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Memorial Day Observance in Mazon May 31

The Mazon American Legion will conduct a short Memorial Day service Monday, May 31, at 11:00 a.m. to honor our fallen Brothers and Sisters. They have chosen to do this

at Mazon Centennial Park so that there is ample room to observe safe distancing.

Take a lawn chair.

Lunch will follow, presented by the Legion Ladies.

Memorial Day Service in Ransom May 31

The Ransom American Legion Post #674 will have a Memorial Day service Monday,

May 31, at the War Memorial location in downtown Ransom starting at 10:30 a.m.

Dwight Hosting Memorial Day Service May 31

At 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31, a Memorial Day service, with the following agenda, is planned:

- Welcome – Gary Gillespie, Commander
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Prayer – VFW Chaplain Don Scott
- Operation S.O.S. – Carol Dippon
- Laying of the Wreath – Dwight Woman's Club
- Dwight Woman's Club – Lisa Marsh – 30-Year Anniversary of Monument
- VFW Women's Auxiliary – Marcia Drach
- Guest Speaker – Randy

Provence, VFW Quartermaster • Closing Prayer – VFW Chaplain Don Scott

• Captain of the Guard – Post the Color Guard

• 21 Gun Salute – Dwight American Legion and VFW Honor Guard

• Taps – Dwight Township High School Band Student

Veterans are invited to the Dwight VFW for a complimentary drink for their service, with food available for purchase.

What's the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?

On both Memorial Day and (continued on page 14)

Catherine Weber Appointed to Tri-Point School Board

The Tri-Point CUSC 6J School Board held a special meeting, with a closed session, prior to the regular meeting Monday, May 17. Candidates were interviewed for the School Board vacancy, and non-union employee compensation was discussed.

Following the special meeting, it was moved at the regular meeting to appoint Catherine Weber to fill a two-year term on the Board.

Also approved were the Consent Agenda, and the FFA Officer Retreat as presented.

The letter of engagement with Russell Leigh and Associates for the fiscal year 2021 audit, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, was approved.

Membership in Illinois Association of School Boards, at a cost of \$2,910, and PRESS Services for \$980, for the 2021-22 school year were both approved.

Junior High softball for the fall of 2021 was approved, and bids were accepted for Bread and Milk for the school food service program for 2021-22 school year.

Following another closed session, the date, Monday, June 21, at 6:45 p.m. in the Kemp-ton Board Room, was established as the date, time and location of the 2020-2021 Amended Budget Hearing.

The three-year intent to retire letter from Kellee Hill was accepted, and grant three (3) six percent annual raises commensurate with the retirement language in the TPEA Master Contract.

The resignation of Summer Pearson, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, was accepted.

Coaches to be hired for the 2021-2022 school year:

HS CC, Brendan Elens

HS VB, Jay Bennett and

Josh Evans

HS Golf, JC Carrera and

Mike Gernentz

JH CC, Steve Fink

JH GBB, Aaron Robbins and

Jan Weston

JH SB, Will Patterson and

Brittany Lane

HS BBB, Justin Cox and

Brendan Elens and Aaron

Robbins

HS BBB, Will Patterson

JH BBB, Kyle Cahill and

Mindy Breen

HS Cheer, Amber Crouch

and JH Cheer, Alison

Storm

It was moved to hire Becki Goldtrap and Beth King as part-time, temporary summer workers.

The Master Contract with TPEA for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 school years was ratified.



AUXILIARY FLAG-PLACING. The American Legion and VFW Auxiliary members along with community volunteers placed flags at Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight, in recognition of Memorial Day.

Photo submitted.

DCS District Plans for Fall In-Person Learning Jaime Mallaney Appointed to BOE, Wage/Salary Increases Approved

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Plans for the 2021-22 return to school, along with the appointment of a new school board member, were two of several items addressed by the Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education when it met on May 19.

Starting this fall, Dwight Common School is planning to move back to its traditional schedule with the expectation that all students will attend in-person. The only students who may be allowed to choose a re-

mote learning option must qualify under ISBE guidance, which is currently awaiting release. Students will attend school five days a week.

"We anticipate that the beginning of next school year will look much like our current 4th quarter with mask requirements and social distancing protocols," DCS Principal Julie Schultz told *The Paper*. "Mondays will now be our early out days for professional development and planning."

The planned fall 2021-22 schedule will be:

- Mondays: PreK - 4th

Grades, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm; 5th - 8th Grades, 8:00 am - 2:05 pm.

- Tuesday - Friday: PreK - 4th Grades, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm; 5th - 8th Grades 8:00 am - 3:05 pm.

Also for next fall, an update on sections by grade for next school year was presented. Regarding grade level sections, DCS will have two sections of each grade K, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 with three sections of first grade next year. The addition of a .5 Math Interventionist / .5 Technology teacher to support students in 5th-8th grades is

also planned. Also next year, a full-time social worker will be on staff.

"In addition to seeing students individually, she will push-in to classrooms to provide social-emotional learning lessons and activities," said Principal Schultz regarding the social worker.

In another matter, following an interview of candidates, Jaime Mallaney was appointed to fill the open two-year board seat. Jaime (Parker) Mallaney is rooted in Dwight and attended Dwight Grade School (continued on page 14)

Patten Found Not Guilty

By Brandon LaChance

The life altering battle is over.

After repeatedly pleading her innocence for two years, Kathy Patten was found not guilty of five Class 1 felonies of criminal assault of a male between 13-17 on May 18 to conclude a two-day Livingston County jury trial.

"Anytime we have a client who insists from the beginning that they're not guilty and we worked this case up for two years, certainly we are excited when the jury comes back with the right verdict," said Patten's attorney, Charles Schierer.

"She never wavered. She persisted in her innocence every step of the way.

"The first thing Kathy did after the verdict was read was turn around and hug her husband. Then she turned to me and said, 'You saved my life.' I think what do you tell someone who is truly aware of what could have happened to her; not every client has the awareness of what they're facing like Kathy did.

"For Kathy, I didn't say much. Normally, I would say some things, but I didn't with Kathy because she was very aware of the consequences and how her life and her children's lives were going to be dramatically different if she had been found guilty."

Patten, a 36-year old mother of four children who was a teacher at Dwight High School at the time, was arrested in May 2019 for the felony charges and was released after posting a \$25,000 bond. The case lasted longer than a similar case nor-

mally would because Covid-19 continued the trial after shutting down federal and state buildings and pushing back scheduled trial dates and times. Once the jury case officially kicked off on May 17, Schierer, Patten and her team played an active defense.

"The defense has no burden at all. We didn't set out to present or to provide any evidence. We ultimately did," said Schierer, who has been a licensed attorney in state, federal and military court for 22 years. "We presented Detective Gary Beier because we wanted the jury to hear the scope or the lack thereof from the law enforcement.

"Then Kathy Patten – it's her constitutional right to testify – the defense never has the burden and never has to present a shred of evidence. In this case, it seemed particularly important for the jury to hear Kathy's side of the story and how limited their case was. The case was very limited and based on rumors from high school students. That's incredibly important because Kathy can never get her reputation back, but for two years, an entire case was built on a teenage rumor mill. She lost her job. You tell me if she ever gets her reputation back," said Schierer.

The prosecution was headed by Livingston County States Attorney Randy Yedinak.

Yedinak was contacted for the story, but was unavailable to comment.

The police side of the case was taken by Livingston County and Sheriff Tony Childress.

After following guidelines and gathering what was enough for an arrest, the county brought in Patten.

"It was investigated by us. She was charged, there was a trial and she was found not guilty," Childress said. "I believe there was probable cause and she was arrested.

"Our investigation unit followed a protocol. With the protocol we go by, there was enough evidence obtained to make an arrest."

Patten was originally brought to the attention of the Dwight Police Department.

However, Chief of Police Tim Henson couldn't keep the case because the allegations took place outside of the city limits and instead of being the primary police department on the case, Dwight became an assistant.

"Our job is to make sure every victim is protected to the fullest extent and I believe that is what we did," Henson said. "I think that we did what we felt was appropriate. At the same time, I will say that is what is beautiful about America.

"We do have a judicial system and people are innocent until proven guilty. They get their day in court. Ms. Patten got her day. It was just a matter of the jury deciding the state did not prove their case and she was found not guilty."

Henson added there hasn't been any disruption of comaraderie between any parties in the community because of the case including law enforcement and the school.

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May 14, 2021, 7:16 p.m., Danielle N. Graefnitz, 34, Manteno, driving 21-25 mph above limit.
May 15, 2021, 10:04 p.m., Ernesto D. Godinez, 22, Midlothian, fail obey stop sign.
May 16, 2021, 9:37 p.m., Andrea C. Northen, 30, St. Joseph, IL, fail obey stop sign.

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

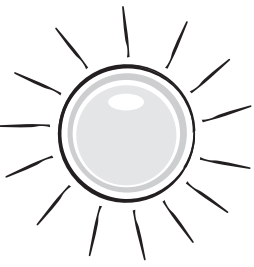
Police Blotter
May 13, 2021 = May 20, 2021
Calls for service:
Six vehicle lockouts
Two Assist Other Agencies
One landlord civil issue
Two burglar alarm calls
One gunshot complaint
Two funeral escorts
Three crisis interventions

Accident
Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:45 p.m., 801 S. Franklin St., Dwight Township High School, Dwight – Brady Kelle-

her, driving a Ford F150, lost control of vehicle, striking a fence.



Weekly Dwight EMS Runs
May 13, 2021: Verona, fire, mutual aid to Verona/Kinsman; John, medical, Morris; North, medical, refusal; Good-farm, fire, mutual aid to South Wilmington; John, medical, Morris.
May 14: Julie Dr., medical, St. James.
May 15: James, citizen assist.
May 16: John, medical, Morris; Livingston Rd., trauma, refusal; Seminole, medical, Morris.
May 17: Mazon, medical, St. James.
May 18: Mazon, medical, Morris; Seminole, medical, Morris.
May 19: Main, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, refusal; Spencer, medical, Morris.



Dwight TEMPS
May 13 – high, 68 degrees
low, 41 degrees
May 14 – high, 71
low, 48
May 15 – high, 60
low, 52
.14” precipitation
May 16 – high, 70
low, 52
.19” precipitation
May 17 – high, 63
low, 57
.17” precipitation
May 18 – high, 70
low, 59
.12” precip
May 19 – high, 75
low, 62

May 26, 2020 – high, 88;
low, 66

Free Food to Be Distributed May 26

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, May 26, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

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

Used Oil Drive in Yorkville June 19

Have you recently changed the oil or looking for a place to safely dispose of that used oil stockpile in your garage?

The Grundy County and Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) will hold their Annual Used Oil Drive Saturday, June 19, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. in the parking lot of GRAINCO FS, south of Yorkville, located at 8115 Route 47 (just north of the Kendall County office).

Participants will be asked to drop off their used oil and **are required to take their con-**

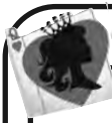
tainers home with them. They can be used to collect oil for next year’s oil drive.

Do not take gas or paint thinner, as these will not be accepted. However, antifreeze and used oil filters will be accepted, but must be kept separate from the oil.

This is a free service, but donations are accepted.

If you have any questions about recycling your used oil, call the Grundy County SWCD at 815-942-0359, ext. 3, to speak with Brooke.

Community over Competition. Xeniambherrera



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\$789,960 is played
Dwight Sets Another Record for Video Gaming

by Tom Tock
It has been said that records were made to be broken, and that statement was certainly supported when Dwight’s video gaming players poured \$789,960 into the village’s 53 video gaming terminals during April.

The previous record, \$786,002, was set just a month before in March.

The village share in April

was \$10,650, somewhat less than the \$11,177 it received in March.

Video gambling in Illinois took place at 7,503 locations in April, 42 more than in March.

There were 319 more gaming terminals in Illinois in April for a total of 39,245.

Dwight and Gardner results by location are below.

| Dwight | April | Funds In | Funds Out | NTI* | State | Dwight |
|--------|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Aly Anne’s | 53,549 | 37,844 | 15,704 | 4,554 | 785 |
| | Cherry Red’s | 5,348 | 3,738 | 1,609 | 466 | 80 |
| | JT’s Saloon | 49,308 | 29,135 | 20,172 | 5,850 | 1,008 |
| | Lili Mae’s | 150,909 | 121,750 | 29,158 | 8,455 | 1,457 |
| | Love’s | 184,046 | 136,540 | 47,505 | 13,776 | 2,375 |
| | Mac’s | 95,883 | 63,727 | 32,155 | 9,325 | 1,607 |
| | VFW | 105,750 | 78,249 | 27,500 | 7,975 | 1,375 |
| | Vic. Lanes | 33,721 | 27,384 | 6,336 | 1,837 | 316 |
| | Virbapa | 11,213 | 7,346 | 3,866 | 1,121 | 193 |
| | Willy’s | 100,233 | 71,236 | 28,996 | 8,408 | 1,449 |
| | TOTAL: | \$789,960 | 576,953 | 213,006 | 61,771 | 10,650 |

| Gardner | April | Funds In | Funds Out | NTI* | State | Gardner |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | Buddies (3) | 2,852 | 1,801 | 1,050 | 304 | 52 |
| | Marks (5) | 23,464 | 16,697 | 6,766 | 1,962 | 338 |
| | TOTAL: | \$26,316 | 18,499 | 7,816 | 2,266 | 390 |

**The State of Illinois and Villages receive a total of 33% of the Net Terminal Income monthly (State 28%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 67%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.*

Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBLER.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL Livingston County Offices
will be closed Monday, May 31, 2021
In Observance of Memorial Day

Patten Found Not Guilty - - -

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The police department has had a resource officer at Dwight High School since 1996 and the police and the educators continue to work as one.

“I think when you look at the community as a whole, I think it was devastating to the community,” Henson said.

“When I say devastating, I mean, anytime you have allegations of inappropriateness at your school that’s a cause of concern. It’s a cause of concern for the victims and a cause of concern for Ms. Patten, who was well respected in the community and has a lot of family in the community.

“I know that we are a very

close community. There is a lot of healing to be done on everybody’s end. I know we’ll all come together, we’ll all heal, we’ll all become stronger and a better community.”

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It was September 1948 . . .

When school opened in Dwight last week the West Side Grade School (W. Mazon Ave.) had 65 students; the East Side Grade School (E. Mazon Ave.) had 244; while Dwight High School’s enrollment was 201.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conroy of Emington observed their 25th wedding anniversary with open house at Owego Hall.

