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Pete Meister Appointed to Dwight Village Board

May 24 Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Pete Meister to serve as a Village Trustee. The action took place when the board met on May 24.

Mr. Meister fills a two-year term vacated by former Trustee Jerry Curtis who gave up his seat to put in a bid for mayor during the April 6 Consolidated Election.

"I selected Pete because I felt that he, number one, was a family man and he was a business man. He represented the downtown business district and had some insight on those situations that face downtown business owners," said Mayor Paul Johnson. "So, with that being said, I would like a motion to appoint Pete Meister as the new Village Trustee."

All trustees present voted in



PETE MEISTER is pictured taking the Oath of Office at the May 24 session of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees.

favor of a motion to appoint Meister to the Dwight Village Board of Trustees.

In new business, Village of Dwight Committees were appointed as follows:

Public Health & Safety

Committee - Justin Eggenberger, Chair; Randy Irvin, Jenny Johnson.

Public Properties / Utilities Committee - Marla Kinkade, Chair; Chuck Butterbrodt, Pete Meister.

Ordinance, Judicial & Licensing Committee - Randy Irvin, Chair; Marla Kinkade, Jenny Johnson.

Administration Committee Paul Johnson, Chair; All Trustees.

Randy Irvin will serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.

In other new business, the board adopted the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) Declaration of Trust and approved Resolution 2021-11 executing IMET Declaration of Trust allowing for a joint investment of funds with other municipalities so as to enhance investment oppor-

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in front of the Veterans Wall, and then spoke about its 30-year Anniversary. At left, is Gary Gillespie, VFW Commander.

A Growing Success

PharmaCann offers more jobs, community friend

By Brandon LaChance

When marijuana was first legalized in Illinois, mainly for medical purposes, there were many concerns.

After years, decades of marijuana having a negative, criminal connotation, no one really knew what to expect if it became legal or if there were permitted cultivation centers (grow houses) and dispensaries.

Since opening in 2015, the PharmaCann cultivation center in Dwight has proven to help ease the tension by working with city officials and agencies, helping the community and providing jobs as it prepares for an employment expansion.

"We're looking to add a second shift and this will be the first second shift to any of Pharma-Cann's facilities from Illinois to Massachusetts," said PharmaCann's operations manager Michael Manietta, who graduated from Coal City High School, earned a bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University and a master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University. "There are Pharma-Cann cultivation centers along the I-80 corridor in Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York. We're the furthest west of our footprint for PharmaCann.

"Right now we have 73 employees. We are currently looking to hire nine more, which will give us 82. With that second shift, we're looking to add another 12 employees. Hopefully by October, we're looking to possibly have 94 employees. When I started here two years ago, we had about 32 employees. That's how fast we're growing.'

The proposed second shift would come in after the first shift to continue the center's process of growing the plants, harvesting, drying and curing, sending the plants out for testing, packaging and sending the product (called Matter) to dispensaries (Verilife) to sell.

PharmaCann has many employees from Dwight, Morris, Coal City and Braidwood as well as residents from as far south as Bloomington and Pontiac, as far north as Yorkville and as far west and east as Streator and Kankakee.

"It's a nice, small town community atmos-



phere to gain good employment. A lot of our employees believe in the medical side of marijuana and they believe in what it does and how it helps people," Manietta said. "That's what drives people to come work here. I've been in the manufacturing business for 32 years and the people we have here are very good people. I can't say enough good things about them. They're the ones who make it happen. We all help each other from one department to another to get things done."

Additional help can only mean one thing, there is more growing, cultivating to be done.

The cultivation center has not only expanded in personnel, but by its plant space as well since it recently added an 18,000 square foot indoor

"We can't make our product fast enough. We get it on the shelves and it's gone, especially in our edible gummies," Manietta said. "We produce flower - the cannabis buds themselves and extract the oils from the plants to make the edibles. We have our gummies (edibles), vapes, tinctures (liquid drops) and capsules. Those are our main product lines."

Besides employing local residents and adding a steady business in a turbulent economy, PharmaCann has developed relationships with the community and agencies such as the Dwight Police Department and the Dwight Fire Depart-

At first, Dwight Chief of Police Tim Henson was skeptical about working with people growing the very substance he arrested people for smoking during a large majority of his 35-year career as a police officer.

However, working with PharmaCann and building the relationship the two parties currently have, has been a pleasant surprise.

"I will tell you, not understanding how it was all going to be rolled out at first, it was extremely uncomfortable when we have a school resource officer and he teaches D.A.R.E. to kids and teaches G.R.E.A.T. to our fourth and seventh graders. Knowing that marijuana is a gateway to other drugs, it was very concerning," Henson said. "Although I wasn't an advocate for it, the state of Illinois did legalize it. We have to be willing to accept the laws of the Constitution and the law makers. So far, I can't say that I've seen anything but a positive effect of what Pharma-Cann has brought to Dwight.

"It has affected Dwight because they've become an awesome partner. They've provided us with badly needed police equipment. They contributed to some of our charity golf outings and our canine police program. They've been a very good partner to the community as far as donating revenues to help us succeed."

Henson added the drug epidemic that became extremely visible and a top target on the law priority list in the 1980s is still alive. However, marijuana is now looked at more as medicine and useful to residents while heroin and crystal meth are the culprits of the epidemic.

Manietta and PharmaCann are also excited about the bonds they're forming with police officers and fire fighters.

As time goes on and PharmaCann grows in product, employees and physical space, it hopes the community relationships also grow stronger.

"We have celebrations, luncheons and we invite the police and fire fighters to eat with us," Manietta said. "We invite them out to walk the facilities so if there is ever any issues, they're familiar with the facilities. If they need maps, we have them accessible for them.

"It's just a neighborly thing. If we have extra food or anything, we like to get it to the first responders of Dwight to show our appreciation. The city of Dwight has been wonderful to us. I can't thank them enough for looking out for us and keeping us safe."

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

May 20: Eddie Sardon, 50, Depue, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Allen T. Popovich, 60, Custer Park, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

May 21: Cody L. Miller, 28, Dwight, unlawful use vehicle

May 22: Sheila M. Wos, 45, Normal, driving/no license/per-

May 23: Miguel W. Holloway-Valadez, 26, Joliet, fail obey stop sign, driving 1-10 MPH above limit, driving 11-14 MPH above limit.

May 26: Scott M. Crawford, 33, Bourbonnais, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

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

2 Written Warnings Speeding – 1; dog large/trespassing - 1.

Dwight Police Blotter Calls for Service: RR

Stops; 6 Return Calls; Suspicious Subject; Damage to Property; 3 Neighbor Problems; 2 Scams; 4 Walk In to PD; Check for Animal Cruelty; Medical Aid; Break in (unfounded); Motorist Assist; 2 Reckless Driver; 2 Check Vehicle; 2 Lock-out of vehicles; 1 Runaway; Found Item; Burglar Alarm; Animal Problem; Transient; Battery; Trespassing; 3 Unknown Problems; Theft; 3 Golf Cart Inspection.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 20: Susan, medical, Morris; Mazon, fire.

May 21: Prairie, medical. May 22: Wilmac, medical, Morris.

May 24: Locust, CO Detector, no patient; John, medical, Morris; I-55, trauma, refusal.

May 25: Bannon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, St. Crossing Problem; 10 Traffic James; I-55, fire.

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Financial Tips for the Self-Employed

Being self-employed has some benefits: You get to choose your own hours, you don't have to count "vacation days" and you'll never worry about getting downsized. On the other hand, you're truly on your own - there's no employer-sponsored retirement plan and no benefits package. So, if you've recently started a business or become a "gig worker," possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, what can you do to get on the road to financial security? There are several steps you can take, including the following:

• **Establish a budget**. When you're self-employed – and especially when you're first starting out – you need to keep tight control over where your money is going. So, establish a budget and stick to it.

 Open a retirement plan. As a self-employed individual, you can choose a retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE-IRA or an "owner-only" 401(k). When your earnings are limited, you can contribute modest amounts to any of these plans, but when your income rises, you can boost your contributions. While these retirement plans have some things in common, including tax-deferred growth of earnings, they differ in other areas, such as contribution limits, and one plan may be more suitable for you than another, depending on whether you have em-

ployees. You may want to consult with a financial advisor to determine which plan is best for your needs. Build an emergency fund. When you work for a business or other organization, your income is predictable but that's usually not the case when you're self-employed. And when your earnings are uneven, you can be vulnerable to financial stress when you face an unexpected expense. To help protect yourself from these threats, try to gradually build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

• Pay down your debts. Some debts, such as loans to help your business, may be unavoidable - and even productive. But other debts, especially those that can't be deducted from your taxes and carry a high interest rate, are far less useful, so you may want to set up a repayment plan. With your other expenses, you might not be able to whittle these debts down as fast you'd like, but, over time, your efforts can pay off.

• Put money aside for taxes. Because no employer is withholding taxes from your paychecks, you will likely have to make quarterly estimated payments. Plus, you're responsible for all your Social Security taxes, which, i vou worked for someone else, would be split between you and your employer. To make sure you've got enough money available to pay your taxes, you might want to set up a special account - one that's not used for any other

• Get proper insurance. Depending on the nature of your work, you may or may not need some type of business insurance, but if you have a family, you should certainly consider the need for life insurance, and you may also want to consider disability insurance

Self-employment can be quite fulfilling - and you'll find it even more rewarding when you make the right financial moves

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Temps - 2021

May 20 - high 83°, low 62° May 21 – high 84°, low 65° May 22 - high 84°, low 65°

.02" precip. May 23 – high 81°, low 62° trace precip.

May 24 – high 87°, low 65° May 25 – high 84°, low 63° .48" precip.

May 26 – high 80°, low 56° One Year Ago-June 2, 2020 high 86°, low 67°



Dwight Fire Incidents *5/20 - 5/27*

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following

May 20: Elevator rescue, trapped people – East Mazon

May 24: Motor vehicle accident - I-55.

May 25: Grass fire – I-55. May 26: Mutual Aid to

May 27: Vehicle Fire – I-55. Dwight FPD also responded to seven medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Dwight Permits Issued

04/30/21 – Village of Dwight, 417 W. Waupansie Street, Sign; Craig Krug, 301 S. Old Rt. 66, Sign; Althea Harris, 316 W. James Street, Fence; Craig Smith, 118 W. Chippewa Street, Fence; Dorothy Dawson, 113 W. Delaware, Fence; Tim & Carrie Taylor, 223 W. Chippewa Street, Demo & New

05/05/21 – Anthony Craven, 320 E. Seminole Street, Plumb-

05/10/21 – Todd Becker, 507 Lloyd Drive, Fence &

05/12/21 - Phil & Debbie Becker, 704 S. Old Rt. 66, Storage Units.

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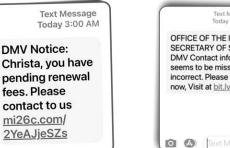
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Jesse White Warns Residents to Be Aware of Scams Targeting Illinoisans

White is warning Illinois residents to be on alert for multiple texting and e-mailing scams claiming to be from the Secretary of State's office seeking personal information to defraud Illinoisans.

"I have zero tolerance for fraudsters who prey on people in desperate times," said White. "My office is working with the Illinois Attorney General's office to protect Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes."

White is warning the public of scammers who are sending unsolicited text messages or emails claiming to be from the Illinois Secretary of State. In some instances, the scammers copy the Secretary of State website logos and masthead to appear official.

