reddick	658	59	
Buckingham	551	53	
Verona	438	40	
Saunemin	828	40	
Ransom	528	36	
Emington	297	31	
Blackstone	202	29	
Cabery	409	29	
Kempton	328	23	
Campus	270	15	
Union Hill	85	12	
Kinsman	149	9	

County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	165,018	11,878	181
LaSalle	120,932	10,088	202
Grundy	39,146	4,673	53
Livingston	64,273	3,932	64
Iroquois	36,108	2,672	57
Ford	21,593	1,436	43

**Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,126,301; Deaths: 19,243; Probable Deaths: 2,010; Total Tests Performed: 16,039,292; 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.*

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