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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
June 5: Shane P. Geiss, 23, Wilmington, driving/no license/permit/age, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Cody D. Wollenzien, 23, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

Dwight Police Blotter
Traffic Stops – 4; Lock Outs – 5; Return Call – 9; Damage to Vehicle – 1; Vandalism – 1; Funeral Escort – 1; Domestic Issues – 1; Counterfeit Bills – 2; Assist Agency – 2; Burglar Alarm – 4; Walk-In to DPD – 4; Check on Vehicle – 2; Follow Up Call – 2; Subject Removal – 1; Loud Music Complaints – 2; Loud Noise Complaints – 1; Call 911 Hang Ups – 4; Accidents – 2; Medical Aid Assistance – 3; Out with Subject – 1; Theft – 1; Fire Call – 2; Suspicious Activity – 1; Unknown Problem Call – 1; Well Being Check – 1; Fire Alarm (due to brief power outage) – 1.

Accident Report
Saturday, June 5, 10:17 p.m., an accident was reported on the 300 block of W. Mazon Ave. involving a 2003 Toyota 4-door, driven by Walter Olsen, St. Charles, which struck a parked and unoccupied 2017 Ford, owned by Schindler Elevator Corp., Elmhurst.

Odell Man Killed in Single Vehicle Accident

A single vehicle accident was called into Vermilion Valley E. 911 Dispatch Center at 8:49 on Thursday, June 10. The accident claimed the life of a 27-year old rural Odell man, identified as Alex Paulsen Bullard, at 14990 E. 2700 North Rd. in Esmen Township, Illinois State Road 170. The Ford pick-up left the road and traveled several hundred feet through heavy brush, before rolling and ejecting the

Thursday, June 10, 10:04 a.m., an accident was reported at Rt. 66 and Morris Rd. involving a 1999 Nissan Altima, driven by Corinne Adkins, which attempted a u-turn after missing turn onto Morris Rd. and was struck by a 2014 GMC Acadia, driven by Helen Burton.

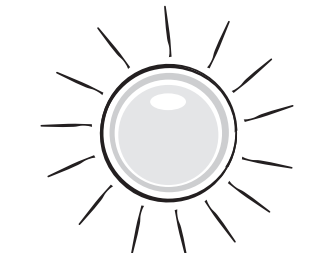


Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
June 3: 2400 E. Rd., fire; Philmar, fire, refusal, mutual aid from Duffy EMS; Northbrook, medical, Morris.
June 4: Sunset; Mazon, medical, Morris; Main, medical.
June 5: Union, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, trauma, Morris.
June 6: James, trauma, refusal; Hwy. 1, medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Campus; Carriage, medical, Morris; South, medical, Morris; Bannan, trauma, refusal; Prairie, medical, Morris; Locust, medical, St. Mary's, mutual aid to Campus.
June 8: Main, medical, Morris.
June 9: Renfrew, medical, St. James; I-55 SB on Ramp, fire; Spencer, medical, Morris.
June 10: John, medical, Morris; Union, fire.

driver. Livingston County Coroner Danny Watson pronounced the victim deceased at the scene. On scene were Cornell Fire, Livingston County Sheriff, AMT Ambulance, Illinois State Police, and the Livingston County Coroner's Office. An autopsy was ordered, and the accident remains under investigation by the Livingston County Coroner and the Illinois State Police.

It was September 1944...

Gamble's in downtown Dwight with Percy Weaver as proprietor advertised: Men's rayon and cotton dress hose – 3 pair for 77¢; and Snappy dress suspenders for 45¢.
Clarence Sorensen A/8 spent last week in Dwight with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dixen Sorensen. Sunday he returned to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he is stationed.
Elmer Kohrt, who has been stationed at Camp Hulen, Texas, has been transferred to Gruber, Oklahoma.
Seventeen children were entertained at the Christiansen home on West Delaware Street honoring "Chuckie" on his 4th birthday.
At Carmen Zappa's Highway Market on Route 66 a dozen oranges were 25¢; watermelon, 2¢ a pound; and large stalk of celery, 10¢.



Temps - 2021
June 3 – high 84°, low 57°
June 4 – high 87°, low 67°
June 5 – high 89°, low 66°
June 6 – high 86°, low 70° trace precip.
June 7 – high 81°, low 64° .33" precip.
June 8 – high 87°, low 64°
June 9 – high 88°, low 67°
One Year Ago – June 16, 2020
high 74°, low 48°

Free Food to Be Distributed June 23

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, June 23, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

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



June 3 - 10. There were no fire calls submitted this week.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Cullom, celebrated its 150th Anniversary on June 12 with several hours of outside fun, including bounce houses, bags, music, horse rides, and hamburgers and hot dogs before the rain came. Celebrants then went inside and enjoyed ice cream.

Hines VA Outreach Team in Gardner June 21

The Edward Hines, Jr. VA Medical Center Outreach Team, along with the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission, will be enrolling Veterans in VA health care and answering questions about many of the health care services available along with the other veterans' benefits available from the VA on Monday, June 21. The team will be available from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the South Resource Center of the Community Foundation of Grundy County at 229 Liberty Street in Gardner. The team consists of an enrollment coordinator and a nurse from Hines VA Hospital and a veteran

service officer from the Grundy County VAC. If you or someone you know would like to attend, go out and join them. There is no need to register for this event. It is open to all veterans. Take a copy of your DD214 and a photo ID. You may be eligible for VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn't receive a dishonorable discharge. If you do not have a copy of your DD214, the Grundy County VAC can assist you with getting one. "The Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission strives each day to assist veter-

ans with a variety of programs and services available to them from federal, state and local organizations. We are not the experts on all of the VA health care programs available at Hines VA Hospital and the various community clinics. By having the Hines Outreach Team in Grundy County on a regular basis, we are able to provide the experts that can better guide our veterans to the health care services they need," said Ken Buck, Superintendent of the Grundy County VAC. If you would like more information about the Hines VA outreach program, call Patrick Grimes at 708-904-2293.

Jesse White Reminds Residents to Be Aware of Scams Targeting Illinoisans

Due to fraudsters continued attempts to entice the public into falling victim to scam texts and e-mail, Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding residents to be on alert for multiple 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 again reminding the public to beware of scammers who are sending unsolicited text messages or e-mails 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 recipients 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 disclosing sensitive 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 devices. • Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, which ask individuals to take immediate action or provide personally-identifiable 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 (Carbondale).

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Father's Day Gifts

If you're a dad, you may be in line to get some nice gifts on Father's Day. But your greatest gift may be your ability to help your children. One way of doing that is to get them started in the world of investing – and making a few investments on their behalf.

Here are three possibilities:

- **529 plan** – If you invest in a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might receive some state tax benefits, too, depending on how your state's tax laws apply to 529 plans. State-by-state tax treatment may vary, so you'll need to consult with your tax professional about your situation.
- Provided you stay within certain limits, you can also use a 529 plan to pay for qualified K-12 expenses and registered apprenticeship programs. And you can even use it to repay certain qualified student loans, within limits.
- A 529 plan can affect financial aid, but its effect is generally lower than that of other assets. And as the account owner, you have control of your 529, so, if one child decides not to go to college or pursue further education, you can switch beneficiaries.
- **UGMA/UTMA account** – When you establish a special type of custodial account known as either UGMA (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) or UTMA (Uniform Transfers to Minors Act), you are providing financial resources that can be used for education or another purpose that benefits your child, such as summer programs.
- One potential benefit of an UGMA or UTMA is that some of the earnings will be taxed at the child's rate, which is likely lower than your own. Plus, UGMA/UTMA accounts typically allow a wide range of investment choices. However, once children reach the age of majority (typically 18 or 21) they gain complete access to the money and can do whatever they want with it.
- **IRA** – A child with any taxable compensation, such as money from an after-school job, is eligible to fund an IRA. You may want to open one on your child's behalf – and you can "sweeten" the offer by matching some of their contributions. You can't directly invest in the IRA, but you can give your child money for that purpose. Keep in mind, though, that the total amount contributed can't exceed your child's taxable compensation for the year.

An IRA is a great introduction to the world of investing. For one thing, your child can make small contributions throughout the year, so investing in an IRA doesn't seem burdensome. Also, since an IRA can be invested in different types of securities, your child can learn about various investment vehicles – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. Plus, you can point out that, with a traditional IRA, taxes won't be due on the earnings until your child starts taking withdrawals decades from now. (And with a Roth IRA, withdrawals are tax-free, provided certain conditions are met.)

