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The Eggs Were Rolling . . .



EASTER EGG HUNTS were held throughout the area so that boys and girls could enjoy a normal Easter celebration. Pictured, above, are kids in Gardner, taking part in a Hunt hosted by Gardner American Legion. Children were caught in the action, left, on March 26 at Heritage Health in Dwight, with the Easter Bunny in attendance cheering them on. Fun was had by all.

Livingston County Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site Now Closed

number of tests performed at the site, Livingston County's drive-thru COVID-19 testing site is no longer in operation.

Livingston COVID-19 testing site was established in a collaborative effort between the Livingston

Due to a decrease in the (LCHD) and OSF HealthCare local pharmacies, including Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center. The partnership will closely monitor COVID-19 activity in the re- able at the Interstate Center County's gion and reinstate the testing (1106 Interstate Dr., Blooming-

COVID-19 testing is avail-County Health Department able in Livingston County at

Walgreens and CVS, by appointment. Drive-thru and walk-up testing is also availton) every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cullom's Branch and Brush Pick-Up Service to Resume April 16

Cullom will resume seasonal branch and brush pick-up services for village residents Friday, April 16, and end Oc**tober 15**. Pick-up will continue to be on Fridays (weather permitting), branches are to be placed out prior to 6:00 a.m. on Fridays. Leaves will be picked up through November 19.

This service is intended to assist residents in maintaining their yards when small branches fall or trimming shrubs or bushes. No large tree limbs or removal of entire overgrown shrubs or bushes will be picked up. This service is not for removal of entire trees, sections of trees, or entire large bushes.

The requirements for pickup are as follows:

- Branches are to be stacked in one direction with thicker ends facing the street. Do not cross stack branches.
- Branches are to be no longer then eight feet in length or six inches in diameter. Piles are to be no higher than three feet and

road (this is the maximum size of pile that will be picked up and only one pile per week). Smaller branches (one inch or less) should be stacked and tied with string or twine or placed in a small bucket for dumping. All grass clippings, leaves, corn husks, evergreen clippings, and small twigs or trimmings must be placed in heavy duty bags (33 gallon or smaller). No items placed in large garbage cans will be picked up.

- No root balls, lumber, potted plants in plastic containers, vines, or any other material or piles including rocks and dirt that will not easily burn will be picked up.
- Walnuts must be placed in containers (five gallons or less). Walnuts placed in garbage containers larger than five gallons will not be picked up. Garden waste including vegetables, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, etc. will not be picked up. Place them in a bag

no longer than eight feet along and dispose of them in your

weekly waste pick-up. The Village's pick-up program is truly a service to Cullom residents. It encourages each resident and building owner to pride themselves in the health, aesthetics, and value of their own home, building, surrounding yard and landscape. It promotes the community's desire to beautify neighborhoods while maintaining safe and healthy surround-

Branches, leaves, and other yard waste generated by a private contractor, or individuals hired by a resident or property owners, do not qualify for the Village's Branch Pick-Up Program. Branches, leaves, and other yard waste of this type must be properly disposed of by said private contractor, or other private service, and disposed of in their dumpsite.

The Village of Cullom reserves the right to refuse any pick-up of items in violation of the intent of this community service.



Streator Onized Credit Union to Relocate -- Now at 107 E. Chippewa St., Dwight --

Streator Onized Credit Union (SOCU) in Dwight is relocating – set to open its doors at its new location at 107 East Chippewa Street on April 12.

SOCU was organized in 1939 and was originally limited to the service of employees and families of Owens Illinois Glass Company. In 1984, membership was expanded to serve the employees and families of Select Employee Groups.

Now, in addition to the current 45+ Select Employee Groups, all residents and employees of LaSalle, Livingston, Marshall, Grundy, Putnam, Woodford, McLean, Bureau, Stark, Peoria, Tazewell, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Will, and

Kendall Counties may join the credit union.

In October 2005, the credit union expanded into Livingston County by opening a branch in Pontiac at 210 W. Water St. The Pontiac Branch is the third full-service financial institution for the credit union.

The Dwight Branch debuted in November 2007 inside D & J Foods at 317 W. Waupansie in Dwight. In December 2008, the branch was moved to 124 E. Main St. Now, its latest loca-

tion will be 107 E. Chippewa St. SOCU-Dwight Branch is a full-service financial institution and is the only credit union located in Dwight.

In 2019, SOCU celebrated 80 years of member service, with member celebrations throughout the year.

In 2020, SOCU was given a top 200 rank, with a rank of 130th healthiest credit union in the United States by Deposit Accounts for the 2019 fiscal

The Dwight branch will be closed Friday, April 9, and Saturday, April 10, to move to the new location. They will reopen Monday, April 12.



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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

March 26: Jordan C. Pokarney, 28, Dwight, speeding 26-34 MPH over limit, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

March 27: Jonathon M. Freese, 30, Dwight, squealing/screeching tires.

March 29: Eugene J. Johnson, 29, Springfield, driving/no license/permit/age, operate uninsured motor vehicle, transp./carry alc. liq./driver.

Tickets Issued by LaSalle County Police April 3: Eric Suddick, 52,

Gardner, speeding, 77/55 mph.

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

Dwight Police Blotter

March 25: 5:52 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Waupansie for theft of a lawn mower.

March 26: 6:09 p.m., Dwight Police spoke with a subject about a Violation of Order of Protection.

March 27: 7:46 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to Burbeck Drive for a Criminal Damage to Property report. The glass in a front door had been broken out.

March 29: 4:52 a.m., Arrested for Criminal Sexual Assault was José Gamboa, 71, of Dwight. He was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.; 5:08 p.m., Bruce Melvin, 36, of Pontiac, was arrested for a Livingston Cty. Warrant.

March 31: Reports were generated for ID fraud and an unauthorized debit charge.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

March 25: Mazon Ave., fire

March 26: Julie Dr., trauma, refusal; Chippewa, medical, St.

March 27: Seminole, fire, no patient; Julie, fire, no patient; South, trauma, refusal; Bannon, medical, Morris.

March 28: John, medical, Morris; Chippewa, medical, Riverside.

March 29: Bannon, medical, Morris. March 30: Northbrook,

medical, refusal; Chippewa, medical. Morris.

March 31: Watters, medical, St. James; South, fire, no pa-

Braceville Man Killed in Farming Accident

John Callahan's Office is investigating a farming incident that claimed the life of a 69year old Braceville man.

Michael A. Perino, 69, of rural Braceville, was found on the ground alongside his tractor around 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3.

Preliminary investigation Fire assisted at the scene.

Grundy County Coroner indicates Mr. Perino may have been working on his tractor to get it started when the incident occurred. It appears the tractor rolled or lunged forward, going over top of Mr. Perino, who died at the scene.

The incident remains under investigation by Callahan's Office. Gardner and Braceville

Traffic Signal Heater the Coolest Thing Made in Illinois

Following eight weeks of competition and 311 product nominations, this year's Maker's Madness winner is the self-regulating traffic signal heater, earning the title of The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois.

It is made by Termico Technologies in Elk Grove Village.

The heater uses conductive particles to heat traffic signals so they can still be seen during the winter.

The heater got more than 300,000 votes throughout the competition. This is the second year the Illinois Manufacturers Association hosted the contest.



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Will Investors Change Behavior After the Pandemic?

we'll see a lot more people continue to work remotely, now that they've seen the effectiveness of tools such as videoconferencing. Education, too, may be forever changed in some ways. Perhaps just as important, though, is how many people may now think more about the future - including how they invest.

through a videoconferencing platform, rather than in person. Some people like this arrangement because it offers more scheduling flexibility and eliminates the time and effort of traveling to and from an appointment. Others, however, still prefer face-to-face contact and look forward to when such arrangements will again be practical and safe for everyone involved. But if you're in the first group - that is, you prefer videoconferencing - you may now wish to use this communication method in the future, at least some of the time.

But beyond the physical aspects of your investing experience, you may now be looking at some changes in your investment strategy brought on, or at least suggested, by your reactions to the pandemic.

