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# Dwight Village Board Returns to In-Person Meetings

# April 21 Board of Trustee Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met on April 21 in its first in-person session since the start of the pandemic over one year ago.

A Special Use Permit request was sent to the Plan Commission for applicant Fredco Management LLC and/or assignee, the contract buyer of property located at 10 E. Northbrook Drive (Parcel 1) and Burbeck Drive (Parcel 2) between Northbrook Drive and Burbeck Drive. Zoned B-2 Service Business District, the Special Use would allow the current automobile service station, where gasoline is already offered on a retail basis, to also serve as a semi-truck service station where diesel is offered on a retail basis.

In another matter, the board approved a Plan Commission recommendation to accept the Preliminary Plat of Harvest Estates Subdivision as submitted by property owners Ryan and Tara Hansen, with the following variances:

1) That the School Demographic Study, as required by the Dwight Subdivision Ordinance, be waived.

2) The Village Storm Water Ordinance requiring a detention pond be waived. Storm drains and ditches will be used for this rural subdivision.

3) All roads will be hard surfaced, but the use of curb and gutter is waived.

4) Direct access to Township Road 2400 East will only be allowed for Lots 3, 4, and 5.

The proposed Harvest Estates Subdivision is a total of

approximately 10.70 acres located in the Northeast corner of Section 12, Nevada Township in Livingston County (located at the southwest corner of the intersection of IL Route 17 and Township Road 2400 East).

In other business, plans for this year's Dwight Harvest Days celebration continue. A Resolution requesting the IDOT closure of Rt. 17 (Mazon Avenue) from Old Route 66 to Franklin Street, and the associated detour of traffic, was approved for the purpose of the Harvest Days Parade. The street closure will run from approximately Noon to 4 p.m. on September 19.

A Sound Amplification Permit was approved for Saturday, May 8, from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., at 508 N. Clinton Street for the purpose of a backyard wedding.

Mayor Jared Anderson presented a Proclamation recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the State of Illinois. The Gold Wing Road Riders Association Motorist Awareness Program continually works to improve motorcycle safety by educating the public to recognize motorcycles and share the road safely with motorcyclists. In addition, the Proclamation promotes a positive attitude for all drivers regardless of their chosen mode of transportation.

In his report to the board, Mayor Anderson reminded everyone that the arrival of warmer weather also brings an increase of bicyclists and kids playing outdoors. Mayor Anderson asked drivers to be aware and cautious.



KCBS COMPETITION HELD IN DWIGHT. As close as across the alley, to as far away as Sioux Falls, South Dakota. BBQ aficionados gathered in Dwight over the weekend to cookout in the cook-off. Pictured are Dwight's own Duncan and Sue Miiller of Cherry Red Roaster's in Dwight.

# **Downtown Cooking Competition Heats Up Red Carpet Corridor**

By Brandon LaChance

Noses were working overtime in Dwight last weekend during the Red Carpet Corridor.

It was hard for them not to be as downtown Dwight was turned into an outdoor kitchen for the Kansas City Barbeque Society.

"It was our first year downtown, so we blocked off all the parking lots and some of the smaller roads downtown," said Rodney Connor, organizer of the Route 66 Smoke Out and the president of the Dwight Economic Alliance. "We had it at GABR Park for the last five or six years. The problem with that place is we kind of outgrew it. A lot of these guys are bringing in big, heavy rigs and out there at GABR Park there is a lot of sod. If we caught a big rain ahead of time, we would get ourselves in some trouble.

"We tried to move it downtown last year. The city was really excited about it, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, we had to cancel it. We got it done this year."

The new adventure led to Red Carpet Corridor shoppers and residents smelling and seeing barbeque made by some of the best BBQ cooks in not only the state, but the country. The KCBS competition — which is a national circuit involving competitors earning points to move up the leader-board for big prizes — featured 45 teams from Kansas, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin. The team with the most miles on their rig traveled from Sioux Falls, SD.

Not only was this the first time at a new location, but it was also the first time Dwight held a State Cook Off Association cook.

"We went and got steaks from Berkot's (grocery store in Dwight) and teams paid \$125 for a chance to win \$1,000," Connor said. "We supplied the steaks, they put them on the grill and it's a really easy cook. It's just a fun competition.

"A few of these teams are competing for national points. They're competing for million dollar prizes down the road. We had nine of the 100 nationally ranked teams at our cookout this weekend. The highest ranking team we had this weekend was Triple H BBQ and they're sixth in the rankings."

The cooks are not the only part of the exciting weekend of barbeque.

Someone has to decide who the winner is.

"We bring judges in from all over the country as well. They're certified judges. They've taken a class. They take it real seriously," said Connor. "Most of my judges came from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. It's a real rigorous judging process that takes over two hours.

"The judging process is probably the most interesting thing that we do here. It's intense."

This year Cherry Red Roasters housed the approximately 60 judges while they chose who made the best barbeque.

The BBQ Bus team won two of the four categories with the best pork and best brisket to help it win the Route 66 Smoke Out with a score of 703,417. Big E BBQ was second with a score of 685,131.

Mantucky Mayham won the chicken category and Jousting Pigs BBQ 2.0 was awarded for its pork ribs.

The KCBS wasn't the only barbeque competition this weekend as seven teams entered the Backyard Competition.

"The best way I can describe the backyard competition is, if you're a NASCAR fan – especially because of the point system – this is like Busch Series versus NASCAR," Connor said. "My event is just one event across the whole year people are

going to compete in.

"It's for those testing the waters to see if they want to compete in the KCBS. It's a cheaper entry fee, the meat is cheaper and they don't have to be there as long. It's a way for teams to dip their toes in the water to see if they want to compete."

Besides bragging rights of winning the backyard contest, the winner also received free entry into next year's KCBS.

One of the main reasons the Route 66 Smoke Out was created was to bring more people to Dwight.

The Red Carpet Corridor seemed like the perfect time as it's a celebration of what the town has to offer.

"About 10-15 years ago while the Red Carpet Corridor was going on, a group of us in town were thinking of things we could do to leave Dwight's mark during the Red Carpet Corridor," said Connor. "One of the ideas we had was this BBQ competition and we've been doing it ever since.

"This year was kind of a test with it being the first year downtown. New locations are tough. It was the first year we did the state competition. I heard a lot of feedback from Dwight businesses and the teams in the competition about how much they spent down-

(continued on page 10)











### FOR THE RECORD

### **Tickets Issued** by Dwight Police

April 22: Keegan R. Adamson, 20, Manteno, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

April 24: Willie J. Mitchell, 69, Calumet Park, driving under influence of alcohol.

April 26: Jorge Terrazas-Bernal, 44, Chicago, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

April 28: Albert D. Mashburn, Jr., 46, De Motte, IN, driving 21-25 MPH above

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

### **Dwight Police Blotter**

April 24: A report was generated for theft of yard ornaments from the 200 block of Philmar; Arrested for DUI causing an accident was Willie Mitchell, 69, of Calumet Park. Mitchell, traveling westbound on McNamara Dr., lost control, striking two vehicles in the 200 block of E. Waupansie. Mitchell's vehicle, as well as one of the resident's vehicles, had to be towed from the scene.

April 27: Reports were generated for the theft of yard ornaments from the 400 block of E. Delaware and 200 block of E. North St.

April 28: Dwight Police were called to the 400 block of E. William for an agency assist of a subject needing a crisis intervention.

> **Accident Report** Saturday, April 24, 10:37

p.m., an accident was reported at 223 W. Waupansie St. involving a Nissan Altima, driven by Willie Mitchell, Calumet Park, which struck two parked and unoccupied Chevrolets.

Sunday, April 25, 6:00 a.m., an accident was reported at E. Chippewa and S. Chicago involving a Chevrolet Trax, driven by Megan Guzman, Dwight, which rear-ended a Mitsubishi Lancer, driven by Emily Miles, Dwight.



### Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

April 23: Delaware, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medrefusal; Route 66, medical, St. James; Main, medical: Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

April 24: Rt. 47, trauma, refusal; Waupansie, trauma, St.

April 25: 2200 N., trauma, St. James, mutual aid from

April 26: Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; Watters Dr., medical, refusal; Jackson, medical, St. Mary's, mutual aid to Gardner; Seminole, medical,

April 27: Union St., fire; Prairie, medical, refusal. April 28: William, trauma,

Morris; Aldi, trauma, Morris; Julie, medical, St. James.

# Federal REAL ID Deadline Extended to May 3, 2023

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White commended the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for extending the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023. DHS cited that it extended the deadline due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the impact the virus is having on the general public and driver's license and ID card-issuing agencies nationwide. White, along with other state and business leaders from around the country, had called on DHS to extend the REAL ID deadline due to the pandemic.

"I applaud the decision by DHS to extend the REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023 – 19 months past the old deadline of October 1, 2021," said White. "This is the proper and necessary action in response to the pandemic."

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With the extended federal deadline of REAL ID, current Illinois driver's licenses or ID cards will continue to be accepted at airports and secure federal facilities until May 3,

As a reminder, White has expanded online services and encourages the public to visit his office's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com instead of visiting a Driver Services facility. Many transactions can now be conducted online, including renewing standard driver's licenses and ID cards for those who are eligible.

In addition, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates until August 1, 2021. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

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# Here's A Long-Lasting Mother's Day Gift

Mother's Day has almost arrived. As an adult, you can fully appreciate all your mother has done for you, so, on this occasion, you may be happy to give Mom flowers, candy, jewelry or something similar. But Mother's Day is here and then it's gone. Is there a longer-term gift that can make a real difference in your mother's life? Actually, there is – the gift of knowledge for her financial future.

Specifically, there are two key areas in which you may be able to provide valuable help to your mother: long-term care and estate planning. But don't panic - you don't have to be an expert in either one of these subjects. You can, however, steer Mom - and possibly your other parent, too, if one is in the picture - in the right direction. Let's take a quick

would eventually need an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health aide. But the odds aren't necessarily in her favor. About 70 percent of adults who reach 65 will eventually require some type of long-term service and support, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. And this type of care is expensive: The annual median cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's nearly \$55,000 per year for the full-time services of a home health aide, according to a survey by the insurance company Genworth. Unless your mother has accumulated a great deal of financial resources, she likely won't be able to pay these costs

First, consider long-term care. If your mother is in good health, you may not have thought much about whether she

out of pocket without jeopardizing her financial independence. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small portion

To help your mother deal with this potential financial threat, you might want to suggest she meet with a financial professional, who can explore possible strategies and products designed to address long-term care. And the sooner, the better, because these solutions will become more expensive and challenging the older your mother gets. The second topic you may want to bring up with your mother is her estate plan. Has she drafted a will? Has she safe-

guarded her wishes by creating the necessary legal documents? These could include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows her to name someone to manage her financial affairs if she becomes incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which allows someone to make medical decisions for her if she is able to do so herself. Having her estate plans in order can help protect your mother's finances and ensure her legacy is honored – which is almost certainly an outcome she would keenly desire. So, if your mother doesn't already have a comprehensive estate

plan, encourage her to see a legal professional to start the process. Helping your mother protect herself from the catastrophic costs of long-term care and the chaos of an inadequate

estate plan may not sound like a typical Mother's Day offering, but your actions can help keep Mom in a good place in life -and that's a pretty valuable gift.

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# Temps - 2021

Apr. 21 - high 58°, low 28° Apr. 22 - high 60°, low 40° trace precip.

Apr. 23 - high 60°, low 34° .07" precip.

Apr. 24 – high 59°, low 32° Apr. 25 - high 80°, low 39° Apr. 26 – high 86°, low 61°

trace precip. Apr. 27 - high 71°, low 47° 1.10" precip.

One Year Ago - May 5, 2020 high 70°, low 41°

# It was January 1944 . . . Do you remember?

Dwight Fire Department responded to 30 calls in the year 1943, including house, grass and car fires, false alarms and inspections.

The Red Cross Surgical Dressings Production in Dwight has many women turn out on appointed days for the making of dressings. This work is essential as more and more surgical dressings are needed as the battles wage overseas. Miss Verna Terwillegar and Mrs. Frank Andrews received 40-hour patches.