On Father's Day, you can show your appreciation for whatever gifts you receive from your children. But by investing in their future, you can gain some longer-term contentment.

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The gerrymandered new redistricting map for Illinois that was signed into law by

The next regular meeting is slated for Wednesday, July 14, at the same time and location.

White chaired the Uninsured Motorist Verification Advisory Committee that worked with insurance companies, traffic safety advocates and members of the General Assembly. The advisory committee reviewed best practices and helped provide the guidelines used to establish legislation and program requirements.

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Julianne Buck Elected to CCPG Board of Directors



Julianne Buck

The Community Foundation of Grundy County has announced that Executive Director Julianne Buck has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Chicago Council on Planned Giving (CCPG).

Mrs. Buck has been a member of CCPG for four years and served on the planning committee for the Council's Symposium, an annual day of learning. This coming year, Julianne will co-chair the Symposium

Committee alongside Karen Bullen of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

CCPD is a professional association for development officers and allied professionals in the Chicago area. CCPG's purpose is to educate members and the community about the philanthropic process with a focus on charitable planned giving and various estate planning techniques.

Founded in 1980 by a collective of creative and dedicated fund-raising professionals to collaborate and educate one another on best practices, ethics, tax considerations and planning ideas in gift planning, CCPG offers the best training and networking opportunities in the fund-raising arena.

Julianne is entering her 19th year as Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Grundy County. Founded in 1999, CFGC improves the quality of life in Grundy County through leadership and philanthropy.

Morris Hospital OB/GYN Practice Adds Sixth Physician

Board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Mary Fitzgibbon has joined Morris Hospital Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialists.

Bringing 17 years of experience practicing in the Joliet area, Dr. Fitzgibbon will see patients at the Morris Hospital Obstetrics & Gynecology offices in Channahon, Diamond-Coal City, and Morris. The practice also includes Dr. Andrea Chen, Dr. Erik Muraskas, Dr. Victoria Ochoa, Dr. Leticia Setrini-Best, and Dr. Douglas Toussaint.

As an obstetrician and gynecologist, Dr. Fitzgibbon specializes in the care of women at all stages of life, including women's preventative health, reproductive, menstrual and hormonal disorders, menopause and gynecological conditions including fibroids, endometriosis, and birth control. She is trained in minimally invasive gynecology surgery.

"I am very lucky to love what I do and come to work every day ready to dedicate my time and skills to my patients," Dr. Fitzgibbon says. "I truly believe OB doctors have the best job in the world. We have the privilege of helping people through some of life's biggest milestones. I have patients I started seeing as teens and have watched them grow into young adults and become parents themselves."

Dr. Fitzgibbon completed a four-year obstetrics and gynecology residency at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. She earned a medical degree at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, Ohio, and is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology. She is also a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology and a member of the American Medical Association and Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.

Born in Vermont, Dr.

Fitzgibbon says she was raised in a family and community that stressed the importance of helping neighbors and taking care of one another. Today as a wife and mother, she is living those same values she learned growing up.

In her role as an obstetrician-gynecologist, Dr. Fitzgibbon is focused on providing her patients care using evidence-based medicine. She also puts her emphasis on building strong relationships with her patients so they together can make the best decisions with regard to their healthcare.

"The best relationships are built on trust, and I am committed to using my knowledge and skills to treat every patient to the best of my ability every day," Dr. Fitzgibbon says. "I believe the physician and patient are a team working together with a goal of great health. I want my patients to feel like they can reach out with questions and concerns and know I am there to listen and help them."

For more information, visit morrishospital.org/obgyn.



Studio 134 Owners Talk Business at June 2 Rotary Meeting

THE OWNERS OF STUDIO 134 BEAUTY SALON in Dwight, Angela Turner and Jodi Baldauf, were guest speakers of the Dwight Rotary Club on June 2. Angela and Jodi shared many insights on their 24+ year history as local business partners of a full-service premier salon; along with changing hair styles over the years. Their new salon is located at 146 East Main Street in downtown Dwight. Pictured are Turner and Baldauf with Dwight's Rotary Secretary-Treasurer, Dale Adams. Dwight Rotary Club meets at the Dwight Country Club every week at noon and is open to the public.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Watseka June 16 and 17

The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD) will be conducting the following COVID-19 vaccine clinics for Illinois residents, age 18 and older:

- **Wednesday, June 16, 4:30-6:00 p.m.** Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Clinic, available by appointment or walk-in, located at the ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant Street in Watseka.
- **Thursday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Clinic, available by appointment or walk-in, located at ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant Street in Watseka.

To schedule an appointment, visit co.iroquois.us/offices/health-department or their Facebook page for online registration, or call ICPHD at 815-432-2483 to schedule over the phone.

Individuals are required to take a valid form of photo ID. Do not attend if you do not feel well the day of this clinic or are in isolation or quarantine. Patients will need to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and plan to allow at least 15 minutes for observation after the vaccination. Wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for

the injection.

As more vaccine is allocated, ICPHD will communicate availability, along with when, where, and how to receive the vaccine, via traditional and social media outlets, as well as on the ICPHD website.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has compiled a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccination. Information can be found at dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq. For individual concerns regarding allergies or other medical conditions, consult your own medical provider.

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Ashley Harfst Earns Dean's List Honors, Graduates from Eureka College

Saunemin's Ashley Harfst was one of 140 students who was named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Eureka College – where she also recently graduated.

Harfst has accepted a job with Flanagan Cornell Unit 74, teaching math for sixth through eight grades, as well as the freshmen class.

Ashley will also be coaching girls basketball at the junior high and high school level at Flanagan.

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66th ANNIVERSARY ON ROUTE 66. Howard "Bear" and Marilyn "Bunnie" Arbour of Buckingham celebrated their 66th anniversary in Dwight on Route 66. They were married at the First Baptist Church of Kankakee on June 12, 1955. They have three children, four grandkids, and six great-grandchildren. They enjoyed spending their anniversary exploring Dwight, spending the day with their family.



Dwight Township High School Second Semester Honor Roll

Honor Roll 1 (3.50 and Higher)

Seniors: Camden Beier, Eden Beier*, Hudson Beier, Eileen Betsworth*, Elizabeth Brown, Isabella Burkhardt*, Brandon Ceylor*, Alexis Cuaya, Natalia Cuaya, Kelly Deterding*, Destinie Drapeau*, Rylee Farris*, Jack Gallet, Randall Groves*, Andrew Harsh, Dustin Hauert*, Mary Hilt*, Lauryn Hoegger*, Jarrett Jancek*, Lucas Kisner*, Kayla Kodat*, Emmalyn Legner, Abe Rieke*, Nellie Rieke, Abby Rodosky*, Isabelle Schultz*, Meghan Scott, Emily Weissmann*.

Juniors: Alayna Airgood*, Landon Brown, Ashton Burkhardt, Carter Butterbrodt*, Leticia DeLara, Kortney Dyer, Samuel Edwards, Emmett Emmons, Nathanael Granby, Darien Guyer, Rachel Heath*, Ella Kargle*, Kyle Kosek, Daniel Petree*, Shawn Romanetto, Jordan Schultz, Emily Scott*, Alexis Thetard*, Ryan Turner.

Sophomores: Erin Anderson*, Sophia Anderson, Iris Beier*, Olivia Bond, Harlie Boucher*, Cheyanne Condreay, John Duffy*, Emelia Eitenmiller, Lola Furbec*, Jace Gall, Maya Green, Hailey Heath*, Ava Kargle*, Jace Kern, Desirae Kerr, Brianna Kosek, Deidre Miiller*, Parker Miner, Clayton Peck, Tyler Pugh, Dylan Ramsey, Noah Scott, David Soto, Dawson Sulaica*, Wyatt Thompson.

Freshmen: Njomza Asllani*, Milana Bradley, Mia Buck, Murphy Connolly, Sarah Dolan*, Andrew Gartke, Kae-dyn Gonzalez, John Groves*, Ryan Hilt, Jerry Jiang*, Kassy Kodat*, Megan Livingston, Kathryn Parker*, Evan Sandeno, Kaitlyn Thetard.

