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St. Patrick Church, Dwight, St. Paul Church, Odell, Sacred Heart Church, Campus • Holy Thursday Service - St. Paul, Odell, 6:00 p.m. on April

• Good Friday - Passion Service - St. Paul, Odell, 3:00 p.m.; Tenebrae – St. Patrick, Dwight, 7:30 p.m. on April 2.

• Saturday – Easter Vigil – St. Patrick, Dwight, 8:00 p.m. on Facebook page).

• Sunday – Easter Masses – St. Paul, Odell, 8:00 a.m.; Sacred Heart, Campus, 9:30 a.m.; on April 4.

Holy Week, Easter Services at Zoar Community Church

Pastor Andrea Boggs and Zoar Community Church, 18172 W. Route 17, PO Box 87, Reddick, IL 60961, are hosting the following Holy Week and Easter services:

Holy Thursday Service - April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sonrise Service - April 4, 7:00 a.m.

- Followed by breakfast and the Crosswalk.

Easter Egg Hunt.

Visit zoarcommunitychurch. com for more information.

New Life Church **Easter Weekend Worship Experiences**

Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae "Service Of Shadows" (In-person and Livestream / Victor Randle

• Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service (Livestream only / Victor Randle Facebook page); 10:00 St. Patrick, Dwight, 10:30 a.m. a.m. – Easter Worship Experience (In-person Livestream / Victor Randle Facebook page and New Life Church Facebook page).

Crosswalk at Braceville **United Methodist Church**

Braceville United Methodist Church, 106 West Goold Street, will host Crosswalk on Good Friday, April 2, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a worship service at the church following



ENLISTED DTHS SENIORS represented their branch of service before the DTHS Football game Friday night at home. Pictured, left to right: Jarrett Jancek - United States Air Force; and Hudson Beier, Camden Beier and Isaac Telford - United States Marine Corp.

Dwight Village Board Adopts Annual Budget Cory Scoles Named Public Works Director

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

An Ordinance adopting wight's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget was approved by the Dwight Village Board of Trustees on March 22. During a Public Hearing prior to the meeting, Village Administrator Kevin McNamara highlighted various aspects of the proposed balanced budget in a statement to the board.

"This \$9.678 million-dollar balanced Village budget, \$3.598 million of which is for the General Fund, is the revenue and expense plan providing for the day-to day operations of Village government. It provides the Village's Departments, Public Works, Police, Emergency Services and Administration with guidelines for expenses throughout the year," stated McNamara.

"The past fiscal year has experienced stagnant revenue due mainly to COVID-19 and General Fund Revenue remains flat, which this budget reflects. 2020 wasn't as dire revenuewise as initially anticipated at the onset of the pandemic, but our struggles continue in this fiscal year with the ongoing pandemic and the unfortunate closure of LSC Communications, a 50+ year fixture in Dwight which transformed this community and the entire region when RR Donnelley settled in Dwight in 1969."

"As always, we keep a vigilant eye on mandates, usually

unfunded, from the upcoming the upcoming
State budget as
it relates to revit relates to revenue including this year the Governor's proposal keep 10% of the Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF)."

important economic development tool and you need to be applauded for creating a second Dwight TIF District. Also, as you are aware, the rainy-day fund has shown significant improvement over the past two

"The implementation of this budget will result in continued delivery of current services to our residents that they have come to expect," said McNamara.

Village Finance Director. Austin Haacke, highlighted several budget items and noted budget does not reflect a sewer water rate increase, but reflect does the annual four percent garbage rate

increase

per

contract raising the rate to \$20.20 per month for residents. The budget reflects \$1 million in the water fund for the installation of smart meters and replacing aging sewer lines. Also, included in the budget is a two percent pay increase for all village employees with the addition of the employee's birthday being a paid holiday. Other budgeted items include the reopening of Stevenson Pool; a new police squad; computer upgrades; purchase of a Public Works lawn mower; the replacement of two fire hydrants; reroofing of the Texaco Station and billboard repairs (storm damage). The budget also includes a \$60,000 grant for addressing dilapidated houses and a \$250,000 grant for Brewster Run improvements.

During the Public hearing, a letter from resident Tom Tock pointed out that East and West Main Street projects still need to be completed including street lighting and landscaping.

State Tock also called attention to funds are con- needed Pine Cone Path sidesistent with walk and bench repairs. Chrisexpectations. tian Kobel inquired about The approved pending St Louis Street repairs. McNamara Administrator noted that MFT funds are being used for the project and is budgeted from Rt 17 to Chippewa Street with a fall 2021 time-

> In reports to the board, Village Clerk Jill Haacke reminded residents to get out and vote during the April 6 Consolidated Election. Among the election races will be mayoral candidates Jerry Curtis and Paul Johnson vying for the position of Dwight Village Presi-

> During Public Forum, a question was raised with regard to the summer season and Dwight's community swimming pool. McNamara responded that the pool was painted last year and the current plan is to open the pool this

> In other business, a second public hearing with regard to Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois and plans to issue a Taxable General Obligation Bond (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source) not to exceed \$2,300,000; Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) not to exceed \$600,000; and to issue Taxable General Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in the

Gardner Village Board Hears Knights of the Innocent MC, **Discusses Solar Ordinance**

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session March 22. Dan, aka Slick, and members of the Knights of the Innocent MC (Motorcycle Club) spoke during public comment to introduce themselves to the village.

The Knights sponsor events to support bullied and abused children, senior citizens, and veterans. The Knights have rented 106 Depot Street for their clubhouse and for use of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to support children and parents' visitation rights.

The group changed out the American flag at the Gazebo with a new flag March 21. All members of the group are federally background checked for working with children and have over 6,000 hours of training completed.

The board discussed the amendment to the Solar Ordinance regarding solar panels in residential areas. The board considered issues related to energy disconnect during a fire, contact with the electrical inspector, and maintaining compliance with current codes

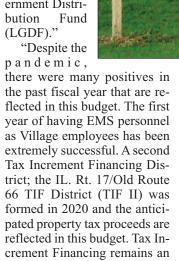
versus a specific year.

Commissioner Rob Wolf raised several questions. Village Engineer Casey McCollom suggested referencing the prevailing code, such as the NEC, rather than rewriting the language of the existing codes. The ordinance was tabled for further review.

The board discussed and approved a bid for the rock filter restoration at the sewer treatment plant. Village Engineer McCollom reported the EPA is in agreement with the village's actions. The repairs have gone out for bid with five responses and a low bid of just over \$26,300 by Connelly Excavating of Morris. McCollom recommended the village accept the bid and Connelly will begin

the work as the weather allows. The board discussed and approved a resolution for the maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code. The resolution is to allow road salt to be purchased using motor fuel tax. McCollom reminded the board they do not need to spend the full amount but they cannot spend more than is allocated in the resolution. The resolution was approved unanimously.

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years."



It's History...

FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

March 18: Fantaja L. Isom, 22, Pembroke Twp., driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

March 21: Daniel E. Edwards, 45, Dwight, driving under influence of alcohol; Dekota R. Fellers, Pontiac, driving under influence of alcohol.

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

> 1 Written Warning Registration light out -1.

Dwight Police Blotter

March 17: 3:39 a.m., Arrested for DUI and no valid Driver's License was Jamie Reed, 38, of Waverly. She was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail and her vehicle was towed from the scene.

March 18: Two reports were generated for ID Fraud.

March 20: 11:24 p.m., Arrested for DUI was Daniel Edwards, 45, of Dwight. Edwards was transported to Dwight PD for paperwork processing. Edwards was given a court date, posted bond, and was released. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

March 21: 1:20 a.m., Arrested for DUI and traffic accident on Rt. 47 and McNamara was Dekota Fellers, 26, of Pontiac. Fellers was transported to Dwight PD for paperwork processing and a crash report. Fellers was given a court date, posted bond, and was released.; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of W. South for a domestic issue.

March 22: A report was generated for ID Fraud; 5:59 p.m, Police were dispatched to W. Main for a Criminal Damage to Property report.

March 25: A report of ID Fraud was generated.

Accident Report

Friday, March 19, 3:49 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2021 Freightliner, driven by Koffi Kamasa, Las Vegas, NV, which struck a 2021 Kenworth, driven by Sean Ward, Bena, MS, after turning too sharply.

Tuesday, March 23, 2:45 p.m., an accident was reported at Rt. 17 and Clinton involving a 2007 Volkswagen Jetta, driven by Jacob Watchinski, Dwight, which sideswiped a parked and unattended 2016 Chevrolet Silverado, owned by Dean Christensen.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

March 18: E. 3300 N. Rd., medical, refusal; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; Bannon St., medical, Riverside; John St., medical, refusal.

March 19: Taylor St., medical, refusal; Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside.

March 20: 28th Rd., medical, refusal, mutual aid to Allen Twp.