John Rhode of Dwight and

Margaret Kimpling of Long Point, members of the Livingston County 4-H Band, won an “A” rating with their clarinet duet at the 9th Annual Illinois Farm Sports Festival held at the University of Illinois.

It's summertime...
Summertime fun, responsible fun

By Brandon LaChance
The snow is gone. The cold went with it.

Now, the sun is out, there are games to play outside, there are parks to swing at, people to visit, and there are more hours in the day to do so.

However, with everything we do, there are guidelines everyone needs to follow to make sure all is well in the community.

“After being part of the community for 35 years, we have constantly tried to make our community a safer and better place to live,” Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson said.

“I’m just pleading to our 4,300 residents that we have, that they all look at their own properties. Anything taken care of that needs to be addressed without the police department having to send out a letter or get involved would be greatly appreciated.

“The community has done an awesome job. It’s just a friendly reminder because all of us can always improve.”

Here are a few things the community wants to remind you of as Dwight enjoys the summer:

1. Blowing grass into the street is a violation of city ordinance.
2. Riding bikes at night requires a headlight and a rear reflector.
3. Curfew for those under the age of 17 is 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday. Driving curfew is 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

“Every year we have a new graduating class that just needs to be reminded of the curfew laws, the park hours and other (regulations),” Henson said. “A lot of new folks in driver’s education know curfew is 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday, but they forget about the driving

curfew and their licenses expire one hour before the regular curfew expires.”

4. Renfrew Park closes at 9 p.m.
5. No smoking or vaping under the age of 18
6. Please slow down as we have many walkers, joggers, bicyclists

At the end of his columns, *The Paper* columnist Tom Tock has encouraged citizens to leave the car keys at home and take a walk.


“I just want to remind people how good a walk is,” Tock said. “It’s good to get out, give your eyes and yourself a break from screens. It’s good to get out and talk to your neighbors and the people moving around the community.”

7. You must be 18 to drive a golf cart on the roadway in Dwight.
8. All golf cart riders must be properly seat belted.
9. No burning is allowed, with the exception of small attended campfires.
10. No roller blading, bike riding or skateboarding on the sidewalks of East Main St. or West Main St.

“We send out letters for many different issues,” Henson said. “One of the biggest things is the garbage collectors don’t take electronics. People set them to the curb to be picked up and unfortunately they’re not picked up because it’s not something that is accepted with our garbage contract.


“Our town and other local towns have a scheduled one-day drop off. So we send a letter to keep them in garage or basement until that happens. If they want to get rid of the electronics before then, there is a place in Pontiac where they can take them and pay \$25.”

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529 Plans: More Versatile Than Ever

If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan’s capabilities and in the educational environment in which the plan might be used.

Let’s start with the learning environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID-19 subsidies, it’s likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this “new world” mean for you, when you’re saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10% penalty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan’s tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services – all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain criteria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don’t have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan – they can live in off-campus housing. However, these room-and-board costs typically must equal the cost of living on campus. Some schools identify a specific cost for “commuters” or “at-home students,” so you will need to contact the college directly to determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let’s take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

- K-12 expenses – Parents can withdraw up to \$10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.
- Apprenticeships – 529 plans can be used to pay for fees, textbooks, equipment and other supplies connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor. These programs, typically offered at a community college, combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training.
- Student loans – Families can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified education loans, including federal and most private student loans. There’s a lifetime limit of \$10,000 for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary’s siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment varies, so you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it’s valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.
Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Gas Prices This Week
Motorists hitting the road this week to celebrate the unofficial kick-off to summer will be greeted with the most expensive Memorial Day weekend gas prices since 2014. The national average has stabilized following the Colonial Pipeline cyber-attack, but pump prices are likely to fluctuate leading up to the holiday weekend. Over the past weekend, the national gas price average declined a penny to \$3.03, the first decrease in two weeks. Safe travels this Memorial Day weekend!

| City/Village | May 24 | May 17 |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| Dwight | \$3.14 | \$3.18 |
| Kankakee | \$3.07 | \$3.11 |
| Streator | \$3.07 | \$3.16 |
| Pontiac | \$2.98 | \$3.02 |
| Gardner | \$3.06 | \$3.06 |
| Braceville | \$3.19 | \$3.19 |
| Morris | \$3.17 | \$3.18 |
| Herscher | \$3.09 | \$3.09 |
| Chicago | \$3.35 | \$3.38 |
| Illinois | \$3.22 | \$3.25 |
| U.S. | \$3.03 | \$3.04 |

Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.
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Area Eighth Grade Graduates

Braceville Elementary School
Bradley Michael Castelli, Robert Alan Gruetzmacher, Jarrek Michael Hirsch, Emily Elizabeth McGarvey, Andrew Allen Nelson, Tristan William Findlay.

Dwight Common School
Drew Todd Anderson, Nicolas Henry Boucher, Vincenzo Paul Boyd, Hannah LeeAnne Brown, Tracer Remington Brown, West Ajax Antares Bulthuis, Ryan James Bumpous, Landon Christopher Burkhardt, Abby Lynn Chitwood, Brynn Alexis Connor, Owen Tyce Dunlap, Luke Nicholas Gallet, Cecilya Cathleen Groves, Kiah Rena Handzus, Samantha Lynn Harsh, Brayden James Jensen, Christina Anna Jiang, Maci Lynn Johnson, Averi Jane Jury, Tristan Douglas Larkin, Leah Leslie Larson, Frank Joseph Lasser, Ella Irene Legner, Ethan James Lehman, Ryan Matthew Martin, Ellora Elizabeth-Jane McCullough, Ava Joy Meister, Caiden Maddox Olson, Jennifer Cuatle Ramirez, Sophia Kay Richie, Ayden James Roff, Aiden Andrew Sanchez, Wyatt Carrol Statler, Hailey Josephine Streit, Nathan Lee Stukel, Tanner Lee Stych, Ashley Rose Thompson, Willow Rose Tucker, Lily Rae Walkup, Owen Michael Woods, Robert Nicholas Yactzak.

Gardner Grade School
Dakota Evans, Parker Ferrero, Alaina Hadaway, Cole Hampson, MadaLee Handzus, Alison Jean Howard-Grivetti, Kendall Huston, Owen Leonard, Abigail Levielle, Gabe McHugh, Ryan Mathew Millette, Brogan Mulligan, Caiden Nelson, Emma Norrington, Grace Olsen, Justin Pahl, McKenzie Ragland, Philip Shoemaker, Chloe Sutton, Ethan Thompson, Quinn Walsh, Tyler Wilkey.

Odell Grade School
Kyla Marie Baker, Nevaeh RaeAnn Cox, Jack David Emerson Dalrymple, Kyle Alan Forney, Hunter David Howard, Avery Thomas Johnson, Cooper Andrew Lamps, Dale Eugene Lantka, Korbin Nicholas Lemay, Michael Howard-Reid Mabe, Seth Erick Mund, Claire Elizabeth Tucker.

Ransom Grade School
Trevor Chaplin, Nolan Coughlin, Cadence Lindsay, Bradford Minick, MaKenna Ondrey, Brooklyn Stillwell, Eli Ward, Mya Zavada.

Saunemin Grade School
Kilah Lee Barera, Isabella Nichole Bunting, Brooke Elizabeth Burger, Dylan Michael Crouch, Emma Grace Crouch, Anthony Angelo Demarco, Brieaunna Nelice Duck, Myles Hiram Gilliam, Timothy Jay Logan, Michelle Ray Stevenson, Brandon M. Taylor.

South Wilmington Grade School
Tess Norine Brooks (Salutatorian), Madison Marie Buck-Nowman, Maya Natalie Cacello, Logan Wade Conger, Cheyenne Linn Jett (Valedictorian), Alexander William Roge.


St. Paul School
Noah Bennett, Lillyan Duffy, Gianna Giacometti, Libby Imhoff, Hannah Miller, Hayden Miller, Holden Miller, Emerson Peters, Samuel Pugh.

Tri-Point Elementary School
Alexis Burns, Allison Schuette, Amber Liescke, Anthony Harrell, Aubree Mathena, Aylin Lucero, Bradley Hull, Danielle Taylor, Destiny Hensley, Ethan Tucek, Frankie Tuttila, Hayden Kuhlmann, Jorge Santos, Kadie Hummel, Kaileb Gash, Kasandra Hughes, Khayman Essington, Kyla Kemplin, Lainey Bertrand, Mark McDermott, Mason Riebe, Michelle Juarez, Raynen Hummel, Rosmond Prisock, Spencer Moreno, Yesinya Goodman Vasquez.




CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Paul School, Odell, Class of 2021. Pictured, from left, are Principal Richard Morehouse, Emerson Peters, Libby Imhoff, Hayden Miller, Gianna Giacometti, Holden Miller, Sam Pugh, Hannah Miller, Lilly Duffy, Noah Bennett, Mrs. Carrie Lovell, and Fr. Haake.

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DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL GRADUATION



BOARD SCHOLARS, pictured, from left, are Christina Jiang, Ella Legner, Averi Jury, Luke Gallet, Brayden Jensen, Drew Anderson, and Aiden Roff.



HIGH HONOR ROLL, pictured, front row, from left, are Jennifer Ramirez, Maci Johnson, Leah Larson, Caiden Olson, Owen Woods, Ceci Groves, Vinnie Boyd; back row, Brynn Connor, Samantha Harsh, Tanner Stych, Cole Boucher, Tracer Brown, and Wyatt Statler.



HONOR ROLL, pictured, from left, are Sophia Richie, Lily Walkup, Tristan Larkin, Ava Meister, Ashley Thompson, and Hailey Streit.



LEGION WINNERS, pictured, front row, from left, are Ceci Groves, Brynn Connor; Ivan Hartsey, American Legion; Averi Jury, Cole Boucher; back row, Samantha Harsh, Tristan Larkin, Brayden Jensen, and Wyatt Statler.
photos by Nick Schultz

DTHS to Destroy 2014-2015 Student Files

The temporary records of the members of the Dwight Township High School class of 2014-2015 will be destroyed on August 2, 2021.

Members of this class must sign an official Release of Records form to obtain their files. This may be printed and

completed from the DTHS website at dwightk12.org, under "District Office", "Forms", "Release of Records".

Temporary records do not include transcripts or health records, which are retained permanently.

If you have any questions, contact Chad Miller in the Guidance Office at 815-584-6204.

DCS April Students of the Month

Dwight Common School April Students of the Month include:

PK – Parker Feller; Addyson Windberg; Roman Huff
K – Jeffrey Henson; Charlotte Sassenger
Grade 1 – Roland Houdek; Jackson Stellmach
Grade 2 – Maxwell Hurt; Aubrey Watts
Grade 3 – Harper Kucera; Kelsey Hansen; Braxton Flauhaut
Grade 4 – Ameryn Wiles; Dalton Thacker
Grade 5 – Mia Franklin; Alex Hoegger
Grade 6 – Cloe Gall; Blake Thetard
Grade 7 – Indi Bradley; Dori Wilson
Grade 8 – Kiah Handzus; Brayden Jensen

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DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



MAGNA CUM LAUDE, pictured, front row, from left, are Izzy Burkhardt, Rylee Farris, Emily Weissmann, Destinie Drapeau, Isabelle Schultz, Lauryn Hoegger, Abby Rodosky, Kayla Kodat, Eileen Betsworth, Mary Hilt; back row, Brandon Ceylor, Dustin Hauert, Jack Gallet, Abe Rieke, Lucas Kisner, Eden Beier, and Randall Groves.



SUMMA CUM LAUDE, pictured, front row, from left, are Alexis Cuaya, Elizabeth Brown, Kallista Cox, Emmalyn Legner, Meghan Scott, Faith McInerney, Natalia Cuaya; back row, Andrew Harsh, Hudson Beier, Jarrett Jancek, Camden Beier, Nellie Rieke, and Kelly Deterding.



MILITARY, pictured, from left, are Hudson Beier (Marines), Isaac Telford (Marines), Jarrett Jancek (Air Force), Camden Beier (Marines), and Donald Fialko (Marines).

DTHS Seniors Earn 2021 Awards, Scholarships

Dwight Township High School SENIOR AWARDS 2021

Academic Awards (Earning 3.5 GPA for 2020-21 School Year)

Camden Beier; Hudson Beier; Elizabeth Brown; Alexis Cuaya; Natalia Cuaya; Andrew Harsh; Emmalyn Legner; Nellie Rieke; Meghan Scott.

Board Scholars (Earning 4.0 GPA for 2020-21 School Year)

Eden Beier; Eileen Betsworth; Isabella Burkhardt; Brandon Ceylor; Kelly Deterding; Destinie Drapeau; Rylee Farris; Jack Gallet; Randall Groves; Dustin Hauert; Mary Hilt; Lauryn Hoegger; Jarrett Jancek; Lucas Kisner; Kayla Kodat; Abe Rieke; Abby Rodosky; Emily Weissmann.

President's Award

Eden Beier; Eileen Betsworth; Isabella Burkhardt; Brandon Ceylor; Jack Gallet; Randall Groves; Dustin Hauert; Mary Hilt; Lauryn Hoegger; Lucas Kisner; Faith McInerney; Isabelle Schultz; Emily Weissmann.

Illinois State Scholars

Eden Beier; Eileen Betsworth; Isabella Burkhardt; Brandon Ceylor; Jack Gallet; Dustin Hauert; Mary Hilt; Lauryn Hoegger; Lucas Kisner; Kayla Kodat; Emily Weissmann.

Department Awards

Agriculture – Abe Rieke

Art – Isabella Burkhardt
Chorus – Eden Beier
English – Eden Beier
FACS – Nellie Rieke
Industrial Arts – Randall Groves
Math – Brandon Ceylor
Physical Education – Kayla Kodat
Science – Dustin Hauert
Social Studies – Eileen Betsworth
Spanish – Emily Weissmann
Technology – Abby Rodosky

Band Awards

Martin N. Nelson – Isabella Burkhardt
Louis Armstrong – Ethan Olson
Carlie Whitson – Nellie Rieke
American Legion Awards
Honorable Mention: Eileen Betsworth and Hudson Beier.
Outstanding Citizen: Nellie Rieke and Jarrett Jancek.
Band: Natalia Cuaya.
Athlete: Kayla Kodat and Abe Rieke.

High School Heisman School

Award
Kayla Kodat
Military

Camden Beier – Marine Corps; Hudson Beier – Marine Corps; Donald Fialko – Marine Corps; Jarrett Jancek – Air Force; Isaac Telford – Marine Corps.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

A.B. Terwillegar Agriculture Scholarship – Abe Rieke and Emily Weissmann.
Associated Orthodontists Scholarship – Mary Hilt.