* = denotes Board Scholar (4.0 or greater GPA)

Honor Roll (3.0-3.499)

Seniors: Max Bean, Kallista Cox, Lucas Downen, Andrew Kapper, Faith McInerney, Ethan Olson, Taylor Peck, Kylie Shelton, Cameran Tilley, Trent Tilley.

Juniors: John Chronister, Kaleb Duden, Jeremy Kapper, Dillon Sarff, Bryson Scroggins, Justin Seabert, Orren Webster.

Sophomores: Kira Bean, Timothy Ellis, Ashlyn Heikkila, Alyson Kincade, Reid Legner, Michael Michon, Amber Moore, Xander Pempe, Logan Stevens, Kye Suarez, Christopher Tutterow.

Freshmen: Brandon Burks, Reid Gall, Steven Kincade, James Leach, Sabashgin Masters, Lilian McKelvey, David Miller, Domingo Ramirez, Kaitlynn Streit, Jacob Weissmann, Terry Wilkey.



Jan and Ken Masching
Dwight, IL



Kenneth and Janice Masching to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Kenneth and Janice (Murphy) Masching, of Dwight, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 19.

The couple was married June 19th, 1971, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell.

They have three children: Chad (Amy) Masching, Golden, CO; Alyson (Dave) Widenheft, Boulder, CO; and Lyndsey (Darin) Shanks, Newnan, GA. They also have five grandchildren: Paloma

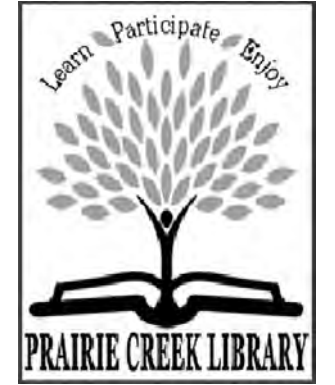
Masching; Lexie and Emmett Widenheft; and Madigan and Rory Shanks.

Jan retired from teaching after 35 years, and is currently the Township Clerk. Ken retired after 35 years at RR Donnelley, and later worked as the Course Superintendent at High Point Country Club.

Ken and Jan will celebrate this milestone with their children and grandchildren in New Mexico.



SUMMER READING WINNERS at PCPL! Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight announced its Summer Reading winners for week one, which included, pictured, top left, Ella - Teen Drawing winner; top center, Bella - Dinosaur Adventures Drawing winner; top right, Carlos - Grade School Activity Drawing; bottom left, Addyson - Toddler Drawing; and, bottom right, Gordon was the winner in the Adult category.



Quilt of Valor Ceremony Held June 12

Pieces From The Heart Quilt Guild held its second Quilt of Valor Ceremony June 12 at Morris High School, honoring 41 veterans for their service. Thirty-one were present to be awarded their quilt. They were surrounded by over 135 family members and friends.

The ceremony began with a prayer from Pastor Roy Backus of the First Presbyterian Church of Morris; Ken Buck, Superintendent of Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission, led in the Pledge

of Allegiance. Kathy Hoge, President of Pieces From The Heart Quilt Guild, presented Rita Pennington, State Coordinator for Quilts of Valor, with a donation from the guild to the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Through the end of May this year, the QOV organization has presented 273,353 quilts to members of the military. Rita explained the Quilt of Valor Foundation mission statement, which is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and

healing Quilts of Valor."

Clara Bal introduced each quilter, their quilt was displayed with the help of Nisse Hoge. The recipient's name was announced. They came forward and the quilter then wrapped the quilt around their veteran. The oldest recipient was 94 years old, others included a Purple Heart recipient, graduate of Underwater Demolition Team (a precursor to the SEALs), sharp shooters, medics, submariners, and paratroopers. The recipients have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and the Coast Guard.

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Buzz The Gut in Downtown Dwight July 17

All are invited to join the Buzz The Gut festivities in downtown Dwight Saturday, July 17, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Vendors include 66 Licks Ice Cream, which will be serv-

ing waffle cones and root beer floats, and the Churro Wagon, dishing out churros, Mexican street corn, and tacos.

The Buzz The Gut event is free and open to the public.

Morris Hospital CPR, First Aid Training July 8

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is offering the American Heart Association's Heartsaver CPR AED & First Aid Training course on Thursday, July 8, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the former Shabbona School, 725 School St., Morris.

The course is for anyone interested in learning skills that could save the life of a loved one, friend, co-worker, or com-

munity member. Participants will learn the skills needed to perform high quality CPR, proper use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), relief of foreign-body airway obstruction, and basic first aid. A fee applies, which includes American Heart Association materials.

Register online morrishospital.org/events. For more information, call 815-705-7360.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of: SANDRA K. STIPP, Deceased

NO. 2021 P 61

Notice to Creditors Pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/18-3

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that SANDRA K. STIPP of Cornell, Illinois died on April 11, 2021 and that DAVID T. STIPP, 9977 E 2550 N Road, Cornell, Illinois 61319 and JONATHAN STIPP, 12911 E 2600 N Road, Cornell, Illinois 61319 (the "Representatives") were appointed Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of SANDRA K. STIPP on May 21, 2021. The attorney of record for the Independent Co-Executors is JERRY J. JUSTICE of THE JUSTICE LAW FIRM, P.C., 511 East Main Street, Streator, Illinois 61364.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that claims must be filed on or before December 4, 2021, with the Representatives or with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 110 N Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764, or both. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. If you file a claim with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, within 10 days after the claim is filed you are required to mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Representatives and to their attorney of record and to file with the Court proof of any required mailing or delivery copies.

DAVID T. STIPP & JONATHAN STIPP Independent Co-Executors

Jerry J. Justice
THE JUSTICE LAW FIRM, P.C. 511 East Main Street
Streator, IL 61364
815/673-4344

OBITUARIES

William E. Mortensen

DWIGHT – William E. “Bill” Mortensen, 85, of Dwight, IL passed away June 12, 2021 at 1:25 p.m. at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, IL.

Funeral services for Bill will be Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, IL with Pastor Chrissy Salser officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

A visitation will be held Thursday, June 17, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, IL, prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

Bill was born February 25, 1936 in Streator, IL to Elmer and Gertrude (Perschnick) Mortensen. He married Sharon (Lane) Mortensen on November 29, 1969 in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight, IL. She survives in Dwight.

Bill is also survived by his children: Deborah Mortensen of San Diego, CA; Kelly (Mark) Bruce of Dwight, IL; Trisha (Joe Lehner) Mortensen of Dwight, IL; and David Mortensen of San Diego, CA; and his cherished grandson, Landon.



Also surviving are his siblings, Betty Ruff of Minier, IL and Gene (Barb) Mortensen of Dwight, IL.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Shirley Mortensen; and his beloved dog, Reid.

He was a graduate of Dwight Township High School, class of 1954. Bill served in the United States Army.

Bill was a printer for the Dwight Star & Herald, and The Paper, for over 60 years. He had been a member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Dwight, IL and was a member of the Danish Brotherhood. He loved bowling and golfing and served as the secretary and treasurer of the Thursday Night bowling league.

Bill was a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan. He was also very interested in photography, enjoying both taking and displaying photos; he enjoyed flowers, rose bushes and decorating his yard.

The family wishes for memorials to be made to the Dwight Historical Society, 119 W. Main St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: calvert memorial.com

Shirley F. Brunner

Shirley F. Brunner, age 76, of Herscher passed away on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at her home.

She was born November 23, 1944 in Bonfield, the daughter of Fred and Edna (Margrey) Hall. She married Ivan Brunner on November 6, 1965.

Shirley graduated from Herscher High School in 1962 and from Kankakee Community College’s Nursing Program in 1990.

She was a member of Grand Prairie United Methodist Church and Martha Circle. She was the church organist at Trinity Methodist Church in Kankakee for 55 years. She also accompanied the choral department at Herscher Grade School and Herscher High School for many years.

Shirley’s family held community picnics and fireworks for 20 years. She worked as a registered nurse at Riverside Hospital for three years and was the phone nurse for Dr. Jeff Long for 10 years.