March 21: Rt. 47/McNamara, accident, no transport; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; Franklin St., medical, Morris.

March 22: Franklin, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Riverside; Bannon, medical, Morris; Watters, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

March 23: Eisenhower, medical, Morris; Chicago, medical, Riverside; John St., fire, no pt.

March 24: Prairie, medical,

March 25: Odell Rd./Rt. 66,

Temps - 2021

Mar. 18 – high 43°, low 31° .18" precip.

Mar. 19 - high 50°, low 24° Mar. 20 – high 57°, low 24° Mar. 21 – high 64°, low 28°

Mar. 22 – high 68°, low 35° Mar. 23 – high 65°, low 45° .37" precip.

Mar. 24 – high 58°, low 41° One Year Ago-Mar. 31, 2020 high 52°, low 38° .02" precip.



Dwight Fire Incidents 3/18 - 3/25

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

March 19: Mutual Aid to Braidwood - structure fire. March 21: Motor Vehicle Accident.

March 22: Mutual Aid to Mazon – canceled. March 23: Vehicle Fire.

Dwight FPD also responded to 14 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Gardner Man **Loses Life** in March 27 Accident

Grundy County Coroner John Callahan, along with Will County Sheriff's Department, are investigating the death of a 35-year old Gardner man, formerly of Coal City.

The traffic crash occurred on Lorenzo Road, a quartermile east of the Will/Grundy county line, at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, the 27th of March.

Preliminary investigation indicates a car driven by John R. Inocencio was eastbound on Lorenzo Road when it crossed the center line and was struck by a westbound vehicle. Wilmington Fire/EMS arrived and extricated Mr. Inocencio from the car and transported him to Morris Hospital ER, where Callahan reports he was pronounced deceased at 12:26 a.m. Sunday, March 28.

The crash, and death of Mr. Inocencio, remains under investigation by Will County Sheriff's Department and the Grundy County Coroner's Of-

COVID-19 Vaccines Available to All Illinois Residents Over 18 at LCHD

CUB SCOUT PACK 77 DEN 4 visited The Paper March 18, 2010. The troop learned about

the process of creating the newspaper from start to finish. Helping with insertions, left to right,

are: Quinton, Jordan, Keegan, Elijah, Joseph and Dominick.

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) continues to make progress in its Mass Vaccination Plan for Livingston County. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), 13,747 doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine have been administered in the county as of March 26.

"We are proud to report that not a single dose of COVID-19 vaccine has gone unused in Livingston County," LCHD Administrator, Jackie Dever. "Handling the vaccine poses unique challenges because of the short time frames allowed for administration. This often takes a lot of coordinating and our staff has really stepped up to the challenge."

The LCHD has made the vaccine available to all Liv-

Illinois Secretary of State

Jesse White issued a reminder

March 26 urging the public to

visit his office's website at:

cyberdriveillinois.com to con-

UPDATE: All Illinois Res-

workers age 18 and older.

idents are eligible for the vaccine in Livingston County. Available appointments can

be found on their website: lchd.us/

site/covid-19-vaccination/. The health department is currently working to schedule clinics throughout Livingston County in an effort to reduce travel barriers for residents, as well as some Saturday clinics to help accommodate weekday work-

A Clinic has been added Monday, April 5, at the Dwight United Methodist Church from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. to help accommodate workers' schedules.

At this time, the LCHD only has the Moderna vaccine available; but, they are hopeful to ingston County residents and receive shipments of Pfizer

Jesse White Issues Reminder Urging Residents

to Conduct Business Online When Possible

vaccine, as well as Johnson & Johnson's single dose COVID-19 vaccine. Only the Pfizer vaccine is permitted for those age 16 and older.

While vaccine rollout is a major step towards ending the pandemic, it is essential that community members remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19 by wearing masks and maintaining social distance while in public, staying home when ill, and choosing to be vaccinated when it's your turn.

Checking the LCHD website is the best way to receive up-to-date information regarding vaccine distribution at the health department, as well as updates regarding COVID-19 in Livingston County. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, contact your healthcare provider.

medical, Morris. Village of Dwight Hosts All-Town

The Village of Dwight will be putting on the Dwight All-Town Garage Sales this year, during the Red Carpet Corridor weekend of April 30/May 1.

You can stop in at the Vil-

Garage Sales Apr. 30, May 1 lage Hall to sign up to have a garage sale during regular business hours. The deadline to sign up is **April 23** to meet *The* Paper deadline for the Garage



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duct transactions online when possible instead of visiting a Driver Services facility. Over the last nine months, more than 3.8 million transactions have ers online:

been conducted online, an increase of 75%. In addition, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates an additional two months. All ex-

pired driver's licenses and ID cards, as well as those expiring over the next four months, are now valid until August 1, **2021**. This extension does not

learner's permits.

Some online transactions include:

· Purchasing license plate stickers and • Renewing driver's licenses and ID cards for those who

aualify To renew license plate stick-

• Residents will need a registration ID and PIN, which are located on the renewal notice and registration card – which most people keep in their vehicle's glove compartment

 Vehicle owners may then visit cyberdriveillinois.com and click on "License Plates Renewal" under Online Services

In addition, White has exapply to commercial driver's li- panded online renewals for dricenses (CDL) and CDL ver's licenses and ID cards. Not

everyone qualifies, particularly those who are required to take a written or road test. Those who qualify for online renewal will receive a letter containing their PIN approximately 90 days before their driver's license expiration date.

Customers may check their eligibility status for online driver's license and ID card renewal by:

• Visiting cyberdriveillinois.com and clicking on "Read more on how to renew your driver's license or ID card online" near the top of the main page

• Then click on "Check your eligibility now" where they will be prompted to enter their driver's license or ID card number and the last four digits of their social security number.



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How Much Risk Should You Take Before Retirement?

If you're planning to retire in just a few years, you may be getting excited about this next phase of your life. However, your ability to enjoy retirement fully will depend, at least partially, on the resources you can draw from your investment portfolio. So, while you still have time to act, ask yourself if you're comfortable with your portfolio's risk

Your relationship with risk can change noticeably over time. When you started saving for retirement, you may have been willing to take on more investment risk, which translated into a relatively high percentage of stocks and stock-based mutual funds in your investment portfolio. As you know, stocks offer the potential for greater returns than other assets - such as bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) - but they are also typically more volatile and carry more risk. But when you were many decades away from retirement, you had sufficient time to recover from market fluctuations. (Of course, there are no guarantees - it's possible that some stocks will lose value and never

Now, fast forward to where you are now - closing in on retirement. Even at this stage of your life - and, in fact, even during your retirement – you will need some growth-oriented investments to help stay ahead of inflation. Over time, even a low inflation rate, such as we've had the past several years, can erode your purchasing power.

So, the issue isn't this: "Should I get rid of all my risk?" You shouldn't - and, in fact, you couldn't, because all investments, even the ones considered most "conservative," contain some type of risk, even if it isn't the risk of loss of principal. For instance, some investments run the risk of not keeping up with inflation. Instead, ask yourself these questions: "How much risk should I take within my portfolio?" "How much risk do I actually need to achieve my goals

Of course, there are no one-size-fits-all answers. You'll need to look at your investment portfolio to see if it's positioned to provide you with the income you'll require in your retirement years. You might have initially based your financial strategy on a specific type of retirement lifestyle, but now that you're nearing retirement, perhaps you've changed your mind. Your anticipated new lifestyle might require either more or less income than you had originally projected - and if that's the case, you may need to adjust the risk level in your portfolio or make other adjustments.

For example, suppose you had initially envisioned a rather quiet retirement, sticking around your home, volunteering and spending time with your grandchildren. But in recent years - and especially since the confinement many of us have felt during the COVID-19 pandemic - you may have thought that you'd now like to travel extensively. To achieve this goal, which will likely cost more than your original one, you may have to work longer, or invest more each year until you retire, or seek a higher return on your investments - which means accepting more risk. As you can see, managing risk is a balancing act - and you may need to make some tough choices. But as long

as you're aware of how much risk you can take, and how much risk you may need to take to reach your goals, you can develop a strategy that aligns with your objectives This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC



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Cat Clausen to Return to WGN Airwaves

Following a feature this past October on "Backstory with Larry Potash", area artist Cat Clausen, Dwight, will once again be on WGN during the "Closer" segment of Potash's "Backstory".

The episode will air Satur-

day, April 10, at 10:30 p.m., then again on Sunday, April 11, at 11:00 p.m.

Potash says he will showcase how Clausen brings color to give people a new perspective of President Abraham Lincoln – a favorite muse of hers.