Drew's Meat Market, Joe's Sweet Shop, S. C. Scott Shell Service Station, Sip 'N' Bite, Chris Nielsen Tavern were among the Dwight businesses that sponsored an ad for Fourth War Loan Drive.

# Barickman Launches Card Drive for Law Enforcement **Officers**

National Police Week runs from May 9-15 and State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) wants to help people show their appreciation for officers throughout the week through his "Appreciation for Your Dedication" card

"The brave men and women of our law enforcement community are given an incredibly difficult task, to keep us and our communities safe," said Barickman. "My goal is to help show the appreciation that we have for the brave men and women who risk their lives to protect us every day.'

To take part, people can send or drop off cards, handwritten notes, encouraging and uplifting stories, drawings, etc. to his district office by May 15. His office is located at 3004 G.E. Road, Suite 1B, Bloomington, IL 61704.

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THE BALL OF THE GARDNER WATER TOWER was lifted on April 28. While the sunrise was obscured by clouds, the ball-rise was clearly visible throughout the village. The tower ball was originally scheduled to be raised April 27, however high winds prevented the safe elevation of the structure. Despite off and on light rain the morning of April 28, crews arrived shortly after 5:00 a.m. to begin preparing for the lift - which started around 6:25 a.m. And by 6:45 a.m., the ball was resting on the tower - which rises over 115 feet above the village. The top portion weighed 93,000 pounds. The crane block and tackle was another 6,000 pounds, for a total lift weight of 99,000 pounds. Interior work remains to get the new tower ready for water and residents can expect the tower to come on line in July.

photos by Don Phillips

# **Gardner Village Board Meets**

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session April 26.

The board appointed Bryan Wellner of Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC as the new Village Attorney. Wellner replaces Scott Belt who resigned from the position following his election as Circuit Court Judge in Grundy County. Wellner introduced himself to the board and village. Wellner commented that while he will be the lead attorney for the village, there are additional attorneys at the firm who will assist with the village's legal matters.

The board accepted the resignation of Joel Maxard as electrical inspector. Mayor Mike Serena suggested the board discuss the use of inspectors from neighboring villages and approve payment of temporary inspectors when the village is without an inspector. The board approved the use of temporary inspectors

John Hernandez addressed

the board concerning tree stumps. Hernandez commented threre are a large number of tree stumps, many on village property, that are beginning to sprout and create a visibility issue on the street near his home. Hernandez provided several pictures of stumps to the board and requested the village have the stumps ground or removed to address the safety

After minimal discussion, the board waived the water and sewer rate increase. The rates automatically increase 5% annually unless the board takes action to waive the increase. The motion to waive the increase passed unanimously.

The board next approved the closure of the Depot Street parking lot and other streets during the Red Carpet Corridor on May 1. The village is in the process of notifying the businesses and residents on Depot Street of the closure.

The board finished the

agenda items by approving the purchase of paint and allowing the volunteers to complete the painting of signs on the Village right-of-way for the Red Carpet Corridor festival.

Village Engineer Casey Mc-Collom reported the water tower was scheduled to be raised April 26, dependent on wind speed. Winds of 18 mph or above will prevent the ball being raised. The new tower is expected to be on line in July. The water pressure will increase from the current 43-45 psi to approximately 60 psi once the tower is filled and fully in service. Residents should be aware of the change and check for leaks beginning when the tower goes on line.

Mayor Mike Serena commented on the upcoming Red Carpet Corridor. Serena urged residents to be aware of the increased traffic. Serena also commented on the proposed 12-year extension of TIF #1, pending legislative approval.

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District Partisan Redistricting Process Moves Forward san redistricting map. House

Every ten years the Constitution requires the General Assembly to re-draw the state's congressional and state legislature districts to ensure that each district we learned that because Illinois population has not grown as fast as other states like Texas, North Carolina and Montana, we will have one fewer seat in Congress starting in 2023.

In the past the redistricting process has been abused to keep one party or one politician in power. By drawing district lines to ensure the election or re-election of a particular politician the process can be a tool for cementing someone's hold on an office.

We entered 2021 with some hopes that this year would be different. In 2018 Governor Pritzker said that he would veto any parti-

Speaker Chris Welch co-sponsored legislation in the past creating a Constitutional amendment for an independent redistricting commisis equal in population. This week sion – it passed the House overwhelmingly. It looked like 2021 might be the year that we ended the terrible tradition of one party using redistricting to hold onto power. But now Governor Pritzker

seems to be backing away from his promise, despite requests for him to reaffirm the position he took in 2018. In order to rush through the process and pass a map before both parties can be involved, the majority in the General Assembly is going forward with a plan to use data from the less-accurate American Community Survey instead of waiting for the official figures from the 2020 Census.

The collection of too much power in too few hands has been one of the greatest flaws in state government in recent years, leading to ethical scandals and other problems. In the past, redistricting has been a useful tool for keeping that system in power. The Governor needs to stay true to his original position and support a fair, nonpartisan map.

Illinois Rental Payment Program opens applications in May. The Illinois Housing Development Authority's Rental Payment Program offers assistance to Illinois renters who are not able to pay their rent because of the pandemic. Eligible applicants may receive as much as 15 months of assistance up to 12 months of past-due rent plus three months in the future, with a maximum grant of \$25,000. This program uses federal funds and grants are paid directly to the housing provider.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$3,305,311,297 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$6.9 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 esti-

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# the corner

by Tom Tock

John Kass, columnist extraordinaire for the Chicago Tribune, quoted Chicago Police Superintendent David Brown last week as saying that the fathers bear responsibility when they are targeted and then killed or injured, along with their children, in Chicagoland shootings.

That statement was largely downplayed by the media, wrote Kass.

The responsibility of fathers in family life has been a much studied matter for a number of years. Statistics by the Heritage Foundation and others have all determined the importance of dads in a family, and the consequences that oftimes arise in fatherless

Even Confucius, a long time ago, had the foresight to say: "To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right."

Mothers Day beckons, but fathers must step up to the plate if the tragic killings in Chicago are to cease.

We have a friendly Robin, fresh from his or her downsouth vacation, who has been trying to make a nest on a junction of eavestroughs near one of our back doors.

Robins, and other birds do this, I know, although I don't understand what happened to trees as a favorite nesting place. This particular Robin, however, or his relatives, have tried to build a nest at this back door location for at least the last three years.

I have removed their partially-completed nests, year after year, until they have to give up the construction. They not only have a difficult time trying to make any nest-

ing material stick to the junction of the downspouts, but I don't care to have their nesting material drop into the downspouts.

But we have given up our opposition this year. Perseverance has won. Finish the nest, Mr. and Mrs. Robin. Lay the eggs, hatch the chicks. It will be interesting to watch.

Welcome to Brandon LaChance, who wants to write stories for The Paper. We hope he can be a regular contributor and help fill the

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# **Dwight Village Board Returns** to In-Person **Meetings**

# April 21 **Board Actions**

(continued from page 1) The board also:

- approved the March 2021 Treasurer's Report.
- approved payment of April
- 26 bills totaling \$61,825.41. • discussed the purchase of a new police squad and a public

works truck.

Following a closed Executive Session discussion, the board approved retroactively adjusting the EMS and the Finance Director salary schedule ranges retroactive to the beginning of the 2020 budget year. The board also approved the opening of all meeting minutes that were previously closed.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Anderson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, and Chuck Butterbrodt. Absent were Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 10, in the Dwight Village Hall downstairs meeting room.



DWIGHT PUBLIC SCHOOLS seated new Board of Education members on April 28. New Dwight Common School District #232 BOE members taking the Oath of Office were Tara Hansen and Lori Bowman. New to the DTHS BOE are Joel Sandeno and Eric Scheuer.



OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS of Dwight Public Schools were honored on April 28. Receiving plaques recognizing their years of service on the Board of Education were Bo Partney (DGS 8 years), Anne Rodosky (DTHS 2 years), Brian Perschnick (DTHS 12 years), Betty Gantzert (DTHS 4 years), and Cathy Ferguson (DGS 10 years).

# **Dwight Permits Issued**

12/18/20 - Dwight Nail Salon, 158 E Main Street, Commercial Remodel, sign, oc-

01/28/21 - Futures Unlimited, 401 W Waupansie Street, Commercial Plumbing

03/03/21 – Scaggs Construction, 529 Lloyd Drive, New House; Scaggs Construction 529 Carriage Court, New House; PharmaCann LLC, 1200 E Mazon Ave, Fence; Rick & Bonnie Kelly, 205 W South Street, Pool & Electrical; SOCU, 107 E Chippewa St, Sign/Occupancy; Electrical

03/11/21 – Benjamin Paulsen, 111 E Waupansie St,

03/12/21 - Scott Stukel, 309 E Chippewa St, Fence; Keith Spreitzer, 527 Lloyd Dr, Shed

03/19/21 - Chris Shumaker, 215 Pollard, Roof/Lean-to; Ellis Family Ent., 120 E Chippewa St, Sign & Occupancy; Rodney & Destiny Connor, 211 N Prairie Avenue, Pool, Deck, Fence & Electrical

03/25/21 – Mike Rodosky, 1407 Paul Court, Garage Addition, Electrical; Thomas Oswald, 408 E Delaware Street, Shed & Gazebo

04/06/21 – Luke Standiford, 406 E Chippewa St., Deck

04/15/21 – Travis Halstead. 310 W. James St, Electrical; Donald & Katie Petrik, 502 N Chicago St, Shed; Dwight Pizza & More, 20 Burbeck Dr, Occupancy

# Dwight Public School Districts Seat New BOE Members in Joint Meeting

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

Members of the Boards of Education for Dwight Public Schools met in a joint session on April 28 where a reorganization of both boards took

In a meeting of the outgoing boards, election results were verified and accepted by both Boards of Education. The April board meeting minutes for each district were approved. And, as the final act of both outgoing boards, Dr. Richard Jancek was selected as President Pro Tem and Deb Conroy was selected as Secretary Pro Tem. Adjournment of both boards took place.

After calling a second meeting to order for each district, new members were seated, the boards reorganized, and common business was addressed.

For Dwight Grade School

District #232 has a vacancy on

the Board of Education. The

person appointed will serve

until the next board election in

Interested candidates must

April 2023.

District #232, new board members Tara Hansen and Lori Bowman took the Oath of Office along with incumbent board members Nick Stipanovich and Marc Ellis. Officers were elected with Nick Stipanovich selected to serve as Board President, Michael Cornale as Board Vice President, Deb Conroy as Board Secretary, and Angela Hilt, Treasurer. The new board accepted the resignation of BOE member Eric Scheuer.

Dwight Township High School District #230 also seated newly elected BOE members with Joel Sandeno and Eric Scheuer taking the Oath of Office, along with incumbents Tim Henson and Max Sulzberger. Elected to serve as Board President was Tim Henson along with Max Sulzberger as Vice President; Deb Conroy, Secretary; and Angela Hilt, Treasurer.

Board of Education Vacancies

to Be Filled at DCS, DTHS

District. A letter or e-mail stat-

ing your interest should be sent

to Dr. Richard Jancek, Superin-

tendent, 801 S. Franklin St.,

Dwight, Illinois 60420 or

The Board of Education ex-

pects to interview candidates

and make a selection at its reg-

ular meeting Wednesday, May

School District #230 has a va-

cancy on the Board of Educa-

tion. The person appointed will

Dwight Township High

jancekr@dwight.k12.

il.us by Monday, May 17.

**Dwight Common School** istered voter, and a resident of serve until the next board elec-

the Dwight Common School tion in April 2023.

Addressing other business, both boards approved meeting times/dates. The Dwight Grade School BOE approved meeting at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in the Dwight Grade School Li-The DTHS BOE agreed to meet at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Dwight High School Board Room. This is a reversal of the previous meeting days for each, so please note the change.

The Designation of Depositories for Financial Funds for each school was approved with the Bank of Pontiac, Dwight Branch, serving the Dwight Grade School District and Peoples National Bank of Kewanee servicing Dwight High School.

Each board adopted the board policies of the previous Board of Education.

Interested candidates must

be at least 18-years old, a reg-

istered voter, and a resident of

the Dwight Township High

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il.us by Monday, May 10. The

Board of Education expects to

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ing Wednesday, May 12.