Shirley volunteered with 4-H. She was a lifeguard and taught swimming lessons at Salina Sportsmans Club.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Ivan Brunner of Herscher; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Kristina Brunner of Pontiac; one daughter, Gayle Brunner of Palatine; twin grandsons, Garrett and Griffin Brunner of Pontiac; one brother and sis-



ter-in-law, Don and Terry Hall of Bonfield; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Monique Brunner of Paray Vieille, France; Rose Dunn of Elgin; Margaret and Eugene Reardanz of Kankakee; Wilbert and Asenath Brunner of Kankakee; and Maria Brunner of Scottsdale, AZ; and special niece, Sharon Call of Avon Lake, OH.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister and brother-in-law, Edna Mae and Clarence Ravn; brother, Ted Hall; and brothers-in-law, Albert Brunner, Donald Dunn, and Melvin Brunner.

Visitation was held from 5 until 8 p.m., Monday, June 14, 2021, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Kankakee (963 S. 3rd Ave.). An additional visitation was held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, also at Trinity United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Rev. Valerie Mezger and Rev. Keith Blankenship officiated the funeral service.

Cremation rites were accorded following services.

Inurnment will take place at a later date in Grand Prairie Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or Grand Prairie United Methodist Church.

Please sign her guestbook at: www.clancygernon.com

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:
The Paper
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email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DIANA BREWER, Deceased.
Case No.: 2021-P-9

CLAIMS NOTICE

You are hereby notified of the death of DIANA BREWER, who died November 8th, 2020, a resident of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 22nd, 2021, to JUDITH HAAG, Independent Executor, whose address is 700 E. Meade, Pontiac, IL 61764, and whose attorney is William J. Gerber, of the Law Office of William J. Gerber, LLC, 210 W. Oak St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before December 17th, 2021, with the office of the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Executor, or both. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by you to the executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed with proof of such mailing or delivery.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk’s office.

JUDITH HAAG, Executor
BY: William J. Gerber, her attorney

DATED: 6/10/2021

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Mary Jeanne Canham

EMINGTON – Mary Jeanne Canham, 75, Emington, passed away June 5, 2021 at Piper City Rehabilitation Center, Piper City, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private service will be held at a later date according to her wishes.

Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, is in charge of arrangements.

Jeanne was born January 4, 1946 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Frank and Irene (King) Smolik. She married LaVerne Canham Jr. on July 1, 1967 and enjoyed 54 years of marriage.

Surviving are her husband, LaVerne Canham Jr.; her daughter, Julie (Chadd) Morrissey; and her grandson, Ethan. Also surviving are two brothers: Jerry (Mary) Smolik and Neil (Judy) Smolik.

She will be greeted in heaven by her daughter, Laura; her parents, Frank and Irene; her sister, Patty; and her in-laws, LaVerne Canham, Sr. and



Connie Canham.

Jeanne grew up in South Wilmington and enjoyed the sand and sun. She met Verne at the South Wilmington Fireman’s Club and they married two years later.

After living out of state, Verne and Jeanne returned to the farm with their two girls in tow in 1979. Jeanne had obtained her teaching degree, graduating with honors from Edgewood College in Wisconsin. She taught for a time at Tri-Point and subbed in area schools.

Her favorite place was in the kitchen, where she spent time mastering any recipe she found. Jeanne loved to read, sing and craft, but most of all, she loved hanging out with her grandson and baking cookies with him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to OSF Hospice.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: duffyfuneralhome.com or visit us on Facebook.

More obituaries appear on page 8.

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 Gukeisen.

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



NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given of the death of DAISY MAE SERRA. Letters of Office were issued on June 4, 2021 to Jan L. Graham of 205 S. West St., Odell, Illinois as administrator and whose attorney is David J. Babb, Jr., 401 North Plum Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or with the administrator, or both, on or before the 4th day of December, 2021 and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. A copy of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2021.

David J. Babb, Jr.
Attorney at Law
401 North Plum Street
Pontiac, IL 61764
(815) 844 4000

**5 Minutes with Boma**
Imposter Syndrome

I’m starting off this week’s column with a little definition from good ol’ Wikipedia.

Impostor syndrome (also known as impostor phenomenon, impostorism, fraud syndrome or the impostor experience) is a psychological pattern in which an individual doubts their skills, talents, or accomplishments and has a persistent internalized fear of being exposed as a "fraud".

I would say that typically this experience and feeling probably most aptly applies to people who come into some sort of success overnight, whether it be financial or otherwise. You’re left feeling that you shouldn’t be successful, or shouldn’t be doing what you’re doing.

Over the weekend I had my first paid photography event where I took pictures of a band performing at an event in Bloomington, Illinois. Now, I definitely have had the training and a basic enough understanding of what goes into a good picture. I know the editing process at a basic level. I know enough to know enough. But, with all that said, I had never been compensated for it.

I’m hoping as time goes on, and (God willing) I get more opportunities to take photos at things and be compensated for it, I will get more and more comfortable with the idea that someone is paying me to do what I would probably do for *whispers* nothing – and just because I like doing it.

I suppose that some extent of this feeling comes with learning and doing anything for the first time, but it was very interesting to experience it first hand.

Some general takeaways from the event:

Doing anything in 95-degree heat, even taking pictures, will make you sweat. It was at Miller Park Zoo and I found out Tigers can get COVID. Who knew?

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
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, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 21-CH-16 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.
Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your 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.
Dated this 24th day of May, 2021
LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial
Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

OBITUARIES

Genevieve L. Berger

Genevieve L. (Motzig) Berger, 100, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at Harvest View in Herscher.

She was born on November 26, 1920 in Essex, Illinois, the daughter of Lawrence and Matilda Motzig. She married Eldon Berger on July 27, 1941 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher, where she was a life-long member and also a member of LWML.

Genevieve graduated from Herscher High School in 1938 and spent most of her lifetime on the farm in rural Buckingham. She loved playing cards and was a great bridge player, never passing on a chance to



play euchre. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Wayne (Kathy) Berger of Buckingham and Keith (Penny) Berger of Herscher; a stepson, Jay (Hillary) Dickerson of Galena, Illinois; a step-grand-

daughter Jody (Jeff Ashworth) Dickerson of Rockwell, Texas; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Preceding Gen in death were her parents; husband, Eldon; and son-in-law, Ed Matherly.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher, or donor's choice.

Jensen Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Nancy Leggero

Nancy Nadine Voyles Leggero, 77, passed away May 5, 2021 at Morris, IL.

Born February 13, 1944 in Pontiac, IL, she was the daughter of Charles and Laura Scott Voyles, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children: Mike Dean, Janet Morris Dean, Bryon (Vicky) Dean, Ronald Leggero, Jane Leggero, and John Leggero.

She was the loving grandmother of Jessica, John, Jay, Bobby, Kathleen, Kenny, Ron, Toby, Melissa, Kristine, Krystal and Tiffany.

She was the dear great-grandmother of Cody, Mia, Shania, Kolby, Thomas, Elisia, Isabella, Liam and Levi.

She is also survived by



brothers: Lloyd (Rose) Voyles, Edward (Sally) Voyles, Charles Voyles, Scott (Kathy) Voyles, Robert (Rhoda) Fox, and John Fox; sisters: Donna Martin, Leona Martin, and Mary (Ed) O'Neill; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ed (Mary) Scott and James (Neda) Voyles.

Her early years found her caring for her beloved family and working at the Joliet Arsenal, Sears at Louis Joliet Mall, WalMart in Morris, and lastly as a taxi driver in Dwight, IL.

A Celebration of Life will be held with family only at this time.

David A. Adams

It is with great remorse that we announce the passing of David A. Adams.

David was 74 years of age and passed away after battling illness for many years.

David worked for the Village of Dwight for 25 years before retiring and moving to Pontiac, IL.

He loved many things in life, but his favorites were bowling, fishing, and the Cubs.



David leaves behind a wife, Ida; a son, Eddie; a brother, Terry (Lorene); and a sister, Marianne Decker. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Marion Adams; and four brothers: Mike, Charles, Jim and Thomas.

His service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, June 18, at Hager Funeral Home in Dwight.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

More obituaries appear on page 7.

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Seneca, Dwight Field Athletes at State Meet

Thursday, June 10
Seneca and Dwight at State Track & Field Meet Girls -

At the state track & field meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston June 10, the girls from Seneca and Dwight competed against the best competition in the Land of Lincoln.

Seneca scored 31 points as a team, good enough for a sixth

place finish overall. Individual results for both Dwight and Seneca are as follows:

800: Amber Vroman (S), 18th, 2:32.37.

1600: Vroman (S), 21st, 5:58.61.