White says these texts and e-mails are scams and recipi-

Secretary of State Jesse ents should not click on any links or provide any information. Visiting these various fraudulent websites could place malware on the recipients' devices or trick them into disclossensitive personal

information. The Secretary of State's office **never** requests personal information, like a Social Security number, via text message or e-mail. "Delete the text or e-mail,"

said White. "Do not click on them and do not provide any of your personal information."

White encourages people to take steps to protect their personal information:

• Delete e-mails and texts that promise or offer access to driver's licenses or state ID cards, and do not click on any links contained in such e-mails or text messages, as they may place malware on your devies.

• Hang up on any calls, in-

cluding robocalls, which ask individuals to take immediate action or provide personallyidentifiable information, such as your Social Security number or bank account number.

• Ask to use other types of identifiers besides your Social Security number.

• Keep your software up to date, including your phone and computer operating systems and antivirus protection programs. Most phones, computers and antivirus software can be set to update automatically when new software versions are released.

If you have questions about text message scams or identity theft, call the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 800-386-5438 (Chicago), 800-243-0618 (Springfield), or 800-243-0607

Vaccinating for a Safer, Healthier Summer

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is helping families move past COVID-19 and enjoy safer, healthier fun in the sun this summer. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), over 30% of Livingston County residents have been fully vaccinated as

of May 28, 2021. As vaccination rates begin to slow, the LCHD has moved their mass vaccination clinics back to the health department after months of traveling to community sites. Community partners that have hosted public clinics include: First Baptist Church (Pontiac), First Baptist Church (Fairbury), St. Patrick's Catholic Church (Dwight), United Methodist Church (Dwight), Woodland Community School (Streator), and Grace Episcopal Church (Pon-

tiac). The LCHD also coordinated private vaccination clinics with Livingston schools, long-term care facilities, large local employers, and other government agencies.

able to distribute the vaccine as quickly or efficiently without the help of our community partners," explained Tondra Harris, LCHD Director of Nursing. "We could not be more grateful for their support during this critical time.'

The LCHD is doing their part to help students prepare for next school year and support families in their summer plans with vaccination clinics at the health department (310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac).

 Moderna and Johnson & Johnson Vaccines: Monday and Friday mornings, 7:00-9:00 a.m.; Monday afternoons, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

• *Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Vaccines: Tuesday afternoons, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

• *Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Vaccines: Saturday, June 5, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Further details can be found on their website, lchd.us/site/covid -19-vaccination/. *Pfizer is available to anyone age 12 and

"We would not have been older with parental consent required for those under age 18.

"The optimism and excitement of many people attending vaccination clinics is palpable,' said Erin Fogarty, LCHD Health Education & Marketing Director. "We've had countless people share their plans of long-overdue visits with loved ones and travels to new places, as well as just a sense of relief

from worrying about COVID." There are lots of benefits to being fully vaccinated against

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It is essential that community members remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19. Those individuals who are unvaccinated are asked to continue social distancing and wearing a facemask when unable to maintain distance in order to help reduce virus transmission. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, contact your healthcare

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The Chicago Tribune was sold last week to the hedge

fund Alden Global Capital. Hedge funds are designed so that investors can share in the financial risk involved

with a purchase.

The other risk — whether the Trib will continue to be a bastion of mostly reliable information, cornerstoned by a strong mix of columnists, or will be drained of its journalistic value by a demand for greater profitably — remains to be seen.

Chicago needs a lot of leadership in many areas, and good newspapers will be necessary to seek out and report on all of the rights and wrongs in The Windy City.

Let's hope the sale of the Trib will not become a negative factor in the future life of what should be the greatest -not the deadliest -- city in the Midwest.

Congratulations to those folks who have moved and planted the downtown flowerpots on East Main Street in Dwight. They will serve a very worthwhile purpose and help to take eyes off the construction/detour barrels.

Next up for attention: the clocks in Chamber Park.

by Tom Tock



The family of Robins in the nest above the downspouts at our house seem to be doing well in spite of hot or cold weather.

The doting parents spend the days scouring the neighborhood for bugs and worms to feed the hungry chicks that now crowd the nest.

A pro-life activist like myself feels obligated to note that we live in a strange place - a nation that in 1973 removed legal protections for unborn human life — has protected adult Robins and their eggs since 1918.

To quote Wikipedia: "The American Robin is protected in the United States by the U.S. Migratory Bird Protection Act -- it is a felony to kill a Robin."

Celebrating Future and Early Career Teachers

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met at the El Paso Golf Club May 18 for the first time in a face-to-face meeting since February 2020. The members celebrated the accomplishments of future and early career teachers

The college recruitment grant of \$200 was awarded by Marcia Wahls (Lexington) to Janessa Knapp (Fairbury), who will be a senior at Illinois State University majoring in elementary education. She has a 4.0 grade point average and has received various scholarships. Ashlyn Kratochvil, who is graduating from Prairie Central High School, received the \$200 high school recruitment grant. She will be attending ISU in elementary education. When she becomes certified, she will be the fourth generation in her family to become a teacher.

Louann Harms awarded \$100 early educator grants to two teachers. Member Hayley Heuermann (Washington) teaches music and theater at Midland. With her award she is purchasing small posters that share the life and music of famous composers. Carly Hartman teaches Family and Consumer Science at Eureka High School and is purchasing sets of sharp kitchen knives for the kitchens.

Carol Hughes (Roanoke) introduced collegiate member Kammi Osborn (East Peoria) who is seeking a degree in special education and elementary education at Eureka College. As a Golden Apple Scholar she receives funds to attend college and participates in teaching experiences in schools in Illinois



Kratochvil, Kammi Osborn, Hayley Heuermann, and Carly Hartman.

each summer. One summer she member. Treasurer Janet Kilgus helped in a classroom in inner city Chicago with students who only spoke Spanish. After earning her degree and certification, she is to seek employment in schools-of-need for at least five

Elaine Cunningham (Minonk) and Marianne Hall (Dwight) honored the passing of members Jari Lynn Oncken in 2019 and Lila Mccully in

Co-Pres. Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal) remembered the chapter's 80th birthday with a decorated cake for dessert. At the business meeting, Co-Pres. Karen Harms (Fairbury) recognized Marianne Hall as a 55year member and Elaine (Fairbury) announced that the deadline for collecting dues is June 15.

Kay Hammer (Fairbury) thanked members who contributed checks this past year for a Malawi well. She held a drawing for the contributors. Two hanging geranium baskets were won by Marcia Wahls and Jan Liston (Bloomington).

Lou Ann Jacobs noted that the Illinois legislature reported the backlog of unpaid bills has been reduced to four billion. Schools are receiving money from the federal government based on population and lowincome students. The state is seeking permission to use federal money to repay loans taken

Kaufman (Eureka) reminded collegiate members they should contact regional education offices concerning substitute teaching as there is a shortage of substitute teachers.

Women in the Arts Chair Barb Baumann (Minonk) announced that the Creative Arts Retreat will be held virtually June 21-25 and offer 23 sessions. Carol Hoffman (Fairbury) will present a card project.

On September 11, Jan Liston will present "Tour of the Holy Land" at Edinger's Filling Station in Pontiac.

For more information, visit dkg.org or contact Carol Cunningham as a 50-year out during the pandemic. Sara Hughes at chughes@mtco.com.





NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: GARDNER

On an annual basis Gardner CCSD 72C is required to conduct a public hearing involving parents and interested stakeholders to determine an appropriate action plan for the use of Title I funds. This meeting intends to increase the district's parental involvement and allow stakeholders an opportunity to share viewpoints that may further our learners' successes. Additionally, this meeting will review the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of our District.

This annual meeting will be facilitated at Gardner Grade School in the cafeteria on Tuesday, June 8, at 3:00 P.M. Any person interested in participating in this public hearing should call 815-237-2313 or email Superintendent/Principal, Dr. Michael Merritt, at mmerritt@ggs72.org with any questions.

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GLCAC June **Gallery Show** 'Gone Fishing'

"Gone Fishing" is the June 2021 featured gallery show at the Greater Livingston County Arts Council (GLCAC) Art Center. It will open Friday, June 4, in the Joe Bailey Gallery and runs through Wednesday, June 30.

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

The show features work by artists John Fitzgerald and Constance Kostelc. It includes paintings, sculptures, photos and multimedia, all with a fish

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

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

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ERRAN MELTON stands next to the recently constructed little library and little food pantry in Emington. The little library was put together in memory of Kathy Cramer and Vincent Furlano. A special thank you goes out to Kay Godby, Randy and Carrie (Crouch) Howland, David Flessner, Nathan Wells, and Barbara Hahn for everything. Marvin seems to like it as



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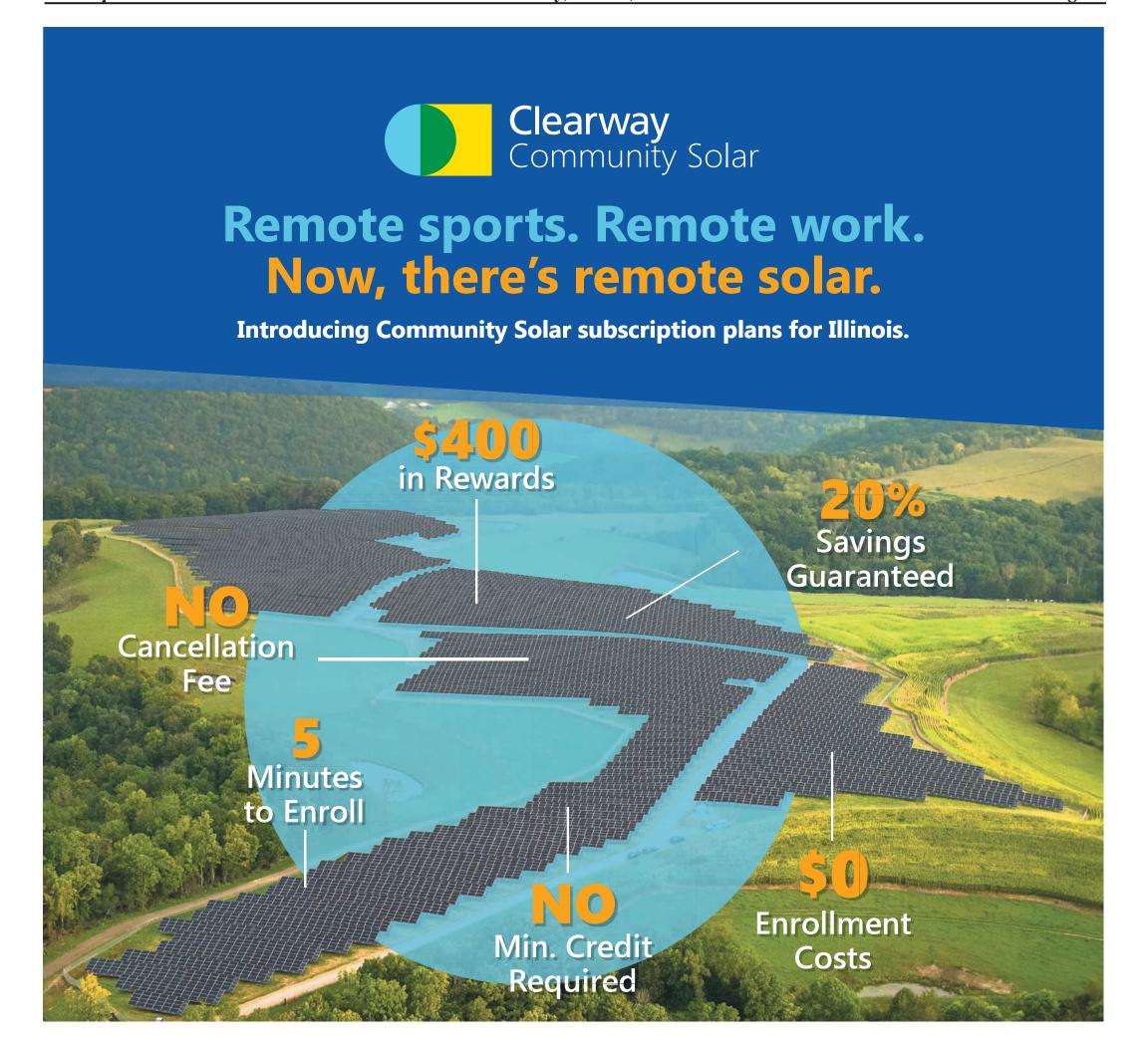
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This summer, Aubrie Kavanaugh from Mazon will join outstanding elementary school students from across the state to take part in a unique academic and career oriented development experience, the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Pathways to STEM, taking place in St. Louis, MO.