For example, many people - especially, but not exclusively, those whose employment was affected by the pandemic - found that they were coming up short in the area of liquidity. They didn't have enough easily accessible savings to provide them with the cash they needed to meet their expenses until their employment situations stabilized. Consequently, some individuals were forced to dip into their long-term investments, such as their 401(k)s and IRAs. Generally speaking, this type of move is not ideal - these accounts are designed for retirement, so, the more you tap into them early, the less you'll have available when you do retire. Furthermore, your withdrawals will likely be taxable, and, depending on your age, may also be subject to penalties.

If you were affected by this liquidity crunch, you can take steps now to avoid its recurrence. Your best move may be to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the funds held in a separate, highly accessible account of cash or cash equivalents. Of course, given your regular expenses, it may take some time to build such an amount, but if you can commit yourself to putting away a certain amount of money each month, you will make progress. Even having a few hundred dollars in an emergency fund can help create more fi-

Apart from this new appreciation for short-term liquidity, though, the foundation for your overall financial future should remain essentially the same. In addition to building your emergency fund, you should still contribute what you can afford to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans. If you have children you want to send to college, you might still explore college-funding vehicles such as a 529 plan. Higher education will still be expensive, even with an ex-

a smart move to create a long-term financial strategy tailored to your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

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Temps - 2021

Mar. 25 – high 55°, low 38° .19" precip.

Mar. 26 – high 48°, low 38° trace precip.

Mar. 27 – high 67°, low 39° .32" precip.

Mar. 28 – high 46°, low 28° Mar. 29 - high 63°, low 29° Mar. 30 – high 66°, low 30°

trace precip. Mar. 31 – high 44°, low 24° One Year Ago - April 7, 2020 high 55°, low 31°



Dwight Fire Incidents 3/25 - 4/1

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

March 25: Automatic Fire

Alarm – False alarm. March 27: Electrical wiring

problem; Odor of smoke. March 28: Search for a per-

March 29: Mutual Aid to

Braidwood/Structure Fire. March 31: Mutual Aid to

Emington/Structure Fire Dwight FPD also responded to ten medical assists with Dwight EMS.

DEA Take Back Drug Day in **LaSalle County April 24**

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environ-

As a reminder to the public, Saturday, April 24, is the National Drug Enforcement Agency Take Back Drug Day. At the LaSalle County Governmental Center, 707 E. Etna Rd., Ottawa, North Sheriff's entrance is a receptacle for public use to dispose of your unused or expired prescription medications. This receptacle will be available 24/7, 365 days a year. Liquids, aerosols, or needles are not accepted for disposal at this drop off point.

More information can be found on the DEA's website, www.DEATakeBack.com

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The COVID-19 pandemic may end up changing our lives in some significant ways. To cite one example, it's likely

If you work with a financial professional, you may have connected with this individual over the past several months

nancial stability.

pansion in online learning programs. Post-pandemic life may contain some differences, along with many similarities to life before. But it will always be

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

It's History...

Clara Weis and Clarence Hulbert. Dwight





Dwight Historical Society Meets April 12

The Dwight Historical Society is meeting a week earlier than its usual third Monday of an even numbered month in order to plan an Open House for the newly redecorated historic Dwight train depot on

May 1.

The meeting will be Monday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the depot museum on West Main Street.

Anyone wishing to help with the Open House but unable to attend the meeting is asked to call Mary Flott at 815-584-2107.

Meetings of The Society are open to all who are interested in Dwight history. All are wel-

Jesse White Unveils New Organ/Tissue Donation Campaign

Secretary of State Jesse lish, visit youtu.be/PXFBd White unveiled a new ad campaign April 1 featuring White Sox All-Star relief pitcher and long-time radio voice of the team, Ed "Farmio" Farmer, who died last year. The campaign marks the beginning of National Donate Life Month in April.

"We lost an extraordinary person with the passing of Ed Farmer," said Secretary White. "I was proud to partner with Ed organ/tissue donation awareness campaigns in the past and saw first-hand his passion and commitment to this lifesaving program. I am proud to feature Ed in this campaign a man who dedicated himself to giving back to this livesaving program. Ed was a true hero."

In the public service announcement (PSA), Ed says, "I always say, heaven knows you can't take them (organs) with you." To view the spot in Eng-

T4bbMk, to view the Spanish link, visit youtu.be/oTqA7-FV G-E. For more than a decade, Ed,

joined by White Sox players, participated in events at the James R. Thompson Center and Guaranteed Rate Field to encourage organ and tissue donation with the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. As an advocate for donation, Ed served on the board of directors for the Polycystic Kidney Disease Research Foundation and testified in 1995 before the U.S. House of Representatives on the issue. In 2014, Ed was honored with a Champions Award from Donate Life America for his outstanding advocacy of organ donation.

Currently, there are 7.1 million people registered to become organ/tissue donors in Illinois and approximately Driver Services facility.

4,000 people are on the waiting list. About 300 die each year waiting for an organ transplant.

The PSA encourages people to enroll in the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. The television, radio, digital display and social media ads will run in English and Spanish statewide throughout the month.

During this month, Secretary White will participate in organ/tissue donor initiatives that celebrate reaching the milestone of having more than seven million registrants in Illinois. In addition, organ/tissue donor staff will host informational tables, distribute organ donor materials, and host training sessions.

Illinoisans can register with the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at LifeGoesOn.com, 800-210-2106, or by visiting their local

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Unemployment declined slightly in February

Illinois' economic recovery 6.2%. Compared to one year ago – into carbon capture, utilization and February according to numbers released by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). IDES reported that unemployment fell by 0.3% in the month, finishing at a level of 7.4%. In all, 21,000 non-farm jobs were created in Illinois in February.

The "Leisure and Hospitality" sector finally showed some gains, adding 32,300 jobs after being among the hardest hit parts of the economy during the pandemic. Construction jobs declined by 5600 and business services fell by 4500 in February.

Illinois still has a way to go, however, as we trail the national average unemployment rate of pandemic and the shutdowns - Illinois unemployment is more than double its February 2020 rate of 3.6%, reflecting a loss of 461,200 jobs. Leisure and hospitality, which includes restaurants, remains the hardest-hit sector, down by 185,700 jobs since last year.

Two more bills out of committee, but not quite finalized. Last Friday was the deadline for advancing House bills out of committee and onto the House floor for further discussion. I succeeded in getting nine bills through the committee process this year.

House Bill 165 will set up a study by the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois

om the pandemic continued in the last report issued before the storage technology in Illinois. The U.S. Department of Energy is working on 30 research projects in the state of Illinois today. Our study would bring together scientists, state agencies, landowners, business and labor to find out the best way to utilize this new method of preventing air pollution and make Illinois a leader in carbon capture technology.

Another bill, House Bill 3928, to create the Illinois Thirty-by-Thirty Conservation Task Force. Its goal is to review and make recommendations to the General Assembly about the best ways we can conserve land in Illinois, with an eye toward conserving and protecting 30% of land in Illinois by

We will continue to work with all involved stakeholders to perfect these bills until they are ready for passing the House bills over to the Senate April 23.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the of Illinois State \$5,203,542,474 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$7.4 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does include debts that can only be estimated.

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We would like to thank everyone who has sent cards (birthday and well-wishes), facebook posts, porch decorations, visits, food and phone calls. Dad had a great birthday. It gave him such joy to know how many people care.

> Thank you so much! Ronald Gosteli and family

Route 66 **Red Carpet** Corridor May 1, 2021

It's all about family fun on the most famous road in America - Route 66. Sponsored by the twelve communities which make up the 80-mile linear museum from Joliet to Lexington, annual festival invites everyone to experience the good life in the slow lane.

Each community will produce its own events. Visitors can simply enjoy the drive, stop and get out of the car, or do a little shopping in any of the great stores along the Mother



EVERYONE ENJOYED THE SCENERY displayed at the Easter House at 319 East Hamilton Street in Odell - the home of Brian and Carolyn Bennington.

ir wedding

Questions to Ask Before Booking a Photographer

Various components combine to make weddings beautiful and memorable. Couples rely on photographers to capture the smiles and moments that help make their events unique and to ensure the big day is remembered for years to

The trusted wedding re-

source The Knot notes that an questions before making their wedding? internal study found that, among 27,000 couples who got married in 2019, an average of \$2,400 was spent on a in? wedding photographer to document their big day.