CAT CLAUSEN shows off two of her Abraham Lincoln works at F.I.B.S. Brewery in Downers Grove, below, where she shot a segment for an episode of WGN's "Backstory with Larry Potash." Here she is with Greg Hero (F.I.B.S. Brewery owner), far left, Mike (cameraguy) and Potash, far right.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

photos by Mark Battrell





CAT CLAUSEN, pictured, above, is captured with one of her Abraham Lincoln works in the camera's viewfinder during a taping of WGN's "Backstory with Larry Potash."

Livingston County HCE Board Meets and Sponsors Super Saturday

The Livingston County Home and Community Education Board met March 15 at the Extension Office in Pontiac with six board members pres-

ent. Plans were finalized for Super Saturday on March 20. Over 40 people from McLean, Woodford, and Livingston County attended that event.

"Gardening for Swallowtail Butterflies" was presented by Horticulture Extension Specialist Kelly Allsup who reminded gardeners not to be in a hurry to clear the "trash" off gardens so the pupa can develop into butterflies.

Other lessons given were "Exploring Current Diet Trends" by Foods & Nutrition Extension Educator Jenna Smith, "What is Chronic Pain?" by Kathleen Emery and "Modern Trends in Textiles and Clothing" by Arlene Martell. HCE members taking these lessons will give that lesson in their local HCE unit thus becoming educators, as well.

At the board meeting, plans were made for the upcoming annual meeting of the Livingston County HCE Monday,

April 19, at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office in Pontiac. The theme is "To Change is to Grow", just like the butterfly. Speaker for the event is Sarah Brummitt from the Hope Pregnancy Center in Pontiac. Attendees will be invited to take baby items to donate to the cen-

During the annual business meeting members will vote on changes to the constitution and bylaws and on the budget for the next year. Officers for next year will be elected and installed by District 2 Director Kathy Peterson. Both she and IAHCE State President Angela Hicks plan to attend.

Board President Arlene Martell thanked newsletter editor Joan Haren and all the board members who contributed to the spring newslet-

The next board meeting is April 12 at the Extension Of-





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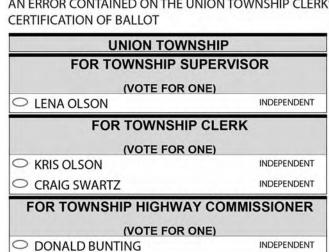
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Out of shape

The good American Legion magazine had a story this past issue concerning *Obesity and the U.S. military family.*

It stated: "The prevalence of overweight (youth) poses a threat to national security. Twenty-seven percent of young American adults between 17 and 24 (approximately 9-million potential recruits) are too overweight to serve."

It went on, "Even after making it to basic training, lack of physical fitness often leads to young men and women dropping out of their training."

Dropouts can cost the military not only time but up to \$100,000 in recruit training costs.

What's happened?
Well, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported that children eight to 10 years old spend an average of six hours per day in front of a screen. For those 11 to 14, the average is nine hours a day, and

for 15 to 18 year olds, it's an

average of seven and a half

hours per day.

Those habits are bad. If you want to change those habits you have to start as early as possible to begin a regular exercise program, best with your family or a group.

Walking, riding bikes, jogging, playing catch, get out and get at it. It's good for you and good for our country, too.

Sometimes the real news is

by Tom Tock

what isn't being mentioned. The pandemic is still big

The pandemic is still big news, as it should be, but as *Wirepoints* and its multiple graphs indicate, Illinois is in free-fall as it continues to rack up bad numbers when it comes to financing its government pensions and stopping the state's out-migration.

No wonder Pritzker wants to focus on the pandemic.

Look up *Wirepoints/Illinois* charts and study its graphs for a few minutes. They have a valid comparison of other states with Illinois.

What are we doing here?

Just to keep everyone up to date on the subject of marijuana, let it be known that taxes from the recreational sale of weed in Illinois during 2020 rivaled that collected from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

New applications for licenses to sell recreational marjuana over the counter had to be approved by today, March 31. Fifty-five stores are able to sell marijuana as medical dispensing license holders. Another 30-plus planned to open by the 31st.

There is, of course, controversy.

Rapper Killer Mike wants any reparations made to Black people to include 25% of government taxes earned from mj sales. Mike argues that the marijuana industry had largely been built on the backs of Black people.

What do I think? I think I'll go for a walk.

Be Wise – Advertise in *The Paper!*

It was January 1947...

The Dwight Trojans basketball team lost to Cullom, 52-47, the last game played by Johnny Metzke, star Trojan forward, known for his accurate shooting.

The Dwight Woman's Club met in the club rooms of the Public Library, 111 S. Prairie Ave., with Mrs. A. R. Baima presiding.

A fox hunt will be held Sunday, with everyone meeting at Smith Garage, Dwight, at noon, and all are urged to attend.

The Village of Dwight basketball team defeated Odell, 46-44, in its opening game of the season. Dwight team members: A. Battrell, B. Battrell, S. Riccolo, P. Riccolo, D. Mortensen, R. Wilder, W. Bloxam, C. Sorensen, W. Welch, B. Christensen and S. Zappa.

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Number of paid claims

rted to Treasurer's Office 9/1/20 - 2/28/21

984,758

\$205,224,849

Member Shares with Alpha Beta How She Has Taught During the Pandemic

by Carol Hughes



MICHELLE HARMS, English and Language Arts teacher at Prairie Central Junior High, is always masked and ready to greet her students in her room.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society met via Zoom on March 20. Michelle Harms (Chenoa), who teaches English and Language Arts at Prairie Central Junior High, shared how she taught remotely and in the classroom during the past year after COVID hit the U.S.

First, she posted a weekly schedule on her computer. Harms uses a Smart Board connected to her computer that works as a monitor and is touch responsive. When students are in the room, they can see all the teacher is showing from her computer on the Smart Board. When students are at home, Zoom shows a view of everyone on the Smart Board so all can join in the discussion.

On her home screen, which connects to the students' Chrome Books, Harms has created colorful icons that link to different activities like weekly schedule, assignments, stories, videos, and questions for discussion.

Presently, most of the students wearing masks are back in the classroom, which has 20 desks six feet apart. It took many hours for Harms to set up her curriculum. To learn how to teach remotely, she said her experience with Google Docs, along with tips from other

Alpha Beta Chapter of the teachers, helped her. Next year she is planning to use parts of the past year's curriculum, as she has seen advantages of the detailed organization and accessibility for the students with their Chrome Books.

At the business meeting, Treasurer Janet Kilgus (Fairbury) announced that she will be collecting active member dues of \$90 this spring. To support a new Malawi well, include the donation with the check for dues.

Membership Chair Louann Harms (Fairbury) announced that she had received two Early Career Educator Grant applications. The deadline is April 1.

Carol Hughes, Communications/Publicity (Roanoke) reported that she, Louann Harms, and Co-President Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal) had met with junior and senior women majoring in education at Eureka College on March 9. The Education professors were very helpful in setting up the meeting via Zoom and distributing membership forms and brochures to the women who were interested in becoming collegiate members of DKG.

Educational Excellence Chair Marcia Wahls (Lexington) reported that the amended Chapter Rules were approved by the Illinois State Organization. Kay Hammer, International Projects Co-Chair (Fairbury) thanked the ten members who contributed checks for a Malawi well this past year.

Lou Ann Jacobs and Janet Kilgus said that the NEA Conference requested teachers write their legislators urging them not to support standardized testing this year because of so much virtual learning during

Co-President Karen Harms (Fairbury) requested members to register for the virtual State Convention to be held from April 20-April 28 with a variety of activities being Zoomed each day and evening.

Women in the Arts Chair Barb Baumann (Minonk) announced that the Creative Arts Retreat will again be held virtually June 22-24. The Creative Arts Committee continues silent auctions online and Zentangle Zooms.

The next meeting will be held at the El Paso Golf Club Tuesday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m. Chapter Recruitment Grants and Early Career Grants will be awarded along with an Alpha Beta birthday recognition.

For more information, visit dkg.org or contact Carol Hughes at chughes@mtco.com.



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being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 P.M. at

Goodfarm Town Hall for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers; and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

Dated March 19, 2021

Roland Gantzert (Town Clerk)

OBITUARY

David Eugene Northrup

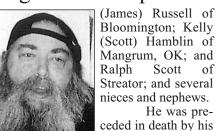
David Eugene "Scuzzy" Northrup, 67, of Pontiac and formerly of Streator, passed away Saturday evening, March 20, 2021 at his home.

Visitation was held Saturday from 10 until 12 noon at

Winterrowd Funeral Home, Streator. Funeral services were held at noon at the funeral home, with cremation rite following the services.

Scuzzy was born on November 22, 1953 in Streator to Merrill Edward and Betty Jane (Potter) Northrup.

Surviving are daughters, Kristy (Tim) Harvey of Streator and Carrie (Adam) Handzus of Gardner; grandchildren: Noah and Kayla Harvey, LynnDee Hale, Bryce and MadaLee Handzus; siblings: Randy (Pam) Northrup of LaSalle; Mark (Julie) Northrup of O'Fallon, MO; Marlene



parents; son, David Eugene Northrup, Jr., in infancy; brothers: Jeffrey

and Merrill "Ed" Northrup; and a sister, Sandra Scott Rogers.