100 Hurdles: Brooklyn Giertz (S), 5th, 15.46 (PR).

300 Hurdles: Giertz (S), 5th, 47.88 (PR); Meghan Scott (D), 18th, 51.45.

4x100: Caitlyn O'Boyle, Emma Smith, Giertz, Anna Bruno (S), 4th, 51.12; Scott, Kassy Kodat, Koli Croy, Kayla Kodat (D), 25th, 54.60.

4x200: O'Boyle, Smith, Faith Deering, Bruno (S), 5th, 1:49.55.

4x400: Bruno, Audrey Jenkins, Vroman, Smith (S), 13th, 4:20.03.

4x800: Ashley Alsvig, De-

lany Welsh, Marie Cheshareck, Jenkins (S), 14th, 10:50.38.

Discus: Deering (S), 20th, 28.81.

Pole Vault: Teagan Johnson (S), 6th, 3.33 (PR); Giertz (S), 6th, 3.33.

Long Jump: Bruno (S), 7th, 5.25 (PR); Johnson (S), 23rd, 4.68.

SENIORS ON THE DTHS TRACK TEAM, pictured, front row, from left, are Koli Croy, Madisyn Hatfield, Meghan Scott, Nellie Rieke; back row, Kevin Ferrari, Andrew Kapper, and Abe Rieke. Not pictured are Kayla Kodat and Isaac Telford.



DTHS TROJANS TRACK AND FIELD

Wednesday, June 9
Dwight at TRB Sectional

The Trojan boys track and field team was in Seneca June 9 participating in sectional action, posting the following results:

100: Carson Crouch, 7th, 11.62 (PR); Cree Croy, 21st, 14.11 (PR).

200: Cr. Croy, 21st, 28.66 (PR).

400: Tristan Chambers, 11th, 57.99 (PR).

800: Kevin Ferrari, 3rd, 2:13.82 (PR); Cade Croy, 10th, 2:27.75 (PR).

1600: Michael Michon, 8th, 5:27.55 (PR); Shawn Romanetto, 15th, 6:11.67.

4x400: Carter Butterbrodt, Emmett Emmons, Ferrari, Isaac Telford, 5th, 3:55.84.

4x800: Butterbrodt, Ferrari, Dillon Sarff, Telford, 3rd, 9:02.45.

Shot Put: Abe Rieke, 1st, 14.51 (PR); Andrew Kapper, 2nd, 13.00 (PR).

Discus: Rieke, 1st, 40.54; Gabe Seabert, 5th, 32.10.

Dwight placed fifth overall as a squad, scoring 44 points.



Seneca Boys Track Wins Sectional

The Seneca Fighting Irish boys track and field team placed first at their own sectional, edging out Westmont by 11 points – 106-95.

State qualifiers, as a result of the meet, are as follows:

Carson Collet: Triple Jump and Pole Vault.

Given Siegel: 110 Hurdles.

Nathan Grant: High Jump.

Carter Thomas: Discus.

4x800 Relay: Brady Danek, Chris Poyner, Billy Glasscock,

Spencer DeGraaf (Noah Petty – alternate).

4x100 Relay: Kolya Cato, Ryan McCauley, Trey Hauch, Chase Hauch (Given Siegel – alternate).

4x200 Relay: Ryan McCauley, Trey Hauch, Chase Hauch, Given Siegel (Carson Collet – alternate).

4x400 Relay: Wilson Widman, Carson Collet, Billy Glasscock, Trey Hauch (Nathan Grant – alternate).

All Sports Guidance Issued by DCEO, IDPH, and ISBE

This guidance issued by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) pertains to all youth recreational sports, including, but not limited to, school-based sports (high school and elementary school), travel clubs, private leagues and clubs, recreational leagues and centers, and park district sports programs. This guidance does not pertain to professional sports leagues or college division level sports. This guidance supersedes all previously issued All Sports Guidance issued from DCEO, IDPH and/or ISBE.

Individuals who are fully vaccinated against the virus that causes COVID-19 may resume sports-related activities without wearing masks or maintaining physical distance for all sports, except where required by laws, rules, or regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Schools and other sports organizers are permitted to require face coverings and physical distancing for all individuals, in-

cluding those who are fully vaccinated, as they deem appropriate. Individuals are fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna) or two weeks after receiving a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine (Johnson & Johnson/Janssen).

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask during sports-related activities for sports played indoors, except when wearing a mask is against the recommendation of an individual's health care provider or poses an injury risk as described by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Many sports organizers have heat policies in place to help ensure that participants do not experience heat-related illness and, if they do, organizers know how to properly respond. Participants who are not fully vaccinated should have extra masks available and sports organizers should have a supply of extra masks available to participants who are not fully vaccinated. Individuals should replace any mask that becomes wet with sweat or water.

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated may resume sports-related activities without wearing masks for any sport played outdoors, except where required by laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. While masks may be removed during training, competition, and other active exercise according to the provisions above, it is important that, whenever possible, individuals who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask during contacts with other unvaccinated individuals that do not occur during gameplay, such as on the sideline or bench, in the locker room, during team meetings, in the weight room, on the team bus or carpooling, or during meals, especially when indoors.

At Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois guidelines, all sports may resume sports-related activities without restrictions on travel or numbers of teams in competition or attendance. Before traveling for sports activities, teams should review the most recent data on county-level transmission from IDPH for counties in Illinois or the

CDC for counties in other states. If playing outside of Illinois, teams should avoid travel to areas of higher risk as recommended in the IDPH Travel Guidance.

Because most youth participants have not yet had the time to become fully vaccinated, IDPH also continues to recommend regular weekly COVID-19 screening testing for youth participants who are not fully vaccinated and playing sports that involve sustained close contacts with other participants who are not fully vaccinated (e.g., basketball, boxing, football, hockey, contact lacrosse, martial arts, rugby, wrestling). When possible, participants should receive a negative test for COVID-19 as close as possible to competition and no longer than 72 hours before play if receiving a molecular test (e.g., SHIELD Illinois) or 24 hours if receiving an antigen test (e.g., BinaxNOW). For more information on screening testing, review IDPH guidance on Testing for COVID-19 in Community Settings and Schools and the CDC operational guidance for K-12 schools.

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STUDENT-ATHLETES from the Dwight Township High School track team were honored with awards at the DTHS Track Awards ceremony. Pictured, from left, are Hailey Heath (Most Improved), Kevin Ferrari (Most Improved), Abe Rieke (Most Valuable), Kassy Kodat (Outstanding Newcomer), and Meghan Scott (Most Valuable). Not pictured are Kayla Kodat (Trojan Tough), Isaac Telford (Trojan Tough), and Dillon Sarff (Outstanding Newcomer).



THE GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM from Seneca finished sixth overall at the IHSA State Meet June 10. The Lady Irish scored 31 points – the most ever for the girls program at the state meet. Medalists include: Brooklyn Giertz (300 hurdles, 5th; 100 hurdles, 5th; pole vault, 6th), Teagan Johnson (pole vault, 6th), Anna Bruno (long jump, 7th), as well as the 4x100 (Giertz, Emma Smith, Caitlyn O’Boyle, Bruno) and 4x200 (Smith, Faith Deering, O’Boyle, Bruno) relay teams – taking fourth and fifth, respectively.



REGIONAL CHAMPIONS! The Seneca Fighting Irish wrestlers were victorious at the Yorkville Christian IWCOA regional tournament, which featured participants from 16 schools. Gavin Robertson secured the team victory with his championship match win at 182 pounds with an exciting throw at the end of the third period – which gave Seneca 191 points, to Yorkville Christian’s 190.5. This was the first regional championship in Fighting Irish history. All 14 wrestlers advanced to the IWCOA sectional at Sandwich, including: Luke Sangston (106, 3rd), Jaden Casey (113, 2nd), Nate Othon (120, 5th), Owen Feiner (126, champion), Wilson Widman (132, 5th), Asher Hamby (138, 2nd), Collin Wright (145, 5th), Will Milton (152, 6th), Isaac Marques (160, 5th), Chris Peura (170, 4th), Robertson (182, champion), Kyle Hamby (195, 6th), Maveric Varland (220, 3rd), and Nathan Elliott (285, 3rd).



PERFECT START TO Summer League Bowling at Victory Lanes in Dwight, as Chuck Dudak rolled a perfect 300 game on June 2.