NYLF Pathways to STEM is one of the Envision by WorldStrides family of programs (envisionexperience.com) that enables students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Aubrie was nominated to attend the forum by her third grade teacher Ms. Connie Terrel at Coal City Elementary School. Aside from her love for school, Aubrie is passionate about Performing Arts, and dances at the On Broadway Dance Center in Diamond. With dreams of being a veterinarian, Aubrie is looking forward to gaining the hands-on medical experience that the forum provides.

"As an alumna of Envision myself, I am excited for Aubrie to meet, work, and collaborate with fellow high-

aspiring students from other cities and schools," said Amanda Freitag Thomas, SVP for Envision. "Hands down, my favorite part of attending an Envision program was being with motivated students in an environment designed to help us challenge our assumptions, meet new people, and grow. Creating that same learning environment is a central focus for all of our programs. At NYLF Pathways to STEM, students build the confidence and skills needed to excel in the classroom while gaining exposure to STEM fields and concepts. They learn how to adapt to and communicate in new situations, to new challenges, and with new people, which, given how rapidly the world is changing due to technology and innovation, are essential skills for success."

Aubrie is the daughter of Jen Kavanaugh and Marshall Shearer (stepfather), and the late Kelly Kavanaugh.

For over 35 years, Envision by WorldStrides has empowered extraordinary students to become their best selves through programs that enable them to discover their passion, explore a career, and positively impact their world. In 2018, Envision became part of the WorldStrides family. The largest provider of educational travel experiences in the United States, WorldStrides works with over 50,000 educators each year to help more than 550,000 students see the world - and themselves - in

OBITUARIES

Herbert L. Tatroe

Herbert Tatroe, age 97, of Braidwood, passed away peace-Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at his home, surrounded by those who loved him.

He was born May 14, 1924 in Joliet, IL to the late George and Elsie

(nee Lembke) Tatroe. Herb served in the United States Marine Corps from 1943-1945 in the Pacific Theater of World War II in the Fifth Division.

He then married June Bertucci on June 26, 1948 in the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rockdale, IL.

He was very proud of serving others all his life. Herb was the former Assistant Band Director for Lockport Township High School, where he led the marching band to win first place in the nation, earning the Music Man award in 1962. He was also the band director at Rockdale Jr. High School, eventually retiring from the Rockdale Grade School.

Herb was a part-time police officer in the early 1950s; he also worked part-time for the Street Department in Rockdale; was a former bus driver for Joliet Township High School; worked at Wedgewood Golf Course in Plainfield; and served as Rockdale Village Trustee.

Herb also spent his time serving for the Rockdale Fire Department as a Fireman, Fire Protection District Trustee, and was the Fire Chief for over 20 years.

In his limited free time, he loved to be with his family, watching his grandchildren grow. Occasionally you could find Herbie on the golf course. Although

he enjoyed golf, he was passionate about looking for the lost golf balls.

Surviving are four children: Carol (Hector) Cerrillo, Ernest "Butch" (Felicia) Tatroe, Linda (Jeff Pearson) Adams, and Charlie (Mary) Tatroe; numerous grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; one brother, Robert Tatroe; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, June Tatroe on November 22, 2008; one brother, George (Pat) Tatroe; and one sister, Evelyn Ahlvin.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held. Inurnment with military honors will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to Lightways Hospice, the former Joliet Area Community Hospice.

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

More obituaries appear on page 7.

St. Paul School Pre-Registration for '21-'22 Preschool

St. Paul School in Odell is attention in a safe and nurturing accepting pre-registration for new students in the all-day or half-day three-year old preschool program. A child's spot will be held with completed registration paperwork and a \$50 registration fee. The fouryear old class is tentatively full, however, a waiting list has been started for that section. This program has been at capacity for the last several school years so the time is now to reserve a spot for the fall.

St. Paul offers all-day, fivedays-a-week preschool for children ages three and four. A family may choose to enroll for half-day classes, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, or full-day classes from 8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Students must be at least three years old and potty trained. Students receive individualized

learning environment. The curriculum will include educational activities that are structured for age-appropriate skills. The day also includes snacks, physical activity, rest period, and exploratory classes like art, p.e. and music. Students have the option of hot lunch for \$2.50 a day. Transportation is available from Dwight, Emington, Odell, and Campus, but buses are nearing capacity. Uniforms are not reguired for preschool students.

Cost of all-day preschool is \$387 each month. Many parents will find this cost to be less expensive than standard daycare. Preschool students are required to provide a birth certificate and proof of a physical by a healthcare provider.

St. Paul School also offers



after school care for \$5 each day until 5:30 p.m. This program may be used on a drop-in basis for parents who have appointments or other obliga-

St. Paul School welcomes

parents and prospective students to visit anytime. For more information or to set up an appointment, e-mail school office@saintpaulodell.com or call 815-998-2194.

T a m a r a 'Tammy" Pulver, 52, passed away May 19, 2021, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born October 28, 1968, in Bloomington, IL to parents Keith and Rosemary (Simpson) Miller. She

graduated from Dwight Township High School with the class

In 1991, she received her B.S. in Pharmacy from Purdue University, where she was a member of Rho Chi honor society, Kappa Epsilon profesfraternity sional Shoemaker Cooperative Hous-

While at Purdue, Tammy made lifelong friends and met her husband Robert Pulver while in pharmacy school. She and Rob married on May 25. 1991, and eventually returned to Dwight to build a life together.

Tammy and Rob continued to frequent Purdue University throughout the years, taking their boys to football and basketball games and supporting the college of pharmacy. Her oldest son, Owen, is now a Boilermaker as he will be starting his third year of veterinarian school and their younger son Wesley graduated Cum Laude from Augustana University recently and is looking forward to a new adventure of living in Chicago and working for RedMane Technologies. She was extremely proud of her boys and their accomplish-

Tammy worked as a pharmacist for almost 30 years before retiring in March of 2021 due to her illness. She worked the past 18 years for Green Tree Pharmacy as a long-term care consultant pharmacist. While working for Green Tree Pharmacy, she developed many friendships with the staff and residents of the facilities that she consulted. Tammy touched hundreds of lives during her tenure and took great pride in her work.

In high school, Tammy was salutatorian of her class and participated in many activities including drama, band, cheerleading and track. During her junior year, she qualified for the state track meet in the 200m dash.

In July of 2016, Tammy found another passion and became a Mary Kay consultant. This was a perfect match for her as she loved helping people and empowering women to see

Tamara Pulver



their own strength and beauty. She greatly appreciated the network of friendships she developed through Mary Kay and the support they provided during her illness.

Tammy was an active member of the Dwight United Methodist

Church, where she participated the Dwight United Methodist Women's group and Hens' Bible Study Group. While her children were growing up, she was a Sunday School teacher as well as taking an active role in the summer bible school program for many years. Tammy's strong faith was a comfort to her and helped her through her illness.

Tammy had a love for life and knowledge and enjoyed so many things. She loved music and could be counted on to know the answer for any music question or most trivia for that matter. Her quick wit and joyful personality could brighten any occasion. She was a loving mother to Owen and Wesley and wife to Rob. She cherished the time when all four of them could be together. She felt so blessed to have the support of many friends and family members during her illness.

Tammy is survived by her husband Rob of Dwight; two sons, Owen of West Lafayette, and Wesley of Dwight; parents, Keith and Rosemary Miller of Dwight; brother, Jeff (Aimee) of Elburn; aunt Judy (Phyllis) Miller of Roseville, California; mother-in-law, Janice Pulver of Leo, Indiana; and brother-inlaw, Ray (Kristine) Pulver of Leo, Indiana; and nieces, Gwen and Morgan; and nephews, John-Michael, Ian, Jacob and Josh.

Tammy was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bill and Velma Miller; grandparents, Lee and Irene Simpson; father - in - law, Raymond Pulver Sr.; and sister-in-law, Denise (Pulver) Lust.

Visitation will be held at Dwight United Methodist Church on Friday, June 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a memorial service following at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials in Tammy's name may be made to Dwight United Methodist Church or Purdue Center for Cancer Research.

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, IL is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary may be read, and guestbook signed at www.hagermemorial.com

Braceville Elementary 4th Quarter Honor Roll

High Honors Fifth Grade: Blake Brassard.

Angel Kucera. Sixth Grade: Kaden Cavaness.

Eighth Grade: Andrew Nel-

First Honors

Sixth Grade: Isabella Attaway, Abby Galass, Tyler Galass, Fifth Grade: Gordon Hardy,

Holden Grimes, Haberkorn, Christopher Ozee, Eythyn Rossi, Jade Schweitzer. Seventh Grade: Britney Fatlan, Chevann Wampler.

Eighth Grade: Jarrek Hirsch, Emily McGarvey.

Second Honors

Boose Lacey Rodriguez, Morgan Stockman, Abigail Watts. Sixth Grade: Zachary Lattanzi. Seventh Grade: Kylee Lind-

ner. Eighth

Dwight

Grade: Bradley Castelli, Robert Gruetzmacher.

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South Wilmington GS Final Nine Weeks Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Roman

Faletti. Sixth Grade: Carmela D'Amico.

Fifth Grade: Marissa Bafia, Lily Buck, Ella Friddle, Evan Simms.

Eighth Grade: Cheyenne Jett. Lyla Cacello, Leah Olson, Grady Phillips, Ty Tjelle.

Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Tess Brooks, Maya Cacello.

Maddie Simms.

Fourth Grade: David Allen, Sixth Grade: Carlie Brooks, Landyn Phillips, Jack Popplewell, Tessa Rankovich, Pey-

ton Thomas. Fifth Grade: Cara Boudreau, Claudia D'Amico, Carson Lawless, Vanna Winchell.

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Terry Bumpous

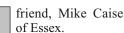
Terry Bumpous, age 60, of Essex and formerly of Custer Park, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021 at his home.

Born January 24, 1961 in Joliet, Illinois, Terry Lynn was a son of Robert Joseph and

Mildred (Beasley) Bumpous. He was raised and educated in Custer Park, and went on to become a heavy equipment operator with Local 150, retiring from Gallagher Asphalt.

Terry enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as motorcycles. He will most be remembered as a doting "Papa" and cherished time spent with his grandsons.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Olivia Bumpous of Wilmington; two grandsons, Parker and Brayden; one brother, Larry Bumpous of South Dakota; several nieces and nephews; his former wife, Brenda Welsh of Wilmington; and his lifelong Home in Wilmington.



Terry was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Donnie in 2015 and Michael in infancy.