Scuzzy attended Streator schools, was employed at RR Donnelley in Pontiac for 23 years, and had D.J. Ain't Skeered D J Services. He was a longtime supporter of the Screaming Eagles. Scuzzy loved telling jokes and was fun to be around, and loved close friends that he considered family who helped take care of him over the years.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Screaming Eagles Toy Drive.

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

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Area COVID-19 Stats as of March 29

<u>Town</u>	Tested	<u>Cases</u>	
Dwight	10,591	525	
Herscher	2,451	213	
Gardner	2,025	199	
Odell	2,149	159	
Mazon	1,520	155	
Braceville	1,525	131	
Essex	1,005	121	Numbers
S. Wilmington	820	89	as of
Cullom	1,075	72	03/29/21
Reddick	814	64	
Buckingham	659	55	Statistics via:
Verona	632	53	dph.illinois.gov
Saunemin	1,047	47	apii.iiiiioio.go v
Ransom	687	37	
Blackstone	278	35	
Emington	403	34	
Cabery	549	33	
Kempton	477	32	
Kinsman	199	18	
Campus	352	16	
Union Hill	106	13	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	204,026	12,954	192
LaSalle	164,023	11,232	226
Grundy	52,441	5,396	69

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,237,828; Deaths: 21,251; Probable Deaths: 2,270; Total Tests Performed: 20,134,295; Recovery Rate: 98%.

4,391 2,839

1,637

79

63

92,700

44,156

26,705

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Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to Thank You for all things aa you confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank You for your mercy toward me and mine

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted

New Physician Brings Advanced Ear Surgeries to Morris Hospital

Advanced, complex ear surgeries that are typically performed in university medical center settings are now being done at Morris Hospital.

Fellowship-trained laryngologist Matthew Bartindale, M.D., performs the majority of ear surgeries completely through the ear canal with the goal of avoiding an external incision when possible. He joined the Morris Hospital Medical Staff last September.

"The ear is amazingly complex and contains some of the smallest structures in the human body," explains Dr. Bartindale. "I do the grand majority of my operations through a 7mm (1/4 inch) speculum, without making any external incisions."

There are a few reasons Dr. Bartindale is able to perform complex ear surgeries this way. One is because of his advanced training. A graduate of Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, he completed an otolaryngology residency at Loyala and then went on for additional fellowship training in advanced otology and lateral skull surgery at Puget Sound ENT in Seattle, Washington.

The other reason is the availability of specialized instrumentation and equipment, including an ear endoscope and a specialized otology microscope. The endoscope is essentially a narrow rod with a lens at the tip that allows Dr. Bartindale to see around corners in the ear, while the microscope provides a three dimensional, magnified view inside the ear.

One type of ear surgery Dr. Bartindale performs at Morris Hospital using these instruments is removal of a cholesteatoma, or skin cyst inside the ear. The surgery to remove cholesteatomas is called tympanomastoidectomy.

"While tympanomastoidectomies for cholesteatomas have been performed for years, being able to resect many of them without having to remove the back of the ear canal or make an external incision is really what's most significant for patients at Morris Hospital," explains Dr. Bartindale.

Dr. Bartindale is also able to perform cochlear implant surgery at Morris Hospital on ap-



to the Morris Hospital Medical Staff, and is bringing some exciting advanced ear surgeries to Morris Hospital. People in the community no longer have to travel so far for this service.

propriate patients. A cochlear implant is a small device that is surgically implanted in the inner ear to help improve hearing for patients whose hearing loss is severe enough that traditional hearing aids no longer help. It is a one-hour outpatient surgery requiring a one-inch incision behind the ear.

Dr. Bartindale also performs surgeries at Morris Hospital that correct Eustachian tube dysfunction, canalplasties to widen the ear canal, and ossiculoplasties to reconstruct damaged hearing bones.

Generally, symptoms of ear problems include chronic ear drainage, ear fullness, pressure, pain, ringing in the ear, and hearing loss. When left untreated, ear problems can lead to more serious problems, including deafness and increased risk of dementia.

Along with his special interest in ear disease, Dr. Bartindale has clinical expertise in pediatric ENT, thyroid disease, nose and sinus disease, snoring and sleep disorders. An independent physician on the Morris Hospital Medical Staff, Dr. Bartindale is with ENT Surgical Consultants and sees patients at offices in Morris and Joliet. He can be found on the Morris Hospital website by visiting morrishospital.org/doc-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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

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

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a tentative form of said Budget and Appropriations Ordinance will be on display and available for inspection by April 17, 2021 for public inspection at the trustees meeting room.

The Board of Trustees of the Reddick Community Fire Protection District





Weekly Roundup

I don't have a specific topic to really dive into this week so I'm going to give some quick overview statements on a few things and go from there.

I"m turning 27 on Wednesday (day this is published.) I don't have a lot of thoughts other than, I think this is probably close to your all around prime as a person. You get the knowledge of your early 20s mistakes, you're more than likely still in decent physical shape, it's just an all around good time. I am not washed up yet.

Second one: the vaccine. Anyone can sign up in Livingston County. This is a huge moment in the movement to finally bring the vaccine to a halt. I have signed up, but obviously do your own research and decide what you want to do. Shoutout to science for making it happen in record time.

Third one: I got a decently sized tattoo on my shoulder. I just kind of wanted one and it didn't hurt that bad. I was expecting a much higher number on the pain scale but I ended up giving it about a 3.5. Not that bad. I already want another one. Not sure I have much else to add.

Four: Stimulus checks are cool. See point three.

Five: Baseball is back, but since the Cubs only work through Xfinity and AT&T at the moment I haven't seen a live pitch yet and that's a very odd experience.

Six: The Chicago Bulls finally made somewhat of a win now move and acquired Nikola Vucevic, All-Star from the Orlando Magic. This is the first of its kind since the signing of Pau Gasol, which happened almost 8 years ago. It's nice to see.

That's my weekly roundup. Happy Easter all!

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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of)	NO. 2021-P-35
RHONDA L. LAWFORD,	Deceased.)	

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THE 2021 DWIGHT TROJAN FOOTBALL TEAM, pictured, front row, from left, consists of Jack Denker, Jack Duffy, Donald Fialko, Carson Crouch, Lucas Downen, Camden Beier, Caden Schroeder, Hudson Beier, James Partney, Jarrett Jancek, Dillon Sarff, Thomas Dochterman; middle row, Coach Butterbrodt, Daniel Ford, Coach Thompson, Austin Burkhardt, Justin Gabe Seabert, Malaki Slaughter, Jack Gallet, Abe Rieke, Kaleb Duden, Samuel Edwards, Isaac Telford, Emmett Emmons, Dalton Galloway, Coach Standiford; back row, Brady Kelleher, Kye Suarez, Reid Legner, Ryan Hilt, Domingo Rodriguez, Seth Robertson, Jacob Weissmann, and Andrew Kapper. Not pictured are Jeremy Kapper, Kyler Starks and Terry Wilkey.



DTHS Trojans Football

Head Coach: Luke Standiford (3rd Year as Head Coach) **Assistant Coaches:** Chuck Butterbrodt, Mitch Thompson, Eric Link, Max Sulzberger, Dan Edwards, Tim Henson, Jay Geheber 2019 Record: 3-6

Early in his tenure as head coach of the Dwight Trojans, Luke Standiford helped orchestrate the game plans that got them back to the playoffs for the first time in 12 years. However, in 2019, the program took a step back, going 3-6 on the year.

But coming off a 2020 season that never happened, the 2021 version of the Trojans are looking to come out and make a state-

"With the majority of our team returning from last year, we have high expectations for the 2021 season," says Standiford. "Given the circumstances we are under right now with COVID, our biggest goal is to stay healthy. Our next goal is to win every game and go 6-0."

They may have set the bar high, but they have put together a team with the tools to walk the walk.

"We will return four offensive linemen who will play a key

part in our run-heavy offense."

Those individuals include seniors Abe Rieke (LT), Jack Gallet (LG), Andrew Kapper (C), Hudson Beier (RG), and junior Right Tackle Malaki Slaughter.

Kapper was a two-way All-Conference player and has been selected to play in the Shrine All-Star football game this summer.

"We will also return our leading rusher from last year, Carson Crouch, who finished the 2019 season with 1,289 yards and 16

"Defensively, we return Samuel Edwards, who led the conference in tackles last year (25 solo/40 assists). Other players to keep an eye out for are newcomers Jack Duffy (sophomore WR), Isaac Telford (senior WR), and Jeremy Kapper (junior TE)."

On their quest to being undefeated, Dwight knows it will have to face its foes from Seneca – who will pose a threat to their plans.