# **Gas Prices For** This Week

At the start of May, the national gas price average is \$2.90, which is three cents more than a month ago. Pump prices in April saw minimal change compared to March, which increased 15 cents from start to finish. While April saw minimal fluctuation, May is likely to see much larger increases alongside demand spikes, especially closer to Memorial Day weekend. Last week, the national average increased two cents. Ten states saw averages increase between five and eight cents, but the majority of states saw increases of one to three cents.

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City/Village	May 3	April 26
Dwight	\$3.05	\$2.98
Kankakee	\$3.06	\$2.95
Streator	\$3.06	\$2.82
Pontiac	\$2.83	\$2.96
Gardner	\$3.06	\$3.06
Braceville	\$3.09	\$3.09
Morris	\$3.10	\$3.03
Herscher	\$3.09	\$3.09
Chicago	\$3.31	\$3.22
Illinois	\$3.16	\$3.09
U.S.	\$2.90	\$2.88

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Pre-register (two adults per child) using the link on the DCS website under "News". Call the office at 815-584-6220 with any questions.

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# Documentaries

I've been on a kick lately, once I start watching some things I end up down a proverbial rabbit hole and next thing I know I'm fully immersed in what I started.

This time for whatever reason, it's documentaries. I don't know if Netflix has taken me for a sucker and just continuously sends new documentary after new documentary knowing that I'll watch them, but if that's what they thought, they're absolutely right.

It started with space documentaries, if you have any questions or concerns about the galaxy, dark matter, black holes, gravity, I'm your guy, I've been eating it all up. Maybe the most interesting of the spaces that I've watched was A Year In Space, which follows Scott Kelly, an astronaut as he spends a year straight on the International Space Station to try to gauge what would happen to the human body if and when we send humans to

The details and small things you get from a documentary are tough to match in other mediums. You can get things from the news, and podcasts, and short videos, but the human side of things that documentaries can uncover is unmatched.

Since the voyage into the space docs, I've ventured into substance abuse ones, the most interesting I found was "Take Your Pills" which dives into the problems with adderall prescriptions in young individuals in the United States and how prevalent it is on college campuses.

I watched another on the avocado world and how the cartel in Mexico and other areas of South America have pivoted from being involved in the smuggling of illicit drugs to the avocado market because of how profitable they've become, largely from consumption in... you guessed it, the United States.

Then there were recycling documentaries on what goes into the ocean, and what actually gets recycled.

I also very much realize that all of these come with some sort of slant, and that they're trying to convince you of a stance whether it be about space, drugs, the planet etc. However, I think that a lot of them raise and bring light to subjects that otherwise might go by the wayside.

Some Recommendations that were touched on here in the column:

Take Your Pills Seaspiracy Rotten

A Year In Space

The Last Blockbuster

These are all on Netflix and I hope you get a chance to check this out!

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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### **OBITUARIES**

### Sandra Lolita Bacigalupo

Sandra Lolita Bacigalupo, age 79, of San Antonio, Texas and formerly of Dwight and Wilmington, Illinois, passed away Saturday morning, April 24, 2021.

Born March 11 1942 in Dwight, Illinois, Sandra Lolita was a daugh-

ter of George and Freida (McKune) Luckey. She was raised in Dwight by her uncle and aunt, Everett and Luella Stacy, and graduated from Dwight Township High School with the Class of 1960.

Sandra resided in Wilmington, Illinois before moving back to Dwight, and lastly relocating to San Antonio in July of 2006.

She was a former member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight, and currently belonged to King of Kings Lutheran Church in San Antonio. She worked as a nurses aide, and held employment over the years with Dwight Correctional Center, as well as the William Fox Developmental Center in Dwight.

Sandra loved to paint, draw and do wood carving. She also enjoyed playing card games with friends and listening to music, especially that of Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman. Sandra held the rank of a purple belt in karate, and also was a belly dancer for a period

Survivors include her four children: Phillip (Veronica) Bacigalupo of San Antonio, Texas; Teresa Bacigalupo of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; Jeffrey (Landy) Bacigalupo of San Antonio; and Wayne Baci-



galupo (fiance, Dana Mullen) of Channahon, Illinois; grandchildren: Phillip Bacigalupo of Phenix City, Alabama; Luke Bacigalupo, Leo Bacigalupo and Gina Bacigalupo, all of San Antonio; and Isabella Bacigalupo and Camryn Mullen

of Channahon, Illinois; four great-grandchildren; one greatgreat-grandchild; and her former spouse, and the father of her children, Joseph Bacigalupo of Wilmington, Illinois.

The family received friends for a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Rd., Wilmington, Friday, April 30, 2021 from 12 p.m. until the time of funeral service, 2:00

Those wishing to participate in the services virtually joined the livestream on Friday, beginning at 2:00 p.m. A link for the event was available on Sandra's memorial page.

Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Sandra's memory to a Parkinson's Disease Research Foundation of the donor's choosing.

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

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

# Rev. Arthur J. Maher

Reverend Arthur James Maher, 93, of Glen Ellyn, IL passed away April 23, 2021.

He was born in Gardner, IL on October 13, 1927 to Thomas and Frances (Breen) Maher. He was the sole surviving member of a family of five boys and five girls.

He attended Maher Grade School and Gardner South Wilmington High School. He then attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary and St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained a priest on May 1, 1954 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet by Bishop Martin McNamara. He received a Master's degree in Education from Loyola University in Chicago and a Doctor of Ministry degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore.

In addition to his parish assignments, he held several diocesan positions and served as president of the Priests' Sen-

Father Art was a humble servant of Christ. He had the unique ability to make everyone he encountered feel special. He was gifted in preaching and his homilies imparted wisdom, encouragement, and faith. His extraordinary wit, deep compassion, and generous heart will be greatly

He is survived by his sisterin-law, Diane (Batt) Maher, and cousin, Margadette (Frank)

He was preceded in death by his parents and his nine siblings: Mary Margaret (Joseph) Schumacher, Sister Kathryn Maher BVM, Father Thomas Maher, John (Mary) Maher, Frances (John) Hardin, Therese (William) Hanley, Nelle (Floyd) Kinsella, Batt Maher, and Joseph (Jackie) Maher.

He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-greatnieces and nephews.

Visitation was Friday, April 30, from 2 until 7 p.m., followed by a Mass of Resurrection at 7:30 p.m. in St. Petronille Church, Glen Ellyn.

Interment was Saturday, May 1 (the 67th anniversary of Father Art's ordination) at 10 a.m. in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Dwight.

In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to St. Petronille Church in Glen Ellyn.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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

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.

We welcome your thoughts.

# **NOTICE**

The Prairie Creek Public Library District Board of Trustees is seeking to fill a board seat vacancy. This vacancy will be filled by appointment.

Qualifications for this office include the following:

 Must reside and be a registered voter in the Prairie Creek Public Library District.

• Must be 18 years of age.

Some of the duties and responsibilities include attending the monthly board meetings which are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, as well as other special meetings as called. Board of Trustee members also oversee the financial and policy development of the Library.

The term for this appointment will go through April 2023. Interested persons should contact the Library at (815) 584-3061 and speak to the Library Director.

### John M. Mixen

John M. Mixen. age 58, of Wilmington, IL and formerly Naperville, IL, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 25, 2021 at his home. He was born Au-

gust 20, 1962 in Chicago, IL to the late Robert L. and

Carol Jean (nee Kenzal) Mixen. John retired from the Will County Carpenter's Union Local #174. He was a former member of the Grace United Methodist Church Naperville.

John loved the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting. He always said he did his best praying in the deer stand. He also enjoyed making the best salsa from his vegetable gar-

He was skilled in carpentry and was proud to share his knowledge in the trade, whether it was building his daughter's house, volunteering building homes for Habitat for Humanity, or helping those he loved.

He shared his love of NASCAR by renovating an old school bus so we could spend time at the track together.

He was an amazing father and papa to his grandson JJ and truly enjoyed taking him on rides on his skid-steer. Spending time with his family was most important, the knowledge and love he had shown them will forever shine for years to

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Anne E. (nee Woodcock) Mixen, whom he married February 21, 1987 in Gardner, IL; two children, Laura (CJ) Dziuban of Wilmington and John (Kera) Mixen of Morris; one grand-

son, JJ Dziuban; six siblings: Robert (Valerie) Mixen of Cornell, IL; Kathy (Mike) Noonan of Dwight, IL; Tom (Emma Lou) Mixen of Macon, MO; Bill Mixen of OR; Patrick (the late Betty) Mixen of Pontiac, IL; and Jim Mixen of Dwight; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial visitation for John was at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory Friday, April 30, 2021 from 4 until 8 p.m.

Memorial services were at the funeral home on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. All attendees were required to wear face masks and follow social distancing protocols.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Melanoma Research Alliance (curemelanoma.org) or Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org).

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpatte rsonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

# Livingston County **Retired Teachers** Hold Meeting The Livingston County Re- Club of Livingston County

tired Teachers Association (LCRTA) recently held their first in-person meeting since October 2020. Thirty-nine members and three guests were present. A breakfast buffet was served at the Elks Club in Pon-

The program for the day was presented by representaselected to each receive \$1,000 from LCRTA. This money represented the scholarships they would normally have given to active Livingston County teachers who applied. However, due to the pandemic, this was not possible. These agencies were selected because of their work with youth or teachers in the area.

Mark Jontry, ROE #17, sent a letter explaining how the ROE would use the money. They have secured the use of the Mobile Museum of Tolerance. This money would be used to waive the registration fee for two dozen educators who wish to participate in this professional workshop on civil rights, diversity, tolerance, and inclusion this June. It is a state of the art facility on wheels.

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) was represented by Jackie Dever, administrator who explained that mental health issues would be the main issue for which this money would be used. They have purchased books entitled "In My Heart" and it has been distributed to families. The emphasis here is that parents could sit down with children and talk about feelings. There will be a label inside each stating the books were donated by the LCRTA.

Jodi Martin, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County, explained about what the goals of the organization are in order to enable young people to reach their full potential. They provide academic aid, work on developing good character and work on ways to reach a healthy lifestyle. Currently, they need teachers. A 21st Century Grant allows them to pay for teachers. With special permission they can hire paraprofessionals. The Boys and Girls

serves Pontiac and Fairbury.

After the presentation by Martin, Kam Sallee, Chief Operating Officer/Area Outreach Director talked. He explained that the money received from LCRTA was used to purchase a program which deals with how to handle bullying called "Be A Star". It helps with bullying tives of the agencies who were emotionally, physically and in a classroom program. It also shows how to interact with someone when bullying occurs or what to do when struggling with it in a social atmosphere. They are also working on a program to build future leadership by developing a program similarly to Shark Tank where a student develops a business project and then "sells" it to a panel. This is a four-week program for high school students starting in June.

They were also shown the model drawings for the new proposed building for a Boys and Girls Club in Fairbury. It will have many special features that will allow new types of experiences for the children who attend there.

One thing that the Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County is most proud of, is that they are the only club in the state of Illinois that did not close during the pandemic. They provided services from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On other topics covered during the meeting, the membership was encouraged to participate in the Giving Garden Project sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension office. One can receive free seeds if he/she agrees to plant either a vegetable garden or a flower garden and donate half of what is raised to someone or some needy organization.

Jo Anne Nelson, their Area 1 Representative for Illinois Retired Teachers, attended the meeting via Zoom, which was used for the first time to allow others who were unable to attend the meeting in person to participate. This format will be used in future meetings since it was successful this time.

The next meeting will be on June 15 at the Lost in Time Meeting room in Fairbury.

Connie (Lighty) Vidger,

board-certified Chaplain with a

Masters in Theology and works

as the Director of Spiritual

Care at Rockwood Retirement

Communities in Spokane,

Washington.



**Lincoln Bradley Brady** 

# A boy!

Ben and Britt Brady, of Dwight, are happy to announce the birth of their new baby boy, Lincoln Bradley Brady, who was born at St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington at 2:21 p.m. on November 10, 2020, weighing six pounds, nine ounces, and measuring 19 inches long.

He was welcomed home by big brother, Will.

Lincoln's maternal grandparents are Randy and Debbie Provence, of Dwight. His paternal grandparents are Janet Brady, of Dwight, and the late Brad Brady.