Bank of Pontiac – Dwight Scholarship – Lucas Kisner and Isabelle Schultz.
Cathy & Lee Nelson Educational Scholarship – Isabella Burkhardt and Nellie Rieke.
Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship – Isabella Burkhardt, Destinie Drapeau, Mary Hilt and Isabelle Schultz.
DAR Good Citizen Award – Hudson Beier.
Dr. J Leadership Scholarship – Isabella Burkhardt and Kayla Kodat.
Dresden Diversity Scholarship – Brandon Ceylor.
Dwight Education Association Scholarship – Eden Beier.
Dwight Lions Club Scholarship – Destinie Drapeau.
Dwight Lions Club-Keith Lauritzen Memorial Student/Athlete Scholarship – Isabella Schultz.
Dwight Music Boosters Scholarship – Isabella Burkhardt.
Dwight Woman's Club Scholarship – Randall Groves and Emily Weissmann.
FFA Scholarship – Abe Rieke.
Gertrude K. Terwillegar Nursing Scholarship – Mary Hilt.
Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship – Isabella Burkhardt.
Ivan "Zeke" Zimmerman Scholarship – Isabelle Schultz.
Jerry Beier "B+" Scholarship – Eden Beier and Mary Hilt.
Joliet Junior College Foundation Scholarship – Emmalyn

Legner.
Nate Severson Family Memorial Scholarship – Abe Rieke.
Roger B. Gomien Memorial Scholarship – Randall Groves.
Ron Hoegger Memorial Scholarship – Destinie Drapeau.
Steiniche Scholarship – Mary Hilt and Lauryn Hoegger.
V.F.W. Auxiliary Post #2608 Scholarship – Randall Groves.
Vicki Briner Memorial Nursing Scholarship – Mary Hilt.
Warren Herter Memorial Scholarship – Brandon Ceylor and Emily Weissmann.

the corner

by Tom Tock

This Paper should reach you prior to the Memorial Day weekend, in plenty of time for you to take five minutes or so to view an internet tribute to all the American service people who died in defense of our liberty.

I found it to be just as gripping as it was beautifully rendered -- especially if you have personal attachments to anyone who serves, or has served, in a branch of the military.

Hillsdale College, Michigan, produced the video tribute. Please watch it.

The video is available at: hillsdale.edu/tribute2021

Someone asked recently if we could publish the rules for displaying and using the American flag. When we looked up The Flag Code we were a little surprised to find that the Code comprised five-and-one-half pages of single-spaced information for the flag's proper display and use in any and all situations. It is very comprehensive.

I think most of us realize the flag is special and should be handled with care, displayed appropriately and replaced when worn.

It would be a good idea to look up and read the flag code, as laborious as it may be, and try to correct any misuse you may find.

I am persona non grata if I wish to interview the Mayor of Chicago.

Because I'm white.

Her honor stated last week that she would only grant interviews to Black writers on the occasion of her second anniversary as Mayor.

That's too bad. Not because I was wanting to interview Mayor Lightfoot, but because it brings up the matter of racism when it is entirely unnecessary. Where do we go from here?

Backwards, I would say.

A slippery ceasefire is underway between Jewish and Hamas forces after two weeks of rocket launches and bombings. Hamas claims victory even though it has suffered the most losses.

This particular Middle East conflict began well over a century ago and has blossomed with terrifying regularity ever since. Prayers.

Ignoring all of the adult-world's problems are the Robins above our back porch. At least two little furry heads have risen from the nest's rather perilous perch established on a bunch of downspouts.

With luck we will plan for a photo next week.

Remember to take a walk.

PUBLIC NOTICE - COUNTY BOARD HEARING

The Livingston County Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Livingston County Board Room at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse. The purpose of the hearing is to review the proposed Reapportionment Plan and hear public comment. The agenda may be viewed on the county website at: www.livingstoncountyil.gov.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

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Jen Blazevicz couldn't be more dedicated to her calling. A Licensed Practical Nurse at Morris Hospital's Healthcare Centers located in Braidwood, Dwight, and Gardner, she goes out of her way to impact the lives of patients. Described as an extraordinarily accountable and professional nurse who loves her job, Blazevicz, of Dwight, was honored as Morris Hospital's April Fire Starter of the Month.

"Jen has consistently been a compassionate presence for years," says Kylie Gabehart, Practice Supervisor at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. "Her gentle demeanor and kindness when taking care of patient needs is truly remarkable. She goes above and beyond for her patients and is the first to volunteer to help our community. As a hard-working and determined member of our organization, there is no doubt

that Jen fulfills all expectations of the perfect Firestarter. We are truly lucky to have her on our team."

A native of Chicago who moved to the area in 2006, Blazevicz is recognized by co-workers for being passionate about her job and empathetic with each patient and their situation. They also say patients absolutely love her.

"Jen will be the first person to engage a patient in a supportive chat or offer a warm smile," says Dr. Jennifer Thomas, a family medicine physician at Morris Hospital's Braidwood and Gardner Healthcare Centers. "She helps others feel that someone out there truly cares about them."

Blazevicz is someone who can truly say she loves her job. She loves that she's always doing something different and that she gets to work with patients at all stages of life. And she loves learning new things, as evident when she offered to take on an additional role as part of the research study Morris Hospital is participating in with the University of Washington AIMS Center to determine the effectiveness of treating co-existing mental health disorders and opioid use disorder in the primary care setting. Blazevicz completed

special training that makes her certified to consent patients for the study, all out of commitment to helping patients receive the care they need. This is all part of her ongoing willingness to go the extra mile for her patients and co-workers.

"Somebody has to be there for them," says Blazevicz, who often makes follow-up calls to struggling patients to see how they're feeling or to make sure they did what they were advised to do when they left the office. "You want to make sure they follow up on what the provider told them. Some of them need that extra nudge."

Along with the patients, Blazevicz also has a positive impact on the lives of her co-workers. They say she is the ultimate example of a team player and is the first person to organize a group dinner or movie night for the team after work.

"Jen truly cares about her co-workers and makes this a better place to work for all of us," adds Dr. Thomas.

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



Jill Grieff and Brian Hills

Grieff, Hills Engaged to Be Married

Jill Grieff, of Odell, and Brian Hills, of Cullom, are excited to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding ceremony to be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Chatsworth at 2:00 p.m. August 28, 2021.

A reception will follow at the Kankakee County Fair and Exposition.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Brad and Sue Grieff, of Odell. Parents of the groom-to-be are Steve and Marcia Hills, of Cullom.

Jill is a graduate of Joliet Junior College, with a degree in Orthotic and Prosthetic Technology, and also holds a degree from Kankakee Community College as a Physical Therapist Assistant – which is her current occupation.

Brian graduated from Joliet Junior College with a degree in Agriculture Production. He currently works as a Heavy Equipment Operator and farmer.



Vivian and Steve Boundy



Steve and Vivian Boundy Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Steve and Vivian Boundy of Dwight celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 22.

Boundy and the former Vivian Sancken were married May 22, 1981, at the Saunemin United Methodist Church with Rev. Raydean Davis officiating.

They have two children, Stephani (Nathan) Hoegger of Spokane Valley, Washington, and Angela (Trent) Becker of

Manteno.

They also have four grandchildren: Read and Leah Hoegger and Brooklyn and Corbin Becker.

Steve is retired from Stepan Plant and is employed by Sancken Farms Trucking. Vivian is employed at OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center.

The couple celebrated with a family dinner, and will enjoy a trip at a later date.

2021-2022 School Physicals, Immunizations at the LCHD

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is now scheduling 2021-2022 school and sports physicals and immunizations.

Appointments are available from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates: June 2, 9, 16, and 30, and July 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Due to additional testing requirements, they will not be able

to accommodate appointments for students who have had COVID-19 in the past.

Charges will be billed to private insurance or Medicaid. Reasonable accommodations will be made for students not covered by any form of health insurance.

The LCHD is located at 310 E. Torrance Ave. in Pontiac. Call 815-844-7174, ext. 210, to reserve your appointment.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Seneca Schools #160, #170 Support Climate Union Jobs Act

Some of our leaders in Springfield seem to be ignoring a basic fact about any clean energy legislation the General Assembly passes this year: Without nuclear power, there is no way to get to zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Currently, Illinois' nuclear fleet represents 60% of the state's power generation. New solar and wind energy developments won't be constructed fast enough to replace shuttered fossil fuel plants and nuclear generation if these plants are taken offline.

The only way to get there is by pursuing the plan the Climate Jobs Illinois (CJI) labor coalition devised. CJI's Climate Union Jobs Act provides Illinois a "bridge" to preserve the clean energy nuclear fleet while the Federal and state governments develop plans to manage the transition to clean energy, encouraging the growth of new renewable energy solutions at the same time maintaining reliable energy services to Illinois customers.

The bill requires the Illinois Power Authority enter into ten-

year contracts for zero-carbon energy. To protect ratepayers, CJI's legislation includes a kind of "insurance policy" to prevent against paying inflated costs for nuclear plants' operations. If energy prices increase, the bill includes a mechanism that would protect consumers from paying more than necessary to operate the plants, resulting in a consumer credit return. CUJA, in fact, is the only proposal in Springfield that would return such credits to customers.

In addition to factoring in the basic math equation for how our state gets to zero emissions by 2050, legislators also cannot overlook the fact that shutting down the state's nuclear facilities would devastate communities. Closure would also eliminate millions in tax revenue that some of Illinois' most rural counties rely on to fund schools and critical services.

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Area Students on Kankakee Community College President's List, Honors List

Students at Kankakee Community College have been named to the President's List for the spring 2021 semester.

Named to the President's List from this area: Adam Hertz, Bonfield; Christopher Tofari, Buckingham; Anicah Bruner, Elise Bruner and Hallie Sippel, Cabery; Brandi Sorensen, Essex; Zachary Houston, Gardner; Hailey Barber, Elizabeth Daverin, Jeannie Denault and Faith Ward, Herscher; and Crystal Coffey, Piper City.

To be named to the President's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.80 or higher and be enrolled in six or more credit hours.

Named to the Honors List from this area: Olivia Astle, Shelby Corbett, Grace Keller and Allison Moody, Bonfield; MaKenna Scott, Buckingham; Zakary Jackson, Campus; Mark Miller, Cullom; Jocelyn Flores, Essex; Madelyn Storm, Gardner; Casper Cracco, Britany Miller and Zachary Miller, Herscher; Annebelle Krull and Claudia Morris, Mazon; Carly Bernardy, South Wilmington; and Morgan Jones, Union Hill.

To be named to the Honors List, a student must maintain a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.79 and be enrolled in six or more credit hours.

Area Students Grace Western Illinois U. Dean's List

A total of 1,224 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2021 Spring Dean's List, including the following area students:

- **Braceville:** Joseph R. Svoboda (junior).
- **Dwight:** Maggie S. McCoy (senior); Lucy T. Rieke (senior); James L. Soto (senior).
- **Mazon:** Makayla M. Flickinger (senior).
- **Odell:** Madelyn C. Doran (junior).
- **Verona:** Kylie Winsor (senior).

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

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OBITUARIES

Emelia Nunez

Emelia Nunez, 76, of Dwight passed away Sunday, May 16, 2021. She was born in Mexico on March 30, 1945, the daughter of the late Ascencion Munoz and Esperanza Casimiro.



Emelia grew up in Michoacan, Mexico. She and her husband, Guadalupe Nunez, moved to Dwight in February of 1980, where they raised their family.

She worked at Coils in Dwight until her retirement in 2002. After retirement, she would travel to Mexico frequently with her husband. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Emelia is survived by her children: Javier, Norma and Efrain (Mandi); grandchildren: Lucas, Sophia and Gabriel; and six siblings.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Guadalupe; and six siblings. A visitation for Emelia was held Sunday, May 23, 2021 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight. Family recited the rosary at 6 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, May 24, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Burial followed in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

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

Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington St., Morris, IL.

Melvin Eugene Holm

VERGENNES – Melvin Eugene “Mel” Holm, 79, passed away Monday, May 17, 2021 at Memorial Hospital of Carbon-dale surrounded by his loving family.



Mel was born February 8, 1942 to Milo and Evelyn (Mahan-nah) Holm in Streator. He married Mary Lynn Hylka on June 28, 1970 in Joliet.

Mel served his country in the Army from February 19, 1964 to February 11, 1966. After his military service, Mel worked at the Joliet Army Am-munition Plant, where he met his future wife, followed by 38 years working in management at different chemical plant locations.

He enjoyed spending time camping in his R.V., gardening, and keeping his yard meticu-lous. Sundays were spent watching Nascar, listening to

Gospel music, and enjoying home-cooked meals. He was always there for his family to help out with projects.

Mel is sur-vived by his loving wife of 50 years, Mary of Vergennes; son, Mark Holm of McHenry; daughter, Lisa (James) Thomas of Vergennes; brothers: Robert (Dorothy) Holm, Lee Holm, Malcolm Holm, and Darrell Holm; and five grandchildren: Alec Holm (fiance, Morgan Green), and James, Andrew, Kaitlyn, and Ashlyn Thomas.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private interment will take place in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, at a later date.

To leave a story or memory of Mel, visit: www.meredithfh.com



I went on a trip to Las Vegas and the greater surrounding area this past weekend, and this week's column is going to revolve around my takeaways from the weekend that was.

First thing is, I'm technically breaking the rule by what happens in Vegas stays there, but nonetheless, here are the takeaways.

Everything is a light, everything is flashing, every-thing is shiny. I was shocked when I would come across a building or sign that was NOT lit up or flash-ing. I think Las Vegas is one of the only human-made things that you can see from space, and it's easy to see why. You read and hear about how bright the strip and other areas are, but in person it's that much more.

I had never been in a casino prior to this trip either, and I have some thoughts. First, and very obvious, is that it's fun, (please gamble responsibly). But I get it. Hitting a slot machine for some money, or having the roulette ball land on the right number or color, is pretty exhilarating, and definitely a dopamine rush. All of the things they say that it is, it is.

Adding to this, another thing I found just as fun in partaking in the gambling myself, was observing and watching other people who were gambling or just strolling about through the casinos. America often gets labeled as a melting pot of people – a Las Vegas casino is a prime example of that. All kinds of people, all ages, you name it.