"The game that we circle on our schedule each year is the match-up with Seneca," Standiford states. "Each year we play each other it comes down to who can win the fourth quarter."

The Trojans have not beaten the Irish since 2017, when Standiford began coaching at Dwight.

The Dwight Trojans host Central at home at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 3.

1	Kaleb Duden	TE/DE
3	Carson Crouch	QB/S
4	Jack Denker	RB/LB
5	Daniel Ford	TE/LB
6	Kye Suarez	QB/LB
7	Emmett Emmons	WR/C
8	Isaac Telford	WR/S
9	Dillon Sarff	WR/C
11	Jeremy Kapper	TE/LB
20	Jarrett Jancek	TE/LB
21	Seth Robertson	RB/LB
22	Caden Schroeder	RB/LB
23	Ryan Hilt	WR/C
24	Domingo Ramirez	G/LB
25	Austin Burkhardt	RB/LB
30	Jack Duffy	RB/C
44	Samuel Edwards	RB/LB
45	Reid Legner	WR/C
50	Hudson Beier	G/LB
51	Kyler Starks	G/DE
54	Camden Beier	G/LB
55	Lucas Downen	G/DT
57	James Partney	G/LB
59	Dalton Galloway	T/DT
60	Terry Wilkey	C/DT
64	Jacob Weissmann	G/DT
65	Malaki Slaughter	T/DT
66	Donald Fialko	T/DT
69	Jack Gallet	G/DE
70	Abe Rieke	T/DE
72	Andrew Kapper	C/DT
74	Brady Kelleher	T/DT
77	Justin Gabe Seabert	T/DT

Thomas Dochterman

DWIGHT TROJANS BASEBALL

Head Coach: J. Golden (12-13 overall/8-4 SVC record in 3 Years at DTHS) **Assistant Coach: Jared Steck** JV Coach: Brian Trainor JV Assistant Coach: Justin Eggenberger

After losing the 2020 season to COVID-19, the Dwight Trojans and varsity head coach J. Golden are set to navigate this wild season with their eyes set on a conference championship.

"The goal for every year is to win your conference," Golden said. "No matter who is on our schedule, we're going to play hard and play the game the right way.

"Our goals for the 2021 season are to improve in all aspects of the game. We have a mix of older, more experienced players, and young players who haven't played high school baseball yet."

When asked about the team's needs for improvement, Golden emphasized that pitching is a top priority.

"That was our weakness in 2019," Golden admits, "and I expect with new pitching coach, Jared Steck, that we can make those improvements and continue to get better. After not being able to play in 2020 – we're just excited to be back on the field and helping these student-athletes."

And on the subject of the 2020 season being canceled, Dwight's Coach Golden says it's hard to tell, currently, what the team strengths will be this year.

"We do return a few players that have varsity experience from our 2019 season."

That list includes Carson Crouch, Hudson Beier, Camden Beier, and Jack Denker.

"I'm excited to see how this team can do," Golden adds. "We have some young, exciting players that have a lot of potential, but not a lot of experience. They will be thrown into the mix early in

Seniors

TE/LB

Carson Crouch, Camden Beier, Jack Gallet, Hudson Beier, Caden Schroeder, Donald Fialko, Caleb Karn-Peet, Andrew Kapper, Anthony Nelson.

<u>Juniors</u>

Ryan Turner, Jack Denker, Daniel Ford, Dalton Galloway, Jacob Watchinski, Scott Harkenrider, Ashton Burkhardt.

Sophomores

Jack Duffy, Dawson Sulaica, Tyler Frauli.

Freshmen

Kyler Starks, Tyler Cox, William Trainor, Terry Wilkey, Evan Sandeno

Seniors

Kevin Ferrari, Lee Veverka-Cardwell,

Abe Rieke, Isaac Telford, Andrew Kapper,

Lucas Downen, Carson Crouch.

Juniors

Daniel Petree, Shawn Romanetto,

Carter Butterbrodt,

Jeremy Kapper, Emmett Emmons,

DTHS Trojans Track

Head Coach: Larry Lane (26 Years) **Assistant Coaches:**

Mitch Thompson, Paul Lebryk, Allie Schantz

The Trojan Track team is set to begin its 2021 season Friday, April 30, at home, at 4:30 p.m., and long-time head coach, Larry Lane, and his squad are amped to get back to action.

"When all of our athletes are able to compete, we will have a strong and deep squad," Lane says. "Our sprints and sprint relays should be a strength, as well as our throws athletes. After missing a whole season, our team is anxious and excited to start the season and be at our best late in the year."

Speaking on areas of improvement for his team, Dwight's coach says "Our middle distance and distance squad just needs more bodies. We are young and low in numbers.'

Lane says the Trojan goals for 2021 remain the same.

"We want our athletes to do their best in the classroom, at practice, and in our meets. We have great hopes to finish our season on "Big Blue", since the IHSA will host a state meet in June."

In a conference with some tough competition – including Clifton Central and Paxton-Buckley-Loda – the Trojans will have their work cut out for them. But Lane concluded by stating, "We feel our boys can challenge in the conference meet this spring."

2021 Trojan Track Schedule

Friday, April 30 Monday, May 3

Wednesday, May 5 Wedneday, May 12 Monday, May 24

Home - 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 28 Twin Valley Conference

@ Paxton - 4:30 p.m.

Home - 4:30 p.m. Home - 4:30 p.m.

@ Herscher - 4:30 p.m

Tuesday, June 1 Wed.-Fri., June 2-4 Wed.-Fri., June 9-11 Thurs.-Sat., June 10-12

Tues.-Thurs., June 17-19.

Tony Thorsen Invitational @ Home - 4:00 p.m. @ Seneca - 4:30 p.m. Girls Sectional - TBA - 4:00 p.m. Boys Sectional - TBA - 4:00 p.m. Girls State @ EIU - TBA

Boys State @ EIU - TBA

Sam Edwards, Dillon Sarff, Austin Burkhardt. **Sophomores**

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THE GSW HIGH SCHOOL TRAP SEASON kicks off the 2021 Clay Target League spring season April 16 at the Diamond Indoor Trap Range at 5:30 p.m. Pictured, from left, are John Mammosser (parent volunteer), Peyton Carpenter, Trey Schweitzer, Tyler Ambrogio, Ethan Mack, Jacob Coughlin, Brody Fatlan, Braeden Hirsch, Delaney Platt, Jacob Mammosser,

Braxton Brassard, Erik Brock, Amelia Brock, Ava Brassard, Jacob Ozee, and Coach Jill Vollmer. Coach Vollmer extended thanks to the Diamond Indoor Range. "The owner and employees are absolutely amazing with our young shooters. Props to an incredible range for letting us have our seasons at their location."



GSW LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL



Head Coach: Amber Eisha (7th Season) **Assistant Coach:** Heather Muzzarelli (5th Season)

The Gardner-South Wilm-2021 season with one returning starter from 2019 – losing the ger, Riley Klingler, Olivia rest to graduation.

GSW will rely on seniors Kylie Hawks (the lone returning starter), Grace Halpin, Abby Beck, Koli Croy, and Avery Lenzie to lead the team, ington Lady Panthers enter the while gaining help from juniors ing off their second 20+ win Claire Hennessy, Taylor Con-

Cerutti, Katelyn Farris, and Sophie Randolph; sophomores Hannah Frescura and Colby Grieff; and freshman Addison

The Lady Panthers are comseason in a row and are looking to have just as successful of a season this year – even with it being shortened.

"This is an extremely coachable group," said head coach Amber Eisha, "and they are mentally and physically ready to do whatever it takes to make the best of the season."

GSW Trap Team 2021 Schedule

Friday, April 16 – 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24 – 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1 – 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8 – 10 a.m. **Saturday, May 15 – 10 a.m. Saturday**, **May 22 – 10 a.m.**

(Make-Up Day - with approval only)



JACOB COUGHLIN, above, is GSW High School's lone senior on the Trap Team this



BRAEDEN HIRSCH, above, is the Top Shooter on the **GSW Panther** Trap Team this season.

THE PANTHERETTE

SPIRITLINE from Gardner-South Wilmington High

School competed at the Illi-

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but their two fantastic per-

formances led them to win-

ning state titles in A Pom

and A Pom/Dance. Senior

Abigail Ozee was also se-

IDTA Senior Scholarship,

and head coach Nicole Leigh was inducted into the

IDTA Hall of Fame. The

through all three towns

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school organized a parade

(Gardner, South Wilming-

March 20, where the team

fire department. Coaches

Swisher says they are "in-

credibly proud of this hard-

They have overcome many

challenges this season, but

never stopped working to-

wards their goals of winning

a state championship. This

was an amazing way to end

one we will always remem-

our season and definitely

Nicole Leigh and Holly

working group of girls.

was escorted by each town's

lected as the recipient of the

State Competition March



GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Head Coach: Cassi Carlson

The Lady Panthers of Gardner-South Wilmington are set to kick off their 2021 COVID campaign soon, and head coach Cassi Carlson gave some insight on her squad.