Couples who want to find the best photographer for their wedding day can ask several

final decision. What style do you specialize

Photographers may be able to shoot various styles of photos, but may specialize in a specific type. For example, some photographers specialize in photojournalism, while others may excel at portraiture. Going with a photographer who has the most expertise shooting the style you prefer

Certain photography studios have several photographers working under one roof. Just because you meet with one does not necessarily mean that photographer will be on site, unless it is specified in the

Have you ever worked at my venue before?

Photographers may be familiar with several local wedding venues and houses of worship. A photographer who has experience working in the locations where couples will tie the knot and subsequently



celebrate might produce the ultimately ordered. Confirm best results, but lack of experience with particular venues need not exclude other professionals.

Can we see a full gallery of a recent wedding?

According to Brides magazine, unlike an album or a highlight gallery, a full gallery provides a better sense of a photographer's style and attention to detail.

Will photos be color balanced and retouched?

Skilled photographers are capable of capturing winning photos. But photos can be enwith retouching software to bring out specific effects. line? Some photographers will polish all proofs, while others only will work on the images

retouching details before signing the contract.

What's included in the photo packages?

A detailed price list helps you compare one photographer to another and decide which elements are covered. Additional prints, having a photographer's assistant, ordering albums for the parents, or ordering a large framed print can alter costs significantly. Explore all prices to ensure you're getting the best value. In addition, consider how many hours of event covhanced further in the studio erage are included in the price. What is the payment time-

> Photographers may accept deposits for their services but expect a different timeline of payment. Some may require payment in full before the wedding, while others may offer a payment plan that includes a final payment when picking up proofs or albums.

> Wedding photography is one of the essential elements of a wedding and helps tell the story of couple's special day. Asking key questions can help couples find a photographer who will produce the desired results.



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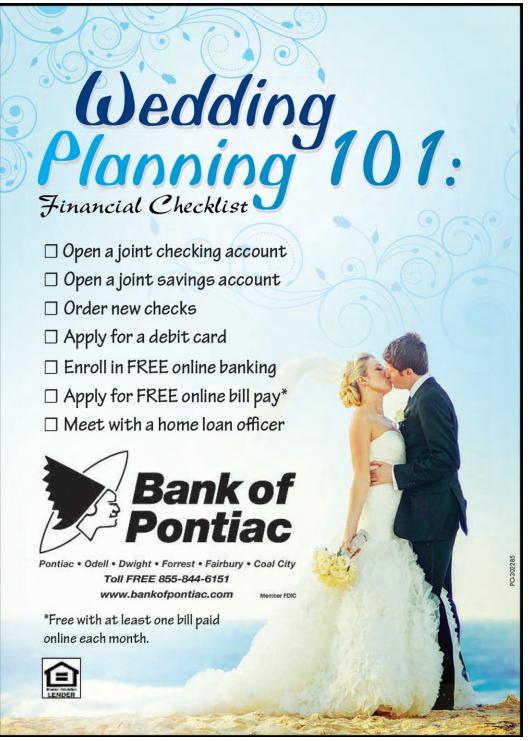




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Seneca FFA Ranks Among State's Best in Meat Evaluation CDE

Chris Poyner and Cole structor Kent Weber. Hintze led the Seneca FFA chapter to a second place finish in the recent State FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE), held virtually recently and hosted by the University of Illinois.

Chris placed second and Cole, seventh, respectively, with Tyler Sulzberger (11th), Spencer DeGraaf (13th), and Joey Nelson also contributing to the team score. The team

The Meats Evaluation CDE event consists of the quality and yield grading six beef carcasses, evaluating and ranking five classes of wholesale and retail cuts of meat, placing three

classes of pork, lamb,

and beef carcasses,

answering ten questions about the meat classes they evaluated, a junior varsity CDE for stuwas coached by agriculture in- and identifying 30 retail cuts of

new friendships. Avoid trying

to figure out who will get along

by creating a potpourri table. A

cousin in a band will not neces-

sarily want to sit next to your

coworker who plays guitar sim-

ply because they have a shared

love of music. A wedding is not

the time to try to create new



than more 175 choices. There were 25 schools competing with more than 100 individuals participating in the virtual

At the same time, there was dents who wanted to compete

and were now eligible with the event being held virtually. Seneca FFA members took home several honors, as six of the top eight individuals were from Seneca. This event also had more than 75 individuals participating. Taking home honors included: Austin Marshall second; Zack Sulzberger - third; Lizzie Reyes - fifth; Calvin Maierhofer – sixth; Ashlin Jackson – seventh; and Ashley Alsvig -

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How to Avoid Wedding Reception Seating Mistakes they'll connect in a more or- the table.

ganic way.



Weddings are great opportunities for people to gather and celebrate the melding of two families into one. Weddings are a melting pot, and while the ultimate goal is for all guests invited to mingle and have a good time, preexisting relationships may cause some wedding-day interactions to be strained. However, with careful planning and some best behavior on the parts of all involved, getting hitched can go off without a hitch.

This is just one factor couples need to consider when deciding where guests will sit and dine at receptions. It's important to avoid some common mistakes.

Mistake #1: Not having a seating plan. Let guests sit where they want and chaos may ensue. People may think they're entitled to certain seats, may hop into seats vacated by someone getting up to use the restroom or any number of Seating other scenarios. arrangements also ensure everyone is accounted for across the room.

Mistake #2: Seating families separately. Unless there are rifts between certain family members, it's best to seat parents and children at the same

Mistake #3: Trying to force

kids' table. Young children can probably get away with sitting at a dedicated kids' table, although it may mean their parents have to interrupt their experiences by checking on their kids throughout the night. A bigger faux pas is to sit teenagers or twentysomethings at the kids table even if they seem like youngsters to you. Set a strict cut-off age for a children's table. Mistake #5: Being too strict

Mistake #4: The dreaded

in seating. It's one thing to direct couples or singletons to specific tables, quite another to assign specific seats. Do not dictate exactly where at the table a guest should sit. Some people arrive early, others late, and it is up to them to work out how to arrange themselves at

Mistake #6: Failing to get family feedback. Always check with your parents and future inlaws as resources about how to seat certain guests. They'll likely know who will make the best table-mates, especially if couples are not familiar with everyone on the guest list.

Mistake #7: Not being aware of disabilities or needs. Be conscious of guests' needs. An elderly relative may not be comfortable in front of the DJ table. A person in a wheelchair may need easy access to and from the reception room. It's important to be mindful of these special needs.

A seating plan for wedding receptions is an important consideration so that every guest can feel comfortable.





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the corner

This is being written and submitted on Good Friday, so the election of a new mayor for Dwight is almost a week away. To whoever that may be, my congratulations for becoming a candidate and showing concern about the future of our community.

Dwight is coming off a rough year in many respects -- the closing of LSC Communications, the trials presented to business life and to all of us individually by the pandemic. Good decisionmaking will be necessary if the village is to prosper.

What a wonderful time to take more interest in what the village is doing. Even ask questions. Volunteer for odd jobs. We're in this together.

In my column a week ago I gave rather short shrift to the suggestion by Rapper Killer Mike that 25% of the taxes collected from the legalized sale of marijuana in Illinois be paid as reparations to the state's Black population.

The real danger, in my opinion, is to believe that real or perceived shortcomings in our lives can be blamed on outside forces and require reparations.

Reading Crain's Chicago Business every week, I marvel at the people of all nationalities who have achieved imby Tom Tock

portant positions as leaders in Chicago's civic, financial, and industrial life.

I don't believe these people ever wasted much time feeling sorry for themselves or their particular state in life as they worked to achieve responsible and important positions.