# **Baccalaureate** Mass in Dwight **May 15**

The Parishes of Saint Patrick, Dwight, and Saint Paul, Odell, will honor the 2021 and 2020 graduates of Saint Patrick and Saint Paul at a Baccalaureate Mass Saturday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m. in Saint Patrick Church.

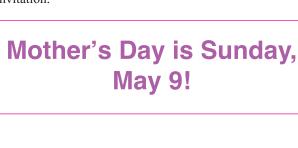
It will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Confirmands of 2020 will also be honored.

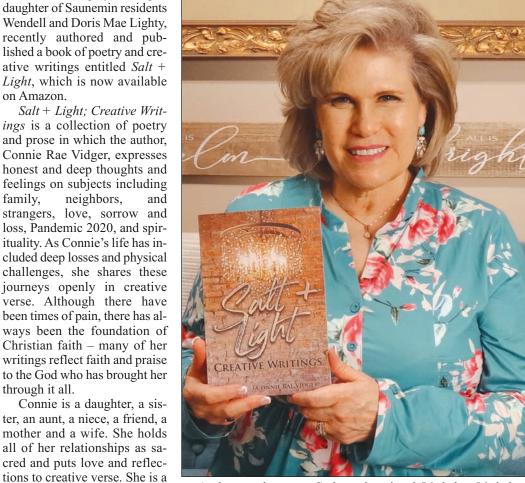
Invitations have been mailed, with an RSVP on or before May 10 to the parishes office, 815-584-3522.

If you know of graduates of high school, college or trade school, provide their names to the office so they may receive an invitation.



CLAIRE HENNESSY received the GAVC Director Award for the month of April for Cosmetology. Claire is a junior at Gardner-South Wilmington High School and this is her first year attending Cosmo.





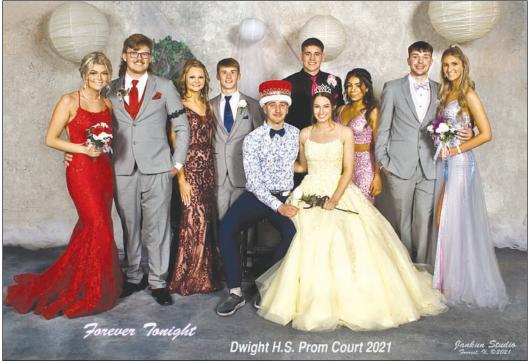
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we hear deep calling to deep.' Connie's book can be found on Amazon by searching Connie Vidger.



THE PROM COURT AT DTHS gathered for a photo opportunity April 24. Pictured, from left, are Rylee Farris, Jack Gallet, Alexis Thetard, Dillon Sarff, Sam Edwards, Leticia DeLara, Brandon Ceylor, Eileen Betsworth, and King and Queen Isaac Telford and Mary Hilt.

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To get a free ticket, simply go to the "Buy Tickets" section of the website and select the day and time you want to visit. Then for the type of ticket, choose the free COVID option. If multiple people qualify for the free option, just put that number in the "quantity" box.

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free comes just as the museum areas, including their theaters, tial Library and Museum in opens a brand new exhibit, and reminding visitors to stay of Music from Illinois." Using audio, video and incredible artifacts, it explores the contributions of music legends like Muddy Waters, Sam Cooke, Miles Davis and John Prine.

Admission to the Lincoln Presidential Museum is normally available for a fee, with children five to 15 receiving a discount and children under five getting in free (although Illinois students from kindergarten through college get free admission through the end of

The museum's safety measures during the pandemic in-

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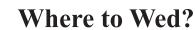
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by Brandon LaChance

Flowers are blooming. Birds are chirping. The sun is beaming. Spring wedding bliss is in the air.

It's that magical time of the year again when magical doesn't mean Christmas, but instead refers to the warmth and happiness of bridging two lives together for eternity or planning to do so in the future.

The planning process includes a ton of intangibles such as dress, tuxedo, bridal party, guest list, rehearsal dinner, reception hall and wedding location...just to name a few of the who, what, why, when and where.

All of the components of an amazing wedding cannot be found at once, but maybe the where can be, even during the pandemic known as Covid-19.

Yes the virus has slowed us down for the last year, but if you've watched the right chick flicks, you know love can conquer all.

Here is how venues in Dwight plan to make your special day amazing, while still upholding Covid-19 restrictions.

### **The Dwight Country Club**

The Dwight Country Club may have shut down for the winter and hasn't held a rehearsal dinner in 2021, but it reopened March 18 and is ready to help soothe the anxiety after the walk through.

"We have to abide by the rules, but we are accepting calls to set up rehearsal dinners," said Dwight Country Club general manager Joe Bloxam. "We did a dinner for Easter and are doing one for Mother's Day. We haven't done a rehearsal dinner yet, but we have some planned later this year and will take reservations to host more."

Instead of the pre-Covid buffet and salad bar, the club is plating salads and giving you a choice of entree to be brought

The country club's back room is the perfect size for the get together after the rehearsal as the room will allow the Covid-19 restricted limit of 50mask-wearing guests.

### **Cherry Red Roasters**

Multiple wedding packages are available at Cherry Red Roasters as long as you adhere to the motto, 'Don't say I do without BBQ'.

There are the bronze, silver and gold options with different price, meal and alcohol selec-

Mr. and Mrs. can also add a night bar with appetizers to chow down as the night goes on and specialty drinks to enjoy with the guests.

The Cherry Red Garage is available for rental any day of the week to accommodate a rehearsal dinner, a reception and a wedding.

### Station 343

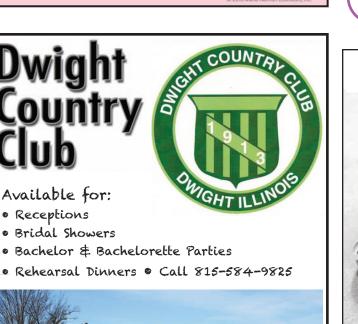
Romance is in the air at Station 343.

The venue sitting 200 guests has a vintage, cozy, 'love is in the air' feel behind the brick walls, elegant lighting, and sleek hardwood floor.

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These are just three of the many wedding venue options in the area.

Brandon LaChance can be reached at (815) 876-7941, blachance20@gmail.com or on Twitter @LaChanceWriter.



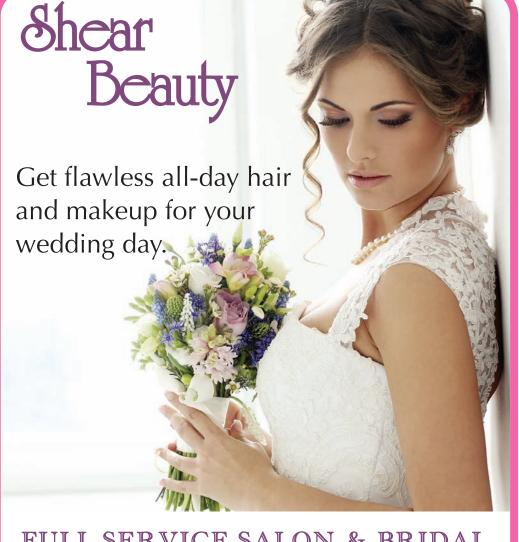
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# **Who Says Wedding Vows First?**

by Michelle M. Winner

As you count down the months to your wedding date, you're likely to begin to focus on your ceremony and vows. But have you wondered who traditionally says wedding vows first and why it's done that way?

The exchange of vows in your ceremony is the magical part of the service when you hear your beloved say their vows to you in front of your guests and family for the first time. Their words may bring tears or laughter, but we are confident in saying that this romantic moment will imprint on your hearts forever.

However, what if the "traditional" order of vows isn't appropriate or doesn't work for your circumstances—are there alternatives? Read on for some history on the wedding vow tradition along with tips for choosing the best order for you and your partner.

# What Is the Traditional Vow Order?

What is referred to as the traditional order of vows is simply the way wedding ceremonies have been performed in a patriarchal religious society for centuries; the groom says his wedding vows first. It's important to understand, however, that in these societies, the males were heads of households, tribes, and clans. Females, if not considered equals, were sometimes considered possessions or lesser beings to males. Many religious wedding sacraments and ceremonies will have the groom saying his vows first.

In today's world, this order could be interpreted as a male superiority statement. Plus, the traditional order disregards same-sex couples. If you are getting married in a church, open a dialog with your clergy or priest about this and ask if you can switch the order if you wish to do so. If you are being married in a less-restrictive religion, ask your clergy person. Most secular or non-denominational officials will adjust your your transport to the property of the same and the same and the same are the same as a same and the same are the same as a same as a

### How to Decide Who Goes First

Times change and what is considered a traditional wedding is shifting from a patriarchal format towards a more

"There is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage."

gender-neutral and equal ceremony according to what each couple prefers. Feel free to change the traditional order and delivery of the vows if your circumstances warrant. Here are a few ways to help you decide who should read their vows first—and remember, there is no right or wrong way to say your vows!

### **Stick With Tradition**

For some heterosexual couples, the traditional "groom goes first" is exactly right for them and their ceremony. Culture and tradition may play a large part in this decision, or they may not have a choice in the order of vows because of their religion-specific requirements of the sacramental nuptials. So embrace tradition and go with it!

# Discuss Your Relationship Dynamics

The personal dynamic within your relationship may make the choice of the order of your vows easy for you. The best advice is always to go with what feels natural for you both. The decision should be mutual. Just talk it out!

### **Let Fate Decide**

How about having some fun and leaving the decision to fate? Opt to flip a coin, draw straws, play a few rounds of Rock Paper Scissors, or roll the dice. For extra levity, play a creative decision-making game at your engagement party or joint-shower party surrounded by family and friends.

### Say Your Vows Together

The ultimate solution, if you are on the fence as to the order



of your vows, or prefer to deliver your vows to each other in the most equitable way possible, is to say them at the same time. Although not recommended for vows that differ from each other, you can both

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answer in unison to a set of questions posed by your officiant with "I do" or say the "Repeat After Me" set of vows.

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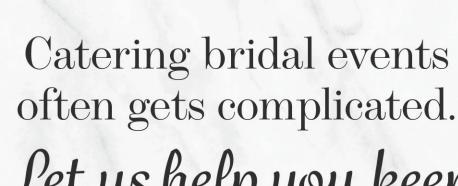


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# **Downtown Cooking Competition Heats Up –**

(continued from page 1)

town and how busy the businesses were. The feedback I'm getting is that we should make it bigger and better next year and that's what we plan to do." Connor added working with the town of Dwight on the cookoff has been great. All parties understand it's burdensome on the employees of the city and burdensome on the residents who live close to the downtown area.

But, it's also worthwhile for the community and its busi-

Growth in population may be adding to the pros as well.

"I had a guy who has competed every year since we started tell me he was looking for a house in Dwight," said Connor. With being in the competition year after year and spending time in the city, he



wants to move to Dwight and be part of the community."

There are plenty of reasons to love the barbeque battle.

However, there may be one reason the onlookers might be disappointed. There isn't a way to eat the barbeque without being a judge.

"There isn't a way to taste the barbeque. These guys take it very seriously," said Connor.

"They're there to compete, win money and earn points for the most part. We didn't this year, but usually we would bring in some barbequers to sell barbeque. When we do that, we try to use competition

A cake as

sweet as Mom

barbequers. But we rarely see a time where a competitor would also have time to sell their barbeque. It just doesn't crossover that well.

"Because it's a national competition and they use certified judges, locals can get certified to be a judge if they want. I know we have one in town who is a certified judge. Rosie Miller went and got certified so she could judge these things."

Although it could be annoying to have the nose working so hard for food the taste buds won't enjoy, there is still a reason to attend the once-a-year event.

You could learn a thing or two while seeing something you've probably never seen be-

"I understand it's annoying to the crowd," said Connor.

"It's kind of a tease when you show up, there is a bunch of barbequers and you can't eat their food. Believe me, I hear about it every year.

"These guys do love interacting with the crowd and give tips and tricks like rubs, injections and techniques to people. It is an interactive thing and something people should see. I'm always in awe with how much detail their grills and trailers have. They're fun to look at like a car show."