"We will be a young team this year. Kylie Hawks will be our only returning senior - we

will rely heavily on her as a leader, both on and off the field. We have a few more upperclassmen returning and a talented group of freshmen, as well. We had a large group of seniors last year, so there are a number of positions that we are looking to fill with some of the younger athletes coming in."

2021 Schedule

all games at 4:30 p.m. unless noted

Monday, April 26 Tuesday, April 27 Thursday, April 29 Saturday, May 1 Monday, May 3 Tuesday, May 4 Wednesday, May 5 Friday, May 7 Monday, May 10 Tuesday, May 11 Wednesday, May 12 Friday, May 14 Monday, May 17 Tuesday, May 18 Thursday, May 20 Friday, May 21 Monday, May 24 Tuesday, May 25 Wednesday, May 26 Friday, May 28

vs. Illinois Lutheran @ Illinois Lutheran @ Woodland DH @ Beecher, 10 a.m. @ Donovan vs. Donovan vs. Lexington @ Earlville @ St. Anne vs. St. Anne vs. Dwight, 4 p.m. vs. Herscher @ Grant Park vs. Grant Park vs. Reed-Custer @ Seneca vs. Grace Christian @ Grace Christian @ Wilmington @ Morris

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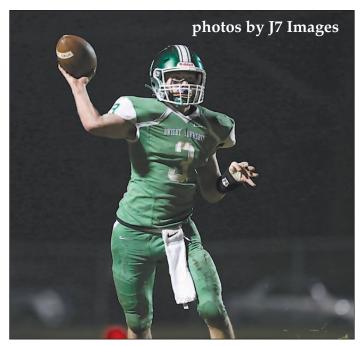




MEMBERS OF THE DWIGHT TROJAN basketball team were recognized for their quality play this season with a spot on the Sangamon Valley Conference All-Conference Team. Left to right: Earning First Team honors was senior Brandon Ceylor. Wyatt Thompson, a sophomore, made All-Conference Second Team. Senior Isaac Telford earned Honorable Mention.

BALL! Pictured, above, members of the Dwight Trojans and Iroquois West Raiders scramble to recover a fumble during their match-up in Dwight March 26. Pictured, below, Samuel Edwards tallies one of his team-high five tackles. The Trojans went on to win the contest, 30-16. They take on Central at home Saturday, April 3.





CARSON CROUCH EYES A RECEIVER during Dwight's meeting with Iroquois West March 26. Crouch was 10-12 passing in the game. Good for 141 yards and a TD pass.

SENECA FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

Friday, March 26 Seneca vs. Central Varsity -

In a back and forth matchup with Central March 26, the Fighting Irish traded blows throughout much of the contest, but ran out of steam late falling 62-38.

After trailing by just three points at the half, 33-30, Seneca got as close as 39-38 late in the third quarter – but that's when the scoring ceased.

tallied 63 yards and a touchdown on 3-7 passing, which included a pick.

Chase Hauch had 108 yards on the ground on ten carries, scoring twice. Zach Pfeifer had five rushes for 71 yards and a touchdown. Cole Underhill totaled 70 yards on 14 attempts,

while Ryan McCauley added 64 yards on 15 carries and had two receptions for 48 yards and a score. Grant also racked up 61 yards on eight runs, scoring a TD. Mason Daggett ran the ball six times, rushing for 26 yards. Brian Hooker made a 15-yard reception.

Defensively, the Irish were led by Carter Ellis with four tackles. Jacob Elliott added 3.5 tackles, with three from Daggett. Gavin Robertson had Quarterback Nathan Grant 2.5 takedowns, one for a loss, followed by two tackles each from Brock Moore, Hauch, McCauley, and Grant. Underhill had 1.5 tackles, with Patrick Griffin, Maveric Varland, Braden Ellis, and Gavin Mason totaling a tackle each. Nathaniel Finch assisted on a tackle.

Dwight Youth Baseball and Softball's 2021 Season

on May 17th. We are still looking for Coaches and Umpires. Please visit www.dwightyouthbaseballandsoftball.org to register. Coaches and umpires must register on the website. We need contact info and uniform sizes for

tion for ages 5-14 will be open until April 4th.

April 10th we are having a park clean-up day. Any amount of time you can volunteer will be greatly appreciated. We will start at 10 a.m. The kids can meet at the field they will normally

If you have any questions, you can e-mail BBSB60420@ gmail.com. Hope to see you on the diamonds soon!



GAME ON!

DTHS Trojans Football

Friday, March 26 **Dwight vs. Iroquois West**

The Trojans celebrated Homecoming with a 30-16 victory over Iroquois West March

Dwight got to work early, with Carson Crouch taking a kickoff back 90 yards to put up six points - with Samuel Edwards following up with the extra point.

The Raiders would respond, however, scoring on a nineyard pass later in the first to tie it up at 7-7.

In the second quarter, the Trojans put up two scores – a nine-yard TD run by Edwards and a five-yard pass from Crouch to Jack Duffy, followed by a two-point conversion on a pass from Crouch to Caden Schroder, to give Dwight a 22-7 advantage heading into the

IW would make good on a 41-yard field goal in the third to cut the deficit to 22-10, but the Trojans answered right back – with Crouch taking it in on the ground for a touchdown, then adding a successful twopoint conversion run to boot.

Late in the third quarter, the Raiders' Auston Miller would run it in for a 23-yard score to last time either team would hit tackle

the scoreboard.

Crouch was superb, throwing 10-12 for 141 yards from behind center, including the TD pass, tallying 18 yards and a rushing TD on 16 carries on the ground, and returning the kickoff for a touchdown.

Austin Burkhardt had 59 yards rushing on seven attempts, while Edwards ran it six times for 33 yards and the TD and made an 11-yard reception. Duffy had ten yards total on six carries, and also caught five passes for 51 yards and the score. Caden Schroeder and Jeremy Kapper each made two catches, for 54 and 25 yards, respectively.

Edwards led the Dwight "D" with five tackles, including two for a loss. Abe Rieke (1 sack, 1 TFL) and Malaki Slaughter (.5 sack, .5 TFL) each had 4.5 tackles, with Crouch and Andrew Kapper (.5 sack, .5 TFL) tallying 3.5 tackles each. Hudson Beier had three tackles, followed by 2.5 each from Jack Gallet and Camden Beier. Duffy and Burkhardt came up with two tackles, while J. Kapper added 1.5. Kye Suarez contributed one solo tackle, with Schroeder, Isaac Telford, and make it 30-16, but that was the Dillon Sarff each assisting on a

victory lanes, dwight League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers HSG: Bob Whicker, 258; Michael Hallam, 257; Chris Cook, 257; Brandon Petry, 247; Rick Rambo, 244. HSS: Bob Whicker, 682; Michael Hallam, 657; Bosco Gassman,

651; Gregg Jensen, 649; Doug Gassman, 648. HHG: Joe Ruskin, 288. HHS: Joe Ruskin, 775. HSG: Victory Lanes, 1060. HHG: Jeremy's Barber, 1074. HSS: Victory Lanes, 3066. HHS: Jeremy's Barber, 3118.

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Gas Prices For This Week At \$2.86, the national average has de-

reased week-over-week for the first time since November of last year. Today's average is two cents cheaper on the week. Since last Monday, 45 states also saw their averages decrease or no change at the pump. These are positive signs that less expensive gas prices could be around that less expensive gas prices could be around the corner. While a few cents cheaper on the week, the national gas price average is 15 cents more expensive on the month and 84 cents more expensive on the year.

City/Village	March 29	March 22
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Pontiac	\$2.79	\$2.89
Gardner	\$3.09	\$3.09
Braceville	\$3.09	\$3.09
Morris	\$2.97	\$3.02
Herscher	\$3.09	\$3.09
Chicago	\$3.12	\$3.49
Illinois	\$3.03	\$3.08
U.S.	\$2.86	\$2.88
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Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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GSWB LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL

Monday, March 22 GSWB vs. Seneca 7th Grade -

The Lady Tigers opened up their 2021 COVID campaign at home versus the Lady Raiders of Seneca March 22.

After a sluggish start in the first, GSWB trailed 10-3. But the Lady Tiger offense woke up in the second quarter, in addition to holding the Lady Raiders to just two points.

At the break, the score was knotted at 12-12.

In the second half, GSWB was held to only seven points – struggling to get anything consistent going on offense.

Only trailing by three with less than a minute to go in the fourth quarter, Seneca put the game away with two big free throws to win 24-19.

Nina Siano and Madison Wright each scored seven points for the Lady Tigers.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade contest, Seneca jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, winning 41-7 over GSWB.