I'm realizing now most of my observations are just about the casino, but, here's another one. Even though I do not partake in the smoking of cigarettes, I fully support places, and specifically some indoor places still existing where you can smoke inside. It was like walking into a time machine seeing people using ash trays as they played the slot machines. I couldn't be more in favor of that if I tried. Sure it smells, but the smell is the casino, the casino is the smell, and one can't exist without the other.

Weather was great, saw family, saw land that wasn't corn and flat, all around great time, and I left with about \$200 more than I came with.

Go Cubs

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

Kregg H. Harms

CULLOM – Kregg H. Harms, 51, of Cabery, Illinois passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Illi-nois.



He was born June 2, 1969 to the late H. Roy and Dana Kay (Kyburz) Harms. They pre-ceded him in death on October 19, 1978.

He graduated from Tri-Point High School in 1987 and attended Joliet Junior College. After graduating from JJC, he operated a landscaping busi-ness in the Gooselake area for several years. He was then ac-cepted into the Brotherhood of Operating Engineers Local 150, where he worked until his death.

Kregg was a lifelong Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Fan. He had attended almost every Na-tional League ballpark in the United States. He also liked to travel to Europe, Russia, Brazil, and several other places. He also enjoyed spend-ing the holidays with cousins and their children.

Surviving are his brother,

Kip Harms; and his maternal aunts, Linda (Gary) Roberts and Sue (John) Fox. Also surviving are cousins: Chad (Elle) Roberts, Ginger (Mike) Murt, Denver (Angie) Fox, and Logan (Rosie) Fox. He is survived on his

paternal side by his aunt, Francis (Jim) Harms, and aunt Verdell Baker; and paternal cousins, Linda Scott and Chris.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Daniel and Violet Kyburz, and Henry and Ruth Harms; and his great-uncle, Wes (Minnie) Harms.

A Funeral Service for Kregg was held Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Cullom United Methodist Church, Cul-lom, Illinois.

Burial following was in West Lawn Cemetery, Cullom.

A visitation was held Mon-day, May 24, 2021 from 4 until 7 p.m. at Calvert and Martin Funeral Home in Cullom, Illi-nois.

This obituary may be viewed, and guestbook signed at www.calvertmemorial.com

Stephen Rex Wotton, 71, of Gibsonton, Florida passed away at 6 a.m., Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at Hospice House, Sun City, Florida.

Sun City Center Funeral Home is in charge of arrange-ments.

He had been a resident of Dwight, IL prior to residing in Florida.

Survivors include: one son, Stephen Wotton of Lochbuie, CO; one daughter, Michelle Farris of Emington, IL; two sisters: Louella Merideth and Betty Wotton, of Chatsworth, IL; one brother, Robert Wotton of Pontiac, IL; and four grand-

children.

He was born June 19, 1949 in Westerville, Ohio, the son of Stephen Glen Wotton and Violet May Fegley. His parents preceded him in death.

Stephen loved to hunt and fish. Prior to retirement in Florida, he did construction and was self-employed.

Burial at a later date will be in Camp Cemetery, Esmen Township, Livingston County, IL.

Stephen was an Army veter-an and served in Vietnam, 1969 and 1970, earning several medals during his time of serv-ice.

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To learn more, contact Ellen Vogel, Community Health En-gagement Program Manager with OSF HealthCare, at 815-673-4528.

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

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANK P. GIOVANINI, NANCY E. GIOVANINI, and
unknown owners and non-record claimants,
Defendants.
No. 21-CH-15

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judg-ment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as fol-lows:

Lot 1 of Cahall-Giovanini Subdivision, a part of Lot 2 in Pontiac Industrial Park Subdivision located in the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as shown on Plat recorded October 10, 2002 as Document Number 538432 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois.

Pin: 15-22-152-008.

Commonly known as: 603 N. Crane St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are FRANK P. GIOVANINI and NANCY E. GIOVANINI. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on April 13, 2009 and recorded on April 15, 2009 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Liv-ingston County, Illinois as document No. 593576; a Modification of Mort-gage executed on May 29, 2014 and recorded on June 2, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 629139; and a Modification of Mortgage executed on July 5, 2019 and recorded on July 8, 2019 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2019R-02537. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 21-CH-15 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. Mc-Clarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appear-ance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before May 28, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

DATED 4/26/2021

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit,
Livingston County, Illinois

8040-914577

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DERRIK T. SCHWARTZ, and unknown owners and
non-record claimants,
Defendants.
No. 21-CH-14

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judg-ment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as fol-lows:

Lots 1 and 2 in Block 12 in John's Resubdivision of Block 3, 12, 13 and 19 in Haynes and John's Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-22-132-016.

Commonly known as: 708 W. Lincoln Ave., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is DERRIK T. SCHWARTZ. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage ex-ecuted on July 11, 2014 and recorded on July 15, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as doc-ument No. 629847; a Modification of Mortgage executed on November 25, 2016 and recorded on December 14, 2016 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2016R-05048; a Modification of Mortgage executed on April 18, 2019 and recorded on April 19, 2019 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2019R-01323; a second mortgage executed on July 11, 2014 and recorded on July 18, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 629924; and a Modification of said second mortgage executed on November 10, 2016 and recorded on December 23, 2016 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2016R-05218. The cause of action initi-ated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corpora-tion, against the Defendants in Case No. 21-CH-14 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appear-ance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before May 28, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

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GSW Graduation held Sunday, May 16

Lenore Weiss Memorial Car Show in Odell June 5

Get your kicks in Odell Saturday, June 5, at the Lenore Weiss Memorial Car Show, to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Standard Oil Gas Station on Old Route 66. Unique items will be raffled off, with 100% of the funds going to the Cancer Support Center in Mokena. A registration fee applies if you wish to participate, which you can pay at the show. Follow the event on Facebook for more information.

Area Students Awarded for Work in 2021 KCC High School Art Show

Ninety-seven students have artwork on display at the 32nd Annual Kankakee Community College High School Juried Art Exhibition, including students from Herscher and Pontiac High Schools. The show runs through May 31 online. The exhibit is accessible at kcc.edu/community/arts-and-culture. Among the participants, 27 students have earned awards for artistic achievement in the exhibit, including the following area students:

- **Merit Award, Black and White Drawing and Design:** Ali Barton, Pontiac, "Benevolence".
- **Honorable Mention, Black and White Drawing and Design:** Olivia Schickel, Pontiac, "La Llorona".
- **Merit Award, Painting:** Mary Jane Ingold, Pontiac, "My Big Fat Joke"; Kimberly Fitzsimmons, Pontiac, "Sodalicious".
- **Merit Award, Photography / Electronic Imaging:** Aleighia Boldt, Pontiac, "Aching"; Zoe Ault, Herscher,



ZOE AULT OF HERSCHER HIGH SCHOOL was given the Merit Award in Photography / Electronic Imaging for her work, "In Full Bloom".

"In Full Bloom"; Emily McDaniel, Herscher, "Limited Resources".

- **Honorable Mention, Photography / Electronic Imaging:** Abigail Batdorf, Herscher, "Untitled"; Litty Dummer, Herscher, "Handmade".
- **Honorable Mention, 3-D Artwork:** Charlotte Baker, Herscher, "Untitled".

Jurors are the KCC art faculty.

The following is a list of all 2021 area art show participants and the schools they represent:

- **Herscher High School:** Zoe Ault, Charlotte Baker, Abigail Batdorf, Litty Dummer, Olivia Jensen, and Emily McDaniel.
- **Pontiac High School:** Ali Barton, Aleighia Boldt, Jalyn Farris, Kimberly Fitzsimmons, Alicia Gonzalez, Mary Jane Ingold, Tatum Runyon, Olivia Schickel, and Whitney Weber.

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Robert W. Stevenson Memorial Pool Opening in Dwight May 31

After being shut down all of summer 2020, the Robert W. Stevenson Memorial Pool in Dwight is set to open Monday, May 31, at 1:00 p.m. – with free admission May 31-June 2. Membership and registration for Stevenson Pool activities will begin at noon, and can be made at the pool during regular swimming hours. The pool opens for members at 12:30 p.m. daily, and is open to the public from 1:00-5:30 p.m. daily, and 6:30-9:00

p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The rates for 2021 are as follows: Per Person - \$4; Family Passes - \$110; Individual Passes - \$55. To rent the pool on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings, or Saturday mornings, call the pool at 815-584-3385. Rental rates are \$120 per hour, with those holding family memberships receiving a \$20 discount. Water Aerobics is \$50, Monday through Friday, at 7:00 a.m. From June 7 to August 13, Lap Swim is available. Swimming lessons are available for \$50 per session, with members paying \$35. Session I runs Monday through Thursdays, June 14-24, with make-up days set for Fridays, June 18 and 25. Session II will be held Monday through Thursdays, July 12-22, with make-up dates of Fridays, July 16 and 23. The Dolphin Swim Team practice begins Tuesday, June 1. A \$50 enrollment fee applies for this competitive co-ed team for ages 18 and under with meets held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and some Saturdays. New members are always welcome.

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Seneca Sails to 9-1 Win Over GSW

Friday, May 21
Seneca vs. GSW
Varsity -

The Fighting Irish earned a 9-1 win over Gardner-South Wilmington in baseball action May 21.

“We left a nice opportunity on the field in the first by leaving the bases loaded,” admitted GSW head coach Allan Wills. “Then a big error led to four unearned runs in the third. Besides that, it was a well-played game.”

Seneca’s Cole Underhill won it on the rubber, allowing just one earned run on three hits and two walks, striking out 11. AJ Stiegler tossed three innings in relief, giving up three hits and fanning four.

For GSW, Kaden Grivetti took the loss, allowing two earned runs on eight hits and two walks, tallying six strikeouts in five innings. Alex McElroy pitched an inning in relief, giving up three earned runs on four hits and a walk,

striking out one hitter.

Cole Hintze led the Irish offense, going 3-4 with a double, four RBI, and a run scored. Gage Cryder (2 doubles, R) and Matt Cruise (2-4, double, R) had two RBI each. Underhill added an RBI on a single and a double. Levi Maierhofer singled, doubled, and scored twice. Hayden Klicker came up with a single and scored two runs. Owen Quigley scored a run, with Stiegler walking once and stealing a base. Brayden Roe drew two walks and scored a run.

The Panthers at the plate were led by Brandon States’ two doubles and a stolen base. He also scored GSW’s only run. McElroy singled twice, with Blake Patterson adding one single. Blake Huston walked once, was hit by a pitch, and stole a base. Cale Halpin had one walk.

GSW falls to 11-7 on the season following the loss.



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASEBALL

Thursday, May 20
Seneca vs. Putnam County
Varsity -

The Seneca Fighting Irish suffered two losses in double-header play against Putnam County May 20, 5-3 in game one, and 1-0 in the second game.

The first contest saw Matt Cruise start the game, allowing two earned runs on three hits and three walks, striking out 11 in five-plus innings. Cole Underhill tossed an inning-plus in relief, giving up a hit and striking out one. Gage Cryder, who ultimately took the loss, allowed two earned runs on a hit, a hit batter, and two walks, fanning one. AJ Steigler walked one and recorded one out in relief.



DTHS TROJANS TRACK AND FIELD

Thursday, May 20
Dwight vs. Momence, Iroquois West, and Clifton Central

The Trojan track and field team was in Clifton May 20, posting the following results:
Boys -

100: Tristan Chambers, 8th, 12.5 (PR); Cree Croy, 11th, 14.0 (PR).
400: Chambers, 3rd, 59.7 (PR); Croy, 7th, 1:06.3 (PR).
800: Kevin Ferrari, 1st, 2:20.8 (PR).
1600: Michael Michon, 4th, 5:37.6; Shawn Romanetto, 8th, 6:08.7.
4x100: Carter Butterbrodt, Isaac Telford, Dillon Sarff, Emmett Emmons, 3rd, 49.1.
4x200: Butterbrodt, Telford, Sarff, Emmons, 2nd, 1:41.9.
4x400: Butterbrodt, Telford, Sarff, Emmons, 2nd, 3:52.6; Chambers, Cade Croy, Cr. Croy, Ferrari, 4th, 4:10.1.
Shot Put: Abe Rieke, 1st,

13.70 (PR); Gabe Seabert, 4th, 9.52.

Discus: Rieke, 1st, 47.40 (PR); Seabert, 4th, 34.47 (PR).
Girls -

100: Kassy Kodat, 4th, 13.9 (PR); Madisyn Hatfield, 5th, 14.1 (PR); Kayla Kodat, 6th, 14.2 (PR).
200: Kas. Kodat, 5th, 29.4 (PR); Koli Croy, 6th, 30.1; Kay. Kodat, 9th, 31.4 (PR).
100 hurdles: Meghan Scott, 1st, 17.2 (PR).
300 hurdles: Scott, 1st, 52.1 (PR).
4x100: Scott, Kas. Kodat, Croy, Kay. Kodat, 1st, 56.2.
4x200: Scott, Kas. Kodat, Croy, Kay. Kodat, 1st, 2:02.2.
Shot Put: Hailey Heath, 1st, 9.04; Nellie Rieke, 2nd, 8.86; Hatfield, 3rd, 8.43.
Discus: Heath, 3rd, 25.75; Rieke, 4th, 25.03; Hatfield, 5th, 22.33.
High Jump: Croy, 2nd, 1.31.



TRI-POINT CHARGERS TRACK AND FIELD

Thursday, May 20
Tri-Point at Watseka Invite

The Charger track and field team was at the Watseka Invite May 20, with the boys scoring 95 points – good enough for a first place tie with Milford-Cissna Park, while the girls placed fourth overall with 26 points. Top finishers are as follows:
Boys -
110 hurdles: Bobby Mogged, 1st, 16.21.
300 hurdles: Mogged, 1st, 44.62.
Long Jump: Mogged, 2nd,

19’9.5”.
200: Mogged, 2nd, 24.95.
100: Tyler Platz, 2nd, 12.46.
400: Platz, 2nd, 57.44.
800: Jose Amador, 1st, 2:22.
1600: Amador, 1st, 5:27;
Mihreteab Gilleland, 2nd, 5:36.
Shot Put: Ayden McNeill, 3rd, 38’4.75”.
Girls -
100 hurdles: Melina Schuette, 3rd, 19.44.
200: Schuette, 3rd, 31.12.
300 hurdles: Schuette, 2nd, 55.41.
1600: Mikaayla English, 3rd, 7:21.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

Monday, May 17
GSW vs. Grant Park
Varsity -

The GSW Panthers were up 2-2 heading into the bottom of the fifth against Grant Park May 17, but GP would put up three runs in that inning and GSW could not recover – falling 5-4.