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**David Hubert, left, and Chris Chaudrus** Loose Cannon, Chicago



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# PORTS

# **GSWB** Beats Dwight in 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Contests

Monday, April 26 GSWB vs. Dwight 6th Grade -

In the sixth grade match-up between rivals Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville and Dwight April 26, the Tigers won 14-11.

Leading the Lady Redbirds was Lauren Snyder with five points, five steals, and two boards. Claire Sandeno added four points, with Delaney Boucher providing two points, a game-high eight rebounds, and a team-high five

The "B" game would end in a

4-4 tie. Dwight's Denali Huff and Addy Sulzberger both scored two points. Maya Lemke led with three rebounds, with Madlyn Lucus fol-

lowing with two. 7th Grade -

The Lady Tigers hosted Dwight in the seventh grade game, as GSWB was looking for revenge.

first half, the Lady Tigers led Dwight 8-2 halfway through.

After an uneventful third quard, GSWB led 14-10 with less than a minute remaining - then the Lady Redbirds buried a big three-pointer to climb within one point.

Dwight regained possession with 13 seconds left, but missed a shot for the win – leaving the Lady Tigers victorious, 14-13.

Nina Siano led GSWB with six points, followed by three each from Madison Wright and Kayla Scheuber. Aubree Stein was big defensively all night, forcing many Dwight turnovers.

The Lady Redbirds were led by Mikayla Chambers' nine points and four rebounds. Ryan Bean (7 rebounds, 1 steal) and Sarah Parker (4 rebounds) each added two points. Taylor Heath had eight boards and a steal, with Cloe Gall contributing two steals and one as-

Backed by solid defense in the sist. Sophie Buck grabbed nine rebounds; Kit Connor, one.

On Eighth Grade Night at GSWB, the eighth grade meeting was another nail-biter between two rival teams, taking an overtime frame to decide a winner – which wound up being GSWB, 26-24, over Dwight

The Lady Tigers led 5-4 after first quarter. However, Dwight's defense awoke in the second quarter, and the Lady Redbirds would take a 15-10 advantage into

GSWB did not back down, though, and cut into the lead to trail by just three points with six minutes left in the game.

After coming out strong to start the fourth, the Lady Tigers led 24-21 with less than 30 seconds left in

The Lady Redbirds had a different plan, however, as Mikayla Chambers nailed a three to even the score at 24-24.

GSWB had an opportunity to win it as time expired, but Dwight forced overtime.

In OT, Grace Olsen scored early and that would be the difference, as the Lady Tigers went on to

Olsen pushed GSWB to victory behind 15 points, followed by Maya Cacello and Hannah Balcom with four points each.

Chambers (4 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists) and Ella Legner (3 steals, 1 rebound) led the Lady Redbirds with seven points each. Sophie Buck (2 rebounds, 2 steals) and Rvan Bean (6 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist) added four points each. Leah Larson put up two points, six boards, and two steals. Taylor Heath had six rebounds, one assist; Kiah Handzus, five rebounds, one steal. Sarah Parker hauled down three boards.



# Wes Pulver Places Second at Don Church Invitational

Augustana senior Wes Pulver (Dwight Township High School, Dwight) placed second in the javelin April 30 as the Vikings competed at the Don Church Invitational at Wheaton College.

mark in the javelin.

In an eight-team field, Augustana scored 68 points good enough for sixth place.

On Saturday, May 8, the Vikings will host the 2021 CCIW Outdoor Champi-Pulver threw a 138'11" onships at Paul V. Olsen Track.

# Dwight, Saunemin, Ransom Take Part in Triangular Meet

regulation.

Tuesday, April 27

Dwight, Saunemin, Ransom In junior high track and field action April 27 in Dwight, the Redbirds hosted Saunemin and Ran-

som – with the three teams posting the following results:

7th Grade Girls -

Dwight would take first place, scoring 49 points, to Ransom's 46 and Saunemin's 21. Individual results are as follows:

Hurdles: Heath (D), 1st, 22.11;

Marsh (2nd), 2nd, 25.21. 100: Trainor (R), 1st, 14.43; Heath (D), 2nd, 15.55; Crouch (S), 3rd, 16.77; K. Connor (D), 4th, 17.92; Warby (R), 5th, 19.27.

1600: Chambers (D), 1st, 6:25; A. Connor (D), 2nd, 7:04; Wahl (R), 3rd, 8:06.

4x200: Ransom, 1st, 2:35; K. Connor, Taylor, Buck, A. Connor (D), 2nd, 2:40.

4x100: Ransom, 1st, 1:11; Saunemin, 2nd, 1:12; Dwight, 3rd,

400: Trainor (R), 1st, 1:17; Heath (D), 2nd, 1:19; Todd (S), 3rd, 1:24; Lee (S), 4th, 1:42.

200: Burgen (S), 1st, 35.08; Talty (R), 2nd, 35.25; Keri (R), 3rd, 35.71; Marsh (D), 4th, 42.99; Haggard (D), 5th, 45.81.

800: Todd (S), 1st, 3:36; Mwiz-

erwa (D), 2nd, 3:48. 4x400: Chambers, K. Connor, Heath, A. Connor (D), 1st, 5:40.

Shot Put: Keri (R), 1st, 17'5.5"; Warby (R), 2nd, 17'5"; Haggard (D), 3rd, 14'7".

Discus: Talty (R), 1st, 41'8"; Sweeden (R), 2nd, 37'6.5"; Haggard (D), 3rd, 35'5"; Schultz (R), 4th, 32'3.5"; Luckey (R), 5th, 29'4'

High Jump: Marsh (D), 1st,

Long Jump: Chambers (D), 1st, 12'10"; Crouch (S), 2nd, 11'7.5"; Talty (R), 3rd, 10'3.5"; Sweeden (R), 4th, 8'9"; Lee (S), 5th, 8'0". 7th Grade Boys -

Dwight's seventh grade boys took third overall with 28 points. with Saunemin scoring 33 and Ransom taking first with 47. Individual Redbird results are as fol-

Hurdles: Turner, 3rd, 31.74. 100: Bumpous, 4th, 17.18; Col-

clasure, 5th, 17.46. 400: Watchinski, 1st, 1:19; Johnson, 3rd, 1:29.

200: Bumpous, 4th, 39.05; Colclasure, 5th, 40.11.

800: Kucera, 3rd, 3:31; Turner, 4th, 4:30.

Shot Put: Meister, 1st; Olson,

Discus: Meister, 1st; Olson, Long Jump: Watchinski, 4th;

Oelschlager, 5th. 8th Grade Girls -

Ransom scored 21 points to place first overall, followed by Dwight (17) and Saunemin (15). Individual results are as follows:

Hurdles: Zavada (R), 1st, 19.93; Taylor (D), 2nd, 27.65.

100: Zavada (R), 1st, 14.34;

Ondrey (R), 2nd, 15.61; T. Connor (D), 3rd, 16.34; Buck (D), 4th, 17.29.

4x100: Ransom, 1st, 58.49. 400: Taylor (D), 1st, 1:29; Buck (D), 2nd, 1:32.

200: Bunting (S), 1st, 35.4; Stillwell (R), 2nd, 36.7; T. Connor (D), 3rd, 42.3; Robison (D), 4th,

Shot Put: Bunting (S), 1st, 25'0"; Zavada (R), 2nd, 24'0"; Wahl (R), 3rd, 18'1"; Armstrong (R), 4th, 16'2.5"

Discus: Isabella (S), 1st, 59'6"; Stillwell (R), 2nd, 57'1"; Wahl (R), 3rd, 31'9.5".

8th Grade Boys -

In the eighth grade competition, Dwight claimed first with 56 points, followed by Saunemin with 32 points. Ransom did not field an eighth grade boys team. Individual Redbird results are as follows:

100: Roff, 2nd, 14.74; Brown, 3rd, 14.90.

1600: Lasser, 1st, 6:38. 400: Tristan Larkin, 1st, 1.11.

200: Brown, 1st, 30.18; Roff, 2nd, 30.43. 800: Lasser, 1st, 3:00.

Shot Put: Pakula, 2nd; Wood,

Discus: Pakula, 1st; Wood, 2nd. Long Jump: Larkin, 2nd.



# **GSWB L**ADY TIGERS BASKETBALL

Thursday, April 29 **GSWB** vs. Wilmington 7th Grade -

GSWB hosted the Lady Wildcats April 29.

Early buckets from Madison Wright and Maddie Simms put the Lady Tigers up 4-3 – and they would never look back.

Heading into the second half with a 10-3 lead, GSWB would be held scoreless throughout the half, but their defense only allowed four points and they would get the 10-7 win - moving them to 4-7on the season.

Aubree Stein, Nina Siano, and Maya Rice each added two points, in addition to Simms and Wright.

8th Grade -The eighth grade game was

closely contested throughout. GSWB led 2-0 early, but

that didn't hold, as they trailed 8-4 after one quarter. In the second, it remained

even until Madison Buck hit a shot at the buzzer to pull the Lady Tigers to within two points at the half, 12-10. GSWB would eventually tie

it at 12-12, but Wilmington pulled away late. Although they fought until

the end, the Lady Tigers fell 22-16.

Seven different Lady Tigers contributed in the scoring column on the night. They are now 4-7 overall.

# TRI-POINT CHARGERS TRACK AND FIELD

### Monday, April 26 **Tri-Point at Pontiac**

The Chargers' track and field squad was in Pontiac April 26, posting the following results:

Boys -

hurdles: Bobby 300 Mogged, 2nd, 44.85.

800: Jose Amador, 3rd, 2:24.68. Girls -

400: Katelyn Poe, 3rd, 1:20.30.

800: Mikaayla English, 2nd, 1:15.

Tuesday, April 27 **Tri-Point at Prairie Central** 

In track and field action April 27, the Tri-Point Chargers put up the following results: Boys -

Long Jump: Mogged, 1st, 19'7".

110 hurdles: Mogged, 1st, 16.8; Tyler Platz, 2nd, 18.8. 300 hurdles: Mogged, 1st,

44.6.

400: Melina Scheutte, 3rd,

300 hurdles: Statler, 3rd,

100 hurdles: Cali Statler,



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Gardner	2,299	206	
Mazon	1,733	171	
Odell	2,434	170	
Braceville	1,722	143	
Essex	1,112	135	Numbers
S. Wilmington	918	90	
Cullom	1,209	75	as of
Reddick	934	66	05/03/21
Saunemin	1,196	62	Q:
Buckingham	721	58	Statistics via:
Verona	710	56	dph.illinois.gov
Ransom	773	41	
Cabery	633	38	
Blackstone	315	37	
Kempton	560	36	
Emington	460	35	
Kinsman	230	19	
Campus	403	18	
Union Hill	122	13	
County	Tested	Cases	<b>Deaths</b>
Kankakee	228,438	13,901	207
LaSalle	186,025	12,236	239
Grundy	60,216	5,776	71
Livingston	105,657	4,738	84
Iroquois	47,960	2,957	65
Ford	29,148	1,748	46

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# **GSW Panthers Baseball**

### Monday, April 26 GSW vs. IL Lutheran

Varsity - The Panthers got their offense going early against Illinois Lutheran April 26, leading to a 9-6 win.

"Nice RVC win on a real windy day," stated Coach Allan Wills. "It was not easy to play defense, but we did enough to get the win!"

Blake Huston got the "W" on the bump, striking out five while allowing six runs on eight hits and three walks in four innings. Bryce Handzus earned the save, going three innings striking out five and hitting two batters.

The GSW offense was led by Ethan Maxard who singled twice, doubled once, knocked in four runs, and scored once. McElroy doubled, batted in two runs, and scored a run. Blake Patterson was 2-4 with a single, a double, three runs scored, and a run batted in, while Huston was 2-3 with two singles, an RBI, and a run scored. Caydan Landry walked once, was hit by a pitch, and scored twice. Garrett Grant singled and scored a run. Nathan Weese drew two walks and stole a base.

### Tuesday, April 27 GSW vs. IL Lutheran

Varsity - GSW once again bested Illinois Lutheran when they met up April 27, 15-8.

We jumped out to a nice lead," said Coach Wills, "which was needed because we made it a long, sloppy game afterwards. A road conference win is always nice, though!"