The Lady Raiders led 30-2 at halftime and coasted the rest of the way.

Nina Siano, Maya Cacello, and Grace Olsen each tossed in two points for the Lady Tigers. Hannah Balcom and Cacello worked hard in the post and pulled down many boards in the game.

Wednesday, March 24 GSWB vs. Morris Saratoga 7th Grade -

GSWB traveled to Saratoga March 24 for their first road game of the season.

After gaining a 5-4 edge after the first quarter, the Lady Tigers' defense struggled, as the Lady Hawks took a 12-9 lead into halftime.

However, GSWB used a team effort and held Saratoga to two total points in the second half to earn an 18-14 victory.

Nina Siano and Madison Wright paced the way for the Lady Tigers with six points each. Kayla Scheuber and Aubree Stein played solid defense to hold down the Lady Hawks' leaders.

The seventh graders have kicked off the year with a record of 1-1.

8th Grade -

The Lady Tigers had a tough time scoring early against Saratoga in the eighth grade game, and looked at an 8-2 deficit heading into the sec-

GSWB cut the lead to 12-6 with a few minutes to play, but the Lady Hawks iced the game with two late lay-ups – holding on for a 16-9 win.

Grace Olsen led the way with five points, including a three. Maddie Simms and Madison Wright also chipped in on the scoring with a bucket

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DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, March 22 Dwight vs. Morris Saratoga 6th Grade -

The sixth grade Lady Redbirds opened their season against Morris Saratoga March 22, falling in a nail-biter, 11-10.

Leading Dwight in scoring was Addie Sulzberger with four points, two boards, and four steals. Sophie Bastian added two points and snagged five rebounds, while Clare Sandeno grabbed a game-high six boards to go with six steals. Delaney Boucher came up with two points, three rebounds, and two steals. Olivia Buck added a bucket, with Lauren Snyder contributing five boards and four steals.

In the "B" game, the Lady Redbirds lost 14-8.

Leading Dwight was Olivia Buck with four points and three rebounds. Addy Perez added two points and grabbed three boards. Maya Lemke had two points to round out the scoring. Leanne Ruth snagged two boards; Sienna Burke, one.

7th Grade -

In the seventh grade meeting, Dwight was defeated 28-24 by Saratoga.

Makayla Wahl-Seabert (4 rebounds, 2 steals) and Sophie Buck (7 rebounds, 3 assists) each scored six points. Ryan Bean added four points, 11 boards, with Mikayla Chambers putting up four points and two rebounds.

8th Grade -

Dwight's eighth grade girls kicked off the 2021 season with a hard-fought loss to Saratoga,

Leading the way was Sophie Buck with ten points, three swipes, a rebound, and one assist. Taylor Heath had four points, four boards, and a steal, with Ryan Bean providing ten rebounds and one assist. Kia Handzus added four boards and two steals.

Thursday, March 25 Dwight vs. Seneca 6th Grade -

The sixth grade Lady Redbirds hosted Seneca March 25, falling short, 34-2.

Leading Dwight in scoring was Clare Sandeno with two points and five boards. Delaney Boucher led the team with six rebounds.

In "B" game action, the Lady Redbirds lost 29-4.

Leanne Ruth and Delaney Boucher each had two points. Emma Anderson grabbed two boards, while Sienna Burke snagged a steal.

Dwight vs. MVK 7th Grade and 8th Grade

In seventh and eighth grade b-ball action against MVK, Dwight was dealt a loss in both contests.

Leading the seventh graders was Mikayla Chambers (4 steals) and Makayla Wahl-Seabert (3 steals) with four points each. Ryan Bean hauled in eight rebounds.

Leah Larson led the eighth grade squad with four points and three rebounds. Sophie Buck and Ella Legner each added three points, three steals, with Taylor Heath grabbing nine boards.

Lady Panthers Remain Unbeaten

GSW Now 4-0

Thursday, March 25 **GSW vs. Tri-Point** Varsity -

The GSW Lady Panthers moved to 4-0 following a 25-15, 25-20 win over Tri-Point March 25.

Kylie Hawks (6 digs, 5 kills, 2 blocks, 1 assist), Abby Beck (6 digs, 4 kills, 1 block),

Hannah Frescura (17 assists, 3 kills), and Grace Halpin (5 kills, 2 digs) all had one ace in the contest for GSW.

Leading Tri-Point in digs was Emma Creek with 11. Zoey Honeycutt added seven assists, while Ellenie Dyrby had five kills.



GSW Lady Panthers Volleyball

Tuesday, March 23 GSW vs. St. Anne JV -

In the JV match-up with St. Anne, GSW picked up a 25-21, 25-8 victory – upping their record to 3-0.

Ava Schultz had five aces, 14 assists, and one dig. Addison Fair came up with four aces, six kills, and two digs. Colby Grieff added three aces, five kills, and seven digs. Varsity -

The varsity Lady Panthers improved to 2-0 on the 2021 season with a 25-22, 25-15 win over St. Anne March 23.

Hannah Frescura led with eight aces, 12 assists, and three kills. Kylie Hawks (7 kills, 6 digs) and Grace Halpin (4 kills, 3 digs) each added one ace.

Wednesday, March 24 **GSW** vs. Grace Christian JV-

The Lady Panthers moved to 4-0 following a 25-20, 25-13 win over Grace Christian March 24.

Ava Schultz led with two aces and ten assists, while Addison Fair added five kills and five digs. Makenzi Hahn had four kills and two digs. Varsity -

GSW's varsity squad beat Grace Christian in two sets, 25-16, 25-20.

Hannah Frescura had six aces, 15 assists, and two kills, with Grace Halpin contributing two aces, six kills, five digs, and three assists. Kylie Hawks came up with five kills and three digs, while Abby Beck put up 11 digs and four kills.

Thursday, March 25 **GSW vs. Tri-Point** JV -

In JV volleyball play March 25, the Lady Panthers won in two sets over Tri-Point, 25-12,

Makenzi Hahn had five aces and five kills to lead the team. Addison Fair put up three aces, three kills, and a dig, with Ava Schultz adding two aces and six assists.



TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS VOLLEYBALL

Friday, March 26 Tri-Point vs. Illinois Lutheran

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Illinois Lutheran March 26, falling 23-25, 26-28.

Ellenie Dyrby had two aces, four digs, and four kills, with Zoey Honeycutt adding an ace, ten assists, and four digs. Melina Schuette came up with nine digs, three kills, and a block. Elise Bruner chipped in with six digs and five kills.

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DTHS LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, March 22 Dwight vs. Momence

The JV Lady Trojans lost a close match to Momence March 22, 22-25, 18-25.

Kira Bean had 15 passes and six digs, while Maya Green added six passes, six digs, and two kills. Cheyanne Condreay put up four kills, four assists, and four digs. Avery Scheuer and Olivia Folkers both had two aces.

Tuesday, March 23 Dwight vs. Iroquois West

In volleyball action against Iroquois West March 23, 25, 25-11, 25-21. Dwight was defeated 19-25, 9-

Kira Bean provided 14 digs, 11 passes, and two assists. Maya Green had ten digs, five kills, and an ace, with Cheyanne Condreay contributing nine digs, six assists, and two kills. Avery Scheuer added two kills and six digs, while Olivia Folkers had two aces and five digs. Deidre Miller

also had three passes.

Thursday, March 25 Dwight vs. Iroquois West

Dwight's JV girls beat Iroquois West 25-20, 25-21 on March 25.

Kira Bean had five aces and 14 digs. Maya Green added ten digs and four kills, with Cheyanne Condreay providing six assists and four kills. Avery Scheuer and Milana Bradley each had two kills.

Varsity -

The varsity Lady Trojans

Kayla Kodat led with five aces, seven kills, seven passes, four digs, and two blocks. Alexis Thetard (8 kills, 8 digs, 7 passes, 1 block) and Kassy Kodat (11 assists, 5 digs, 1 kill) each chipped in with an ace. Jordan Schultz came up with 16 digs, eight passes, three assists, and a kill, while Emily Weissmann added five digs, six passes.

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(See the Livingston County Website for additional registration and voting deadlines information.)

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Vote by Mail Voting: Starts February 25 and continues through Thursday, April 1. A person may request a Vote by Mail ballot by USPS no later than April 1 without specifying a reason. In order to be counted the ballot must be postmarked by midnight (check local post office hours) or returned in person by 7:00 P.M. to the County Clerk's Office on April 6.

Grace Registration and Voting: Begins March 9 and continues through April 6. This is for new registrants and those who have transferred or moved and did not update their voter registration before March 9. Voting takes place at the same time registration is made in the County Clerk's Office.

obtained from the Livingston County website at livingstoncountyil.gov (Click on "County Services", "County Clerk", and "Elections"). If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact

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Dwight Redbird Speech Team at IESA Contest



"A huge congratulations to those members on the team that competed," said Dwight Common School Speech Team Coach and Sponsor, Corilyn Hensel-McCullough. "Everyone did a fantastic job and offered their very best for judging."