The family received friends at a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home,

Wilmington, on Friday, May 28, 2021 from 3 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 5 p.m. Pastor Joe Pospischil from Families of Faith offici-

Cremation rites were accorded following the services.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guestbook, upload photographs, and share Terry's memorial page online through social media by logging on to: www.Basker villeFuneral.com/obituary/Terr y-Bumpous

Funeral services and cremation arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral

Delores Huston

Delores Huston passed at home evening, Sunday February 21, 2021 with her family at her side.

She leaves behind Bill, her loving husband of 61 years; her son, Jeffrey (Tina); daughter-in-law, Andrea;

grandchildren: Eric, Mallory and Paige; sister, Elaine Stonemark; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in passing by her son, John William; infant daughter, Sally Ann; and her sister, Lois Vigna (Barney).

Delores was born to Joseph and Mary Sandeno and grew up on the family farm in Gardner, IL and eventually moved to CA as a wife and mother in

The Huston family eventually settled in University City, a new family development. Delores worked hard as a mother, wife, and tireless volunteer. Along with other UC families, she was instrumental in helping to develop the little league fields where her sons later played.

She volunteered for many years at Project Concern, a local women's shelter; she worked as a realtor; and also

started a Cub Scout pack in UC.

When sons were grown, she started a second career at General Atomics, where she worked 20+ years. Delores was a Renaissance woman who was loved by everyone who met

her and will be deeply missed. She was a beautiful lady, inside and out.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there is limited capacity allowed at the church for her memorial service, it will be held privately at the United Lutheran Church with the inurnment following in Gardner Prairie Cemetery.

All family, friends and former classmates are invited to a Celebration of Delores' life, Saturday, June 5, 2021 at the United Lutheran Church in Gardner at approximately 1:00

R. W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

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

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

The Paper

fax: 815-584-2196 email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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

DaKota William Voigts, Petitioner.

No. 2021MR44

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE

Request of DaKota William Voigts

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from DaKota William Voigts to the new name of DaKota William

The Court date will be held on July 1, 2021, at 3:45 p.m. at 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

/s/ DaKota William Voigts

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Rodger Merville Christensen

Rodger Merville Christensen died May 3, 2021 at the Marion VA CLC Hospice Center in Marion, IL.

Rodger was born May 4, 1948. He was raised by his father, Merville; his Grandmother Julia; and his uncle

and aunt, James and Jean Small. He grew up on the family farms in Gardner, IL. Rodger was a graduate of

GSW High School, Class of 1967. After graduation, he enlisted in the USMC and was off to Camp Pendleton in San Diego, ĈA for basic training.

He served a tour of duty in Vietnam. Upon his return home from two years of military service he worked at the Armory Arsenal in Elwood, IL. It was there that he met Donna Sue Hall. He and Donna married on December 19, 1970 and settled into life on one of the family farms in rural Gardner.

Roger took a position at Lyondell Chemicals in Morris, where he worked for 35 years until his retirement. He served as the company Fire Chief and Safety Supervisor. He took and taught numerous chemical and fire safety classes in the area and at Texas A&M and UNLV.

He was also a Pit Crewman for numerous Indianapolis 500s. After his retirement from Lyondell, he worked at the South Wilmington Firemen's Beach Club in maintenance and groundskeeping.

He was a member of the Gardner American Legion Post 663, the VFW and American Legion in Golconda, and The Church of Hope in Gardner. He served on the Reddick Ambulance Board and the Grundy County Vietnam Memorial Board. He also farmed for many years and was an avid hunter. Later in life, he moved to Golconda to be closer to his granddaughters. He made many friends and enjoyed his time living there.

Rodger is survived by his daughter, Christina (Greg) Eddington of Golconda; two sons: Robert (Sara) Christensen of Joliet and Richard (Tracy Marie) of Reddick; four grand-



children: Katelyn (Bradley Eddington of Champaign, IL; Allyson and Adriene Eddington, both of Golconda; and Logan Christensen of Joliet.

He is also survived by one brother, Theodore

Christensen of Gardner; three sisters-in-law: Wanda Thompson of Scarbro, WV; Jean Tyree of Akron, Ohio; and Sandra Hall of Kingston, WV; two brothers-in-law: Nick (Joyce) Hall and Joey Hall, both of Scarbro, WV; 24 nieces and nephews; numerous greatnieces and nephews; cousins; and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; grandparents; uncle and aunt; his wife of 39 years, Donna; one sister, Carol Jean Christensen; five sistersin-law: Linda Christensen, Jane Bell, Margaret Hall, Shirley Tyree, and Rosemary Waldron; four brothers-in-law: Wayne Hall, Alvin Waldron, William Tyree and Blaine Tyree; and two nephews.

Per Rodger's wishes, he was cremated.

Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and Gardens, Elwood, IL. His final resting place will be with Donna on the same grounds that they met.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Marion VA Hospice Organization, the Pope County Golden Circle, or the Reddick Fire Fund.

Visitation and memorial service will be held Friday, June 4, 2021 at the Reddick United Methodist Church, Reddick, IL. Visitation will be from 4 until 7 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Boesen will officiate.

Private burial will be at a

Honorary pallbearers are: Daniel Anderson, Matt Anderson, Brian Christensen, Ed-Christensen, Eddington, Greg Hall, Aaron Paquette, John Hollmeyer, Jared Riche, Sean Richie, Riley Thompson, Blaine Waldron, Brian Waldron and Carson Waldron.



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We would like to thank all the wonderful people who remembered our family in the death of our loved one, Tom Magers. We would like to express a special thank you to the Campus-Emington Fire Dept., and the Dwight EMTs and Fire Dept. Our family would like to give a big thank you to Steven of Hager Memorial Home. You were so great to our family. We would also like to send a special thank you to Pastor Crissy Salser of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. You gave a beautiful service for Tom.

Thank you for all the food, cards, gifts, beautiful flowers, and plants. Especially thank you for all your prayers and love you showed our family. Tom is really going to be missed, but with all the wonderful friends and family we have, we will make it through.

> Donna M. Jana S. Janet W.

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Sign Up Now for **Summer Reading at LTLD** brid of online activities, out-

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) invites the community to join them for a bright summer with their Summer Reading Program -Reading Colors Your World!

Their program begins Monday, June 7, when community members can drop in or pick up their latest Gardening Graband-Go from the University of Illinois Extension office. This project includes sweet corn seed packets to grow in your

Help them Kick off Summer Reading 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 and there is a limit of eight families.

Registration for Reading Colors Your World is open until Saturday, June 26, at LTLD.

Because of COVID-19, ago. They are planning a hy-

door 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, 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. Other activities include Bad

Art Night Wednesday, June 9; Faux Stained Glass for Adults and Teens Thursday, June 19.

For more information on upcoming programs, visit limestonelibrary.org.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at Summer Reading will not look info@limestonelibrary.org, or exactly like it did a few years message them at Facebook or Instagram.

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,

Plaintiff,

SHAWN P. HOLMES,

and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants. No. 21-CH-16

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 Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lot 88 in First Addition to Westview Subdivision, City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as referenced on a Plat recorded October 16, 1979 as Document Number 387228.

PIN: 15-16-451-031 Commonly known as: 1401 Nixon Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is SHAWN P. HOLMES. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on February 21, 2020 and recorded on February 28, 2020 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2020R-00775. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 21-CH-16 is currently pending. The attorney

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 appearance 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 June 30, 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.

for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313

Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.

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

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Your Final Checklist

Your Documents

- Have you written a will? Is it up to date?
- power of attorney?
- Where are your important documents? Who has access to them? Have you recorded your passwords for all your online accounts and social media profiles?
- Who will be your enduring guardian? This is the person who can speak up for you about medical interventions if you can't.
- If you have children, who be their legal guardian?
- Have you told your loved ones what medical interventions you want and do not want and under what circumstances?
- Have you written your advance care directive?
- Have you written an **Emotional Will?**

Your Send-Off

- What type of funeral do you want?
- Do you want to be buried, cremated or something else
- Where do you want to be buried or have your ashes scattered or your tree planted?
- What do you want written on your headstone/plaque memorial?
- Who do you want to perform the eulogy?

- Do you want to write your own obituary?
- Do you want to donate to • Have you nominated your a charity in lieu of flowers or in lieu of anything else? Or do you want to do both?
 - · Have you looked into "Do It Yourself" funerals?

Your Loved Ones

- Have you discussed your end of life plans with family and friends?
- Would you prefer to die at home?
- Is there something comforting that you might want in the room with you as you are dying?
- What would you like to be said to you in your final days/moments? (Many people want to be told that their affairs are in order and their dependents will *be taken care of)*
- What do you hope for the people who are around you while you're dying?
- Who will receive special family items such as photos and treasured heirlooms?
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The Dwight Grade School has been an important part of my life, my entire life. In 1965, the year the school opened its door, I was in first grade. Our two children attended, and I have taught 30 years at the Dwight Grade School.

When we were married in 1978, I was attending JJC. We wanted to start a family and I quit JJC, having one more semester to finish. We had our kids in 1980 and 1982. When they were four and six years old, I decided to go back to JJC and receive my Associate's Degree. I can remember thinking, this is a good way to see if my brain is still working before I move on for my Bachelor's Degree. When my Associate's Degree from JJC was completed, I started at ISU and completed my last two years driving to ISU from Dwight five days a week. I later received my Master's Degree from Olivet Nazarene College.

This had been my dream, to be a teacher and raise a family. So, along with my supportive husband, Mike, I was able to accomplish this, not always easy, feat. Mike's support was imperative to get this done. A time to change from mom to student and back again on my way home, to and from ISU, was actually a blessing and time I often called my sanity

After subbing and filling a maternity leave at the Goodfarm School, I was hired for a third-grade position at Dwight Grade School. I later taught first grade for close to 20 years and then moved back to third, but finally landed where I am today, in fourth grade. In fact, the Vigna kids from this year's graduating seniors 2021, were my students for both third and fourth grade. Spending two years with them was an incredible blessing.

Teaching at the Dwight Grade School was a wonderful experience and I am so grateful to have taught several grade levels because of the wealth of information and understanding of how each grade level is so important and so different.

Families have changed and kids have changed due to the many changes in our society. Yet, it's important to note that families and children have not changed at all. Everyone wants to be heard and respected. The kids want love and someone to listen and show them they are important, but also that the world is open for them to become whoever they want to become. What a joy it has been to be a part of that need in so many children's lives. Just ask any of them how many 'Life Lessons' they listened to from Mrs. Vigna. I'm going to miss that opportunity to talk about life with them.

Huge thanks to my husband, Mike, and children, Andy and Kelli. We all survived my decision to be a teacher when we were a young family. And now they are raising their children and thriving in this ever-changing world. Mike and I have five delightful grandchildren ages: seven, ten, 11, 15, and 17.

Thank you to the many fam-

been a part of this amazing journey. You will all be a part of my heart forever.

John Maxwell said it best: Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Mary Gigi Pierard

Mary Gigi Pierard has spent 22 years as a teacher at Gardner Grade School, and is now transitioning into the retired life.

Noting age and a need for time to herself as her reasons for retiring now, Pierard plans to watch her grandson and travel during her newfound free

Of her time spent teaching, Pierard says she's enjoyed being part of a small community and a school with great staff members.

"When we land on something that helps a student," is what Pierard looks back on most fondly, and when inquired about what she'll miss most about teaching, she says "The kids and their reality about

Residing in Coal City, Pierard has two children, one grandchild, and a dog.