Victory Lanes
Summer
League Bowling

Summer League 9 Pin Bowlers June 2		
HSG: Chuck Dudak, 300; Kyle, 290; Mike King, 290 – Brandi, 260; Linda Dunlap, 227; Paula Watts, 210. HSS: Mike King, 832; Kevin O., 817; Chuck Dudak, 798 – Brandi, 647; Paula Watts, 544; Linda Dunlap, 525. HSG/HHG: T. City, 984. HSS/HHS: Maxwell Trucking, 2593.		
League Standings	W	L
California Kids	4	0
The Rookies	4	0
Maxwell Truck.	3	1
Cafe 110	3	1
T. City	2	2
The Hookers	2	2
Full Send	1	3
3 Women And...	1	3

June 9		
HSG: Doug Gassman, 278; Ryan, 277; Mark, 276 – Linda Dunlap, 216; Annie Sporrer, 208; Kathy Howard, 206. HSS: Doug Gassman, 828; Mark, 735; Mike King, 718 – Paula Watts, 538; Annie Sporrer, 530; Kathy Howard, 503. HSG: T. City, 803. HSS: Full Send, 2329. HHG: The Rookies, 885. HHS: The Rookies, 2498.		
League Standings	W	L
Miller Busch	7	1
Maxwell Truck.	6	2
The Hookers	6	2
Full Send	5	3
The Rookies	5	3
California Kings	4	4
Cafe 110	3	5
T. City	2	6
3 Women And...	2	6

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KCC Area Athletes Awarded
2021 NJCAA Honors



Mark Miller
Kankakee Community College had two teams and 23 individual athletes get awarded National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) honors for academic achievement during the 2020-21 school year, including All-Academic Third Team (grade point averages of 3.60-3.79) members Mark Miller (Cullom), in baseball; and Madelyn Storm (Gardner), in basketball.



Madelyn Storm

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Mustang League Baseball

Dwight 2, Industrial Parts Group Kicks Off Season

The 2021 season for Mustang League Baseball is underway, and the Dwight 2, Industrial Parts Group opened things up with a tournament match-up against Coal City 1 – falling by a score of 12-5.

Cooper Wright and Dalton DeLong were the leading hitters.

The Industrial Parts Group opened the regular season with a victory over GSW Black, 8-7.

Dalton DeLong was the starting pitcher, allowing two runs while striking out five. Leading hitters were Ameryn Wiles with two hits, including a double; DeLong with two hits, including a double; Jace Jensen – two hits; Cooper Wiles – one single; and Eli Jensen drew four walks.

IPG defeated Dwight 1, Hager Memorial, 15-4, with DeLong going 3-3 with a pair of doubles. Caleb Peters added two singles, with Ameryn Wiles, Henry Sassenger, and Jace Jensen each singling once.

IPG bumped off MVK 1, 14-11.

Ameryn Wiles started on the mound, giving up no runs and striking out six.

At the plate, Wiles was 2-2 with a pair of singles. Dalton DeLong had a single and an inside-the-park home run. Eli Jensen doubled, while Jace Jensen and Caleb Peters put up a single each. Carlos Ochoa walked three times.

Industrial Parts Group continued their winning streak with a 15-8 beating of Braid-

wood.

Dalton DeLong got the start, giving up eight runs and striking out five.

DeLong was 3-4 on offense, with three singles. Caleb Peters added a pair of singles, with Ameryn Wiles chipping in with a single. Cooper Wright, Henry Sassenger, and Carlos Ochoa were on-base machines – all reaching base three times via base on balls. Van Patten reached base twice, drawing base on balls.



DWIGHT POTENTIAL AG defeated Mazon-Verona-Kinsman by a score of 8-2 in Pony League action in Dwight June 12. Pictured, top left, is Landon Ramsey pitching for MVK; top right, Joey Starks is congratulated by teammates after knocking one over the centerfield fence; bottom left, Starks on the rubber for Dwight; and bottom right, Braden Simek of MVK is safe at third base.



GSW Falls Short to Illini Bluffs in Regional Championship

Tuesday, June 8
GSW vs. Illini Bluffs
Varsity - Regional

The regional championship meeting between Gardner-South Wilmington and Illini Bluffs was held June 8, with the Panthers' season ending following a 6-4 loss.

"Like most games, the team with the fewest mistakes won," stated GSW head coach Allan Wills.

His team committed four errors, which led to four unearned runs in the contest.

"But overall, it was a good game and a good season."

Blake Huston suffered the

loss on the rubber, giving up two earned runs on six hits, a hit batsman, and four walks, striking out two. Bryce Handzus pitched an inning-plus, striking out one.

On offense, Brandon States led with a two-run home run and a walk. Alex McElroy and Ethan Maxard (double) each batted in one run. Caydan Landry was walked once, beamed twice, swiped two bags, and scored two runs. Blake Patterson singled twice. Aidan Daugherty and Kaden Grivetti (HBP) each drew a walk.

GSW ends the year with a record of 14-10 overall and 8-4 in the conference.

Seneca Beats Reed-Custer, Holds Off Coal City to Win Regional; Falls to U-High in Sectional

Thursday, June 3
Seneca vs. Reed-Custer
Varsity - Regional

In regional softball play June 3, Seneca topped Reed-Custer, 10-0, advancing to the championship game.

Maggie Carpenter (14-2) was superb, allowing no runs on just two hits, striking out 11 batters en route to the victory.

Carpenter was also huge at the plate, going a perfect 4-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Madi Mino was 3-3 with two doubles and an RBI, scoring once. Kennedy Hartwig (double) and Zoe Hougas were each 2-3 with two runs scored.

"Maggie was great again in the circle," said Coach Holman, "and the offense was productive up and down the lineup."

Saturday, June 5
Seneca vs. Coal City
Varsity - Regional

The Lady Irish were able to fend off a tough Coal City squad June 5, long enough to secure a regional championship with a 4-3 win.

Seneca was hot early, putting up two runs in the first inning, then another run in the second.

Then in the third inning, Coal City put two on the board – cutting the lead to 3-2.

The Lady Irish would add an insurance run in the sixth – and

it would prove to be huge, as the Lady Coalers scored another run in the top of the seventh inning. But that was all they could muster, and Seneca would win it – 4-3.

Maggie Carpenter earned another win in the circle, allowing three earned runs on seven hits and two walks, striking out ten in seven innings of work.

At the plate, Zoe Hougas was 1-2 with a home run, a sacrifice, and three RBI, scoring once. Addison Bland added a solo home run. Sam Vandeveld was 2-3 with a double and a run scored, while Maddy Klicker doubled and later scored.

Tuesday, June 8
Seneca vs. U-High
Varsity - Sectional

Seneca's 2021 campaign came to a close June 8, as they were defeated by U-High, 3-0, in the first round of sectional play.

Maggie Carpenter pitched well, allowing two earned runs on six hits, a hit batter, and three walks, fanning eight in seven innings – but she would take the loss.

At the plate, Addison Bland doubled and drew one walk, with Carpenter, Zoe Hougas, Mallory Othon, and Allison Arwood (SB) adding a single each.

The Lady Irish end the season 24-5 overall.

Garfield Township & Road District Annual Treasurer's Report					
Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021					
TOWNSHIP – REVENUE SUMMARY:					
Property Taxes - \$40,890; Replacement Tax - \$1,976; Interest Income - \$950; Miscellaneous Income, \$848. TOTAL REVENUES: \$44,664.					
TOWNSHIP – COMPENSATION SUMMARY:					
Range: Under \$1,000: Todd Horrie, Tim Perkins, Ryan Christensen, Scott Wise; Range: \$1,001-\$5,000: Tracy Kociss, Dean Christensen; Range: \$5,001-\$8,000: James Olson. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$13,513.					
TOWNSHIP – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:					
Emergency Asst. Grants - \$0.00; General Assistance - \$2,734; Toirma - \$2,492; 941's - \$2,798; All Other Disbursements Less Than (\$2,500): \$12,731. TOTAL VENDORS: \$20,755.					
ROAD DISTRICT – REVENUE SUMMARY:					
Property Taxes - \$39,050; Replacement Tax - \$6,068; Interest Income - \$465; Motor Fuel Tax - \$99,235; Miscellaneous Income - \$6,294. TOTAL REVENUES: \$151,112.					
ROAD DISTRICT – COMPENSATION SUMMARY:					
Range: \$1,001-\$5,000: Dean Christensen. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$5,378.					
ROAD DISTRICT – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:					
Motor Fuel - \$68,906; Toirma - \$5,850; Steffens 3-D Construction Inc. - \$9,274; All Other Disbursements Less Than (\$2,500): \$18,073. TOTAL VENDORS: \$107,481.					
Summary Statement of Condition					
(Excerpt from Comptroller's Annual Report)					
	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECT</u>	<u>ENTERPRISE</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$117,699	\$130,204	-0-	-0-	-0-
Revenues	\$44,664	\$151,112	-0-	-0-	-0-
Expenditures	\$34,268	\$107,481	-0-	-0-	-0-
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)	\$10,396	\$43,631	-0-	-0-	-0-
Transfers In	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Transfers Out	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bond Proceeds	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	\$10,396	\$43,631	-0-	-0-	-0-
Current Year Ending Fund Balance	\$128,095	\$173,835	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL DEBT	OUTSTANDING BEGINNING OF YEAR -0-	ISSUED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR -0-	RETIRED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR -0-	OUTSTANDING END OF YEAR -0-	