Kaden Grivetti was the winning pitcher, tossing three-plus innings and giving up four earned runs on five hits, five walks, and a hit batter, striking out two. Alex McElroy came on in relief to get the save, hitting a batter and striking out two, while allowing three hits in three-plus innings.

Garrett Grant led with a three-run double, a walk, and a run scored. Ethan Maxard was a perfect 4-4, singling twice, doubling twice, scoring twice, and batting in two runs. Caydan Landry led off for the Panthers, singling, getting hit by a pitch, scoring a run, and adding two RBI. Blake Patterson (single, walk, run), Cale Halpin (2 singles, SB, run), Dane Halpin (2 walks, run), and Aiddan Daugherty each had one RBI. Blake Huston provided a single, two walks, was hit by a pitch, and scored three times. Grivetti drew two walks and scored twice.

### Thursday, April 29 GSW vs. Woodland

Varsity - The Panthers' meeting with Woodland April 29 began rocky, but GSW was able to pull of a 7-3 win.

"After a slow start, it was nice to see us hang in there and get a comeback win," Coach Wills stated.

Trailing 3-0 heading into the fifth inning, the Panthers would put up three runs to tie it up. GSW was not done, either, as they tacked on four more in the sixth inning – and that's how it would end.

Bryce Handzus pitched a complete game, allowing two earned runs on ten hits, a walk, and a hit batsman, striking out eignt.

Offensively, Caydan Landry had three RBI on one hit and a sacrifice, stealing a base and scoring once. Alex McElroy provided two RBI on two singles and a sacrifice, crossing the plate once. Blake Huston and Aiddan Daugherty (2 runs) each had two singles and a double. Blake Patterson (SB), Kaden Grivetti (run), and Garrett Grant (BB, double, 2 runs), each had one hit. Ethan Maxard and Nathan Weese walked once each.



# **DWIGHT TROJANS BASEBALL**



JACK DENKER, pictured, above, readily awaits the pitch as he eyes home plate. Tyler Frauli, below, slides into third base.



### Tuesday, April 27 Dwight vs. Cissna Park Varsity -

The Dwight Trojans were in action against Cissna Park April 27, falling by a score of 12-6.

Terry Wilkey started the game for the Trojans, going one and two-thirds innings allowing three earned runs on eight hits and a walk, striking out two. Hudson Beier pitched in relief for two-plus innings, striking out three, walking three, and giving up two earned runs on three hits. Jack Denker tossed three innings, surrendering two earned runs on six hits and two walks, striking out two.

At the plate, Ryan Turner (2 SB) and Andrew Kapper (walk) each had two RBI in the contest. Dawson Sulaica (walk) and H. Beier each added a single and one RBI. Caden Schroeder, Camden Beier (HBP), and Wilkey each chipped in with a single. Jack Denker walked three times, while Daniel Ford was hit by a pitch.

### Thursday, April 29 Dwight vs. Cissna Park Varsity -

Park April 29, the Trojans took a 6-3 loss.

Daniel Ford was tagged with the loss, tossing five innings and allowing three earned runs on six hits and five walks, fanning four. Tyler Cox came on in relief for one inning, walking two batters and giving up an unearned run.

Jack Denker had Dwight's only RBI in the contest. Caden Schroeder (run), Ryan Turner (SB), and Dawson Sulaica (walk, run, SB) each had one hit. Hudson Beier, William Trainor, and Ford (HBP, run) drew two walks each. Camden Beier and Terry Wilkey were each walked once.

### Saturday, May 1 Dwight vs. Paxton-Buckley-Loda Varsity -

The Trojans had trouble getting the offense going May 1, as they fell in both games of a doubleheader against PBL -12-1 in game one, and 15-0 in game two.

Terry Wilkey took the loss, allowing eight earned runs on 12 hits and three walks in three-plus innings. Tyler Cox gave up a hit and struck out one in relief.

Camden Beier got the only hit for Dwight – a single. Andrew Nelson drew two walks, while Dawson Sulaica drew one. Caden Schroeder swiped a base, with William Trainor scoring the Trojans' lone run.

Dwight was no-hit by PBL in the second match-up.

Wilkey, Nelson, and Tyler In a match-up with Cissna Frauli each walked once at the

> Hudson Beier was hit with the loss, giving up nine earned runs on ten hits and three walks, striking out two. Trainor threw one-plus innings in relief, striking out one, walking three, allowing two hits and one earned run.



### Monday, April 26 Herscher vs. Peotone Varsity -

The Herscher Tigers pounced on Peotone April 26, winning by a score of 12-0.

Daven Arseneau got the "W", pitching four-plus innings and allowing just five hits and two walks, fanning eight Peotone players. Clay Schultz walked one and got the final out of the game.

Tyler Murray (2-3, HR, 2 runs) and Blake Holm (2-3, HR, 2 runs) each put up three RBI for Herscher. Cody Lunsford (HR) and Joe Holohan (2-3, HR, SB) had two RBI each. Clay Schultz (2-3, SB, 2 runs) and Camden Berns (single, walk, 2 runs) each added one RBI. Arseneau reached on an error and later scored.

### Tuesday, April 27 Herscher vs. Peotone Varsity -

HERSCHER TIGERS BASEBALL

In baseball action April 27, Peotone would return the favor – defeating Herscher 6-5, despite a late surge by the Tigers.

Joe Holohan suffered the loss on the rubber, giving up five earned runs on eight hits and three walks, striking out nine in five-plus innings. Clay Schultz came on in relief, striking out one.

On offense, Daven Arseneau (double, HR), Schultz (2-4, SB, run), Camden Berns (single, 2 runs), and Tyler Murray (single, 2 BB) had an RBI each. Brock Teders doubled then proceeded to score. Austin Joyce and Holohan each had a single.







### Monday, April 26 Seneca vs. St. Bede Varsity -

The Irish were in action against St. Bede April 26, holding on to a 4-3 win – but not without some late-inning

After putting up three runs in the top half of the seventh inning, Seneca had a healthy 7-2 lead.

However, St. Bede would score four in the final frame to apply the pressure – but the Fighting Irish were able to come out victorious.

Matt Cruise got the win on the mound, tossing four innings and giving up no runs on just one hit and three walks, fanning four. AJ Steigler came on in relief but made an early exit, allowing two earned runs on one hit and three walks, striking out one. Tyler Sulzberger tossed two innings, giving up four earned runs on three hits and two walks, recording one strikeout. Aldridge walked one, struckout one, and allowed one hit in relief.

Brayden Roe (3-4, triple, run, SB), Cole Hintze (double, HBP), and Ethan Brockman (2-4, HR, run) each batted in two runs. Cruise would single in a run. Hayden Klicker singled twice, stole a base, and scored two times, with Steigler singling, getting beaned, stealing a base, and scoring once. Owen Quigley score a run.

### Tuesday, April 27 Seneca vs. Plano Varsity -

It took an eight-run sixth inning, but the Seneca Irish fought back to come from behind and beat Plano 11-10 in

# **SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASEBALL**

walk-off fashion on April 27. Brayden Roe took to the mound in the first, getting knocked around for five earned runs on four hits and two walks, tallying two strikeouts. AJ Steigler came on in relief in the second inning and would toss three innings, giving up three earned runs on four hits and a walk, striking out one. Cole Underhill had three strikeouts, while allowing two earned runs on four hits and a walk in two innings of work. Gage Cryder held Plano scoreless in the top half of the seventh, striking out the side and giving his squad the opportu-

nity to win it late. Matt Cruise (3-4, double, home run, walk, 2 SB, run) and Tyler Sulzberger (2-2, 2 home runs, 2 runs) led Seneca with three RBI each. Underhill added two RBI with a single and a walk, scoring twice. Cole Hintze (single, walk, run), Ethan Brockman (single, 2 BB), and Hayden Klicker (3-4, double, 2 runs) chipped in with an RBI each. Roe added a triple and two walks, was hit by a pitch and stole a base, scoring twice. Owen Quigley stole a base and scored a run.

### Saturday, May 1 Seneca vs. Lowpoint-Washburn/Roanoke Benson Varsity

The Fighting Irish played in a double-header against Lowpoint-Washburn/Roanoke Benson May 1, winning both

Seneca was victorious by a score of 6-3 in the first meet-

Matt Cruise earned the "W", giving up three earned runs on

four hits and four walks, tallying seven strikeouts in five innings. Cole Underhill (1 SO) and Gage Cryder (2 BB, 2 SO) each saw action in relief.

Cruise was huge at the plate, also, putting up three RBI with a home run and a walk. Tyler Sulzberger added one RBI. Cryder would double, walk, get hit by a pitch, steal two bases, and score two runs. Brayden Roe (SB, run) and Hayden Klicker (HBP, 2 runs) each singled. Underhill drew a walk.

In game two, the Irish offense came alive later, but Seneca was able to get away with a 12-8 win.

Sulzberger ended up getting the win in relief, going twoplus innings and allowing three earned runs on two hits and four walks, striking out two. Underhill went one inning, giving up an earned run on three hits and striking out one. Roe allowed two earned runs on two hits and three walks in one inning, with AJ Steigler giving up one earned run on two hits and a walk. Cryder also tossed in relief, striking out two and walking one.

At the plate, Cole Hintze would walk once and hit a home run, batting in three runs. Roe (2-4, double, HR), Klicker (3-4, walk, 2 runs), Cryder (HR, HBP, 2 runs) and Underhill (3-3, HR) each had two RBI. Steigler walked once and scored twice. Sulzberger was hit by a pitch and later scored. Owen Quigley stole a base and scored a run, while Aldridge scored once.

Hey, Batter-Batter!

# **DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL**

in the contest.

### Tuesday, April 27 Dwight vs. Woodland Varsity -

The Lady Trojans got down early against Woodland April 27, coughing up nine runs in the bottom of the first – ultimately leading to a 10-4 loss.

Abby Rodosky pitched all six innings for Dwight, giving up three walks and six hits - no earned runs – while striking out

Seven errors, in total, were committed by the Lady Trojans

Mia Buck (triple, run), Kayla Kodat (triple, HBP), and Rodosky (3-3, triple, stolen base, run) had one RBI each. Isabelle Schultz chipped in with a single. Erin Anderson was hit by a pitch, drew a walk, and scored a run. Jordan Schultz stole a base and scored a run.

### Thursday, April 29 Dwight vs. Morris Varsity -

Dwight was defeated by Morris when they met April 29, 15-3.

Abby Rodosky was in the circle for the Lady Trojans, allowing ten earned runs on 13 hits and three walks, striking out one. Jordan Schultz tossed two-plus innings, walking two and striking out two.

At the plate for Dwight, Megan Livingston (2-3, triple, run), Kayla Kodat (single, run), and Rachel Heath (single) each batted in a run. Erin Anderson (BB) and Alexis Thetard had a single each. Njomza Asllani walked once and scored a run.



### Monday, April 26 GSW vs. Illinois Lutheran Varsity -

Jayden Buchanan went the distance on the mound April 26 against Illinois Lutheran, striking out ten, walking three, and giving up seven hits in the Lady Panthers' 17-7 victory.

Bella Vyce did an excellent job behind the plate in her first varsity start. She led the offense, going 4-4 with four RBI. Katelyn Farris had two RBI on three hits, while Aspen Lardi knocked in two on two hits. Kylie Hawks provided two hits and one RBI. Mary Clare had two hits, with Buchanan, Ashley Frideres, Avery Lenzie, and Eva Henderson each contributing a hit apiece.

"This was a solid team win and everyone contributed offensively," said Coach Carlson. "We are pretty young and only a few of our girls have experience playing varsity softball, so it was great to see the girls doing so many things right. We went to the plate with a great mindset and our defense did an excellent job helping Jayden out. This was Jayden's first varsity start, and she did exactly what she needed to do."

**GSW Lady Panthers Softball** 

### Tuesday, April 27 GSW vs. Illinois Lutheran Varsity -

Once Jayden again, Buchanan was superb in the circle for the Lady Panthers, as she recorded six strikeouts, while allowing 14 hits and four walks in GSW's 16-15 win April 27 over Illinois Lutheran.

Bella Vyce continued her carnage at the plate, going 3-3 with two home runs and four RBI. Kylie Hawks also hit two homers, adding five RBI. Ashley Frideres added two RBI on three hits, with Aspen Lardi and Buchanan each knocking in two runs on two hits.