While on stage, contestants brought their best acting and used the blocking, spacing, lighting, and acoustic skills

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learned to their advantage.

"After eight months of individual and team effort and rehearsals, these students have proven themselves amazing orators and so much talent graced the stage on Saturday," offered Hensel-McCullough.

She continued, "It has been a pleasure to work with such talented students and see them grow in finding and using their Dolan, and Mia Franklin.

Congratulations to the following competing students: Sophie Bastian, Claire Sandeno, Addy Sulzberger, Ceci Groves, Mikey Groves, Tru Connor, Lauren Snyder, Ella Payne, Olivia Buck, Callie Robison, Miranda Bovelle, De'Lena Marsh, Sarah Parker, Ryan Bean, Walter Bradley, Dane Frobish, Jude Hurt, Katie

Extended accolades for the

best of the day for improv-ensemble went to Sophie Bastian, Claire Sandeno, and Addy Sulzberger. Best of the day for a duet improv was awarded to Ceci and Mikey Groves. Best of the day for solo acting was Lauren Snyder. Best of the day for duet acting were Ella Payne and Lauren Snyder. And best of the day for solo improv went to Mia Franklin.

Gardening Benefits Gardener responses to a Na- and stretching, just

tional Garden Bureau survey about why they garden hailed the health, economic and social benefits, and extolled the many joys found in working with land. The top three are listed below:

• Garden to produce safe, healthy food – Consumers are so increasingly aware of foodborne illnesses, food contamination, and the additives and preservatives found processed food. This, coupled with interest in organic gardening, has increased the availability of organic produce.

• Working out(side) – Studies show that an hour of moderate gardening can burn up to 300 calories for women, and almost 400 calories for men. Mowing the grass mimics a vigorous walk. Planting requires bending

and stretching, just like an exercise class, and people with physical limitations can take advantage of devices designed to help. An Illinois Extension webinar on March 9 focused on such adaptive tools. More information is available at go.illinois.

edu/4seasonsAdaptive.

• A thing of beauty – A welltended garden enhances any setting of any size, and provides a pleasurable vista, and trees and shrubs provide color and shade, as well as shelter for birds and wildlife. More information about small gardening is available at go.illinois.edu/ SmallSpaceGardens.



THE POMBERT FAMILY enjoys Limestone Township Library District's first Outdoor Storytime event - led by Programming and Outreach Coordinator, Austin Earsley. The next Outdoor Storytime will be held Wednesday, April 7, at

LTLD is Open and Ready to Serve the Community

Throughout the pandemic, teaches more moves to im-Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) has been open.

Currently, it is possible to use their Public Access computers, copy and fax paperwork, and schedule notary services. Programming at LTLD has continued to be open during the pandemic. Many of their programs are on Facebook and YouTube. And next week they plan to have an outdoor in-person activity.

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

There will be an Outdoor Grab-and-Go bag Wednesday, March 31. It can be picked up at the library all day.

Join Wednesday, April 7, as they go out onto the grounds of the library for Outdoor Storytime. The fun starts at noon.

Chess Club will meet Thursday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. Join Austin as he

prove your game whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player.

Every Saturday, they have a new Grab-and-Go craft which can be picked up at the library while supplies last. The weekend of April 3, the kit contains supplies to create an Easter bunny puppet.

The Public Access computers are available to the community for 30-minute sessions two times a day per person. And they can send out faxes or scan papers to your e-mail. Notary Public services are available by appointment and free of

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Vaccine eligibility to expand April 12

cines have been produced and made available for states, Illinois has been able to vaccinate more of the state's high-risk individuals and can now begin moving on to the general population. Beginning Monday, April 12, all Illinoisans over the age of 16 will be eligible to receive their vaccination.

Late last week Illinois surpassed five million doses administered since the first vaccinations began in December 2020. The vast majority of these are two-shot vaccinations, so it will take more than 26 million doses to fully vaccinate the state's entire population. The Department of Public Health has been working with local health departments, community health centers, pharmacies and many other health providers in the state to reach as many Illinoisans as possible. As of Thursday just over 15% of Illinoisans were fully vacci-

Vaccines are administered by appointment only, so anyone seeking to obtain one will need an appointment to do so.

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As more coronavirus vac- Public Health hotline at 1-833-621-1284 to get an appointment. You can also reach out to your county health department for information about local availability and vaccination plans.

Remote learning bill advances through committee. Just before the deadline passed for bills to advance to the House floor, another of my bills was favorably voted on by a House committee. House Bill 3573 makes a change in the School Code to allow a school district to utilize a remote learning day instead of an emergency day. It requires the school district to have a remote learning plan in place before they utilize a remote learning day and sets out some other requirements. The bill was approved by the Elementary School committee by an 8-0

'Bridge to Phase 5' an**nounced.** Illinois is poised to take another step forward in the RestoreIllinois re-opening plan for lifting the pandemic lockdowns. The entire state is currently in Phase 4 and the Governor has announced the creation of an intermediary

step between our current status full-reopening. and "bridge to phase 5" will offer the opportunity for higher capacity limits in public places like zoos and spectator events and will also increase the capacity at businesses.

The threshold for moving into this new phase requires a 70% first-dose vaccination rate for Illinoisans over the age of 65 (as of the end of last week we were at 58% and rising); maintain a 20% or lower ICU bed availability rate and no big increases in COVID-like hospital admissions or case rates. Illinois would fully move into Phase 5 once 50% of those over the age of 16 have been vaccinated and the other threshold is still being met.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$4,815,776,925 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$7.7 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.

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• Saturday, April 3 – 10:00 a.m. A Community Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Reddick Community Auxiliary (RCA), will be held on the grounds of the Reddick Fire Protection District (formerly Reddick Grade School). Attendants are asked to park on the east side of the buildings and take a basket or bag for egg collection; 11:00 a.m. Emington Community Association will be hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the park across from the church.

Gardner Village Board **Hears Knights** of the Innocent MC, **Discusses** Solar **Ordinance**

(continued from page 1) McCollom reported the water tower is nearing the painting stage, however rain this past week may prevent the painting. Mayor Mike Serena commended the public works employees for clearing the snow near the end of the sea-

Elect Jerry Curtis Mayor of **Dwight**

Dwight Village Board Adopts Annual Budget Cory Scoles Named Public Works Director

(continued from page 1) amount not to exceed \$4,150,000. The bonds will be used to refund general water system improvements. The public hearing was the second step in the bonds issuance process. No public comment was made. The board will come back in April to approve the bond ordinances.

Cory Scoles has been named the new Public Works Director for the Village of Dwight. Scoles' hiring was approved with a six month probationary period and pending the completion of his Class B Water License. His annual base salary is set at \$69,295. Scoles, previously a Dwight Public Works Water and Sewer Operator, has been filling the position since the retirement of former PW Director Steve Kinkade.

Water and sewer rates for all classes of users will not increase for fiscal year 2021-22 in the Village of Dwight. Per upcoming events. On April 3,

Dwight's Municipal Code, the DEA will host an Easter water rates automatically increase on April 1 each year unless the Village Board of Trustees, by resolution, find the increase unnecessary. The board unanimously approved the Resolution to hold steady water and sewer rates.

Plan Committee recommendations with regard to the 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 board approved an Ordinance Annexing the 365 acres; an Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Annexation and Rezoning Agreement; and an Ordinance granting I-1 Industrial Zoning for the 333.7+ Acre 2021 Annexed Parcel and Rezoning the 21.63+ acre annexed parcel from B-2 to I-1 Industrial District Zoning.

In new business, the board approved two DEA requests for

golf cart parade. The parade route will begin on Franklin Street at the DTHS Athletic Field gate at 11 a.m. traveling north on Franklin Street and proceeding down East Main Street and ending on Chippewa

In a second DEA request, the board approved street closures for the 2021 Route 66 Smokeout to take place downtown Dwight the first weekend in May. Street closures in the downtown area will begin Thursday, April 29 and run through Sunday morning, May

- The board also approved: payment of bills totaling \$123.897.41.
- payment of end of fiscal year bills.
- the February 2021 Treasurer's report as presented.
- a transfer of \$188,909 from General Fund 01 to Capital Expenditures Fund 38.

a Dwight Football Fanatics fireworks request for March 26 at the DTHS Athletic Field. approved liquor license renewals for 17 Dwight license

holders. the purchase of a Toro mower from M&H Sales & Service, Pontiac, at a bid price

of \$9,399.00.

Present at the March 22 session were Mayor Jared Anderson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbrodt, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 12. Please check prior to the meeting for location or virtual 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 has continued to be allowed by an edict from Governor Pritzker..



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