Brandon States was tagged with the loss, allowing three earned runs on four hits, two hit batters, and three walks, striking out two in four innings. Blake Huston tossed two relief innings, giving up a hit and walking one hitter.

The Panthers put up three hits on offense, led by Caydan Landry’s single, home run, walk, two runs, and two RBI. Alex McElroy provided one RBI, with Huston adding a single. States would walk three

times and get beamed by a pitch, scoring once. Kaden Grivetti drew a walk and later scored. Blake Patterson was hit by a pitch.

GSW falls to 11-5 overall and 6-3 in the conference.

Tuesday, May 18
GSW vs. Grant Park
Varsity -

The Panthers were beaten by Grant Park 5-0 in a game that concluded after five innings due to rain and field conditions.

Blake Huston took the loss, walking four and allowing four hits and an earned run in four innings. Dane Halpin pitched an inning in relief, giving up two hits and a walk.

At the plate, Brandon States had GSW’s lone hit, a single. Ethan Maxard drew a walk.



Friday, April 30
Herscher vs. Manteno
Varsity - The Tigers fell to Manteno, 3-1, in baseball action April 30.

Tyler Murray took the loss, allowing two earned runs on six hits, three walks, and a hit batsman, fanning five. Clay Schultz pitched in relief for one innings, giving up two hits and a walk.

Joe Holohan supplied the only run for Herscher, a home run in the top of the second innings. Singling once each was Daven Arseneau, Austin Joyce, and Cody Lunsford.

Monday, May 3
Herscher vs. Reed-Custer
Varsity -

Reed-Custer handed out a 14-2 loss to the Herscher Tigers May 3.

Daven Arseneau was hit with the loss, allowing one earned run on four hits, while striking out three. Miles Hoffman (5 ER, 6 H, 2 BB, HBP) and Cody Lunsford (5 ER, 2 H, 4 BB, HBP) each tossed two innings in relief.

Camden Berns knocked in a run on a single and stole a base. Austin Joyce (run) and Blake Holm (run) each doubled. Bailey Hubert (walk), Tyler Murray, and Lunsford hit a single each.

Tuesday, May 4
Herscher vs. Reed-Custer
Varsity -

For the second straight day, Herscher succumbed to the Comets. This time, 5-3, on May 4. Clay Schultz suffered the “L”, going two innings and giving up two runs, both unearned, on a hit and two walks, striking out one. Joe Holohan started the contest, allowing three earned runs on four hits, a hit batter, and five free passes, tallying three strikeouts in four innings of work.

Blake Holm singled, stole a base, and knocked in one run. Tyler Murray batted in a run on a sacrifice. Camden Berns provided three singles and a run, with Austin Joyce singling twice and scoring once. Schultz singled and later scored. Daven Arseneau drew a walk.

Wednesday, May 5
Herscher vs. Bishop McNamara
Varsity -

The Tigers were put down by Bishop McNamara, 9-2, when they faced off May 5.

Clay Schultz (2 singles) and Camden Berns (single, SB) each knocked in a run. Daven Arseneau singled twice, while Miles Hoffman, Blake Holm (run), Landon Schultz, Cody Lunsford, and Bailey Hubert (run) each added a single. Tyler Murray was beamed once and drew a walk. Joe Holohan was also hit by a pitch.

Getting tagged with the loss was Murray, who gave up three runs, all unearned, on two hits in under an inning of mound work. Hoffman pitched an inning-plus, allowing an earned run on one hit and a walk, striking out two. Brock Wenzelman tossed one inning, giving up one hit. Berns three three-plus innings, striking out two while

allowing five earned runs on four hits, three hit batters, and three walks. Carter Jensen struckout a batter and also struck a batter during his relief effort.

Thursday, May 6
Herscher vs. Wilmington
Varsity -

Brock Wenzelman had an impressive outing on the mound for Herscher May 6 against Wilmington, but he would ultimately take a 5-2 loss.

Wenzelman went four-plus innings, walking one, allowing eight hits and two earned runs, while fanning five. Clay Schultz tossed an inning in relief, striking out two and giving up just one hit.

Camden Berns (2 singles, run) and Blake Holm each had one RBI for the Tigers. Tyler Murray doubled, with Schultz and Cody Lunsford (HBP, run) each adding a single.

Friday, May 7
Herscher vs. Wilmington
Varsity -

On May 7, Herscher fell to Wilmington by a score of 13-8.

Tyler Murray took another loss, giving up eight earned runs on 12 hits and two walks, striking out one. Miles Hoffman allowed just one hit in one inning, with Carter Jensen giving up two earned runs on three hits, striking out one hitter.

Clay Schultz (2-4, run), Murray (3-3, double, HBP, run), Blake Holm (single, SB), Austin Joyce (single, run, HBP), and Bailey Hubert (single, sac., run) each chipped in with one RBI. Daven Arseneau put up two singles, with Camden Berns (SB, run), Joe Holohan (run), and Ryan Hendershott each singling once. Brock Wenzelman stole a base.

Saturday, May 8
Herscher vs. Clifton Central
Varsity -

Clifton Central took both games of their double-header with the Tigers May 8 – 1-0 in game one, and 8-5 in game two.

Daven Arseneau allowed just one earned run on five hits and one hit batsman, compiling eight strikeouts, but suffered the loss in the first contest.

Arseneau would single and walk once at the plate. Blake Holm singled and was hit by a pitch. Camden Berns and Bailey Hubert each added one single.

Clay Schultz lost it on the mound in game two, giving up five earned runs on six hits, striking out six in five innings. Hayden Johnson pitched one inning, giving up one hit and one walk, but no earned runs.

Camden Berns (2-5, run) and Bailey Hubert (2-4, 2 SB, run) each had one RBI. Tyler Murray singled three times, drew a walk, and scored a run. Brock Wenzelman singled twice, stole a base, and scored once. Schultz, Brock Teders, and Carter Jensen (walk) had one single each. Blake Holm walked once and was beamed twice. Joe Holohan scored a run, with Landon Schultz drawing a walk.

Lady Trojans Take Out GSW

Wednesday, May 12
Dwight vs. GSW
Varsity -

A big nine-run third inning led to a 17-5 victory for Dwight’s softball squad over Gardner-South Wilmington May 12.

Abby Rodosky earned the win, striking out one and allowing just three hits and a walk in three innings. Njomza Asllani tossed two innings in relief, giving up one earned run on three walks, striking out one.

Rachel Heath led on offense for the Lady Trojans, with two RBI on a triple and a home run, stealing a base and scoring twice. Megan Livingston (1-2, 2 SB, 3 R), Alexis Thetard (BB, 2 runs), Erin Anderson (1-5, SB, R), Isabelle Schultz (1-2, 2 BB, 2 R), Nora Anderson (3 BB, R), Katy Parker (BB),

and Rodosky (1-3, R) each batted in a run. Kayla Kodat went 3-5 with three stolen bases, scoring three times. Olivia Folkers and Asllani (SB) each drew a walk and later scored a run.

Taking the loss in the circle for the Lady Panthers was Jayden Buchanan, allowing six earned runs on seven hits and six walks, striking out three. Katelyn Farris took over in relief, giving up two earned runs on two hits and seven walks, tallying one strikeout.

At the plate, Aspen Lardi (2-2, 2B, BB, R), Bella Vyce (1-3, R), Farris (BB, HBP, R), Ashley Frideres (HBP), and Avery Lenzie added an RBI each. Buchanan walked once and scored a run. Kylie Hawks scored once, with Hailey Johnston drawing one walk.

Monday, May 10
Herscher vs. Streator
Varsity -

The Tigers were defeated by Streator May 10, 6-5.

On the mound getting hit with the loss late in the game was Camden Berns, allowing one earned run on two hits and two walks, striking out one. Joe Holohan started the contest, pitching two scoreless innings and giving up just one hit and one walk, striking out three. Brock Wenzelman struck out four in four innings, allowing five earned runs on four hits and four walks.

Wenzelman led at the plate, singling and knocking in two runs. Berns (single, run), Cody Lunsford (walk, run), and Bailey Hubert (2 walks) each had one RBI. Daven Arseneau singled twice, walked once, and scored a run. Austin Joyce also added two singles and scored once. Clay Schultz, Tyler Murray (walk, run), and Blake Holm hit a single each.

Tuesday, May 11
Herscher vs. Streator
Varsity -

Streator picked up another victory over Herscher, 11-5, on May 11.

Cody Lunsford went two-plus innings, giving up nine earned runs on four hits and six walks – suffering the loss. Carter Jensen pitched in relief for four-plus innings of work, allowing two earned runs on seven hits and a walk, striking out one.

Blake Holm (single, 2 doubles, 2 runs), Landon Schultz (single, walk), and Jensen (2 singles) each had one RBI. Clay Schultz put up two singles, while Tyler Murray (run) and Rylan Hendershott (run) hit one single each. Joe Holohan walked once, was hit by a pitch, and scored a run. Camden Berns drew a walk.

Thursday, May 13
Herscher vs. Lisle
Varsity -

The Tigers finally got a “W” May 13 against Lisle, 7-2.

Tyler Murray got the win in a complete game effort, striking out six while giving up just one earned run on seven hits, two hit batters, and three walks in seven innings of work.

Cody Lunsford led at the plate, singling in three runs and scoring one himself. Camden Berns (3-3, sac., 3 SB), Blake Holm (2 singles, run), and Austin Joyce (2 singles, HBP, 2 runs) each had one RBI. Clay Schultz (run, SB) singled, while Murray drew three walks and swiped a bag. Bailey Hubert and Joe Holohan each had one walk and one run in the win.

Friday, May 14
Herscher vs. Lisle
Varsity -

Herscher made it two in a row May 14, defeating Lisle for a second straight day, 9-2.

Daven Arseneau was superb on the mound, allowing one earned run on six hits and a hit batsman, striking out ten Lisle hitters. Clay Schultz struckout one and gave up one hit in an inning of relief.

On offense, Camden Berns (double, walk, run) and Joe Holohan (3-3, triple, walk, run) each had two RBI. Blake Holm (2-4, double, 2 runs), Austin Joyce (double, run), and Carter Jensen (2 singles, run) had one RBI each. Clay Schultz added two singles, a walk, two stolen bases, and two runs. Cody Lunsford was hit by a pitch and singled. Tyler Murray reached on an error and later scored.

Saturday, May 15
Herscher vs. Grant Park
Varsity -

A Clay Schultz walk-off in the bottom of the seventh inning resulted in Herscher’s third straight victory, winning 9-8 over Grant Park May 15.

Joe Holohan began the game on the mound, allowing two earned runs on three hits and four walks, tallying eight strikeouts. Schultz would get the win in relief, striking out two while giving up two earned runs on four hits and two free passes.

Austin Joyce had two RBI in the contest, grounding into a fielder’s choice and getting hit by a pitch. Schultz (single, walk, HBP, SB, run), Camden Berns (walk, run), Tyler Murray (2 walks, SB, run), Blake Holm (single, HBP, run), Holohan (single), and Cody Lunsford (HBP, 2 runs) each knocked in one run. Brock Wenzelman was a perfect 4-4 with a double, a stolen base, and a run scored. Bailey Hubert drew a walk and later scored.

Tuesday, May 18
Herscher vs. Coal City
Varsity -

The Tigers were held to just one hit May 18 against Coal City, leading to a 2-0 loss.

Camden Berns had the only hit for Herscher, a single, while also drawing a walk. Clay Schultz, Joe Holohan, Bailey Hubert, and Austin Joyce each walked once. Cody Lunsford was hit by a pitch.

Brock Wenzelman had a solid outing, but took the loss, allowing one earned run on two hits, four hit batters, and two walks, compiling two strikeouts. Berns came on in relief, giving up no runs on one hit and a hit batsman, striking out two.

Wednesday, May 19
Herscher vs. PBL
Varsity -

In a match-up with Paxton-Buckley-Loda May 19, the Herscher Tigers fell 14-3.

Tyler Murray suffered the loss, allowing two earned runs on six hits, a hit batsman, and two walks, fanning four in three-plus innings. Miles Hoffman came on in relief, giving up four earned runs on three hits, a hit batter, and three walks.

Blake Holm had a big day at the plate, supplying all of Herscher’s runs on a first inning homer. Cody Lunsford added a single and a double, with Daven Arseneau adding a single. Clay Schultz was hit by a pitch and later scored. Camden Berns walked once and scored a run.

Slammers Increase Capacity for Opening Night May 28

The Joliet Slammers are opening the 2021 season at home Friday, May 28, and have announced that the allowed capacity at DuPage Medical Group Field will be 60% of full capacity.

The Slammers kick off their home schedule against division rival Windy City ThunderBolts, and fireworks will follow the game as part of the Fireworks Friday promotion, presented by DuPage Medical Group.

While CDC guidance allows for fully vaccinated fans (2

weeks following their final shot) to go without a mask, the Joliet Slammers continue to strongly encourage fans to wear facial coverings, even though they are no longer required at DuPage Medical Group Field.

“We will continue to follow the experts’ guidelines and recommendations, but we also want all fans to feel safe when attending a game,” said Slammers General Manager Heather Mills. “We can’t wait to see all of our fans back at the ball-

park.”

As part of their commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all, the Slammers players, coaches, and all staff will be vaccinated, and staff interacting with fans will continue to wear masks.

“We are all looking forward to continuing the return to normal by once again hosting Frontier League baseball this year,” said Slammers Majority Owner Nick Semaca. “We have added a number of very tal-

ented new players during the off-season and we are going to have a great year in 2021.”

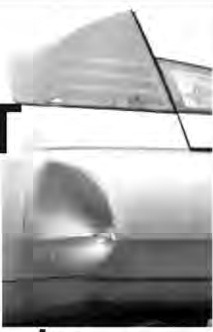
Tickets for opening night are going fast and are available online and over the phone. For an even better value, season tickets are still available. For more information on tickets and for the most up-to-date promotions schedule, visit joliet-slammers.com or call 815-722-2287. Note that all theme nights and games are subject to change.

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Wyllie Named Olney Head Coach

By Brandon LaChance

Basketball and Casey Wyllie became an inseparable fixture in kindergarten.

By the time he was playing for Dwight High School and helping them to a 28-4 season and a trip to the sectional final during his senior season of 2009-10, he knew he wanted to coach.

After coaching freshman squads, being an assistant for varsity teams and assisting and interim coaching at the junior college level, it's officially Wyllie's time.