Darcy Welsh



Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Middle School's Darcy Welsh has taught sixth-eighth grade Science, been Scholastic Bowl Coach (16 years), Cheer cocoach (1 year), Speech Coach (3 years), Academic Explorers facilitator (4 years), and the You Be the Chemist school facilitator (15 years), following 25 years as an RN.

Philadelphia, PA in 2011, as the Illinois teacher delegate.

When asked why she's choosing to retire, she says "My vision is decreasing and it's becoming difficult to see with accuracy. Being 69 years old – that might be normal!"

Darcy plans to enjoy more time with her children and grandchildren during her retirement, with hopes of catching up on reading and organizing family photos.

"I enjoy running, and will continue to train and race. My hope is to run another half marathon at age 70."

In regards to her feelings on stepping away from the teaching realm, Welsh says "It's bittersweet. I feel it's like a divorce from my present life to a new life. My present job will be the past. The students and coworkers will not be a part of my life day to day anymore. My whole routine as I know it will no longer exist."

And what will she miss most about teaching?

"The students," Welsh said. "The students become a part of my life as we spend the day together over the three years I teach them.'

Reflecting on her favorite memories during her teaching career, Welsh says "I have so many. In Scholastic Bowl, I had several powerhouse teams. I recall one team was undefeated until we met an "exclusive" private school in the playoffs.

ilies and children who have grade girl with beautiful red hair, Talia Freund. She came to me asking if I would support her in St. Baldricks. As I got to know her through the years I found it was her nature to do for others and not for herself. It was very difficult when I found out she had cancer that she couldn't beat.

> "As a new Speech Coach I had a student I met as a fifth grader, Trevor Till. He exceeded all expectations with his natural talent, won a 'Judge's Choice' as a fifth grader, and he went on to be a serious Scholastic Bowl player. Trevor would volunteer to help anyone at any time. He had a huge heart and was also talented as a musician and athlete. It is a tragedy the world never got to see the difference these two could have made.

"Other memories revolve around my students, the ones who struggled academically and kept trying and the ones struggling with life in general."

Welsh currently lives in Channahon, but intends to retire in eastern Tennessee. She has been married to Bob Welsh, who also retired at the end of May, for 46 years. They have two daughters, Erin and Kaitlyn, and two sons, John and Sean – who have given them eight grandchildren (five girls, three boys). The couple currently has two elderly cats, Tony and Zippy.

Marcia Machetta



Marcia Machetta has spent 38 years as an educator, 37 of which have been spent teaching at Seneca Township High Welsh attended the National School (one year at Atkinson ish Department at Seneca in You Be the Chemist Finals in High School). An English 1988, as well as the Spanish teacher – currently teaching Honors English II, English III, Humanities and Yearbook, she has been the Drama Club Adviser and Yearbook Adviser for a number of years. In fact, she has produced 22 yearbooks, in addition to coaching volleyball and softball, as well as directing many school plays in the

A three-time Teacher to Teacher award winner who received an Excellence in Education Award in 2005, Machetta says "I could have retired five years ago, but I was not ready at that time. I knew I still had much left to offer my students and my school. But now I feel ready to retire and move on to new phases in my life."

Though she still plans to substitute teach occasionally. she would like to travel with her husband, learn a new language, learn a second musical instrument, read as many books as she can, and spend as much time with her family as possi-

"I have considered teaching a privilege and a pleasure." Marcia says, "and I have loved coming to Seneca High School every day. I have been lucky to have worked with many other dedicated educators who are passionate about helping our students at SHS achieve their potential. It has truly been a blessing to be even a small part of my students' successes, and I wish them all the best. Now it is time for me to see what else "I remember a little sixth lies ahead: new hobbies, new

challenges, and new-found freedom from grading papers!"

Marchetta says she will definitely miss her students and their humor most.

"I will also miss my colleagues; I have taught with many talented teachers through the years, and I have become very good friends with many of them. I will miss my classroom as I have spent much of my life in that space; it is like my second home. I will miss learning new technology that has forced me to keep up with the changes in education.'

Mrs. Machetta lives in Morris with her husband, Steve. They have two adult sons, Michael (also a teacher) and Marc, who is an accountant/financial adviser. The couple has three grand-doggies: Oakley, Reece, and Luna.

"It is too hard to narrow 38 years of teaching into one memory," Machetta states, "but I am proud of the fact that quite a few former students have become English teachers, and I hope that I played some small role in their decision to teach."

Mary O'Connor



Mary O'Connor has taught Spanish 2, 3, and four, and been the Adviser for ESL/NHS and Spanish Club during her last 33 years of teaching – all at Seneca Township High School – and is now set on retirement.

"I have taught at the same school since graduating college," says O'Connor, "and I felt like it was time to move

O'Connor created the Span-Club and the Speech team in the same year.

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to work with students for many years," Mary says. "I have learned more from them than I could have imagined about people and our differences. Every student has a story, and there are reasons why they behave the way they do. Everyone deserves a second chance, and we should never give up on someone.

"My favorite memories have been spending time with colleagues, sharing stories and supporting each other. And my best times really are with my students who shared my enthusiasm for learning. I will miss working with students who are interested in what I have to say, who have questions for me, and need me, in general.'

Mary and her husband, Terry, have been living in Morris, however they have sold their home and are going to keep a condo in Chicago.

'My husband and I want to do a lot of traveling this first year," O'Connor adds, "and then I'd like to do some tutoring, subbing, and interpreting. I'm hoping to become a grandma someday, too! I also plan to learn to play guitar and re-learn to sew."

Mary and Terry O'Connor have three daughters: Leenie (Cameron) Berner, Erin O'-Connor (Matt Wiehl), and Caitlin O'Connor (Ben Wollam), and their Yorki-poo, Cooper.



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Herscher Hands Dwight a 16-1 Loss

Wednesday, May 26 Herscher vs. Dwight Varsity -

In varsity baseball action May 26, the Herscher Tigers took down the Dwight Trojans,

Daven Arseneau pitched all four innings for Herscher, giving up no earned runs on two hits and two walks, fanning nine batters to secure the "W".

For Dwight, Jack Denker took the loss, allowing nine earned runs on nine hits and two hit batters, striking out one in two-plus innings on the

mound. Daniel Ford pitched an SB, R), and Cody Lunsford inning in relief, giving up three (sac.) each added one RBI. earned runs on four hits and a Austin Joyce (BB, 2 R) and

The Tiger offense was spearheaded by Tyler Murray's 3-3 showing, which included a double, three runs, and four RBI. Carter Jensen went 1-2 with a single, a sacrifice, three RBI and a run scored. Joe Holohan (1-4) and Ryan Hendershott (double) put up two RBI each. Clay Schultz (HBP, ROE, 2 R), Camden Berns (4-

Brock Wenzelman (R) singled twice each, while Brock Teders singled and later scored. Bailey Hubert scored once after grounding into a fielder's choice.

Dwight's Ryan Turner knocked in his squad's only run on a single. Carson Crouch added a triple. Terry Wilkey and Denker each drew a walk, with Hudson Beier reaching on 4, 4 R), Blake Holm (1-2, HBP, an error and scoring once.



Thursday, May 20 Herscher vs. Lincoln-Way West Varsity -

The Tigers lost to Lincoln-Way West, 7-2, when they met May 20.

Daven Arseneau took the loss, allowing six earned runs on eight hits, a walk, and a hit batsman, striking out two in Clay three-plus innings. Schultz pitched in relief, striking out one and giving up one earned run on one hit. Camden Berns pitched an inning in relief, allowing a hit and recording a strikeout.

Berns led at the plate, batting in two runs on a double. Cody Lunsford singled, walked, and scored a run, with Schultz supplying a single. Austin Joyce drew two walks, with Blake Holm walking once and stealing a base.

Saturday, May 22 Herscher vs. Hoopeston Varsity -

Herscher split a doubleheader with Hoopeston May 22, falling 10-7 in the first contest, then winning 11-7 in game two.

Taking the loss on the mound in game one was Joe Holohan, giving up three earned runs on five hits, five walks, and a hit batter, striking out three in three innings. Miles Hoffman had a walk and a strikeout in two innings of relief. Clay Schultz went two innings, allowing two hits and a walk.

Offensively, Daven Arseneau (2-4, R) and Brock Wenzelman (single, sac., HBP) each knocked in two runs. Hayden Johnson reached on an error, was hit by a pitch, and recorded an RBI. Tyler Murray was 3-4 with a double, a walk, two stolen bases, and two runs scored. Schultz (BB, SB, R),

Blake Holm (HBP, 2 R), and Cody Lunsford (BB) had a single each. Bailey Hubert scored a run, while Austin Joyce walked once and reached on an error. Camden Berns was beaned twice.

HERSCHER TIGERS BASEBALL

Game two saw the Tigers come out strong early and hold onto an 11-7 victory.

Travis Jones started the game, giving up three earned runs on two hits and four walks, striking out three in three innings of work. Johnson got the win, going three innings and allowing just one hit, a hit batter, and three walks, fanning three. Berns tossed one relief inning, walking one, striking out one, hitting one, and giving up a hit.

Landon Schultz doubled, walked twice, and batted in three runs for Herscher. Berns (2-3, 2 BB, 2 R, SB) and Carter Jensen (1-3, ROE, HBP, 2 SB, R) each had two RBI. Murray (2-5), Holm (single, BB, 2 R, HBP), and Hubert (single, 2 BB, 2 SB, 2 R) had one RBI each. Schultz singled, walked once, swiped a bag, and scored twice. Holohan was hit by a pitch and added two runs. Ryan Hendershott was also beaned

Monday, May 24 Herscher vs. Manteno Varsity -

On May 24, the Tigers took a tough loss, 4-3, to Manteno.

Brock Wenzelman had a superb outing, giving up one earned run on eight hits and three walks, fanning five - but he would get a no-decision. Clay Schultz would take the loss, surrendering the run that put the game away during his seventh inning stint, in which he allowed an earned run on Lunsford all singled once. two hits and a walk, striking

Tyler Murray doubled in after being beaned.

two runs, while Blake Holm singled twice and batted in one run. Camden Berns had three singles and scored once. Daven Arseneau singled, doubled, and drew a walk. Schultz doubled and scored two runs, with Austin Joyce singling.

Tuesday, May 25 Herscher vs. Manteno Varsity -

The Herscher Tigers were defeated by Manteno on May 25, 7-1.

Camden Berns led on offense, going 3-3 with a double, a stolen base, and a run scored. Blake Holm knocked in Herscher's only run.

Berns took the loss on the rubber, allowing one earned run on two hits, two hit batters, and a walk, striking out two. Tyler Murray pitched two innings, giving up one earned run on two hits, tallying one strikeout. Miles Hoffman pitched one perfect inning, while Carter Jensen allowed four earned runs on five hits.

Thursday, May 27 Herscher vs. Coal City Varsity -Herscher was taken down

by Coal City, 10-1, on May 27. Tyler Murray was on the hook for the loss, allowing three earned runs on ten hits, recording two strikeouts. Joe Holohan pitched one inning of relief, walking one and giving up two hits. Miles Hoffman al-

lowed two hits in one inning of

At the plate, Clay Schultz had two hits for the Tigers, with Blake Holm adding a single and scoring the team's only run. Daven Arseneau (BB), Camden Berns, and Cody Rylan Hendershott drew a walk, while Holohan took first

DWIGHT TROJANS BASEBALL

Monday, May 24 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central** Varsity -The Dwight Trojans took

on Clifton Central May 24, taking a 12-1 loss.