"This was an exciting comefrom-behind win," Coach Carlson said in the post-game. "We were down four runs going into the seventh and the girls rallied to score five runs. Katelyn Farris got two huge sacrifice bunts down. The middle infield (Hawks, Frideres) did a great job defensively to hold them in the bottom of the seventh. We

had a few mental mistakes early on, but the girls really bounced back late in the game and kept IL Lutheran scoreless in the last three innings."

### Thursday, April 29 GSW vs. Woodland Varsity -

In varsity softball action between GSW and Woodland, Jayden Buchanan would suffer an 11-0 loss on the mound, walking four and striking out three.

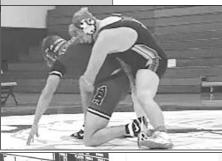
"She threw a lot of firstpitch strikes, which is what we need when we face these strong teams," stated Coach Cassi Carlson.

Mary Clare Phillips led at the plate for the Lady Panthers, going 2-2. Aspen Lardi contributed one hit.

"Woodland's pitcher had a lot of movement, so to see two of our freshmen (Phillips, Lardi) get the only hits of the game is fantastic," added Carlson. "We are using each game as a learning experience, so it was good to have a strong hitting team put us into some situations we need to work on."







SENECA'S wrestlers were in action against **Class 1A Tremont** May 1, winning by a score of 44-27.



### Friday, April 30 Seneca vs. Joliet West

Seneca had its first meet April 30 at Joliet West (3A), wrestling competitively but falling 48-29. Results are as follows:

106: Justin Boettger Fall 4:39 over Kyle Hahn (S); 113: Luke Sangston (S) F:45 over Joseph Boettger; 120: Jaden Casey (S) TF 16-1 over Jalen (S) F 2:08 S over Ryan Esparza; 138: Austin Perella F 3:30 over Asher Jarnby (S); 145: Dade Quenton 5-1 over Wilson Widman (S); 152: Collin Wright (S) F 5:25 over sults: Nathan Carpenter; Justin Pullen F 3:39 over Kyle F 2:40 over Steven Benavidez; Harnby (S); 182: Aiden Kenney F 5:37 over Chris Peura; 126: Jaden Casey (S) F 1:45 220: Gavin Mason (S) F 5:14 over Jacob Schmitt; 285: Wyatt Owen Feiner (S) Major Dec Schmitt 1-0 over Nathan Elliott

"We will be at full strength fairly soon," commented Coach Yegge, "as many guys are still working on getting to weight."

### Saturday, May 1 Seneca vs. Tremont

had a big day on Saturday, competing against some top Class 1A competition.

won 44-27. Results are as follows:

106: Luke Sangston (S) by FF; 113: Kyler Hahn (S) by FF;

120: Jaden Casey (S) 5-0 over Nathan Boyd; 132: Owen Feiner (S) TF 17-0 over Josiah Grant; 138: Asher Harnby (S) F:38 over Logan Poisal; 145: Levi Leitner 4-0 over Wilson Widman (S); 152: Collin Wright (S) by FF; 170: Logan Stedman T F:48 over Chris Peura (S); 182: Gavin Robertson (S) F 1:27 over Connor Liggett; 220: Gavin Mason (S) Millrany; 132: Owen Feiner by FF; 285: John Rathburn F 1:40 over Nathan Elliott (S).

# Seneca vs. Princeton

Seneca beat Princeton 46-27, posting the following re-

106: Luke Sangston (S) by 113: Kyler Hahn (S) by FF; over Justin Depauw; 132: 11-2 over Matthew Harris; Asher Harnby (S) F:50 over Preston Arkies; 145: Augie Christiansen 13-3 over Wilson Widman (S); 152: Carson Etheridge TF 20-4 over Collin Wright (S); 170: Chris Peura (S) by FF; 182: Gavin Robertson (S) F 3:53 over Jimmy The Seneca Irish wrestlers Kurth; 220: Gavin Mason (S) by FF; 285: Payne Miller F 2:22 over Nathan Elliott (S).

"After losing last night to a Against Tremont, the Irish 3A school, we competed better, scored a lot of points," stated Coach Yegge, "and got a lot of falls as a result of aggressive wrestling and effort."

# **SENECA FIGHTING IRISH SOFTBALL** and Maggie Carpenter (2-3, 2

### Monday, April 26 Seneca vs. St. Bede

Varsity - Maggie Carpenter pitched a complete game one-hitter against St. Bede April 26, helping Seneca improve to 2-2 on the season with a 3-0 win.

"Great performance by Maggie," said Brian Holman. "She didn't have her best stuff, but was good when we needed her."

Carpenter struck out 17 batters, while walking seven in seven innings of work.

Freshman Sam Vandevelde led the way by going 2-3 with a triple, a home run, two RBI, and two runs scored. Zoe Hougas was 1-3 with an RBI.

big two-run home run to get us going in the fourth," Holman added.

### Tuesday, April 27 Seneca vs. Plano

Varsity - The Lady Irish earned an 11-1 win over Plano April 27.

Roe was the pitcher of record, striking out five, walking two, and allowing no earned runs on four hits in five innings pitched.

On offense, Zoe Hougas led by going 2-3 including a walkoff home run in the fifth inning. She racked up three RBI with the homer and a double, scoring twice. Sam Vandevelde doubled in two runs and scored once. "Sam was huge for us with a Kennedy Hartwig (2-3, 2 runs)

runs) each added an RBI. Maddy Klicker singled, doubled, and scored two runs. Saturday, May 1

### Seneca vs. Lowpoint-Washburn/Roanoke Benson

Varsity - Seneca played two on May 1, crushing Lowpoint-Washburn/Roanoke Benson in both games -21-0 in game one, and 18-4 in game two – giving them their fifth and sixth straight wins of the season.

Maggie Carpenter got the victory in the circle in the first contest, striking out five and allowing no runs on just one hit in two innings of work.

Sam Vandevelde (2-4, HR, 3

runs) and Kennedy Hartwig (2-4, double, 2 runs) led with three RBI each. Maddy Klicker was 2-2 at the plate, doubling, scoring twice, and batting in two runs.

Taya Roe remained perfect on the rubber for the Irish, giving up three earned runs on three hits and one walk, fanning five in five innings.

Callee Bauer went 2-4 in the game, doubling, scoring once, and knocking in three runs. Addie Bland (2-4, 3 runs) and Allie Arwood (3-4, double, 3 runs) each had one RBI.

"Girls did a great job doing everything we needed to do today," said Coach Holman.

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### ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT MONA TOWNSHIP and ROAD DISTRICT YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2021

### **Township Revenue Summary** Replacement Tax ..... 3,226 Miscellaneous Income ..... TOIRMA Dividend ..... 1,295

### **Township Compensation Summary** Over \$25,000, Gary Hamilton;

Under \$25,000, Howard E. Haley, Nancy Wright, Ed Moritz, Gary Loschen, Stan Dietz, Tom Saathoff

Iotal Compensation	\$39,670
<b>Township Expenditure Summary</b>	
TOIRMA	\$6,578
U.S. Treasury	5,608
FICA	9,103
Cemetery Care	5,850
Fund Transfer	6,000
IL Dept. of Rev	1,78
Audit	1,600
All other disbursements under \$1,001	5,182
Total Vendors	\$41,709

### Replacement Tax ..... Interest Income ..... Miscellaneous Income .....

**Mona Road District Revenue Summary** 

**Road District Compensation Summary** 

All Under \$3,000 – Larry Blatzer, Devin Winterroth, Patrick Clark, Chade Frame, Donnie Brantley, Brett Von Qualen, Stephen Marsh, Gary Hamilton, John Stadler

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Mona Road District Expenditure Summary	
Evergreen FS	\$6,108
VCNA Prairie	9,093
Heritage FS	5,448
Altopher	3,367
Chris Small, Inc.	2,534
RFF Trucking	24,040
Winterroth Excavating	3,660
Mid-West Asphalt	1,655
Gray's Garage	3,911
Miller Plumbing	1,663
Claus Specialties	7,818
All Under \$1,500	9,927
Total Vendors	\$79,226

# MONA TWP. SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES - 2020-2021

	<b>Town Fund</b>	Gen. Asst.	Tort Ins.	FICA	Audit	Cemetery
April 1, 2020	\$27,894	\$6,437	\$6,346	\$900	\$1,581	\$0
CD Investments	40,000	15,000	0	10,000	0	0
Receipts	103,580	16,033	3,201	15,584	2,515	5,523
Totals	171,475	37,470	9,548	26,484	4,097	5,523
Expenditures	98,266	15,375	6,578	19,103	1,600	6,455
March 31, 2021	73,209	22,095	2,970	7,381	2,497	-933

# MONA ROAD DISTRICT SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES -

MONA ROAD DISTRICT SUMMART OF RECEIT 15 and EAT ENDITORES - 2020-2021					
	Road & Bridge	Joint Bridge	Perm. Road	Build. & Equip.	
April 1, 2020	\$49,522	\$4,471	\$15,746	\$10	
CD Investments	50,000	10,000	0	0	
Receipts	99,694	4,841	15,689	4,117	
Totals	199,217	19,312	31,436	4,127	
Expenditures	109,233	0	16,622	1,258	
March 31, 2021	89.983	19.312	14.814	2.869	

Subscribed and sworn to this 1st day of April, 2021 – Howard E. Haley, Supervisor.

I, Nancy Wright, Clerk of Mona Township, Ford County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. – Nancy Wright, Clerk

### Morris Hospital Emergency Department Registrar Honored for Excellence



Tammy Kelly, of Mazon, is a perfect example of what it takes to be a role model employee. She is dedicated, loval, kind, professional, talented, and knowledgeable. Above all, she is proud to be a Morris Hospital employee and gives all she has to exemplify excellence. An Emergency Department Registrar for the past 23 years, Kelly was selected as next time. She'll do anything to Morris Hospital's Fire Starter of the Month for March.

According to Michaela Gretencord, who works with Kelly registering patients in the Emergency Department, Kelly has upheld the highest level of attention-to-detail and professionalism every single day over the past 23 years.

"Each and every one of Tammy's co-workers knows that she is an authority on all things patient access," wrote Gretencord in nominating Kelly as Fire Starter of the Month. "We know that we can go to her for any and every kind of question or any sort of complicated task and she will give her all to see that the job is done and done well, and that we have good notes to help us help the department function properly no matter what's on her plate. She sets the standard in our department for kindness and professionalism at all times.'

Having worked all three shifts over the past 23 years, Kelly has assisted thousands of patients who have been to the Morris Hospital Emergency Department seeking care. She clearly understands the very important role of the ED Reg-

"We are the first person emergency patients see when they enter the door," says Kelly. "Many times, they're scared, nervous, and don't know what to expect. If we're calm, we can help set the tone for their entire visit. It's very rewarding to reassure patients they're in the right place and that we're going to help.'

Yet the role of the ED Registrar is about much more than registering emergency patients, and Kelly embraces all of it. Whether she's registering a direct admission or outpatient, collecting co-payments, connecting a patient with financial assistance, or assisting a caller on the phone, she understands how her department contributes to the mission of the hospital.

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

# National Day of Prayer Program in Dwight Thursday, May 6

The Dwight Ministerial Al- Prairie Ave. liance is hosting a program for National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, with songs, scriptures and prayers.

It will begin at 12 noon at the Dwight Village Hall, 209 S.

They are asking as many as possible to come, lift up Dwight, Illinois \* our State of Illinois \* this United States of America \* and our World – in Prayer to the Lord.

# Rhubarb Festival in Kankakee May 23

On Sunday, May 23, from County Museum, 801 South 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the 31st Annual Rhubarb Festival will take place at the Kankakee

8th Avenue in Kankakee.

Call 815-932-5279 for more information.

# **Pontiac Bancorp Conducts Annual Meeting, Promotes Employees**

Pontiac Bancorp, Inc., parent company of Bank of Pontiac, experienced another year of strong financial performance in 2020 as reported by Bill Kauffman, President & CEO. Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the annual business meeting of stockholders was held virtually.