Olney Community College has named Casey Wyllie as their men's basketball team's head coach.

"It's crazy because you say to yourself, 'You did it.'" It's your goal to become a college head basketball coach whether it's a junior college, a Division I, Division II, NAIA – no matter the level – it's cool to be like, 'You did it,'" Wyllie said. "Now, you just have to win. You have to keep working and keep doing what you've done to get to this point."

"Doing it at a place like Olney, I couldn't have asked for a better administration and it's a great town with great support. It's a great place to be and a great place to coach basketball. I'm really excited and thankful for the opportunity."

Wyllie receives the official head coach title after being with the Blue Knights for two seasons.

In the 2019-2020 season Wyllie was Mike Burris' assistant before becoming the interim coach for the 2020-21 season once Burris accepted an assistant coaching position with the University of Indianapolis.

At the helm of the program, Wyllie led Olney to a 14-7



record which earned it second in both Division I Region 24 and in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference.

"I don't think we're going to get away from a whole lot that Coach Burris did because he had success playing really fast," said Wyllie, who coached the Blue Knights to No. 20 on the NJCAA Division I poll before finishing the season at No. 24. "He liked to play fast and I like to play fast. That's how I want to coach the team. It's a fun style to watch and I don't think we'll get away from playing fast."

"That's what we did last year and I want to go faster to maybe get a few more possessions in there and do different things defensively, whether we're pressing, run and jump, man on man or full-court defense. One thing we always preach is 'We're going to play smart, we're going to play hard and we're going to play together.'"

The cliché, 'If it's not broke, don't fix it' was also used as the new coach wants to settle in the success Burris gained.

Combine the dynamic, fast offense with the toughness in the paint for rebounds leading to the quickness, it equals the winning formula Wyllie wants to keep.

Playing fast and the Xs and Os will help this Blue Knight

squad win, but what about recruiting for the future teams to be just as successful?

"We had nine sophomores on last year's team," said Wyllie, who graduated from SIU Carbondale and went on to obtain a masters in Kinesiology with a concentration in Administration of Sport and Physical Activity from Louisiana Tech University. "Knowing you're going to lose nine players, you have to have the mentality that we're going to need nine freshmen. With the Covid-19 waiver, we are going to have a few of those guys back, which is great because that gives us experience because they've been at Olney for the last two years. That's huge from a leadership and culture standpoint."

"We really try to pin-point guys early and build a relationship with those guys. We don't really cast out a huge net and recruit 100 kids. We're looking at 20 kids that we really, really like and then narrow it down."

Another strategy is to go to wanted player's games and talk to them to know they're wanted and can be an asset to the team.

It's not hard for the Olney coach to do so as his pipeline stretches outside of Illinois to Indiana, Missouri, and Kentucky with Olney is only a few hours from each of the basketball-rich states.

From watching his favorite players at Dwight, the University of Illinois, and the Chicago Bulls, to becoming a player, to now recruiting and developing his own stars, Wyllie is doing exactly what he set out to do.

Coaching the game he loves, basketball.

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ISABELLE SCHULTZ SIGNED with Shenandoah University (Winchester, Virginia) last week at Dwight Township High School, and is set to tee off for the Division III Hornets during the 2021-22 season. Pictured, front row, from left, are Instructor John Keegan, Isabelle, DTHS girls golf coach Julie Jensen; back row, Mary Schultz (mother), Scott Schultz (father), and Nick Schultz (brother).

photo by Anna Oelschlager

Isabelle Schultz Signs With Shenandoah University

Dwight Township High School senior golfer Isabelle Schultz has signed with Division III Shenandoah University's women's golf team upon her graduation this past week.

Schultz, a two-time Most Valuable Player, three-time All-Twin Valley Conference selec-

tion, and four-year letter winner for the Lady Trojans, signed her ceremonial letter at DTHS, alongside her coaches, family, and friends May 11. She intends to major in sport management while playing for coach Scott Singhass' Hornets. Shenandoah, located in

Winchester, Virginia, is a Division III university and competes in the Eastern Collegiate Athletics Conference.

Schultz is set to join one other incoming freshman, alongside four returning players, for the 2021-22 season.



Tuesday, May 18 Dwight vs. Lexington Varsity -

The offense was turned all the way up on May 18 for both Dwight and Lexington, but the Lady Trojans were able to run away with it, 24-11.

Abby Rodosky pitched all five innings of the contest, allowing eight earned runs on 13

DTHS Lady Trojans Softball

hits and two walks, fanning four.

Dwight's offense was led by a six-RBI showing by Rachel Heath, who doubled three times, walked twice, stole a base, and scored two runs. Alexis Thetard (1-4, BB, 2 SB, 3 R), Erin Anderson (3-3, 2 BB, SB, 5 R), Isabelle Schultz (2-4, BB, R), and Rodosky (2-

3, 3 R) each batted in three runs. Kayla Kodat added two RBI, drawing three walks, stealing a base, and scoring four times. Megan Livingston (1-2, 3 BB, 2 SB, 3 R) and Mia Buck (2 BB, 2 R) knocked in one run each. Nora Anderson provided two singles, a walk, and scored a run.



Wednesday, May 19 Seneca vs. Wilmington Varsity -

The Lady Irish fell to Wilmington 2-0 when they met May 19.

"Couldn't get the big hit when we needed to," admitted Coach Holman afterwards. "Tough luck loss for Taya Roe in the circle. She was outstanding against a very high caliber offense."

Roe allowed two earned runs on seven hits and a walk, striking out four in six innings of work.

Kennedy Hartwig was a perfect 3-3 with a double, while Sam Vandeveld doubled twice.

Thursday, May 20 Seneca vs. Putnam County Varsity -

In a double-header held May 20 against Putnam County, Seneca came away with two wins, 11-0 in game one, and 16-3 in game two.

"Nice to come back with two conference wins after yesterday's loss," stated Coach Holman. "Two more good pitching performances."

In game one, Maggie Carpenter got the win, striking out 13 while allowing just two hits and three walks in five innings. She moves to 8-2 on the sea-

son.

On offense, Mallory Othon crushed her first varsity home run.

Taya Roe earned the "W" in game two, giving up two earned runs on six hits and a walk, tallying three strikeouts. She improves to 7-1 in 2021.

Sam Vandeveld delivered her fifth homer of the season in game two.

Friday, May 21 Seneca vs. Newark Varsity -

It was Senior Night in Seneca May 21, and the Lady Irish won over Newark, 7-2.

"Great game against a high quality team – we did just enough late to pull ahead," said Coach Holman. "Some huge contributions from the bottom of our line-up. Always nice to get a win on Senior Night."

Maggie Carpenter went 2-4 with a double and two RBI, with Madi Mino adding two hits. Maddie Klicker scored two runs.

Getting the victory in the circle was Carpenter, tossing all seven innings and giving up just one earned run on four hits and two walks, striking out 11 batters.

Seneca is now 16-3 overall and 8-0 in conference play.



THE DWIGHT PINTO TEAM won the first tournament of the season – the Tri-County 2021 Pinto Battle of the Round Robins! The team, Coleman & Son Garage, pictured, front row, from left, consists of Nathan Bradley, Grant Swartz, Damien Coleman, Chas Wilkey, Jack Tjelle, Chris Shaumann; middle, Gunnar Severns, Jaxon Lee, Brady Marques, Nathan Wilkey, Kade Jensen, Braiden Bachand, Grayson Hatfield; back, Calvin Coleman and Jill Margherio.



PTHS Lady Indians Softball

Wednesday, May 19 Pontiac vs. Normal West Varsity -

Pontiac cruised to a 12-2 victory over Normal West May 19.

Makayla Metz earned the win, giving up just four hits and a walk in three innings. Peyton Trost tossed two relief innings, allowing two earned runs on four hits.

Alyssa Fox went crazy at the plate, going 4-5 with a home run, a double, two singles, three runs scored, and five RBI. Grace Myers pitched in with four RBI on two doubles. Cameron Trost (1-2, BB) and P. Trost (2 BB, R) each batted in a run. Addison Masching was 2-3 with a double, a walk, and four runs scored. Maddie Gourley added two singles, a walk, and two runs. Bailey Masching singled and later scored, with A. Sutton scoring one run.

Thursday, May 20 Pontiac vs. St. Joseph-Ogden Varsity -

In action against St. Joseph-

Ogden May 20, the Lady Indians fell, 11-4.

Peyton Trost was tagged with the loss, giving up one earned run on five hits and a walk, striking out one. Cameron Trost tossed an inning-plus in relief, allowing one earned run on three hits and two walks, fanning one. Addison Masching gave up no runs on two hits and three walks, tallying five strikeouts.

On offense, Rylee Zimmerman connected on a two-run home run, with Mackenzie Coates adding an RBI on a single and a sacrifice. Masching (2 BB, SB), P. Trost, Alyssa Fox, C. Trost (2 R), and Bailey Masching each singled. Paige Collins walked once and later scored.

Friday, May 21 Pontiac vs. Prairie Central Varsity -

Pontiac held off a pesky Prairie Central team May 21, winning 6-4.

Peyton Trost was victorious, allowing three earned runs on

six hits, striking out one. Addison Masching pitched two relief innings, striking out three and beaming two.

At the plate, Alyssa Fox led with a single, a double, four RBI and a run scored. P. Trost (sac.) and Rylee Zimmerman (single) added one RBI each. Maddie Gourley singled three times and scored twice, with A. Masching adding two singles, a walk, a stolen base, and three runs. Mackenzie Coates singled, with Bailey Masching drawing one walk.

Saturday, May 22 Pontiac vs. Bloomington Central Catholic Varsity -

In a game that saw 31 runs cross the plate between both teams, the Lady Indians managed to get away with a 17-14 win over Bloomington Central Catholic May 22.

Pontiac was up big, early, but a 13-run fifth inning for BCC put the Lady Indians behind, 14-12, heading into the sixth.

However, they would supply four in the sixth, then an insurance run in the seventh, to secure the wild win.

Cameron Trost started the game in the circle, allowing three earned runs on four hits and four walks in four innings. Peyton Trost tossed three innings, getting the win despite giving up seven earned runs on six hits, a hit batter, and two walks, striking out two. Addison Masching allowed four earned runs on five walks.

P. Trost led on offense, with a single and five RBI. A. Masching added three RBI with two singles, a double, and a sacrifice, scoring twice. Alyssa Fox (single, 3 SB, R) and Rylee Zimmerman (double) each had two RBI. Maddie Gourley (5-6, 2 SB, 3 R) and Grace Myers (4-5, double, SB, 4 R) had an RBI each. Bailey Masching singled, tripled, walked once, and scored twice. Cameron Trost (BB, 2 SB, R) and Mackenzie Coates (BB, SB, 3 R) each singled twice. Paige Collins scored a run.

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Sunday June 13th

- Special 150th Worship Service at 10 a.m.
- Celebration dinner (pork loin) to follow service.



SENECA TRACK AND FIELD

Thursday, May 13
Seneca vs. Granville
and Ottawa Marquette

Both the boys (111) and girls (106) track and field teams from Seneca took first overall at the Putnam County meet against Ottawa Marquette and Granville. Individual results are as follows:

Boys -

100: Kolya Cato, 1st, 11.84; Ryan McCauley, 2nd, 11.92 (PR); David Bergeson, 3rd, 12.44; Carter Thomas, 5th, 13.34 (PR).
200: Chase Hauch, 1st, 24.16; Cato, 2nd, 25.51 (SR).
400: Noah Petty, 3rd, 1:01.75; Spencer DeGraaf, 4th, 1:03.59; Jayce Keedy, 5th, 1:06.67 (PR).
800: Billy Glasscock, 1st, 2:10.86 (SR); DeGraaf, 2nd, 2:22.25 (PR); Petty, 3rd, 2:26.36 (PR).

1600: Glasscock, 1st, 5:20.49 (SR); Brady Danek, 2nd, 5:35.97 (PR); Keedy, 4th, 6:15.62.
3200: Danek, 2nd, 11:31.08 (PR).
110 hurdles: Given Siegel, 1st, 17.14; Carson Collet, 2nd, 18.01.
300 hurdles: Collet, 1st, 43.00; Siegel, 2nd, 45.34 (PR).

4x100: Cato, Siegel, C. Hauch, Trey Hauch, 1st, 45.47.
4x200: Collet, T. Hauch, McCauley, C. Hauch, 1st, 1:34.53.
4x400: Ca. Collet, Glasscock, McCauley, T. Hauch, 1st, 3:55.50; Colin Collet, Eli Hill, Sy Salinas, William Gordon, 2nd, 4:31.64.
4x800: Co. Collet, Salinas, Hill, Gordon, 2nd, 11:19.44.
Shot Put: Logan Tondini, 1st, 10.56 (PR); Thomas, 2nd, 10.42; Alex Bogner-Kidwell, 3rd, 9.90; Patrick Griffin, 5th, 9.53.

Discus: Tondini, 1st, 33.30; Thomas, 2nd, 28.29; Griffin, 6th, 19.45; Bogner-Kidwell, 8th, 18.30.
Long Jump: Siegel, 1st, 5.70; Bergeson, 2nd, 4.97.
Triple Jump: McCauley, 1st, 10.81 (PR).

Girls -

100: Emma Smith, 1st, 13.80; Kaylie Blazek, 5th, 16.53.
200: Anna Bruno, 1st, 28.02; Smith, 2nd, 28.07 (PR); Blazek, 7th, 38.34.

400: Brooklyn Giertz, 1st, 1:04.01 (PR); Smith, 2nd, 1:04.55 (PR); Audrey Jenkins, 4th, 1:08.18; Marie Cheshareck, 8th,

1:16.41; Blazek, 11th, 1:30.94 (PR).
800: Cheshareck, 1st, 2:56.17 (SR); Delany Welsh, 2nd, 2:57.71.
1600: Amber Vroman, 1st, 5:54.68.
3200: Vroman, 1st, 12:30.67.
100 hurdles: Giertz, 1st, 17.18.
4x100: Faith Deering, Taylor Draves, Giertz, Carly Greve, 1st, 53.94.

4x200: Deering, Draves, Kaitlyn Ehrler, Greve, 1st, 1:59.21.
4x400: Deering, Cheshareck, Jenkins, Welsh, 1st, 4:51.25.
4x800: Seneca, 2nd, 11:54.91.
Shot Put: Gabi Maxwell, 1st, 8.55; Rachel Milliman, 2nd, 8.42.
Discus: Deering, 1st, 30.43; Maxwell, 2nd, 25.50; Harleigh Varland, 3rd, 24.56; Jolena Odum, 4th, 23.94 (PR); Milliman, 6th, 21.00.