They set goals and were not distracted from reaching

I don't want to minimize the problems out there, but in other words, "We have met the enemy and he is us." --

Walt Kelly, '71

Laurence Msail, president of the Civic Federation, a non partisan government research organization, stated this past week in *Crain's* that in spite of the \$7.5-billion sent to Illinois as part of the latest COVID relief bill, "Illinois and Chicago will quickly find themselves back in the same place they were before receiving assistance" if Illinois doesn't take time for pension reform, property tax reform, governmental consolidation and other best practices.

Where are the leaders to attack these problems, make these changes?

Do we need a third party? Don't forget to go for a walk.

GLCAC April Gallery Show 'Ode to VI' **Exhibit**

"Ode to VI" is the April featured gallery show at Greater Livingston County Arts Council (GLCAC) Art Center. It opened April 2 in the Joe Bailey Gallery and will run through the month.

The gallery is located upstairs at the Art Center. An elevator/lift is available.

The exhibit is a collaboration between the Art Center and the Pontiac Chapter of Illinois State Poetry Society. Poets wrote poems to inspire artists and artists designed art to inspire the poets. This is the sixth such collaboration. Last year's planned show was canceled because of the COVID-19 shutdown. The show is also in conjunction with April being National Poetry Month.

The Art Center at the GLCAC and Gallery is located at 209 West Madison Street in Pontiac. The show may be viewed during regular hours, which are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

There is no admission fee and the public is welcome. Masks are required but also provided at the center.





RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER Brett Weiss, Naperville visited with Dwight Rotary Club March 3, to promote the HOPE Weiss Scholarship for Children in Kenya (Dago) to receive a great education. Dwight Rotary has agreed to sponsor a child for \$3,500.



Dwight Rotary to Sponsor One Child in Dago, Africa for All Years of High School

President Earl McCoy of the Dwight Rotary Club is proud to share that Dwight Rotary Club voted unanimously March 31 to sponsor the cost of room, board and tuition for all four years of high school for one child from the village of Dago.

Dwight Rotary Club will get regular updates on their sponsored student. Rotary International has seven areas of focus, which includes Supporting Ed-

Dago is a tiny village in the far southwestern part of Kenya (Africa), not far from the bor-

It was February 1947...

Dwight Boy Scouts in-

cluded: Richard Schou, Jen-

nings Milbauer, Stuart Patten,

Joseph West, Jerry Edmunds,

Donald Zappa, Thomas Stucky

opening of Dwight Produce

Company on East Delaware

Street were a round medallion

centered with a penny and in-

scribed with the words:

"Dwight Produce Company -

Giveaways at the grand

and Charles Brady.

der of Tanzania and Lake Victoria. Most children from Dago are not able to get an education beyond fourth grade and are unable to escape abject poverty. Their parents cannot afford to

The VFW held a St. Valen-

tine's Dance with Larry Lon-

ney and his orchestra from

Bloomington. Dance tickets

Herbert Voigts of Dwight pur-

chased Aberdeen Angus cattle:

Albert, two Angus cows; Anna

Louise and Herbert, one Angus

cow each.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Barbara De Waard

Albert, Anna Louise and

were \$1.00, tax included.

Dippons, Dwight, Ill."

pay for their education, as the average family income is less than \$2 per day.

Dwight Rotary Club is making this investment in education via the Bernard and Elsie Weiss Dago Scholarship Fund. To learn more about the Weiss Scholarship Foundation, go online to weissscholarship foundation.org.

Dwight Rotary Club meetings are at noon on Wednesdays at the Dwight Country Club and are open to the public. Pastor "Randy" Randle is their membership chairperson.

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Swinging Bridges Arts Festival in Pontiac May 1-2

The Greater Livingston student art contest, music, mar-County Art Council (GLCAC) will host its annual Swinging Bridges Arts Festival Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in downtown Pontiac.

There will be art vendors, a at 309-310-1281.

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tial arts demonstration by Endeavor ATA martial arts, interactive art-related displays, and activities for all ages.

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I don't know whose idea it was to do this, but it was so good to see those football players in uniform carrying the military flags onto the field in the picture on the front of The Paper! Those brave guys that are enlisting in the military to serve our country deserve our

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respect and appreciation!

Such a positive statement means a lot to everyone, young and old. May God guide, bless and protect them and any others that may be enlisting in the military service.

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Orders for trees are due Wednesday, April 14, and pickup is Thursday, April 22.

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OBITUARIES

Lucille A. Christensen

Lucille A. Christensen, 97, of Reddick, IL passed Saturday, March 27, at Riverside Medical Cen-

She was born in Fairview, IL on February 4, 1924, the daughter of Giovanni (John)

and Vittoria Forneris, who emigrated from Italy in the early 1900s.

She married Joseph T. Christensen on July 25, 1946 in Sacred Heart Church, Campus, IL. Lucille attended a country school near Campus, graduated from Reddick High School and Illinois State University (ISU).

In 1945 she began teaching in a country school near Campus with four students in grades 1, 2, 4 and 8, with no electricity or running water. Her Dad taught her to bank the coals of the furnace so it would be warm the next morning. She later taught with the Herscher School District and retired in 1990 from teaching second grade at Bonfield Grade School.

She was a volunteer in the Alive program at Kankakee Community College (KCC), Riverside Medical Center, and the EARL reading program.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Reddick and the Council of Catholic Women (CCW).

Surviving are her children: Victoria (Gary Gladding) Christensen of Urbana; Jude (Tom Levi) Christensen of Watertown, WI; Regina (Gina)

Corban of Morris; and Michael Christensen of Reddick; two beloved grandchildren, Joseph and Gianna Corban; and nieces, many nephews and their

cousins in Italy. She was preceded in death by

and

her husband, Joe (1995); brother, Secondo Forneris; sister, Katie Sarti; nieces and nephews and friends.

families,

She loved to travel and made several trips to Italy to visit relatives. In 1937, she traveled with her mother, on the ship Aquitiana to Italy. It was the only time she spent time with her grandparents.

She also loved the Chicago White Sox, UI teams, and going to grandchildren's activities and games. She embraced and utilized technology on her phone for news and texts.

Her advice was "stay active and eat healthy foods." She never stopped teaching us.

All memorial services will be private at the present time. A celebration to honor her life will be planned at a future date, and can be found on the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood, IL website, rwpat tersonfuneralhomes.com.

Please share a memory or story on this website: rwpatter sonfuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to: Cancer Research, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, your local food bank, or a charity of your

Barbara J. Pettit

Barbara J. Pettit, 82, of Quincy, IL passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021 in her son's home surrounded by her son, daughter, and many family members.

She was born in Odell, IL on January 31, 1939 to Andrew and Mary

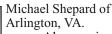
(Duay) Bellis. Barb grew up on the family farm and was one of 13 children.

She was a graduate of St. Paul High School in Odell. She met the love of her life, Jim Pettit, while waitressing at a truck stop. They were happily married 57 years and together raised two children.

She was a longtime member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Quincy, where she was an Angel Duster and helped with funeral dinners. Barb also volunteered for many years at St. Vincent's Nursing Home, where she enjoyed playing the organ and assisting on bingo night. She loved bargain shopping, earning her the nickname "Bargain Barbie" by a family friend.

She also loved decorating her home for all of the holidays. Barb will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her son, David (Lisa) Pettit of Rockford, IL: her daughter, Pam (Jim) Shepard of Bloomington, IL; her grandchildren: Courtney Pettit of Pasadena, CA; Carley (David) Huhtelin of Rockford, IL; Casey (Nick) Naber of Rockford, IL; and



Also surviving are her brothers: Dick (Darlene) Bellis of Grayslake, IL; John (Vicki) Bellis of Racine, WI; and Mike (Sue) Bellis of Bradley, IL; her sisters: Delores (Millard) Maxson of Chatsworth, IL;

Peggy Agamy of Elwood, IL; Minnie Brown of St. Peters, MO; Judy (Norm) Lewis of Dwight, IL; and Debbie Shepherd of Elburn, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jim. in 2017; her brothers, Gene Bellis and Larry Bellis; and her sisters, Therese Pinkston and Catherine Riccolo.

Her service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 17, in St. Patrick's Church, Dwight.