Carson Crouch started the game on the mound, allowing four earned runs on no hits, 12 walks and a hit batter, striking out seven hitters - but he would get tagged with the loss. Jack Gallet threw in relief, giving up five earned runs on five walks, striking out one. Terry Wilkey finished the bottom of the fourth inning, allowing an earned run on two

Ryan Turner supplied the only hits for Dwight, a single

and a triple, knocking in the Trojans' only run. Crouch scored the only run, following a walk and a stolen base. Dawson Sulaica was drilled by a pitch.

Tuesday, May 25 Dwight vs. Iroquois West Varsity -

offense was Dwight's awakened May 25 against Iroquois West, but they would ultimately fall, 16-11.

Camden Beier suffered the loss, giving up seven earned runs on 11 hits, two walks, and two hit batsmen, striking out seven in five innings or work. Terry Wilkey tossed two innings in relief, allowing two

earned runs on five hits and a free pass, tallying one strike-C. Beier (2-3, double, HBP,

BB, SB, R), Ryan Turner (ROE, R), and Jack Gallet (1-3, BB, 2 SB) each had two RBI in the game. Hudson Beier (1-4, BB, 2 R), Andrew Kapper (double, 2 BB, SB, 2 R), and Terry Wilkey (FC) added an RBI each. Carson Crouch put up a single and a double, scoring twice. Dawson Sulaica drew two walks and scored a run, with Daniel Ford reaching on an error, drawing a walk, and scoring once. Tyler Frauli scored a run, while Anthony Nelson walked once.



GSW Panthers Baseball

Monday, May 24 GSW vs. **Grace Christian Academy** Varsity -

The Panthers put up a 12-1 win over Grace Christian Academy May 24. Blake Huston pitched a

complete five-inning game, allowing no earned runs on just three hits, striking out four.

Offensively for GSW, Nathan Weese batted in four runs on a 2-2 showing that included a double and a walk. Alex McElroy (single, R) each added two RBI. Huston (double, BB, R), Cale Halpin (single, BB, 2 R), and Aiddan Daugherty knocked in a run each. Dane Halpin singled, doubled, walked once, and scored twice. Ethan Maxard doubled, drew a walk, and scored two runs. Cavdan Landry was hit by a pitch.

Tuesday, May 25 GSW vs. **Grace Christian Academy** Varsity -

In back to back outings, GSW earned wins over Grace Christian Academy, this time by a score of 10-3.

Caydan Landry pitched three innings, giving up one earned run on four hits and two walks, fanning four to get the win. Bryce Handzus went two innings, not allowing a hit or a walk. Dane Halpin walked one in two innings of work.

connected on four doubles, batting in three runs and scoring twice. Landry (BB, 2 HBP, 2 Brandon States (3-4, 2 R) and R) and Cale Halpin (home run, a walk, striking out one. BB, SB, 2 R) each added an RBI. Kaden Grivetti was hit by a pitch twice, scoring three times. Blake Patterson was also hit twice and stole a base. Garrett Grant scored once, with Blake Huston walking twice. James Morrison drew one walk.

Wednesday, May 26 **GSW** vs. Wilmington Varsity -

The Panthers were dealt a 13-3 loss against Wilmington May 26.

"We can't give good hitting teams extra outs," stated Coach Wills, "and we did that in the

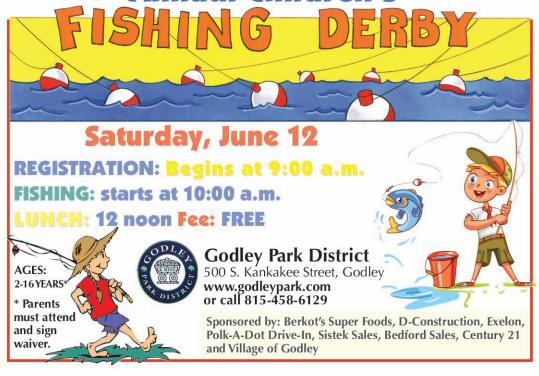
third and sixth innings. Errors turned a good game into a blowout."

Wilmington put up a fivespot in the third inning, then added seven more runs in the sixth. GSW committed six errors in the contest.

Kaden Grivetti was hit with Alex McElroy led at the the loss, allowing two earned plate, racking up five RBI on runs on six hits and two hit batthree singles. Brandon States ters, striking out two in three innings. Alex McElroy pitched in relief, giving up seven runs – none earned – on five hits and

> Cale Halpin (2-3) and dan Daugherty (1-3) batted in one run each. Blake Patterson singled twice and scored a run. with Ethan Maxard singling and drawing a walk, scoring once. Caydan Landry and McElroy each singled, while Blake Huston scored a run following a walk.







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Seneca Girls, Boys Track and Field Teams Win Tri County Conference Title

Thursday, May 27 Seneca at

Tri County Conference Meet

The Seneca girls track and field team earned its ninth consecutive conference title at the Tri County Conference Meet May 27, taking first with a score of 207, while the boys squad scored 234, good enough for first place and the sixth conference title in the past decade. Individual results are as follows: Girls -

100: Faith Deering, 1st, 14.44; Caitlyn O'Boyle, 2nd,

200: Anna Bruno, 1st, 28.30; O'Boyle, 3rd, 29.44. 400: Emma Smith, 2nd, 1:04.32; Marie Cheshareck, 4th, 1:10.67.

800: Amber Vroman, 1st,

2:35.68; Audrey Jenkins, 2nd, 4.95; Teagan Johnson, 3rd,

1600: Vroman, 1st, 6:03.46; Ashley Alsvig, 2nd, 6:16.64. 3200: Alsvig, 1st, 12:55.10.

hurdles: Brooklyn

300 hurdles: Giertz, 1st, 51.56; Keeli Pumphrey, 2nd,

Giertz, 1st, 17.98.

4x100: Seneca, 1st, 53.77. 4x200: Seneca, 1st, 1:57.99. 4x400: Seneca, 1st, 4:35.83. Seneca, 4x800:

Shot Put: Rachel Milliman, 3rd, 8.48; Gabi Maxwell, 4th,

Discus: Deering, 1st, 34.75; Maxwell, 3rd, 25.33.

High Jump: Harleigh Varland, 2nd, 1.32; Carly Greve, 3rd, 1.32.

Long Jump: Bruno, 1st, 1st, 19.31.

Triple Jump: Johnson, 1st, 9.59 (PR); Neely Hougas, 2nd, 8.97.

Boys -

100: Chase Hauch, 1st, 12.45; Kolya Cato, 2nd, 12.72. 200: Ryan McCauley, 1st, 24.89; C. Hauch, 2nd, 24.95.

400: Trey Hauch, 2nd, 56.76: Wilson Widman, 3rd, 800: Billy Glasscock, 1st,

1600: Glasscock, 3rd, 5:12.35; Chris Poyner, 5th,

2:10.97; Spencer DeGraaf, 4th,

3200: Brady Danek, 2nd, 11:47.81; Colin Collet, 6th, 13:01.34 (PR).

110 hurdles: Given Siegel,

4x800: Seneca, 9:22.03.

4x100: Seneca, 1st, 47.83. 4x200: Seneca, 1st, 1:37.54. 4x400: Seneca, 1st, 3:48.81.

300 hurdles: Carson Collet,

1st, 44.75; Drew Danek, 3rd,

Shot Put: Carter Thomas, 4th, 10.46; Logan Tondini, 5th, 10.32.

Discus: Thomas, 1st, 32.22; Tondini, 2nd, 30.82. High Jump: McCauley, 1st,

1.68 (PR).

Long Jump: Siegel, 1st, 5.62; Cato, 4th, 4.88.

Triple Jump: Given Siegel, 2nd, 11.80 (PR); Ca. Collet, 3rd, 11.30.

TRI-POINT CHARGERS TRACK AND FIELD

9.64.

Monday, May 24 Tri-Point at **University High Invite**

The Chargers' track squad was in action May 24 at the University High Invite held at The Field of Dreams, with the boys taking fifth overall with a score of 44, and the girls scoring 18 – good for a seventh place finish. Individual results are as follows:

Boys -

100: Tyler Platz, 9th, 11.99 (PR).

200: Bobby Mogged, 10th, 23.67 (PR); Platz, 13th, 24.61 (PR); Brendon Likes, 22nd,

1600: Jose Amador, 11th, 5:22.31; Mihreteab Gilleland, 16th, 5:355.40 (PR).

110 hurdles: Mogged, 4th, 16.14.

300 hurdles: Mogged, 2nd, 43.36 (PR); Platz, 4th, 45.19; Ayden McNeill, 8th, 54.86 Shot Put: McNeill, 1st,

Discus: Likes, 1st, 97'6.5". Long Jump: Mogged, 2nd,

Triple Jump: Amador, 9th,

Girls -

100: Cali Statler, 8th, 15.21

200: Melina Schuette, 5th, 30.36 (SR); Katelyn Poe, 9th,

400: Poe, 7th, 1:21.47. 800: Emma Creek, 12th,

1600: Mikaayla English, 12th, 7:33.36.

100 hurdles: Statler, 5th, 19.49 (PR).

300 hurdles: Schuette, 2nd, 53.65 (SR); Statler, 8th, 1:13.55.

Long Jump: English, 8th, 3.90; Creek, 13th, 2.92.

Triple Jump: Schuette, 4th, 8.06; English, 5th, 7.35 (PR); Creek, 7th, 6.67.

Seneca Lady Fighting Irish Softball

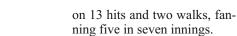
Monday, May 24 Seneca vs. Hall

The Lady Irish were victorious over Hall, 15-9, when they

"Got the job done against a scrappy Hall team," said Coach

Taya Roe won it in the cir-

ning five in seven innings.

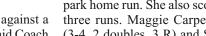


Varsity -

met May 24.

cle, allowing seven earned runs

On offense, Addie Bland led with four RBI on a 2-4 showing that included an inside-thepark home run. She also scored three runs. Maggie Carpenter (3-4, 2 doubles, 3 R) and Sam Vandevelde (3-4, triple, 2 R) each batted in two runs.



PTHS LADY INDIANS SOFTBALL

Monday, May 24 Pontiac vs. St. Joseph-Ogden Varsity -

The Lady Indians were triumphant, 5-2, over St. Joseph-Ogden on May 24.

Peyton Trost picked up the win in the circle, giving up one earned run on four hits and a walk, striking out two in three innings. Makayla Metz tossed four innings in relief, allowing just two hits while striking out eight batters.

Addison Masching doubled, stole a base, and batted in two runs. Maddie Gourley (3-4, double, SB, R), Alyssa Fox (single), and Rylee Zimmerman (2-3) each had one RBI. Metz added two singles and a walk, with P. Trost doubling and getting hit by a pitch. Bailey Masching singled, hit a sacrifice, and scored a run. Grace

Myers (BB), Mackenzie Coates (SB), and Paige Collins scored a run each.

Tuesday, May 25 Pontiac vs. Olympia

Pontiac's offense struggled May 25 against Olympia, leading to a 2-0 loss.

Makayla Metz took the loss, allowing two earned runs on six hits and a walk, tallying a strikeout. Addison Masching pitched two innings in relief, giving up two hits and striking

out two hitters. A. Masching led at the plate with three hits, including two doubles. Cameron Trost and Rylee Zimmerman (HBP) each added a single, with Metz drawing a walk. Mackenzie Coates stole a base.

Monday, May 24 Dwight vs. PBL

Varsity -Dwight faced off against Paxton-Buckley-Loda in a double-header May 24, falling 5-7 in game one and 11-3 in the second game.