High Jump: Smith, 1st, 1.40 (PR); Varland, 2nd, 1.37 (PR).
Long Jump: Bruno, 1st, 5.13 (PR); Teagan Johnson, 2nd, 4.80.
Triple Jump: Giertz, 1st, 10.14 (PR); Johnson, 2nd, 9.44 (PR).

Friday, May 14

Seneca Fresh./Soph. Invite

The youngsters from Seneca hosted the Freshman/Sophomore Invite May 14 at home against seven other area squads, winning on both the boys (153) and girls (190) side, and posting the following individual results:

Boys -

100: David Bergeson, 4th, 12.41 (PR); AJ Keedy, 7th, 13.11 (PR).

200: Nathan Grant, 1st, 24.98 (PR); Brayden Ellis, 4th, 26.02 (PR).

400: Grant, 1st, 57.40 (PR); Sam Churchill, 2nd, 58.49.
800: Chris Poyner, 2nd, 2:24.41; Drew Danek, 6th, 2:32.48 (PR).

1600: Poyner, 3rd, 5:32.71; Colin Collet, 9th, 5:54.64 (PR).

3200: Poyner, 1st, 12:16.49.
300 hurdles: Danek, 3rd, 50.52 (PR); Keedy, 7th, 55.81 (PR).

4x100: Grant, Churchill, Ellis, Sam Kleich, 2nd, 48.49.

4x200: Bergeson, Ellis, Keedy, Kleich, 1st, 1:44.33.

4x400: Bergeson, Churchill, Keedy, Poyner, 1st, 4:03.28.

4x800: Collet, Danek, Sy Salinas, Holten Struck, 2nd, 11:02.58.

Shot Put: Carter Thomas, 4th, 11.17; Alex Bogner-Kidwell, 9th, 10.17 (PR).
Discus: Thomas, 2nd, 34.68 (PR); Bogner-Kidwell, 9th, 21.60.
High Jump: Grant, 1st, 1.78 (PR); Danek, 6th, 1.42.
Long Jump: Ellis, 4th, 5.23 (PR); Bergeson, 6th, 5.03.
Triple Jump: Churchill, 2nd, 10.20 (PR).

Girls -

100: Anna Bruno, 2nd, 13.53; Teagan Johnson, 6th, 14.28 (PR).
200: Caitlyn O'Boyle, 1st, 27.89 (PR); Bruno, 2nd, 27.90 (PR).

400: Lauren Cronkrite, 5th, 1:15.73 (PR); Jolena Odum, 6th, 1:15.88.

800: Ashley Alsvig, 2nd, 2:40.90; Gracie Steffes, 5th, 3:03.38 (PR).

1600: Alsvig, 2nd, 5:56.46; Steffes, 5th, 6:40.93 (PR).

3200: Alsvig, 1st, 12:42.90 (PR).

100 hurdles: O'Boyle, 1st, 18.13.

300 hurdles: Keeli Pumphrey, 1st, 52.23.

4x100: Neely Hougas, O'Boyle, Addison Stiegler, Gabi Maxwell, 4th, 56.77.

4x200: Bruno, O'Boyle, Johnson, Hougas, 1st, 1:58.13.

4x400: Alsvig, Cronkrite, Hougas, Pumphrey, 2nd, 4:58.35.

4x800: Cronkrite, Odum, Pumphrey, Steffes, 1st, 12:37.99.

Shot Put: Maxwell, 3rd, 8.56; Stiegler, 6th, 7.84 (PR).

Discus: Maxwell, 2nd, 26.63 (PR); Odum, 6th, 21.46.

High Jump: Stiegler, 3rd, 1.17 (PR); Pumphrey, 4th, 1.17 (PR).

Pole Vault: Johnson, 1st, 2.89.

Long Jump: Bruno, 1st, 5.03; Johnson, 2nd, 4.83 (PR).

Triple Jump: Hougas, 2nd, 9.26.

Monday, May 17

Seneca vs. Aurora Christian, Spring Valley (Hall), Washburn (Lowpoint), Newark, and Granville (Putnum Co.)

Seneca's track and field squad hosted Aurora Christian, Spring Valley (Hall), Washburn (Lowpoint), Newark, and Granville (Putnum Co.) May 17, posting the following results:

Boys -

100: Chase Hauch, 2nd, 11.61 (PR); Kolya Cato, 3rd, 11.67 (PR); Trey Hauch, 6th, 11.90 (PR); Nathan Grant, 8th, 12.17 (PR); David Bergeson, 9th, 12.24 (PR); Sam Kleich, 16th, 13.56.
200: C. Hauch, 2nd, 24.40; Carson Collet, 4th, 24.73 (PR); T. Hauch, 5th, 24.76; Bergeson, 7th, 25.00 (PR); Grant, 8th, 25.05; Sam Churchill, 13th, 27.48 (PR); Grant Feiner, 17th, 28.87 (PR); Kleich, 18th, 28.91.

400: T. Hauch, 3rd, 55.70 (PR); Wilson Widman, 4th, 57.12 (PR); Chris Poyner, 8th, 58.91 (PR); Churchill, 14th, 1:01.48; AJ Keedy, 17th, 1:04.57 (PR); Billy Glasscock, 18th, 1:05.26; Feiner, 20th, 1:10.35 (PR).

800: Spencer DeGraaf, 1st, 2:24.00; Noah Petty, 3rd, 2:29.96; Jayce Keedy, 4th, 2:36.66 (PR); Colin Collet, 5th, 2:41.54 (PR); Eli Hill, 6th, 2:43.14 (PR); William Gordon, 8th, 2:58.98 (PR); Sy Salinas, 10th, 3:06.16.

1600: Glasscock, 1st, 5:13.26 (SR); Brady Danek, 2nd, 5:15.39 (PR); DeGraaf, 4th, 5:34.52 (SR); Poyner, 5th, 5:44.22; J. Keedy, 7th, 5:55.66 (PR); Hill, 10th, 6:24.48 (PR); Gordon, 13th, 7:06.70 (PR); Salinas, 14th, 7:15.62.

3200: B. Danek, 1st, 11:17.74 (PR).

110 hurdles: Given Siegel, 1st, 16.55 (PR).

300 hurdles: Ca. Collet, 1st, 42.74; Drew Danek, 3rd, 51.28.

4x100: Cato, C. Hauch, T. Hauch, Siegel, 1st, 45.72; Feiner, Kleich, Thomas, A. Keedy, 4th, 52.91.

4x400: B. Danek, A. Keedy, Widman, Petty, 1st, 4:10.30.

4x800: DeGraaf, Glasscock, Petty, Poyner, 2nd, 9:20.22; D. Danek, J. Keedy, Co. Collet, Widman, 3rd, 10:33.71.

Shot Put: Thomas, 2nd, 11.12; Logan Tondini, 4th, 10.97 (PR); Alex Bogner-Kidwell, 7th, 10.43 (PR); Isaac Marques, 8th, 10.37; Patrick Griffin, 10th, 9.62; Peura, 13th, 8.94.

Discus: Tondini, 1st, 33.88; Thomas, 2nd, 33.10; Griffin, 6th, 22.10; Marques, 7th, 21.62; Bogner-Kidwell, 8th, 20.20; Peura, 12th, 16.20.

High Jump: Grant, 2nd, 1.73; Siegel, 3rd, 1.73; D. Danek, 5th,

1.42.

Pole Vault: Ca. Collet, 1st, 3.50 (SR); Cato, 3rd, 2.74.

Long Jump: Siegel, 1st, 5.79; Bergeson, 2nd, 4.83; Churchill, 3rd, 4.82.

Triple Jump: Churchill, 3rd, 9.36.

Girls -

100: Anna Bruno, 2nd, 13.15 (PR); Caitlyn O'Boyle, 4th, 13.50; Emma Smith, 5th, 13.53 (PR); Faith Deering, 8th, 13.81 (PR); Carly Greve, 10th, 14.29 (PR); Lauren Cronkrite, 15th, 15.21; Kaylie Blazek, 19th, 16.60.

200: Bruno, 2nd, 27.83 (PR); Brooklyn Giertz, 3rd, 28.32 (PR); Smith, 5th, 28.58; O'Boyle, 7th, 29.21; Deering, 8th, 29.43; Kaitlyn Ehrler, 10th, 30.21 (PR); Addison Stiegler, 14th, 31.17.

400: Smith, 2nd, 1:03.42 (PR); Bruno, 4th, 1:04.39 (PR); Ehrler, 9th, 1:13.32; Cronkrite, 10th, 1:18.63; Blazek, 13th, 1:35.37.

800: Amber Vroman, 1st, 2:29.02 (PR); Ashley Alsvig, 2nd, 2:40.59; Audrey Jenkins, 3rd, 2:45.14; Marie Cheshareck, 4th, 2:56.46; Ehrler, 5th, 2:59.66 (PR); Gracie Steffes, 6th, 3:02.27 (PR).

1600: Vroman, 1st, 5:42.59 (PR); Alsvig, 2nd, 6:01.80; Delany Welsh, 4th, 6:24.27 (PR); Steffes, 5th, 6:26.27 (PR).

3200: Welsh, 2nd, 13:47.24 (SR).

100 hurdles: Giertz, 1st, 15.86 (PR); Keeli Pumphrey, 4th, 18.94 (PR).

300 hurdles: Pumphrey, 1st, 51.23 (PR); O'Boyle, 3rd, 54.73 (PR).

4x100: Giertz, Teagan Johnson, Neely Hougas, Geve, 2nd, 55.54.

4x200: Pumphrey, O'Boyle,

Deering, Hougas, 2nd, 1:56.91.

4x400: Vroman, Cheshareck, Alsvig, Pumphrey, 1st, 4:38.82.

4x800: Cheshareck, Cronkrite, Jenkins, Steffes, 1st, 11:48.21.

Shot Put: Rachel Milliman, 2nd, 9.10; Gabi Maxwell, 3rd, 8.86.

Discus: Deering, 1st, 33.07; Maxwell, 3rd, 24.50; Stiegler, 5th, 22.10 (PR); Milliman, 6th, 22.01 (PR); Harleigh Varland, 7th, 21.52.
High Jump: Varland, 3rd, 1.37; Greve, 5th, 1.32; Stiegler, 6th, 1.17.

Pole Vault: Giertz, 1st, 3.50 (PR); Johnson, 2nd, 2.89.

Long Jump: Bruno, 1st, 5.07; Johnson, 2nd, 4.54; Hougas, 7th, 4.24 (PR).

Triple Jump: Varland, 2nd, 8.97 (PR).

Friday, May 21

Seneca Irish Invite

Both the boys and girls from Seneca hosted the Irish Invite May 21, with the boys taking third overall (83) amongst 14 teams, and the girls placing first (198) – by a wide margin – in a 15-team field. Bishop McNamara was next up with a score of 76.

“Both teams competed well and enjoyed a night of a lot of personal bests,” stated Coach Terry Maxwell.

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SENECA FIGHTING IRISH WRESTLING

Friday, May 7
Seneca vs. Reed-Custer and Kankakee
The Irish were in action May 7 at Reed-Custer High School, defeating the hosts (38-31) and Kankakee (78-0). Results are as follows:

| LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS Report of the Trustees From May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 | | |
|---|------------------|--|
| Money Received | | |
| Livingston County Collector (includes Mobile Home Tax) | 82,155.14 | |
| LaSalle County Collector | 5,641.24 | |
| Comptroller of the State of Illinois - replacement tax | 6,020.35 | |
| Flanagan State Bank - interest | 150.88 | |
| Accident Fund Ins. Co - Insurance Refund | 401.00 | |
| AF Group - Insurance Refund | 1.00 | |
| Arlene Martell - Donation | 300.00 | |
| Compass Insurance - Insurance Refund | 890.00 | |
| VFIS Claim Service - Equipment Damage Insurance Refund | 1,278.07 | |
| Lexis Nexis - Payment to Send Report | 5.00 | |
| Total Money Received | 96,842.68 | |
| Money Paid Out | | |
| Accident Fund Ins. Co - Workman's Com | 2,022.00 | |
| Commonwealth Edison - electric service | 906.43 | |
| Compass Insurance Partners - insurance | 6,371.00 | |
| Dale Sass - repairs | 161.04 | |
| Evergreen FS - fuel and oil | 632.21 | |
| Flanagan State Bank - lock box rent | 24.00 | |
| Frontier - fire bar, alarm and station telephone service | 2,565.75 | |
| Getz Fire Equipment - inspections | 94.45 | |
| Illinois American Water - utilities | 705.66 | |
| Johnson & Taylor - legal fees for year ending 4/30/19 | 1,275.00 | |
| KSR - equipment repair | 114.73 | |
| MES - repairs | 14,713.80 | |
| Minonk NAPA - equipment repairs | 2,470.82 | |
| NICOR - gas heat | 832.90 | |
| OSF St. James EMS - Supplies | 49.08 | |
| Pontiac Daily Leader - Publications | 115.00 | |
| Quad County Fire Equipment - vehicle repairs | 16,618.75 | |
| Ragan Communications - equipment | 4,875.65 | |
| Vermilion County Dispatch - dispatching | 2,940.00 | |
| Total Money Paid Out | 57,488.27 | |

STATE OF ILLINOIS :
LIVINGSTON COUNTY : SS.

We, Dean Wilhelm, Bill Zeilman, and Dale Sass, Trustees of the Long Point Community Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct statement of all moneys received and all moneys paid out by said Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.

Dean Wilhelm
Dale Sass
Bill Zeilman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, A.D. 2021.

Kara L. Stork
Notary Public

AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY DEEMED TO BE NEEDED TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY CORPORATE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2022. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

| SECTION ONE. | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------|
| That for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$387,300.00 for the purpose of defraying the necessary corporate expenses and liabilities for said fire district, the said sums of money to be used for the following specific objects and purposes, that is to say: | | |
| | Amount Appropriated | |
| 1. Purchase of new equipment | 300,000.00 | |
| 2. Maintenance of fire station: | | |
| Repairs - material and labor | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| 3. Administration: | | |
| Salary of three trustees | 0.00 | |
| Stationery, supplies and postage | 600.00 | |
| Printing and publishing | 400.00 | |
| Legal services | 1,500.00 | |
| Treasurer | 0.00 | |
| Liability/Worker's Comp. Insurance | 10,000.00 | |
| Insurance and surety bonds for officers and employees | 2,000.00 | 14,500.00 |
| 4. Maintenance and Equipment: | | |
| Repairs | 20,000.00 | |
| Material and Supplies | 2,000.00 | |
| Gasoline, oil and grease | 3,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| 5. Employee physicals | 3,000.00 | |
| 6. Heat for Fire Station | 3,300.00 | |
| 7. Electricity for Fire Station | 2,200.00 | |
| 8. Water Expense | 1,500.00 | |
| 9. Telephone Expense | 3,600.00 | |
| 10. Dispatch Expense | 8,000.00 | |
| 11. Travel Expense and Meals | 700.00 | |
| 12. Firemen's Meeting Expense | 2,000.00 | |
| 13. Firemen's Training | 2,500.00 | |
| 14. Miscellaneous | 1,000.00 | |
| TOTAL | 387,300.00 | |

SECTION TWO.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after its approval and due publication as is required by law.