Visitation will be one hour at the church preceding the

Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Barb's name to St. Paul High School in Odell or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org

Arrangements entrusted to Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory, Mulford Chapel, 1860 S. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61108.

Share online memories and condolences at: www.fitzgeraldfh.com

Minutes



Vaccination Numbers

I'm writing this Monday, but given the past tense nature of the newspaper medium it will technically be yesterday, I received the 1st dose of the Pfizer covid-19 vaccine. Anyone is now eligible to receive it in Livingston County, big momentous occasion, in a way that marks the beginning of the end of the pandemic now that most states and counties have opened up vaccinations to every adult in their respective states and counties.

Given I'm about to step up to the plate so to speak I thought it might be a good time to give a quick check on where the country stands with them and see where the state compares.

Currently in the United States, 62 million people are fully vaccinated, with 107 million people at this point having received at least one dose. I've seen from most accounts that one shot of the two dose vaccine gives you anywhere from 50-60% protection, regardless, making headway.

That is 18% of the population who has been fully vaccinated, but maybe the even more important and promising number is that 54% of the population 65 and older have been vaccinated, and that's largely the group to have the most severe cases of covid-19.

Now, how do these numbers compare to the lovely state of Illinois, they compare... comparatively. (great word usage by me, not to brag.) The State of Illinois currently has 18% of the population fully vaccinated as well. That comes out to about 2.3 million people.

All these numbers are probably slightly ahead of where I would have predicted at this point. The most promising thing might be that at the National level we've reached 4 million doses administered per day, and over 100,000 per day in the state of Illinois, conceivably those should only continue to tick up.

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Republicans Propose Independent Redistricting Commission

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Republicans in the General Assembly have introduced a new bill that would hand over the process of drawing new legislative and congressional district maps to an independent commission that would be required to use official Census Bureau, rather than survey estimates, to draw the maps.

The latest bill, introduced March 30 as an amendment to Senate Bill 1325, mirrors a proposed constitutional amendment that was introduced in 2019. That proposal, which had 37 cosponsors, died in the 101st General Assembly without receiving a hearing.

"Voters shouldn't have to rely on politicians who draw maps solely to fulfill self-serving interests," Sen. Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington), the bill's chief sponsor, said during a virtual news conference. "Remember...just last year, 18 Democrats in the Illinois Senate signed on to a constitutional amendment supporting an independent mapmaking commission. We've taken the language of that constitutional amendment and we're proposing to do just that by statute.

Every ten years, states redraw their legislative and congressional district maps to align with the most recent decennial census. That process is being complicated this year, as the census data needed to complete those tasks has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors.

that the data needed for congressional redistricting will be available by April 30. But the more detailed, block-level data that the commission will not commost states need for legislative redistricting won't be available until the end of September.

But the Census Bureau has also said it will have the more detailed data available in another, less user-friendly format – what's known as the Legacy Format Summary Redistricting File – by mid- to late-August.

Democrats, who control both chambers of the General Assembly, have suggested they can meet the constitutional deadlines by using population estimates from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. But Republicans are objecting to that idea, saying that data is flawed because it is based on only a sample of all households.

"So that's what it comes down to," said House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs. "Do we want to rely upon an unproven piece of research, or are we going to do what we've done traditionally in the past? And we can pivot, we can make adjustments. We do that often with deadlines."

The bill calls for the chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and the most senior member of the court who is from a different political party to appoint a 16-member Independent Redistricting Commission. It would be composed of seven Democrats, seven Republicans, and two independents, and no one who has been elected to a state, federal, or local govern-The Census Bureau has said ment office within the preceding four years would be eligible to serve on the commission.

The bill also anticipates that plete its work by the constitutional June 30 deadline and that an eight-member Legislative Commission Redistricting would also be appointed.

The independent commission would then wait to receive the Legacy Format Summary Redistricting File from the Census Bureau and, within 30 days after that, submit a plan for new state legislative maps to the Legislative Redistricting Commission while submitting its plan for congressional redistricting to the General Assembly.

"Every Illinoisan deserves to be represented in our democracy, and an independent map drawn by the people for the people, and not by politicians for politicians, is really the best way for people to have their voices heard," said Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods. "For too long the people of Illinois have been deprived of the right of having an independent map where they get to pick their elected representatives."

The idea of turning the redistricting process over to an inde-

pendent commission, often referred to as the "Fair Maps" proposal, has enjoyed broad, bipartisan support in the past. A 200 survey by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University found that 64% of those responding favored redistricting reform, including 40% who "strongly" favored it.

In 2014 and 2016, there were citizen-led petition drives to put such an amendment on the ballot, but both initiatives were ultimately struck down by Illinois courts on technical grounds.

This year, however, Democrats have indicated that they intend to use the traditional legislative process to redraw maps, and both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees have outlined their schedules for holding public hearings around the state.

The Senate committee, which is divided into 15 regional subcommittees, has already begun conducting virtual meetings focused on different regions of the state. The House committee released its schedule March 29. It includes a series of 23 in-person hearings it will conduct around the state that began April 1 in Chicago.

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

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NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Rhonda L. Lawford, and Letters of Office were issued on March 15, 2021, to Jacqueline S. Sparrow, 8400 South Ward Road, Dwight, IL 60420, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is JOAN N. HARROP, 220 West Main Street, Suite 300, Morris, The estate will be administered without court supervision unless,

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Thursday, March 25 GSW vs. Beecher JV-

The JV Lady Panthers fell for the first time in 2021, losing to Beecher 18-25, 25-21, 12-

Jessica Dominguez led with two aces and 19 digs. Ava Schultz (4 assists, 1 dig) and Addison Fair (6 digs, 3 kills) each had one ace. Makenzi Hahn had four kills and one block.

Varsity -

GSW's varsity girls also suffered their first "L" of the GSW vs. Seneca season, dropping a 14-25, 21-25 decision.

Hannah Frescura had four aces, six assists, and three digs to lead the team. Kylie Hawks came up with four blocks, two kills, and a dig, with Abby Beck contributing six digs and three kills. Colby Grieff added ten digs and a kill.

Friday, March 26 **GSW** vs. Illinois Lutheran JV-

The GSW Lady Panthers got back on track March 26 with a 25-17, 25-16 win over Illinois Lutheran.

Jessica Dominguez had five aces and three digs, while Addison Fair provided an ace, four kills, and three digs. Ava Schultz added five assists and two digs. Makenzi Hahn

GSW LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL

chipped in with three kills. Varsity -

It took three sets to decide a winner, but the Lady Panthers came out on top of Illinois Lutheran, 25-19, 21-25, 25-22.

Colby Grieff (9 digs, 7 kills, 2 assists) and Abby Beck (8 kills, 6 digs) each had one ace. Hannah Frescura had a big game, dishing 23 assists to go with three kills, two digs, and a block. Kylie Hawks had ten kills, ten digs, and two assists.

Wednesday, March 31 Freshmen -

The freshmen Lady Panthers improved to 3-1 overall following a 27-25, 19-25, 15-10 win over Seneca.

Addison Fair led with five aces, 12 kills, and 11 digs. Maddie Olsen added three aces, four kills, a block, and a dig. Ava Schultz dished 19 assists and had one dig. Jayden Buchanan posted five digs and

In a match-up with Seneca March 31, GSW was beaten 17-25, 13-25.

Maddie Olsen had an ace, four kills, and one block. Addison Fair put up five digs, four kills, and an assist. Ava Schultz supplied seven assists and a dig. Jessica Dominguez added

Varsity -

The GSW Lady Panthers lost to Seneca 20-25, 20-25.

Grace Halpin led with an ace, five kills, and one dig. Abby Beck added six kills, four digs, and two blocks. Hannah Frescura came up with 16 assists; Colby Grieff, four kills.

Thursday, April 1 **GSW vs. Grace Christian** JV -

On April 1, the JV Lady Panthers won 25-19, 25-19 over Grace Christian.

Maddie Olsen led with four aces, four kills, two digs, and an assist. Addison Fair added six kills, two digs, and one block. Ava Schultz put up eight assists and a kill, with Jessica Dominguez providing nine

Varsity -

It took three sets, but GSW's varsity girls defeated Grace Christian 25-12, 22-25, 25-15.