Njomza Asllani allowed seven earned runs on nine hits and eight walks, striking out two in six innings in the first contest - getting tagged with

Alexis Thetard had three RBI on a home run, with Jordan Schultz adding two RBI on a single and a triple. Erin Anderson singled twice, with Is-Schultz singling, doubling, and scoring two runs. Megan Livingston (sac., R), Nora Anderson (double), and Abby Rodosky (R) each had one hit.

In game two, Abby Rodosky pitched a complete game for the Lady Trojans, giving up eight earned runs on 18 hits and four walks, fanning three however, she would take the

Rachel Heath (3-4, HR, double, HBP, R) and E. Anderson (3-5, double, 2 R) each put up four RBI. J. Schultz had three RBI on two home runs. Megan Livingston singled three times and scored three runs. I. Schultz (double) and Rodosky had two hits each. Alexis Thetard (double, BB, R), N. Anderson, and Avery Scheuer (R) each added a hit.

DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

Wednesday, May 26 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central** Varsity -

The Lady Trojans held off Clifton Central long enough to get a 4-3 win on May 26.

Abby Rodosky pitched a complete game, allowing one earned run on seven hits and two walks, fanning four.

Rachel Heath was 2-3 with a double and two RBI. Erin Anderson (3-3, double, triple, 2 R) and Nora Anderson (single, SB) had an RBI each. Megan Livingston (sac., SB, R), Jordan Schultz (triple, R), and Rodosky all added a hit.

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Public Notice

There will be a public meeting on the proposed certified crop land assessed values for the 2022 assessment year at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 in the Livingston County Historic Courthouse Assessment Office meeting room located on the 1st floor. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the changes that will be occurring in 2022 based on the recent change in the law on farmland assessments.

The Farmland Assessment Law changed for the 2015 assessment year, as amended by Public Act 98-0109. 35 ILCS 200-10-115 now limits the annual change in farmland assessments to 10% from the preceding year's median soil productivity index certified assessed value with an additional \$5.00 per acre reduction for the 2015 assessment year only. The median productivity index for the State of Illinois is 111. As a result, farmland assessed values, on a per parcel basis, can change by more than 10%, with soils that have lower productivity indexes than the median increasing by less than 10%. The goal for the change in law is to close the gap between the poorer soils and the better soils. For 2015 there was a 22:1 ratio between the highest and lowest PI. For 2022, the gap will be reduced to 3.6:1. The ultimate goal is to get that ratio to 2:1 by the year 2029.

For the 2022 assessment year, the Farmland Technical Advisory Committee has adjusted the certified values to limit the change to 10% from the preceding year's median soil productivity index certified assessed value. The median soil productivity index is 111, which results in an increase in the assessed value for each productivity index of \$38.73/acre from the 2021 assessment.

The effect of this law is to increase those productivity indexes below 111 at a faster rate than those above 111 to create a more narrow range of certified crop land assessed values. The 10% limit in the past has distorted the ratio in assessed values over the range of productivity indexes.

The meeting is open to the public. Submitted by Shelly L. Renken, Chairman

Livingston County Farmland Assessment Review Committee

Gas Prices For This Week

Since last Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has increased by a penny to \$3.04. Higher demand will likely contribute to fluctuations in pump prices through the holiday weekend. AAA predicts 34 million Americans will travel by car – an increase of 53% from last year. Hope everyone had a safe and fun Memorial Day weekend!

City/Village	May 28	May 24
Dwight	\$3.06	\$3.14
Kankakee	\$3.23	\$3.07
Streator	\$3.23	\$3.07
Pontiac	\$2.97	\$2.98
Gardner	\$3.25	\$3.06
Braceville	\$3.24	\$3.19
Morris	\$3.19	\$3.17
Herscher	\$3.25	\$3.09
Chicago	\$3.40	\$3.35
Illinois	\$3.28	\$3.22
U.S.	\$3.04	\$3.03

Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Gasoline price data collected by The Paper and brought to you by Steve's Tire.



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH WRESTLING

Thursday, May 13 Seneca vs. versus Putnam County

106: Hahn (S) by FF; 113: Sangston (S) by FF; 126: Double FF; 132: Feiner (S) by FF; 138: Widman (S) by FF; 145: Wright (S) by FF; 152: Grant (S) by FF; 160: Double FF; 170: Conner Brooker (PC) F 3:53 over Kyle Hamby (S); 182: Peura (S) F 1:13 over Denzel Sobin (PC); 195: Robertson (S) by FF; 220: Varland (S) by FF; 285: Elliott (S) by FF.

"Fantastic effort by the Irish wrestlers," stated Coach Todd Yegge. "We wrestled very aggressively and opened up our offense all night long at every weight class - even in losses. Very proud of the effort to defeat a top caliber Class A school. We also won our 12th dual in a row, which is a school record for consecutive wins.'

Tuesday, May 18 Seneca vs. Amboy, Somonauk, and Ottawa Marquette

The Fighting Irish dominated at home against Amboy, Somonauk, and Ottawa Marquette May 18, winning 82-0, 81-0, and 84-0, respectively. Results are as follows: versus Amboy

106: Kyler Hahn (S) by FF; 113: Luke Sangston (S) 11-2 over Levi Near (A); 120: Jaden Casey (S) F 3:03 over Jake Doege (A); 126: Nate Othon (S) F 1:09 over Brooklyn Johns (A); 132: Owen Feiner (S) F 2:58 over Bradley Gazza (A); 138: Asher Hamby (S) by FF: 145: Wilson Widman (S) F 1:21 over Dan Bivin (A); 152: Nathan Grant (S) by FF; 160: Isaac Marques (S) by FF; 170: Chris Peura (S) F 1:27 over Dashad Green (A); 182: Kyle Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Gavin Robertson (S) by FF; 220: Alex Bogner (S) by FF; 185: Maveric Varland (S) F 3:29 over Justin

Wicaryus (A).

versus Somonauk 106: Sangston (S) by FF; 113: Billy Glasscock (S) by FF; 120: Casey (S) 5-0 over Shae Raisel Som; 126: Othon (S) by FF; 132: Feiner (S) by FF; 138: Widman (S) by FF; 145: A. Hamby (S) by FF; 152: Grant (S) by FF; 160: Marques (S) by FF; 170: Peura (S) by FF; 182: K. Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Robertson (S) by FF; 220: Varland (S) by FF; 285: Bogner

(S) by FF. versus Ottawa Marquette

106: Sangston (S) F 1:16 over Casey Sherer (O); 113: Hahn (S) by FF; 120: Casey (S) by FF; 126: Othon (S) by FF; 132: Feiner (S) by FF; 138: A. Hamby (S) F 5:00 over Logan Petre (O); 145: Widman (S) F 1:23 over Luke Cooper (O); 152: Grant (S) by FF; 160: Marques (S) by FF; 170: Peura (S) by FF; 182: K. Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Robertson (S) F 1:01 over Jake Mitchell (O); 220: Varland (S) by FF; 285: Bogner (S) by FF.

Thursday, May 20 Seneca vs. Prairie Central and **Deer Creek Mackinaw**

In wrestling action May 20, Seneca secured two more wins -51-17 over Prairie Central, and 66-15 over Deer Creek Mackinaw. Results are as follows:

versus Prairie Central

106: Luke Sangston (S) Inj. dflt. over Abby Bergstrath (PC); 113: Kyler Hahn (S) by FF; 120: Billy Glasscock (S) by FF; 126: Nate Othon (S) by FF; 132: Owen Feiner (S) 10-5 over Donovan Lewis (PC); 138: Asher Hamby (S) by FF; 145: Justin Lavarier (S) by FF; 152: Collin Wright (S) by FF; 160: Isaac Marques (S) by FF; 170: Chris Peura (S) by FF; 182:

Caeden Young (PC) F 3:28 over Gavin Robertson (S); 195: Double FF; 220: Brandon Hoselton (PC) TF 19-4 over Maveric Varland (S); 285: Josh Woodrey (PC) by FF. versus Deer Creek Mackinaw

106: Sangston (S) F:51 over Clay Wiegand (D); 113: Hahn (S) by FF; 120: Payton Murphy (D) 15-0 over Jaden Casey (S); 126: Othon (S) by FF; 132: Feiner (S) by FF; 138: A. Hamby (S) by FF; 145: Wilson Widman (S) by 1:32 over Logan Johnson (D); 152: Will Milton (S) by F 2:40 over Will Hinton (D); 160: Gage Swerkerd (D) F 3:54 over Marques (S); 170: Kyle Huff (D) 22-10 over Peura (S); 182: Kyle Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Robertson (S) by FF; 220: Varland (S) by FF; 285: Nathan Elliott (S) by FF.

Tuesday, May 25 Seneca vs. St. Bede Varsity -

Seneca defeated St. Bede, 63-10, in wrestling action May 25. Results are as follows:

106: Kyler Hahn (S) inj. default over Hunter Savage (SB); 113: Luke Sangston (S) F 3:39 over Mason Hurst (SB); 120: Jaden Casey (S) by FF; 126: Nate Othon (S) 8-2 over Henry Orteza (SB); 132: Owen Feiner (S) F 1:49 over Dominic Bima (SB); 138: Noah Setzer (SB) 6-2 over Asher Hamby (S); 145: Will Milton (S) F 1:08 over Evan Englehaupt (SB); 152: Collin Wright (S) by FF; 160: James Sanchez (SB) 1-0 over Isaac Marques (S); 170: Chris Peura (S) by FF; 182: Ethan Flemming (SB) 195: Kyle Hamby (S) F 1:36 over Ben Burke (SB); 220: Maveric Varland (S) F :57 over Ryan Migliorinii (SB); 285: Nathan Elliott (S) F:44 over Mathew Pozzi

Saturday, May 29 Seneca vs. Limestone and LaSalle Peru

The Fighting Irish are now 22-2 overall following a 74-3 win over Limestone and a 72-11 victory over LaSalle Peru May 29, in a meet that saw Seneca's Gavin Robertson win his 100th varsity match. Results are as follows: versus Limestone

106: Kyler Hahn (S) by FF; 113: Ashton Menees (L) 16-15 over Luke Sangston (S); 120: Billy Glasscock (S) by FF; 126: Jaden Casey (S) by FF; 132: Owen Feiner (S) 18-4 over Chase Daugherty (L); 138: Asher Hamby (S) F :49 over Kaleb Hanka (L); 145: Wilson Widman (S) F 1:34 over Gabe Hodges (L); 152: Collin Wright (S) 15-5 over Zack Schwindenhammer (L); 160: Isaac Marques (S) F 1:32 over Kohta Drain (L); 170: Chris Peura (S) F :49 over Max Christiansen (L); 182: Gavin Robertson (S) F 1:39 over Payton Williams (L); 195: Kyle Hamby (S) by FF; 220: Maveric Varland (S) F 2:45 over Taylor Dixon (L); 285: Nathan Elliott (S) F 3:35 over Aidan Trueblood (L).

versus LaSalle Peru

106: Sangston (S) F:55 over Sylvester St. Peter (L); 113: Hahn (S) F 1:02 over Zack Znaniecki (L); 120: Glasscock (S) F 2:40 over Greg Williams (L); 126: Casey (S) F 3:01 over Gunner Skoog (L); 132: Feiner (S) by FF; 138: A. Hamby (S) F:50 over Trenton Johnson (L); 145: Wright (S) by FF; 152: Will Milton (S) F :44 over Kole Piano (L); 160: Marques (S) by FF; 195: Conner Lordan (L) F:22 over K. Hamby (S); 220: Ryan Poole (L) TF 18-2 over Varland (S); 285: Elliott (S) F 1:20 over Nolan Conrad (L).

Start Unknown. Finish Unforgettable.