Subscribed and sworn to this 21st day of April 2021,

James Olson – Treasurer

I, Tracy Kociss, Clerk of Garfield Township, Grundy County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

Tracy Kociss – Clerk

Pontiac Defeats Prairie Central, Falls to Normal U. in Regional

Thursday, June 3
Pontiac vs. Prairie Central
Varsity - Regional

In a regional softball match-up between Pontiac and Prairie Central June 3, the Lady Indians cruised to a 12-5 win to move on to the regional championship.

Makayla Metz got the win, allowing just one earned run on seven hits and two hit batters, fanning five in six innings. Peyton Trost got beat up in relief, giving up four earned runs on five hits. Addison Masching pitched one inning, striking out two hitters.

Alyssa Fox was 3-4 with a double, a triple, a stolen base, a

run scored, and four RBI. A. Masching went 3-4 with a double, two runs, and three RBI, followed by P. Trost's two RBI on a double that led to her scoring moments later. Bailey Masching (2-3, R), Cameron Trost (2-4, 2 R), and Grace Myers (1-2, HBP) had one RBI each. Metz added a single, with Maddie Gourley walking twice and scoring once. Mackenzie Coates and A. Sutton each scored a run. Rylee Zimmerman drew one walk.

Friday, June 4
Pontiac vs. Normal University
Varsity - Regional

Pontiac had its season come to a close June 4, as they were beaten by Normal University in the regional championship, 12-2, in five innings.

Makayla Metz was dealt the loss, giving up nine earned runs on ten hits, two hit batsmen, and three walks, tallying two strikeouts. Addison Masching pitched in relief, allowing two earned runs on two hits and four walks, striking out two.

Alyssa Fox knocked in her team's only runs, going 2-3 in the contest. A. Masching (R) and Peyton Trost each hit a double, while Maddie Gourley (BB, SB, R) and Cameron Trost each contributed a single.

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Tuesday, June 1
Seneca vs. Rockford East
and Sandwich

Seneca took on Rockford East and Sandwich June 1, defeating Rockford East, 49-24, and falling to Sandwich, 36-31. Results are as follows:

versus Rockford East
106: Kyler Hahn (S) by FF; 113: Peter Young (R) F 3:44 over Luke Sangston (S); 120: Billy Glasscock (S) by FF; 126: Jaden Casey (S) 10-6 over Mike Mandujano (R); 132: Nate Othon (S) by FF; 138: Owen Feiner (S) F 3:01 over Sam Young (R); 145: Wilson Widman (S) F :21 over Alex Ayala (R); 152: Collin Wright (S) F 3:42 over Marshawn Spates (R); 160: Jack Seacrest (R) F 1:05 over Isaac Marques (S); 170: Chris Peura (S) 11-3 over Malick Ali (R); 182: Kyle Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Gavin Robertson (S) F 1:16 over Reggie Pineda (R); 220: Zander Guttridge (R) F 1:05 over Maveric Varland (S); 285: Joey Pineda (R) F 1:02 over Nathan Elliott (S).

versus Sandwich
106: Hahn (S) by FF; 113: Sangston (S) F 1:58 over Ashlyn Strenz (Sa); 120: Casey (S) 9-1 over Kadin Kern (Sa); 126: Myle Corder (Sa) F 1:18 over Othon (S); 132: Feiner (S) F 1:38 over Sy Smith (Sa); 138: Evan Reilly (Sa) 6-2 over Asher Hamby (S); 145: Nolan Bobee (Sa) 6-4 over Wright (S); 152: Aidan Linden (Sa) F :08 over Will Milton (S); 160: Marques (S) 3-1 OT over Nolan Reilly (Sa); 170: Seven Tornga (Sa) F 1:13 over Peura (S); 182: Alex Alfaro (S) 11-5 over Robertson (S); 195: Connor Holly (Sa) F 2:28 over K. Hamby (S); 220: Sammy Dale (Sa) 6-2 over Varland (S); 285: Elliott (S) by FF.

Thursday, June 3
Seneca vs. Glenbard South
and Yorkville Christian

Seneca improved to 25-2 for the 2021 season following a 78-0 win over Glenbard South, and a 39-34 victory over Yorkville Christian. Results are as follows:

versus Glenbard South
106: Luke Sangston (S) by FF; 113: Kyler Hahn (S) by FF; 120: Jaden Casey (S) by FF; 126: Nate Othon (S) by FF; 132: Owen Feiner (S) by FF; 138: Asher Hamby (S) F 1:31 over Carl Powell (G); 145: Wilson Widman (S) by FF; 152: Collin Wright (S) by FF; 160: Isaac Marques (S) 7-5 over Ryan DeAlcazar (G); 170: Chris Peura (S) F :33 over Matt Torres (G); 182: Gavin Robertson (S) F 1:59 over Ben Michelson (G); 195: Kyle Hamby (S) by FF; 220: Maveric Varland (S) 8-0 over Gavin Krisk (G); 285: Nathan Elliott (S) by FF.

versus Yorkville Christian
106: Sangston (S) F :27 over Ray Cavey (Y); 113: Ty Edwards (Y) F 1:20 over Hahn (S); 120: Noah Dial (Y) F 4:33 over Billy Glasscock (S); 126: Isaac Bourge (Y) 2-1 over Casey (S); 132: Feiner (S) by FF; 138: A. Hamby (S) by FF; 145: Wright (S) by FF; 152: Drew Torza (Y) 9-1 over Widman (S); 160: Tyler Martinez (Y) F 3:14 over Marques (S); 170: Jackson Gillen (Y) F 1:52 over Peura (S); 182: K. Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Robertson (S) 6-4 over Julian Navarro (Y); 220: Varland (S) by FF; 285: Mike Esquivel (Y) 6-5 over Elliott (S).

Mogged
Qualifies for
State, Sets
School Record

In sectional track and field action, Tri-Point’s Bobby Mogged qualified for state with a second place finih in the 110m hurdles – running a time of 15.96. Mogged would also set a Chargers’ record with a time of 41.99 in the 300m hurdles, in addition to taking third overall in the Long Jump (20’0”). Also doing work in the sectional meet Brendan Likes (discus, 5th, 99’0”) and Ayden McNeill (shot put, 6th, 37’7”).

Friday, June 4
Seneca vs. Coal City
and Ottawa

Fighting Irish head coach Todd Yegge recorded his 300th victory with this dual meet win over Coal City June 4, 42-27. Seneca also defeated Ottawa, 55-18. Results are as follows:

versus Coal City
106: Luke Sangston (S) F :56 over Brant Widlowski (C); 113: Billy Glasscock (S) 6-4 OT over John Housman (C); 120: Jake Piatak (C) 4-2 over Jaden Casey (S); 126: Nate Othon (S) F 1:09 over Chase Dehler (C); 132: Owen Feiner (S) by FF; 138: Asher Hamby (S) 8-5 over Harley Felker (C); 145: Jack Poyner (C) 4-2 over Wilson Widman (S); 152: Connor Huston (C) F 1:22 over Collin Wright (S); 160: Zach Finch (C) F 3:19 over Isaac Glasscock (S); 170: Gabe Ludes (C) 9-4 over Chris Peura (S); 182: Gavin Robertson (S) F 1:01 over Andrew Feisley (C); 195: Braden Young (C) F 4:15 over Kyle Hamby (S); 220: Maveric Varland (S) F 1:18 over Drake Dearth (C); 285: Nathan Elliott (S) by FF.

versus Ottawa
106: Sangston (S) F :51 over Alberto Villareal (O); 113: Glasscock (S) F 3:19 over Landon Marx (O); 120: Casey (S) 10-8 over Casey Kemmerer (O); 126: Tristan Simmons (O) F 3:09 over Othon (S); 132: Feiner (S) F 1:14 over Grayson Johnson (O); 138: A. Hamby (S) 8-0 over Tristan Wheeler (O); 145: Hunter Wilson (O) DQ over Widman (S); 152: Wright (S) F 2:49 over Wyatt Reding (O); 160: Marques (S) 5-1 over Marek Duffy (O); 170: Peura (S) F 3:20 over Tate Spicer (O); 182: Robertson (S) by FF; 195: Charles Medrow (O) F :38 over K. Hamby (S); 220: Varland (S) F 4:48 over LeMarcus Medrow (O); 285: Elliott (S) F 4:36 over Jaxson Decker (O).