Hannah Frescura had seven aces, 18 assists, nine digs, and seven kills to lead the way. Abby Beck contributed two aces, four kills, four digs, and two assists. Colby Grieff added an ace, six kills, five digs, a block, and one assist. Kylie Hawks chipped in with eight digs, four kills, and two assists.

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DTHS Volleyball players, #4 Kassy Kodat, #5 Kayla Kodat and

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#8 Jordan Schultz







Seneca's Miranda Araujo Recognized as State FFA Proficiency Winner

Miranda Araujo was selected as the State FFA Proficiency Winner in the area of Environmental Science. Miranda is a member of the Seneca FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA.

Illinois FFA recognizes students in 50 different areas based on their work-based learning, also known as Supervised Agricultural Experiences or SAE. FFA members who demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through record keeping, leadership, and scholastic achievement may be considered for this award.

SAEs allow students to learn by doing, by either owning or operating an agricultural



business, working or serving an internship at an agriculturebased business, or conducting an agriculture-based scientific experiment and reporting re-

Araujo was selected as the State Winner by a committee of agriculture teachers knowledgeable in this work-based area, who reviewed their records online and then conducted virtual interviews from their homes and offices throughout the state.

Miranda is the daughter of Miriam Garibay and Martin

Receiving this honor now makes Araujo eligible to compete in the National FFA Awards selection process in July. She was previously chosen as the Chapter, Section, and District awardee in this area.

Araujo has been involved in the many other agricultural education and FFA activities: including Prepared Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure. Jeff Maierhofer and Kent Weber are the agriculture teachers and FFA Advisors at

Seneca High School. Miranda will receive plaques for her accomplishments and will be celebrated for this great achievement. These plaques are made possible by gifts from individuals, businesses, corporations, and organizations through the Illinois Foundation FFA.

DTHS Lady Trojans Volleyball

Monday, March 29 **Dwight vs. Momence** Varsity -

The Lady Trojans were vicrious over Momence March 29, 12-25, 25-16, 25-19.

Kassy Kodat led with three aces, nine assists, five digs, and a block. Alexis Thetard followed with two aces, seven passes, five digs, four kills, and one block. Kayla Kodat contributed an ace, 16 passes, seven kills, seven digs, and two blocks, while Emily Weissmann added 15 passes and five digs. Madisyn Hatfield put up three kills and a block.

Tuesday, March 30 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central**

In volleyball action March 30, Dwight's JV girls fell in three sets to Clifton Central, 24-26, 25-23, 9-15.

Kira Bean and Erin Anderson both had nine digs, with Olivia Folkers providing six. Bean also had six aces and 18 passes. Maya Green had four kills, while Cheyanne Condreay and Folkers each added three kills.

Varsity -Dwight was defeated in the and a dig.

varsity meeting, 25-17, 16-25, 18-25.

Leading the Lady Trojans was Alexis Thetard's five aces, nine digs, four kills, four passes, and three blocks. Kassy Kodat came up with three aces, nine assists, eight digs, and two blocks. Jordan Schultz added three aces, 17 digs, and 12 passes, with Kayla Kodat putting up two aces, 12 passes, seven digs, four kills, and two blocks. Emily Weissmann had an ace, six digs, and three passes, while Madisyn Hatfield contributed two kills, a block,



Gas Prices For This Week

For the third consecutive week, the national average price of gasoline has dropped, declining 0.4 cents to \$2.87 per gallon. Although not back to where prices were a few months ago, gas prices dipped slightly this past week. Most area gas stations were below the \$3 per-gallon mark. Gasoline demand rose for the sixth straight week as consumers hit the road for Easter, and with demand growth likely to remain robust, we may see a second attempt at a run at a national average of \$3 per gallon in the months ahead.

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City/Village	April 5	March 29
Dwight	\$2.98	\$2.92
Kankakee	\$2.96	\$2.91
Streator	\$2.96	\$2.84
Pontiac	\$2.71	\$2.79
Gardner	\$3.06	\$3.09
Braceville	\$3.09	\$3.09
Morris	\$3.01	\$2.97
Herscher	\$3.09	\$3.09
Chicago	\$3.21	\$3.12
Illinois	\$3.08	\$3.03
II S	\$2.87	\$2.86

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ICBA All State Girls Basketball

CONGRATULATIONS TO LADY TROJAN KAYLA KODAT on being selected to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association 1A Girls All-State Basketball Team. Kodat, a senior at Dwight, averaged 17.4 points, 4.8 rebounds, 3.8 steals, and 2.8 assists during the 2021 season. Receiving Special Mention in 1A are seniors Abby Beck and Kylie Hawks of Gardner-South Wilmington High School. Brooklyn Giertz, senior from Seneca High School, earned 2A Special Mention. Congratulations to all of you on a great season!



DWIGHT'S DEFENSE LINES UP and readies themselves against a tough Central squad.

DTHS Trojans Football

Saturday, April 3 Dwight vs. Central Varsity -

In a Saturday matinee with Central April 3, the Trojans were trounced at home, 40-6.

Dwight trailed by just six points heading into the second quarter – but that's when the points began to pile up for the Comets, as they scored on four different plays and went into halftime up 34-0.

Central would score once more in the third quarter, making it 40-0.

Then in the fourth, Dwight QB Carson Crouch found Caden Schroeder on a 17-yard pass for a touchdown to put the Trojans on the board late. Camden Beier's extra point attempt would get blocked - and the contest would end at 40-6.

Crouch wound up with 54 yards on 5-15 passing, including the TD and two picks. He also ran the ball 16 times for 34 yards.

Jack Duffy had 42 yards on the ground on 12 attempts, while Lucas Downen had three rushes for six yards.

Schroeder made two for a total of 32 yards, including the touchdown reception. Dillon Sarff had 22 yards on two catches.

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Dwight's defense was led by Emmons added 4.5 tackles, followed by 3.5 by Crouch. Dal-

sack), Hudson Beier, and Jack C. Beier's 7.5 tackles. Emmett Duffy tallying 1.5 tackles each. Malaki Slaughter (1 sack), Terry Wilkey (1 sack), Donald ton Galloway and Jack Gallet Fialko, and Downen each had 2.5 and two tackles, re- added a tackle. Reid Legner asspectively, with Abe Rieke (1 sisted on a takedown.





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League Standings	\mathbf{w}	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
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Hallam Elect.	17	7
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DeLong Ford	14	10
Jensen BP II	12	12
Jeremy's Barber	12	12
Victory Lanes	10	14
Willy's Pub	10	14
Rury's Tap	9	15
Jensens	9	15

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: Men - Brian Scott, 244; Joel Sandeno, 243; Doug Gassman, 232; Jeff Friedman, 224; Chuck Dudak, 218; Women - Kiley Colebank, 189; Paula Watts, 179; Linda Dunlap, 173; Kaitlin Kenny, 164; Stacy Richie, 161. HSS: Men – Brian Scott, 677; Doug Gassman, 665; Jeff Friedman, 635; Terry Wilkey, 608; Chuck Dudak, 565; Women – Linda Dunlap, 458; Stacy Richie, 450; Kiley Colebank, 446; Kaitlin Kenny, 442; Paula Watts, 428. HHG: Joel Sandeno, 302 - Kiley Colebank, 270. HHS: Joel Sandeno, 696 - Kiley Colebank, 689. HSG: Agritile, 951. HHG: Dairy Queen, 971. HSS: Victory Lanes, 2704. HHS: Dairy Queen, 2807.