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

House Nears Adjournment Deadline

The House is scheduled to adjourn for the summer on Monday, May 31. After that date the state Constitution makes it more difficult to pass bills into law, so there is always a crush of legislation in the closing days as legislators race against the clock to get bills passed before the deadline.

While things can and frequently do change quite a bit in the closing days and hours of session, here is an update on where things currently stand as of Friday morning. Much is still unresolved.

Budget. Last week I told you about the increase in revenue from the ongoing economic recovery, and how it brought us close to the point of being able to balance the budget. Unfortunately getting over that last hump is proving to be very difficult, and so far Republicans have not been included in many of the discus-

Governor Pritzker has proposed closing the remaining gap by raising taxes on small businesses and rolling back some of the business incentives that we enacted in 2019 to help create jobs in Illinois. At the time, those incentives were heralded as progress in reforming Illinois' job-creation climate, and they were part of a bipartisan agreement to pass a budget and create jobs. It is disappointing to see the Governor considering going back on his word and doing away with those incentives.

Redistricting. Over the weekend the Democrats rolled out an unfair, partisan redistricting plan which was drawn in a back room behind a locked door. The map was widely criticized not only for its blatant partisanship but for the fact that it relied on incomplete and inaccurate data, instead of waiting for the correct numbers from the Census Bureau. Hearings were held this week and many key questions were not answered by the sponsors of the plan. Last night they revealed some changes to the proposal that was produced over the weekend, but without the correct Census data, these maps have the same shortcomings as the original version.

Energy. Negotiations are continuing on a package of energy bills. Though we have not yet seen the finished product, those involved in the negotiations have said their goal is to enact a plan which would improve and modernize Illinois' electricity delivery infrastructure, keep the state's four nuclear power plants in service and deliver cleaner and more

the future. A lot of details remain to be worked out on this **Town**

Ethics. This year began with the fall of former House Speaker Michael Madigan in connection with a bribery scandal. On Wednesday, his former Chief of Staff, who is also the former Clerk of the House of Representatives, was indicted in connection with the scandal. All of this comes after a year which included several high profile scandals and resignations of state legislators. There was hope that this might finally be the catalyst for passing real ethics reform. Unfortunately, although there have been some discussions in the Senate, the House has thus far failed to pass any significant ethics reform this spring.

Public Safety. Earlier this year Governor Pritzker signed a law enforcement bill which was hastily passed through the legislature despite overwhelming opposition from nearly every law enforcement group in the state. Promises have since been made to consider changes to the law to prevent "unintended consequences." Since then there have been some talks, but so far no legislation has been passed to address the many serious concerns raised by those we entrust with keeping our communities safe.

Donating the pay raise. Two years ago state legislators were given a pay raise which we did not deserve. I pledged that I would not keep the raise, instead donating it to a local nonprofit agency serving the residents of the 106th District. This month I was proud to donate my raise to the Gibson Area Food Pantry in Gibson

More vaccination milestones passed. Last weekend the five millionth Illinoisan became fully vaccinated. More than 11 million shots have been administered in Illinois. Also this week the state passed a rate of 40% of the total population fully vaccinated. The number of adults who are fully vaccinated is approaching 50%, while 65% of adults have received at least one shot. If you or a loved one have not yet been vaccinated, there are vaccination sites in all five counties of our district. Information is available at coronavirus.illinois.gov or by contacting your local health department.

How much do we owe? As of time of this writing, the State of Illinois \$3,212,036,854 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, affordable energy to Illinois for a \$7.1 billion backlog.

Area COVID-19 Stats as of May 28

Cases

10111	Icstcu	Cases	
Dwight	12,951	592	
Herscher	2,848	231	
Gardner	2,511	217	
Odell	2,688	175	
Mazon	1,877	173	
Braceville	1,873	153	
Essex	1,179	140	Numbers
S. Wilmington	989	93	
Cullom	1,317	78	as of
Reddick	1,025	67	05/28/21
Saunemin	1,283	63	
Buckingham	764	59	Statistics via
Verona	796	57	dph.illinois.go
Ransom	832	44	
Cabery	706	40	
Blackstone	363	37	
Kempton	643	36	
Emington	505	35	
Kinsman	254	19	
Campus	432	17	
Union Hill	129	13	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	245,004	14,397	213
LaSalle	203,617	12,694	247
Grundy	66,094	5,952	76
Livingston	115,326	4,867	87
Iroquois	50,952	3,074	66
Ford	31,396	1,833	48

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,379,279; Deaths: 22,718; Probable Deaths: 2,383; Total Tests Performed: 24,434,225; 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.

Dwight Rotary Club Donates to Area Organizations

cently donated 150 toothbrushes to the local Mosaic community. The toothbrushes, with an estimated value of around \$250-\$500, were delivvered to Mosaic by Dwight Rotarian, Joy Miller.

Mosaic is a whole-person healthcare organization providing a wide range of services in the home and community. Mosaic's services empower people with disabilities, intellectual/ behavioral health needs and autism; as well as aging adults to live their best life.

Dwight Rotary Club has recently donated to Canine Assistants®, a non-profit organization that trains and provides service dogs to children and adults with physical disabilities and special needs. Thank you to Dwight Rotarian, Jill Mann, for her involvement.

Dwight Rotary Club has also donated to the upcoming 2021 Dwight Harvest Days. Additionally, the Dwight Rotary Club is sponsoring the

Dwight Rotary Club has re- Dwight Harvest Days Flea Market Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19.

AT THE CHURCHES

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KEMPTON

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

KINSMAN Sacred Heart Catholic Church

219 W. Emmett Street Rev. Stanley Drewniak, swkrcatholics.org

Mazon United Methodist Church 509 7th Street 815-448-5677 Church 815-483-9343 Cell mazonmethodist.com Pastor Donald Batz Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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

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

United Methodist Church

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

RANSOM

St. Patrick Catholic Church
110 Wallace Street
Pastor, Fr. Alexander Millar; Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA, Parochial Vicar;
Deacon Ron Wackerlin
Parish Office: 815-795-2240
(Marseilles) (Marseilles) (Matselles)
Email: parishgroup3
@gmail.com
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday,
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sunday Service: 7:30 a.m.

Ransom United Methodist Church Worship Service Sunday 10 a.m. and live on Facebook 102 E. Plumb St. Phone: 815-587-0488 RansomUMC@gmail.com Pastor Andrew King Pastor cell: 815-257-4485

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

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church 216 E. Lincoln Street Rev. Stanley Drewniak 815-237-2230 swkrcatholics.org

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

<u>SOUTH</u> WILMINGTON South Wilmington United Methodist Church

225 Rice Street Pastor Kevin Boesen 815-426-6169 St. Lawrence Catholic Church 135 Rice Street Rev. Stanley Drewniak 815-237-2230

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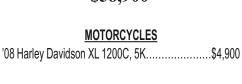


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'17 F150 S/C XLT, 60K, 4WD, 8' Bed\$34,900	i
'16 F150 S/C XLT, 65K, 4WD, 8' Bed, HD Susp\$33,900	
'16 F150 S/C XL, 41K, 4WD\$32,900	i
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'14 Escape SE, 60K, 4WD	\$13,900
'14 Escape SE, 95K, FWD	\$10,900
'14 Grand Caravan SXT, 106K	\$8,900
'12 Edge SEL, 133K, AWD	\$7,900

Consumer Confidence Report

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

CAMPUS

IL1050050

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2020

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by CAMPUS is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Brud Kingma 815-791-9184

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water

include: - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and pacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Campus

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Type of Water Source Water Name Report Status Location WELL 3 (47512) IS WEST ACROSS TRACKS FROM TANK WELL 4 (01475) 250 FT SW OF WELL 2

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at \$15.791-9184 . To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

Source of Water: CAMPUSTo determine Campus's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, was reviewed. Based on the information contained in this document, twp potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Campus community water supply well. One is an above ground fuel storage tank owned by Round Grove Township. The other source is inactive Well #2, which is considered a potential route of contamination. As a route, it could provide contamination a direct conduit into the aquifers used by the village wells. The Illinois EPA has determined that the Campus wells are susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the well; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; the presence of potential routes of contamination; and the available hydrogeologic data for the well.

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	08/14/2019	1.3	1.3	0.731	0	ppm	И	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why

Level 1 Assessment: Level 2 Assessment:

total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL:

Maximum residual disinfectant level or The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a

Maximum residual disinfectant level

disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

goal or MRDLG:

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

mrem:

ppb:

ppm:

micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique or TT:

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By- Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2020	0.9	0.51 - 1.54	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
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Barium	12/13/2018	0.165	0.165 - 0.165	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	12/13/2018	0.558	0.558 - 0.558	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	12/13/2018	0.909	0.909 - 0.909		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	12/13/2018	38.7	38.7 - 38.7	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Zinc	12/13/2018	0.199	0.199 - 0.199	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection . Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
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Lutheran Church

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Dwight Village Board -

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In his report to the board, Mayor Johnson recognized various services including EMS, Law Enforcement and Public Works.

"A huge thank you to all those employees who pretty much make up the majority of our workforce, and do stuff for us every day, and, typically, get very little recognition," said Johnson. "They are always the first ones to take heat for stuff, but the last to get recognized. So, thank you all."

Mayor Johnson also extended congratulations to the graduating 8th Grade and Senior students. He also thanked the teachers and staff for all of their work throughout the pandemic.

Regarding downtown beautification, Mayor Johnson noted that the downtown flower pots have been moved and that downtown light poles are being evaluated and the village will be working on getting

those done. However, due to supply shortages, there may be a little bit of a delay with completion of the lighting project.

Mayor Johnson also told the board that he has sent a letter to Representative Tom Bennett and Senator Jason Barickman regarding passage of the Climate Union Jobs Act to help preserve Illinois Nuclear plants and the associated jobs.

Director of Public Works, Cory Scoles, gave an update on the many preparations that have taken place to get Dwight's public swimming pool ready for summer and said the water is "crystal clear".

"We will be on schedule for the pool to open on time for the first time in a long time," said Scoles. "We are on course for the kids, and I am super excited about it. I hope to see everyone out there."

Opening day for Stevenson Pool was Monday, May 31. Rates for 2021 are \$4 per person; Family passes \$110; Individual passes \$55. Swim lessons, water aerobics, swim team, and private party rental

are also being offered. Contact the pool for details at 815.584.3385.

Scoles also asked residents to please abide by the village ordinance that prohibits mowing grass clippings onto village streets. Grass should be mowed away from the street in an effort to help keep storm sewers from backing up.

In EMS reports, it was noted that an Illinois Heart Rescue Community Action Grant was applied for and received. The grant provides assistance for CPR training and will allow for a training mannequin that has tangible feedback.

Mayor Johnson provided a brief overview of potential large grant programs that may hold opportunities for the village including \$3 billion for economic recovery and economic development and a \$1.5 billion tourism, recreation, parks and outdoor activities grant. Johnson said working on project ideas for these grants needs to be a team approach and will require community involvement. There will be more information to come on these potential opportunities.

The board also approved:

- the May 10 minutes of the outgoing board.
- the May 10 minutes of the
- incoming board. payment of May 24 bills
- totaling \$54,148.05. · a fund transfer of
- \$5,246.45 from the Referendum Fund.to the Capital Referendum Bond Fund.
- · a fund transfer of \$2,040.67 from the Water Fund to the Water Bond Fund.

Present were Mayor Paul Johnson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Marla Kinkade, Pete Meister, Chuck Butterbrodt and Jenny Johnson. Absent was Justin Eggenberger.

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