Passed and approved this 11th day of May, A.D. 2021.

Dean Wilhelm
President of said Board of Trustees of the Long Point Community Fire Protection Dist.

Attest:
Dale Sass
Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS :
LIVINGSTON COUNTY :
LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE :
PROTECTION DISTRICT : SS.

I, Dale Sass, Secretary of said Board of Trustees of the Long Point Community Fire Protection District and ex-officio keeper of the records and seal of said Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance termed, "AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY DEEMED TO BE NEEDED TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY CORPORATE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2022, passed by the Board of Trustees and filed with me on the 11th day of May, 2021, and thereafter duly entered on the records of said Fire Protection District; that the original of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is now on file in my office as said Fire District Secretary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Corporate Seal of said Fire Protection District, this 11th day of May A.D. 2021.

Dale Sass
Secretary of said Fire Protection District

versus Reed-Custer
106: Luke Sangston (S) F 1:21 over Judith Gamboa (RC); 113: Sam Bagler (RC) F 2:45 over Billy Glasscock (S); 120: Jaden Casey (S) F 3:39 over Seth Billingsly (RC); 126: Nate Othon (S) by FF; 132: Owen Feiner (S) 15-7 over Landon Markle (RC); 138: Ryan Tribble (RC) 6-0 over Wilson Widman (S); 145: Adell Gamboa (RC) F 1:44 over Collin Wright (S); 152: Brendan Tribe (RC) F 2:32 over Nathan Grant (S); 160: Rex Pfeiffer (RC) by FF; 170: Kyle Hamby (S) F 1:09 over Brandon Moorman (RC); 182: Gavin Rovertson (S) F 1:19 over JD Kirby (RC); 195: Double FF; 220: Maveric Varland (S) 9-1 over Ethan Godar (RC); 285: Cody Marchner (RC) 14-3 over Nathan Elliott (S).

versus Kankakee
106: Sangston (S) FF; 113: Glasscock (S) FF; 120: Casey (S) F 1:26 over Estephany Mendez (K); 126: Othon (S) FF; 132: Feiner (S) F :56 over Alejandro Cornejo (K); 138: Widman (S) FF; 145: Wright (S) F :48 over Roberto Corona (K); 152: Grant (S) F 3:25 over Luis Saldano (K); 160: Double FF; 170: Hamby (S) FF; 182: Isaac Marques (S) F 1:42 over Michael Bannerman (K); 195: Robertson (S) F :55 over Eric Valdez Cruz (K); 220: Varland (S) F 1:27 over Bryan Perkins (K); 285: Elliott (S) FF.

Monday, May 10
Seneca vs. Pontiac and Wilmington
In wrestling action May 10 at Seneca, the Irish were victorious over Pontiac (66-6) and Wilmington (58-22). Results are as follows:

versus Pontiac
106: Luke Sangston (S) F 1:09 over Aidan Scholin (P); 113: Kyler Hahn (S) by FF; 120: Jaden Casey (S) by FF; 126: Billy Glasscock (S) by FF; 132: Nate Othon (S) by FF; 138: Wilson Widman (S) by FFF; 145: Collin Wright (S) F 1:42 over Drew Burns (P); 152: Nathan Grant (S) by FF; 160:

Double FF; 170: Justin Schott (P) F 3:55 over Kyle Hamby (S); 182: Gavin Robertson (S) by FF; 195: Double FF; Maveric Varland (S) F 4:25 over Dalton Tovera (P); 285: Nathan Elliott (S) by FF.

versus Wilmington
106: Sangston (S) F 1:14 over Alexander Fernandez (W); 113: Landon Dooley (W) F 1:36 over Hahn (S); 120: Glasscock (S) F :53 over Aubin Shields (W); 126: Casey (S) F 1:59 over Brendan Aldofino (W); 132: Othon (S) F :57 over Priscilla Prescott (W); 138: Owen Feiner (S) F 2:51 over Jacob Prescott (W); 145: Wright (S) 19-11 over Parker Adams (W); 152: Grant (S) by FF; 160: Marcus Morris (W) by FF; 170: Jack Narine (W) 12-3 over Isaac Marques (S); 182: Robertson (S) F :58 over Hunter Hays (W); 195: Aidan Wooters (W) by FF; 220: Varland (S) by FF; 285: Elliott (S) by FF.

Thursday, May 13
Seneca vs. Sherrard and Putnam County
The #15-ranked Seneca Fighting Irish took on Sherrard and Putnam County May 13, defeating both teams, 39-27 and 66-6, respectively. Results are as follows:

versus Sherrard
106: Pierce Finley (Sh) F 2:29 over Kyler Hahn (S); 113: Luke Sangston (S) F :44 over Parker Adams (Sh); 120: Double FF; 126: Jaden Casey (S) 6-5 over Kaidan Jones (Sh); 132: Owen Feiner (S) 2-0 over Austin Fratzke (Sh); 138: Wilson Widman (S) 6-3 over Hunter Timmerman (Sh); 145: Will Milton (S) by FF; 152: Nate Bynum (Sh) F 3:09 over Collin Wright (S); 160: Walter Frank (Sh) 12-8 over Nathan Grant (S); 170: Chris Peura (S) F 2:22 over Riley Zippe (Sh); 182: Gavin Robertson (S) F 5:01 over Andrew Ryckeghen (Sh); 195: Walker Anderson (Sh) by FF; 220: Josh Bynum (Sh) F 3:14 over Maveric Varland (S); 285: Nathan Elliott (S) F 5:58 over Josh Vanderlinden (Sh).

Area COVID-19 Stats
as of May 24

| Town | Tested | Cases | |
|---------------|--------|-------|--|
| Dwight | 12,765 | 593 | |
| Herscher | 2,830 | 231 | |
| Gardner | 2,482 | 216 | |
| Odell | 2,652 | 175 | |
| Mazon | 1,859 | 173 | |
| Braceville | 1,845 | 151 | |
| Essex | 1,172 | 140 | |
| S. Wilmington | 978 | 93 | |
| Cullom | 1,302 | 77 | |
| Reddick | 1,010 | 67 | |
| Saunemin | 1,267 | 62 | |
| Buckingham | 757 | 59 | |
| Verona | 785 | 57 | |
| Ransom | 825 | 44 | |
| Cabery | 698 | 39 | |
| Blackstone | 359 | 37 | |
| Kempton | 634 | 36 | |
| Emington | 495 | 35 | |
| Kinsman | 252 | 19 | |
| Campus | 426 | 17 | |
| Union Hill | 128 | 13 | |

| County | Tested | Cases | Deaths |
|------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Kankakee | 242,373 | 14,351 | 211 |
| LaSalle | 201,777 | 12,667 | 246 |
| Grundy | 65,481 | 5,930 | 76 |
| Livingston | 114,542 | 4,851 | 86 |
| Iroquois | 50,634 | 3,057 | 66 |
| Ford | 31,193 | 1,816 | 48 |

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,375,508; Deaths: 22,623; Probable Deaths: 2,378; Total Tests Performed: 24,233,267; Recovery Rate: 98%.

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

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR THE DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection District general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, is hereby rescheduled to Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

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THE OSF HEALTHCARE SAINT JAMES – John W. Albrecht Medical Center auxiliary presented \$20,000 to the medical center during its May 11 executive board meeting. The money, proceeds from gift shop sales, was donated for newborn hearing testing equipment and other areas of need. Pictured are hospital president Brad Solberg and Maureen Lenzie, gift shop treasurer.

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Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) invites the community to join them for a bright summer with their Summer Reading Program – Reading Colors Your World! Help kick off Summer Reading on June 12 at the library when families who sign up can have lunch on the library grounds and use chalk to decorate their own sidewalk square. You must register ahead of time for this event.

Registration for Reading Colors Your World started May 24 and is open until Saturday, June 26, at LTLD. The program starts Monday, June 7, and runs through Saturday, July 10.

Because of COVID-19, Summer Reading will not look exactly like it did a few years ago. They are planning a hybrid of online activities, outdoor programming, and paper challenges. Anyone in the community can sign up for Summer Reading at the library and you will receive a packet including a welcome letter, a reading log, program calendar, and Beanstack how-to's. As in the past, they will have raffle baskets for different age groups.

Programming at the library continues online through Facebook and YouTube.

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

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DCS District Plans for Fall In-Person Learning

Jaime Mallaney Appointed to BOE, Wage/Salary Increases Approved



JAIME MALLANEY has been appointed to the Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education, filling a vacant two-year seat.

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for her elementary and junior high years. Attending Eastern Illinois University, Mallaney earned both a Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in Communication and has been employed as a business analyst at State Farm Insurance. Jaime and husband Scott have two children, Makenzie in 1st grade and Natalie in Kindergarten.

“I want to be involved in the community and I have children and other family members that attend Dwight Common School,” Mallaney told *The Paper*. “I saw the opportunity to get involved when the BOE was looking for another person to fill an empty seat.”

“Being a parent in the district, I do have a vested interest in the well-being of the students, the staff and the school,” said Jaime. “I want only what is best for the students and those who are responsible for the students in regards to their education. Given this past year, everyone in education has had to get creative and think outside of the box. Also during this

time, the School Board of Education has had to make some very complex and challenging decisions. It became more than obvious that everyone had the best interest of the students in mind as these decisions were made. I think the school and the community are both in a better place because of the decisions made and how they were implemented.”

“Through my professional experience, I have developed strong leadership, communication, negotiation and analytical skills. I have had to prioritize work based on budgets, current needs and future needs. Both my experience and education have given me the skills necessary to develop creative solutions to business problems,” Mallaney said in regard to what she hopes to bring to the BOE. “Based on this work experience, I feel I will be a valued member of the Dwight Common School Board of Education and offer a different perspective that would complement the other views already in place.”

In new business and following a closed session discussion, the board approved support staff wage increases and administrative salary increases for 2021-2022. Across the board, all DCS support staff will receive a 4% wage increase. Administrative salary increases were also approved with Principal Julie Schultz receiving a four percent salary increase and Assistant Principal Jeremy Jenkins receiving a three percent increase.

A superintendent vacation day reimbursement request was approved allowing Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek to be reimbursed for unused vacation days. The amount of salary reimbursed is not to exceed two

percent. The reimbursed amount will be immediately donated back to DTHS and deposited into a scholarship fund created by Dr. Jancek. The Dr. J Leadership Award recognizes two seniors who displayed leadership in and out of the classroom and in the community. The scholarship / award grants two graduating seniors \$500 each annually.

In unfinished business, an update regarding the 2021-22 Food Services bid process, Dr. Jancek informed the board there were two vendors who attended the pre-bid meeting. Sealed bids will be opened on May 28th at 2:30 pm.

Discussion took place regarding reimbursements/paying for the annual Illinois Association of School Boards Conference in Chicago. The board approved allowing all costs for the conference (registration fee, hotel, parking, mileage and meals) for the board member only.

In her report to the board, Principal Schultz noted that summer school is set from 9 a.m. to noon on May 24 – 27; June 1 – 3, and June 7 – 10. Letters were mailed to 81 students offering summer school in two tiers. The Tier 1 opportunity is offered to support closing a learning gap and strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. Tier 2 is mandatory summer school to prevent retention. 65 students have confirmed participation.

Free summer meals, including breakfast and lunch 7-days per week, will be provided beginning in June. A survey was sent out to families and all members of the household ages 3 – 18 are eligible for meals. Delivery or pickup is offered on Mondays and Wednesday each week. Currently, 55

families have signed up including both DCS and DTHS.

The BOE also approved:

- Ian Cox, A Team Baseball Head Coach.
- employment of Abigail Groves, Substitute Teacher (afternoon).
- Brittani Dahlman, Fulltime Social Worker.
- Chuck Butterbordt, .5 Technology Teacher / .5 Math Interventionist.
- employment of Hannah Bookheimer, First Grade Teacher.
- employment of Cassie Maxard, First Grade Teacher.
- IASB Annual Dues of \$2,519.
- IESA Annual Membership and 2021-22 dues of \$1,165.
- the 2021-22 Student Handbook.
- the employment of extra-curricular personnel for 2021-22.
- the re-employment of support staff for 2021-22.
- 8th Grade Graduates pending successful completion of all requirements.
- the substitution list for continuation of employment, 2021-22.
- the parent/community member volunteer list for 2021-22.
- the 2021-22 Consolidated District Plan.

The next regular meeting of the Dwight Common School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16. Meetings are open to the public. In addition, members of the Redbird and Trojan community are able to virtually attend regularly scheduled monthly board meetings. Virtual attendees are able to view and listen only. To comment or participate, in-person attendance is required.



Dwight Hosting Memorial Day Service May 31

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Veterans Day, it’s customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States throughout the country’s history. However, there is a distinction between the two holidays:

- **Memorial Day** commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the **ultimate sacrifice** for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.
- **Veterans Day** is the day set aside to thank and honor **all** who served – in wartime or peacetime – regardless of whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the

week on which it falls.

Memorial Day Facts and History

Traditionally, on Memorial Day (U.S.), people visit cemeteries and memorials, and volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

The custom of honoring ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origin of Memorial Day – or **Decoration Day**, as it was first known – is unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics. After the Civil War, America’s need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decoration of soldiers’ graves were held in towns and cities throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

Saunemin American Legion Memorial Day Services

The Saunemin American Legion will conduct Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 31st. Services will be at Sunny Slope Cemetery, beginning at 9:30 am. The cemetery is located on Il. State Rt. 116 on the west edge of

Saunemin. In case of inclement weather, services will be conducted in the grade school gym, which is located next to the cemetery. The service, memorializing deceased veterans, is held annually by the Saunemin Legion post 531.

Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world. *Howard Zinn*

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