League Standings	\mathbf{W}	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Agritile	30	6
Willy's Pub	22	14
Victory Lanes	20	16
Coleman/Son	20	16
Whiskey Cav.	17	19
Pumpkin Patch	17	19
Gaston Construct.	16	20
Dairy Queen	14	22
4 Guys/a Bro	13	23
4 B's and a D	11	25

Area COVID-19 Stats as of April 5

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<u>Town</u>	Tested	Cases	
Dwight	10,817	532	
Herscher	2,494	214	
Gardner	2,084	202	
Odell	2,191	160	
Mazon	1,551	159	
Braceville	1,525	131	
Essex	1,019	121	Numbers
S. Wilmington	838	89	
Cullom	1,101	72	as of
Reddick	838	65	04/05/21
Buckingham	672	56	Q
Verona	644	54	Statistics via:
Saunemin	1,070	47	dph.illinois.gov
Ransom	700	38	
Blackstone	286	36	
Emington	413	34	
Cabery	561	34	
Kempton	489	32	
Kinsman	205	18	
Campus	361	16	
Union Hill	109	13	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	208,181	13,077	194
LaSalle	167,062	11,385	227
Grundy	53,737	5,451	70
Livingston	94,080	4,436	80

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,256,634; Deaths: 21,373; Probable Deaths: 2,281; Total Tests Performed: 20,626,612; Recovery Rate: 98%.

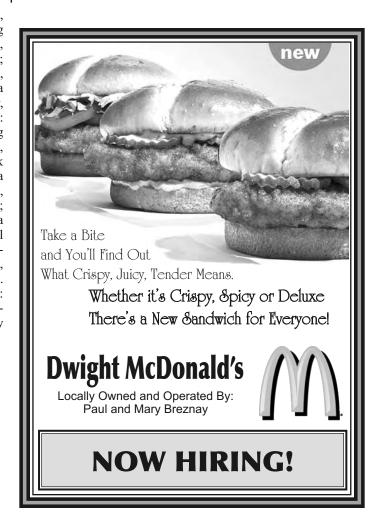
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Probable cases are individuals who have been tested and are found to have a positive test result by a local clinic using "rapid" tests that are not, at this time, IDPH-approved tests.





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E-Consult Innovation Helping OSF Support COVID-19 Long-Haulers

The novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 carries many medical mysteries that might take years for researchers to understand. But right now, it's important to find support for possibly millions of people globally who, weeks and months after seemingly recovering from even mild cases of COVID-19, are battling a wide range of health problems.

Symptoms lasting more than six weeks have what is now being called long COVID. People in that category have also been referred to as long-haulers. Congress has approved legislation for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support continued study of these prolonged health consequences.

Mark Meeker, DO, vice president of physician services for OSF HealthCare, says research will look at what damage is caused by the virus itself and the impacts of the body's immune system response to the virus. Until research produces more answers, Dr. Meeker says, OSF quickly innovated to support long-haulers.

Leaders at OSF HealthCare reached out to colleagues at other health systems, particularly at Mount Sinai Hospital in East Harlem in New York, one of the oldest and largest teaching hospitals in the United States. Mount Sinai has treated a large volume of people diagnosed with COVID-19. Ultimately, OSF HealthCare clinical experts determined the best approach was to

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to oversee people who have lingering symptoms due to COVID-

"This touches so many different organ systems and the severity can be so different and the consequences so different that it's really best to have your primary care team navigate you through the system. So we have set up a long hauler clinic, so to speak, that's virtual."

With the creation of the COVID Recovery Clinic, OSF HealthCare expanded the ability of primary care providers (PCPs) to consult with specialists and collaborate on care. The e-consult approach uses medical record software to request an opinion of medical specialists who can weigh in within 24 hours.

Dr. Meeker says this strategy prevents patients who have multiple symptoms from having to travel for treatment from several specialists. However, in some cases, a patient with severe symptoms might require an in-person visit for evaluation and specialized care.

"The consultant can review the record, review the test results, review the symptoms primary care is reporting and give advice on how to address that situation. Or they (the specialist) may see that person virtually and do a virtual consult. Or, if we feel it's appropriate, we may say, 'You need to go see doctor X, who is in this specialty to help us manage this."

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begin with primary care providers fast-track a patient who might need in-person specialty care and ensure they are going to the proper specialist for their particular problem. The most common symptoms reported among OSF HealthCare patients are fatigue, shortness of breath and cough that lingers, along with muscle, joint and other body aches. The more serious symptoms among longhaulers are chest pain and brain fog, where they just can't think clearly. Some also have memory

issues and headaches. In all, at least 200 symptoms have been traced to COVID-19. In some cases, patients will need medication to manage their symptoms. That is the case with some patients who are at risk of blood

"We've had some young people, for example, with significant blood clot issues that appear to be induced by circulation problems triggered by COVID because we had no other explanation for that person to have that problem," according to Dr. Meeker.

Researchers have estimated at least a third of people diagnosed with COVID-19 end up with one or more lasting or emerging symptoms. Dr. Meeker says rehabilitation is often a key pillar in their treatment plan.

"Physical rehab, pulmonary rehab, cardiac rehab and now we're starting to talk about brain rehab, which is really more along the lines of cognitive rehab. How do we get the brain rehabbed to clear up (the brain fog) and to be able to think more clearly? Those are all emerging issues that our therapists are working on."

The uncertainty and the roller coaster of sometimes fleeting and reoccurring symptoms some long haulers experience can take a psychological toll. If you are recovering from COVID-19, make sure to find a primary care provider if you don't already have one. That can be the first step to getting the proper support you might need to manage ongoing symptoms.

LTLD is Open and Ready to Serve the Community

Limestone Township Li- Facebook. Join Austin as he brary District (LTLD) is open. They are checking out books and accepting returns that get a three-day quarantine period before being returned to public circulation.

Programming at LTLD has continued to be open during the pandemic, with many of their programs on Facebook and YouTube. This 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.

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

Chess Club will meet Thursday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. on teaches more moves to improve your game, whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player.

Book Talk will be hosted by Karyn Bowman Tuesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. on Facebook. A variety of YA and juvenile books will be discussed.

Young scientists can watch Ms. Faith and Ms. Holly on Facebook Wednesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. as they create a scientific demonstration using ingredients you can find at

Stop in at the library Monday, April 19, to pick up Earth Day Grab-and-Go Bracelet kits. Celebrate Mother Earth by creating a bracelet with their kit. All materials provided by the Extension Office of the University of Illinois in Bourbonnais. Supplies are limited.

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 10, the kit contains supplies to create an egg tape.

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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Lessons from Little Free Libraries

by Jim Nowlan

This is a "good news" story (we could use a few). I am late to the game here, as you will see, but worth the telling, and lessons to be learned.

A year ago I made friends with Rick Brooks of Princeton. Only later was I told that Rick is the co-founder of the Little Free Libraries. You've seen them, the little school houses on posts along sidewalks and in parks, wherever. Passersby put in their books, take out someone else's. Nice.

Rick and co-founder Todd Bol are do-gooders of the highest order. Their idea wasn't so much book exchange but sharing, and the good feelings that flow from it.

The human animal is navigating throughout its life. Doing something good, and satisfying, along the way, such as putting up and maintaining Little Free Libraries and sharing books, tends to beget more of the same along the way.

And it nudges others to do the same. For example, I walk by an LFL on the way to the post office in my town. I always notice it, even look in from time to time to see if there are new offerings, which there are. I promise myself to share some books. I haven't done so yet, but I will; the nudge to do so is driving me nuts.

Rick and Todd had really big aspirations for their idea, hatched without any money only a decade ago in Wisconsin, where they lived. They hoped to stimulate 2,500 LFLs, to match the number of libraries Andrew Carnegie funded across America a century ago.

Today, there are 110,000 LFLs in more than 100 countries, including one in Antarctica. Plus there probably are 200,000 or so spinoffs that aren't registered with the nonprofit that lightly oversees LFLs. I figure that if there are 20 books in a typical LFL, that's six million or more books

But, as I say, it isn't primarily about the books. For example, I am certain that in my little town there are Trumpers and anti-Trumpers who both put and take books in our LFL – and I'm sure they sense that is the case. Sharing among neighbors, dare I say, trumps politics.

There are important lessons for us in this continuing story of the idea that became LFLs.

First, and maybe most important, good ideas probably never see the light of day – because they fail to overcome the always present naysayers ("It'll never work"), and because the idea hatchers lack the courage of their convictions, and never pursue them.