During his address, Kauffman reported to stockholders that "2020 proved to be another good year for Pontiac Bancorp. Total assets increased to \$624,922,466 and total loans grew to \$431,916,855. The bank remains a well-capitalized, locally-owned and managed community bank. I am proud of our officers and employees and the dedication and effort that they continue to

Kauffman added, "The acquisition of First Farmers State Bank was completed as of the close of business on April 1, 2021. The transaction added banking locations in Tazewell and McLean Counties to our existing footprint. As a result of the merger, Bank of Pontiac now has full-service facilities in Minier, Delavan, Bloomington, Pontiac, Odell, Dwight, Fairbury, Forrest, and Coal City, and total assets increased to approximately \$900 million. The merger will allow us the opportunity to offer additional banking options for our customers as we continue to grow and expand into new market areas. The conversion of the operating systems is scheduled for late summer."

Kauffman announced the promotion of two Bank of Pontiac employees. Amy Brummel was promoted to Vice President, Chief Credit Officer, and Kate Fortner to Vice President, Chief Retail Banking Officer.

In the Chairman's address, J. Collins Miller thanked the directors, stockholders, staff, and customers for contributing to the success of Pontiac Bancorp, Inc. He commended the Bank management team and staff, saying "I would like to thank our senior management, and I would especially like to congratulate our president, Bill Kauffman. Without your leadership and vision, we could never have achieved such success! To say the least, this year was an exceptional year for our bank, our employees, and our stockholders.

At the organizational meeting held after the meeting of stockholders, the election and re-election of directors and officers took place. Directors reelected or newly elected to the Pontiac Bancorp & Bank of Pontiac boards were: J. Collins Miller, Chairman of the Board; Courtney Farrell, Daniel Gschwendtner, Stuart Hoselton, Bill Kauffman, John Marshall, Mark Steffen, and Douglas Swartz.

Pontiac Bancorp officers reelected or newly elected were: J. Collins Miller, Chairman; Bill Kauffman, President & CEO; John Marshall, Vice Secretary; President & Michelle Schultz, Treasurer.

Officers re-elected or newly elected for Bank of Pontiac were: J. Collins Miller, Chairman; Bill Kauffman, President & CEO; John Marshall, Senior Vice President, Senior Trust Officer; Bob Meiner, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer; Doug Durham, Senior Vice President, Chief Risk Officer; Mark Donovan, Senior Vice President, Chief Lending Officer; Clement, Senior Vice President, Chief Ag Services Officer & Assistant Trust Offficer; Alisa Lancaster, Executive Vice President, First Farmers and Branch Manager of Minier; Jeffrey Woodard, Senior Vice President, Branch Manager of Bloomington; Michelle Schultz, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer; Tina Trevino, Vice President, Chief Investment Officer & Asset Liability Analyst; Amy Brummel. Vice President, Chief Credit Officer; Kate Fortner, Vice President, Chief Retail Banking Officer; Jim Rebholz, Vice President & Branch Manager of Odell Bank; Troy Harms, Vice President of Real Estate Lending; Diane Jensen, Vice President & Branch Manager of Dwight Bank; John Bowman, Vice President of Information Technology; Jean Rabe, Vice President of Lending & Branch Manager of Bluestem Bank (Fairbury); Brad Brown, Vice President of Lending & Assistant Trust Officer; Andrew Weber, Vice President of

Branch Manager of Bluestem Bank (Forrest); Mary Austin, Vice President, Head Teller: Ann Scholtes, Vice President, Marketing; Seth McCoy, Vice President, Loan Administration; Steven Timmerman, Vice President, Lending; Joseph Conroy, Vice President, Lending; Brenda Henderson, Vice President, Assistant BSA Officer; David Hammer, Trust Officer; Carla Corrie, Trust Officer; Katie Duffy, Assistant Trust Officer; Craig Bryant, Assistant Trust Officer; Patty Densmore, Assistant Cashier; Rhys Meiner, Assistant Vice President, Lending; Nicolle Albrecht, Assistant Vice President, Lending; Jenn Ullrich, Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager of Coal City Bank; Becki Lanzara, Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager of Delavan; Matthew Allen, Assistant Vice President, Lending; Brian Davis, Assistant Vice President, Lending; Amy Crump, Assistant Vice President, Operations; Rebecca Lee, Loan Officer; Colton Fieldman, Loan Officer.

Advisory Directors re-appointed for the Odell and Dwight Banks were: Thomas Doran, Jeanne Gernentz, Diane Jensen, Bill Kauffman, John Marshall, Daniel Mehochko, Bob Meiner, and Jim Rebholz.

Advisory Directors re-appointed for the Bluestem Banks were: Rob Duffy, Bill Kauffman, John Marshall, Bob Meiner, Jean Rabe, Mark Steffen, and Nathan Wenger.



A MAY DAY SUNRISE was captured by Jenny Allsworth at the Woods in Dwight on Saturday.

# Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships Awarded to 15 Area Students

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees announced the recipients of the 2021 Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships on May 1, 2021. The trustees awarded \$72,000 to 15 stu-

Scholarships were awarded in recognition of academic and extracurricular excellence. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must live in the area currently served by the Odell Fire Protection District, Odell Public Library District, or the Odell Grade School District.

The recipients for the 2021 Scholarships are:

Eric Campbell: Mr. Campbell attends Purdue University: Madelyn Doran: Ms. Doran attends Western Illinois University; Andrea Flynn: Ms. Flynn attends the University of Missouri-St. Louis, College of Optometry; Alyssa Fox: Ms. Fox will attend Indiana Institute of Technology, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Jordyn Fox: Ms. Fox attends Eureka College; Kobe Fox: Mr. Fox attends Bradley University; Luke Fox: Mr. Fox attends Southern Illinois University-Carbondale: Trevor Heddins: Mr. Heddins attends Bradley University; Savannah Lim-

berg: Ms. Limberg attends University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Marley Noles: Ms. Noles attends Loras College; Sophie Olson: Ms. Olson attends Heartland Community College; Logan Roe: Mr. Roe will attend Iowa State University; Lucas Roe: Mr. Roe attends Iowa State University; Trevor Sexton: Mr. Sexton will attend Heartland Community College; Tyrah Sexton: Ms. Sexton attends Illinois State University.

Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and a teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years, died March 31, 2004. She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking to continue their educations at accredited colleges or universities in the fields of libreral arts, music, science, nursing, business or engineering.

Martin was responsible for both the choral and instrumental music programs at both Odell Grade School and Odell Community High School for 32 years. In addition to her responsibilities for the music program, she also served as the faculty adviser for the yearbook for many years.

# Gov. Thomas Ford Chapter Recognizes Good Citizens

The Governor Thomas Ford Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) sponsored its Good Citizens Program to recognize accomplishments of four Ford County seniors. The chapter hosted the recognition event April 18 at the Roberts Gym in Roberts. Good Citizens chairs, Joyce Schmale and Jean Fox, organized the awards program. Treasurer Sherri Kenner greeted the guests as they arrived.

Regent Carol Camp welcomed the students and their guests as well as the following presenters: Judy Jepsen-Popel; nett; and Bill McLane of the Piankeshaw Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, along with his wife, Susan. Bill and Susan McLane were dressed as George and Martha Washington for the event. Regent Camp engaged the audience with information about DAR and the resources that DAR offers.

Judy Jepsen-Popel's presentation titled, "the Historic Ford County Sheriffs Residence," was enjoyed by the students and their guests. Judy, who spent 30 years in the Education field, including the role of principal in the Ludlow school district, is President of the Ford County Historical Society and Vice President of the Paxton Foundation. She also assumes the role of corresponding secretary for Governor Thomas Ford chapter.

The Good Citizens Program was created to encourage and reward the qualities of good cit-



Lending; Nathan Wenger, Vice

President of Ag Services &

State Representative Tom Ben- THE GOVERNOR THOMAS FORD CHAPTER of the NSDAR recognized its Good Citizens of Ford County. Pictured, from left, are Martha and George Washington (Susan and Bill McLane), Nathan Kallal, Liam McMullin, Ella Curry, Haven Hathaway, and State Representative Tom Bennett.

izenship. The students selected card and a red rose. as Good Citizens at GCMS and PBL must reflect the following qualities: dependability, including truthfulness and loyalty; service, including cooperating, courtesy and consideration of others; leadership, including the ability to assume responsibility; and patriotism, including interests in family, school, community and nation, all to an outstanding degree.

The PBL High School DAR Good Citizen is Ella Curry, the daughter of Robert and Michelle Curry of Loda. Haven Hathaway, the daughter of Parker and Sandy Hathaway of Gibson City, is the GCMS High School DAR Good Citizen. DAR Good Citizens cochair, Jean Fox, presented the girls with certificates, a DAR

Good Citizens pin, a wallet

Liam McMullin, the son of Kelly and Jennifer McMullin of Loda, is the SAR Good Citizen from PBL High School. Nathan Kallal, the son of Bruce and Stephanie Kallal of Gibson City, is the SAR Good Citizen from GCMS High School. SAR Good Citizens chairman, Bill McLane of the Piankeshaw Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented the honorees with certificates and medals engraved with their names on them.

The four students excel in academics, volunteerism and extracurricular activities in their schools and communities.

Illinois State Representative Tom Bennett, who has served as the State Representative for the 106th Representative District since 2015, spoke on patri-

otism and presented each of the Good Citizens a certificate and a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. and over the Illinois capitol in Springfield. A flag case, handcrafted by the Milford school FFA class of 2019, was also a gift to each student.

Judy Jepsen-Popel gave the benediction, followed by refreshments, with Joyce Schmale and Sherri Kenner as-

The DAR is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

For more information, visit sites.google.com/view/govern orthomasfordchapter/home.



THIS HANDSOME LITTLE VAMPIRE, Guy Tolliver of Dwight, took advantage of the weekend festivities in downtown Dwight by getting his face painted by local artist, Cat Clausen, during the Red Carpet Corridor event. His older cousin, McKaiyla Pucci, keeps a safe distance in the background.





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Mrs. Cynthia Christensen, Superintendent South Wilmington Grade School PO Box 459

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South Wilmington Grade School also has openings for summer janitorial workers. High School students are encouraged to apply. This is a part time position with approximately 20 hours per week. Please contact Mrs. Christensen, Superintendent at South Wilmington Grade School, 815-237-2281 or email cchristensen@swil74. org if interested.

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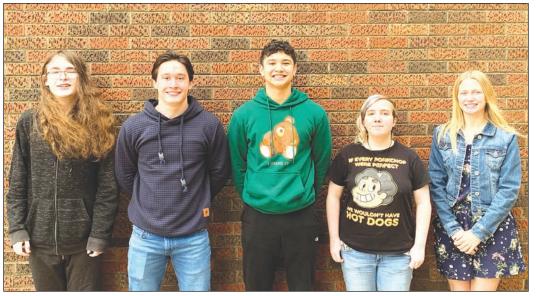
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THE NEW BILLBOARD at the Dwight Texaco Welcome Center was designed and created by Steve Connor, construction work was done by Bob Ohlendorf, and the billboard was hung with the help of Dwight's Public Works employees. The new billboard was funded from Dwight Economic Alliance's auction fund-a-need.

# **GSW High School State Scholars**



FIVE STATE SCHOLARS from Gardner-South Wilmington High School were recognized for their educational efforts during the 2020-2021 school year. Pictured are seniors Jonathan Hooks, Dusty Manietta, Chris Bexson, Bec Holloway, and Abby Beck.

# **Texaco Welcome Center Opens for the Season**

After being closed last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dwight's Texaco Welcome Center opened for the year in conjunction with the Red Carpet Corridor Festival.

Over the weekend, 475 people signed the guest book and began to fill up the U.S. map with push pins locating their hometowns. Visitors were present from New York, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, Ohio, North Carolina, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Tennessee, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and all parts of Illinois.



The Texaco station will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

Many volunteers remain 815-584-3077.

leery to volunteer to staff the station until more Americans are vaccinated against COVID. Volunteers typically work twohour shifts and help visitors to Dwight and the area feel like the "Red Carpet" is rolled out to welcome them to town.

Gardner's two-cell jail and Odell's Standard station are also staffed with dedicated cit-

Anyone interested in volunteering for a shift at the Texaco Welcome Center is asked to call the Dwight Village Hall at

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