Second, getting an idea out there takes work, lots of it, and creative marketing. Todd and Rick were initially like Johnny Appleseed, taking 30 of their colorful "schoolhouses" on the road throughout the Midwest.

The idea caught on, especially when NBC Nightly News, then the New York Times and the Times of Lon-

don, then Parade, Oprah and more spotlighted "the little idea that could." I told you I was late to the game.

Rick, a one-time, obviously talented PR guy who should know better, characterizes the marvelously breathtaking explosion of LFLs as "stimulus diffusion." I call it scratching the human impulse to do good, because that works better than the opposite as we navigate through life.

In 2013, Reader's Digest came out with "50 Surprising Reasons We Love America' and LFLs came out #11, right after sliced bread (#10), and way ahead of Bruce Springstein, Bon Jovi and other American icons.

Every week, there are a dozen or more media pieces like this, from all around the world, about LFLs. And the sharing concept, not unique to Rick and Todd, continues to grow like topsy. For example, I saw a "Blessing House" along a street in downtown Natchez, Mississippi, a few weeks ago, a spinoff, I'm confident.

Important lesson: An idea that you think might benefit your fellow man indeed has merit – just in the impulse and thinking of it. And don't be afraid to pursue the idea. What do you have to lose?!

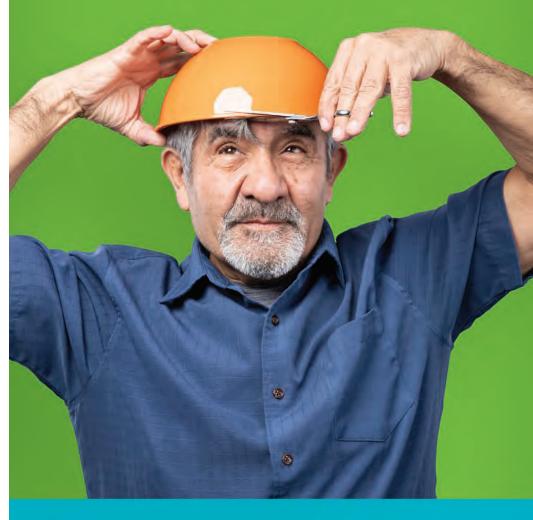
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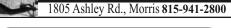
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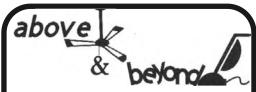
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326 W. Chippewa St.

Pastor Chrissy Salser

Trinity Lutheran

515 E. Stonewall Rd.

Rev. William Mitschke

Church "Goodfarm"

email:chrissytherev@att.net

Father Chris Haake, Pastor

New Life

Church

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815-584-1199

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AT THE CHURCHES

Contact your respective places of worship for more up-to-the-minute information regarding changes or cancellations.

DWIGHT Dwight United Methodist Church 701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org

Pastor: Mary Arnold

Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS 325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church 584-1291 fax

Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St. 815-584-3182 Home of Dwight's Christian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM Pastor Dan Woodward APR. 7: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m. APR. 11: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Service, 6

First Congregational **United Church of** Christ 200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 Church Rev. Grant Speece

Sunday Worship: 10:30

BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church 106 W. Goold St.

815-237-8512 Church 815-483-9343 Cell bracevilleumc.com Pastor Donald Batz Sunday Worship: 10:30

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Production Positions

Van Voorst Lumber Company is currently hiring for production positions. 1st and 2nd shifts are available. Experience preferred, but

1st shift is Monday - Thursday from 5:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. overtime as needed (which

would be Friday). If you are interested in pursuing a position at Van Voorst Lumber Company, please do

one of the following: - Fill out an application in person (One Center

St. Union Hill, IL 60969)

- Send your resume to mary@vanfab.com - Mail your resume to Van Voorst Lumber Co. Attn: Mary, One Center St. Union Hill, IL 60969.

Van Voorst Lumber Company is seeking a

CDL Driver Class A to join our team! The ideal candidate will be responsible for safely operating a truck with a capacity of at

a tractor-trailer truck. Loading and unloading cargo. Properly tracking and documenting ac-

supervisor. Inspecting truck before and after

necessary. You will need to hold a current and valid commercial drivers license, as well as a valid

medical certification.

Previous experience in truck driving is

The right candidate will also have a strong work ethic.

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- Mail your resume to Van Voorst Lumber Co. Attn: Mary, One Center St. Union Hill, IL

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St. John's Evangelical **Lutheran Church**

511 W. Jackson 815.689.2120

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of Christ 103 Division Street

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would be Friday). 2nd shift is Monday - Thursday from 3:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. overtime as needed (which

- Call 815-426-2544 and ask for Mary

CDL Driver Class A

least 26,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight Responsibilities include: Safely operating

Reporting any issues or incidents to your

If you are interested in pursuing a driving position at Van Voorst Lumber Company,

- Call 815-426-2544 and ask for Mary - Send your resume to mary@vanfab.com

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Rev. Grant Speece

Flush the other guys Phone 815.584.7678



merger of First Farmers State of the transaction.

Bank into Bank of Pontiac

The transaction added bank-

ing locations in Tazewell and

McLean Counties to the exist-

ing footprint of Bank of Pon-

tiac, with offices in Livingston

and Grundy Counties. As a re-

sult of the merger, Bank of

Pontiac now has full-service fa-

cilities in Minier, Delavan,

Bloomington, Pontiac, Odell, Dwight, Fairbury, Forrest, and

Coal City. Total assets of Bank

of Pontiac increased to approx-

closed on April 1.



First Farmers State Bank

Merges with Bank of Pontiac

The previously-announced imately \$900 million as a result van, and Bloomington will

Bank of Pontiac has been in

existence since 1947, with a

strong commitment to commu-

nity banking. President and

CEO Bill Kauffman said, "The

merger allows us the opportu-

nity to offer additional banking

options for our new First Farm-

ers customers as we continue to

build long-lasting relationships.

We're committed to working

with families and businesses

and assisting them in meeting

Customers in Minier, Dela-

their financial needs.'

DTHS Homecoming King and Queen Brandon Ceylor and Eileen Betsworth, pictured left, took part in the Homecoming celebration held in Dwight during the Trojans' March 26 football match-up with Iroquois West – which the Trojans won, 30-16.

THE PERSCHNICK #44 benefit and fund-raiser was held at Dwight Township High School April 3, and was a big success. Pictured, right, are Curt Perschnick, center, Jenny Roeder, left, and Curt's mother, Coreen, right.



WINNER-WINNER! Pic-Tournament held at Dwight Township High School this past Saturday - which helped benefit the Perschnick #44 fund-raiser.



tured, below, are the winners of the Four-Court Volleyball

Tri-Point NHS 5K Run, 2 Mile Walk May 16 Raising Funds for Community Walk Path The Tri-Point National tual runners must send results line at raceroster.com. Search

Honor Society is hosting a 5K Run and a 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Cullom Park.

Early registration ends on May 1 that guarantees a t-shirt with the registration fee. Race registration will be taken the day of the race, starting at 1:00 p.m., at the park pavilion.

This year, 5K participants can compete in person or can sign up for a virtual event. Vir-

LIQUORS

to buckleya@tripoint schools.org between May 7 and

May 14. Virtual runners can slo join their club on the running app Strava (search Tri-Point NHS) and post results there.

There are two ways to register for the race this year. Race forms can be found at tri pointschools.org (go to the high school tab and find NHS) and can be sent in by mail with payment. You can also register on- 689-2110, ext. 302.

Tr-Point NHS to register or make a donation.

continue to be greeted and as-

sisted by the familiar faces of

First Farmers State Bank's

staff. Hours of operation will

remain the same at all loca-

tions. The conversion of oper-

ating systems is scheduled for

fices and employees are excited

about the merger and look for-

ward to providing financial services and supporting our

communities as Bank of Pon-

tiac continues to grow and ex-

Kauffman added, "Our of-

late summer.

pand."

All proceeds will go towards making a walk path behind the high school for the school and community to use. The path will also include exercise stations, flower gardens, and benches.

If you have questions, contact Alison Buckley at 815-



Happy 90th Birthday, Del Hancock! - April 13 -

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