“Our athletes wrestled with a lot of enthusiasm as a group,” stated Yegge, “and really attacked offensively at every weight class. It was a fantastic and intense dual with two very good teams.”

**Monday, June 7
Seneca vs. Monmouth
Roseville and Riverdale**
Seneca went up against Monmouth Roseville and Riverdale June 7, winning 72-6 over Monmouth Roseville then ending in a controversial tie with Riverdale, 37-37 – which is currently under review following the meet being officially determined a victory for Riverdale. However, the Irish are fighting it, believing they should be declared the winner due to 5-4 in falls and forfeit victories. Results are as follows:

versus Monmouth Roseville
106: Luke Sangston (S) by FF; 113: Kyler Hahn (S) F :11 over Lee Haley (M); 120: Billy Glasscock (S) by FF; 126: Jaden Casey (F) 2:31 over Agothe Bongongo (M); 132: Owen Feiner (S) F 2:13 over Keigler Yodor (M); 138: Justin Lavarier (S) F 1:08 over Mav-eryk Lee (M); 145: Asher Hamby (S) 5-0 over Ashton Anderson (M); 152: Gabe Ortiz (M) F 1:39 over Collin Wright (S); 160: Isaac Marques (S) 5-3 over Jay Raymond (M); 170: Chris Peura (S) by FF; 182: Kyle Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Gavin Robertson (S) by FF; 220: Maveric Varland (S) by FF; 285: Nathan Elliott (S) by FF.

versus Riverdale
106: Sangston (S) F :39 over Theron Jacobs (R); 113: Thad Jacobs (R) F 2:44 over Hahn (S); 120: Mitch Hasenour (R) F 4:30 over Glasscock (S); 126: Casey (S) 9-1 over Corbin Woodworth (R); 132: Brock Smith (R) 15-0 over Feiner (S); 138: Collin Altensey (R) F 1:36 over A. Hamby (S); 145: Alex Watson (R) 15-0 over Wilson Widman (S); 152: Eli Hinde (R) 10-4 over Wright (S); 160: Marques (S) 5-3 over Zack Bradley (R); 170: Peura (S) by FF; 182: K. Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Robertson (S) F :07 over Iyezaha Hill (R); 220: Bryan Caves (R) F 1:27 over Varland (S); 285: Elliott (S) F :57 over Shane O’Haver (R).

**Tuesday, June 8
Seneca vs. Eureka
and El Paso-Gridley**
The Irish upped their record to 31-2 on the year with a 76-0 win over Eureka and a 59-12 victory over El Paso-Gridley June 8. Results are as follows:

versus Eureka
106: Luke Sangston (S) by FF; 113: Kyler Hahn (S) 6-0 over Garrett Kean (E); 120: Jaden Casey (S) by FF; 126: Nate Othon (S) by FF; 132: Owen Feiner (S) F 3:09 over Brayden Peiffer (E); 138: Asher Hamby (S) by FF; 145: Wilson Widman (S) 6-4 over Derick Wiles (E); 152: Collin Wright (S) Inj. Default over Wyatt Zacha (E); 160: Isaac Marques (S) 8-0 over Dillon Wiles (E); 170: Chris Peura (S) F 3:47 over Landon Wieranga (E); 182: Kyle Hamby (S) by FF; 195: Gavin Robertson (S) by FF; 220: Maveric Varland (S) F 5:17 over Jesiah Helberg (E); 285: Nathan Elliott (S) by FF.

versus El Paso-Gridley
106: Sangston (S) F :33 over Aidan Angston (E); 113: Hahn (S) by FF; 120: Casey (S) 9-2 over Tyler Roth (E); 126: Charlene Hamilton (E) F 5:08 over Othon (S); 132: Feiner (S) 20-5 over Valerie Hamilton (E); 138: Widman (S) F :17 over Keegan Ruppe (E); 145: Dax

Gentes (E) 6-2 over A. Hamby (S); 152: Wright (S) F 1:38 over Jaylon Melick (E); 160: Marques (S) 5-1 over Ethan Whitman (E); 170: Cody Langland (E) 10-9 over Peura (S); 182: Robertson (S) F 1:43 over Parker Duffy (E); 195: K. Hamby (S) by FF; 220: Varland (S) by FF; 285: Elliott (S) by FF.

**Wednesday, June 9
Seneca vs. U-High and
Decatur MacArthur**
In their final action of the 2021 regular season, Seneca won 74-6 over U-High and 75-3 over Decatur MacArthur to end the year with an overall record of 33-2. Results are as follows:

versus U-High
106: Luke Sangston (S) by FF; 113: Kyler Hahn (S) 22-6 over Alle Koresch (U); 120: Jaden Casey (S) by FF; 126: Nate Othon (S) by FF; 132: Owen Feiner (S) F 5:21 over Kyle Carey (U); 138: Asher Hamby (S) by FF; 145: Collin Wright (S) by FF; 152: Will Milton (S) by FF; 160: Isaac Marques (S) F 1:01 over Shawn Wolter (U); 170: Chris Peura (S) by FF; 182: Gavin Robertson (S) F :47 over Jacob Matchett (U); 195: Kyle Hamby (S) by FF; 220: Maveric Varland (S) 6-1 over Isiah Im (U); 285: Hunter Otto (U) 2:31 over Nathan Elliott (S).

versus Decatur MacArthur
106: Sangston (S) by FF; 113: Hahn (S) by FF; 120: Cam Lee (D) 7-2 over Casey (S); 126: Othon (S) by FF; 132: Feiner (S) by FF; 138: A. Hamby (S) by FF; 145: Wright (S) by FF; 152: Milton (S) by FF; 160: Marques (S) by FF; 170: Peura (S) by FF; 182: Robertson (S) by FF; 195: K. Hamby (S) by FF; 220: Varland (S) 8-2 over Carson Williams (D); 285: Elliott (S) F 7:54 OT2 over Ethan Badon (D).

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Town	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Dwight	13,358	602	216
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Odell	2,758	175	91
Mazon	1,939	173	67
Braceville	1,932	153	48
Essex	1,217	141	
S. Wilmington	1,009	95	
Cullom	1,347	82	
Reddick	1,050	67	
Saunemin	1,318	65	
Buckingham	783	59	
Verona	826	57	
Ransom	856	44	
Cabery	728	40	
Blackstone	371	37	
Kempton	662	36	
Emington	523	35	
Kinsman	263	19	
Campus	448	17	
Union Hill	132	13	

Numbers
as of
06/14/21

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County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	252,007	14,532	216
LaSalle	211,034	12,766	249
Grundy	68,430	5,985	78
Livingston	119,429	4,896	91
Iroquois	52,602	3,131	67
Ford	32,078	1,883	48

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Pontiac	\$2.91	\$2.87
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Herscher	\$3.25	\$3.25
Chicago	\$3.52	\$3.46
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U.S. Postal Service Announces Starkly Higher Postage Rates

by National Newspaper Association

The United States Postal Service has announced a planned adjustment of postage rates as of August 29, 2021, for the public and commercial mail users. For community newspapers using Periodicals mail to reach readers, the average rate increase will be nearly 9%. The First-Class Stamp will move from 55 to 58 cents.

The rate increase is part of a new USPS business plan that also includes a weakening of service standards for mail that is moving across the country.

The proposed new rates must be reviewed by the Postal Regulatory Commission. But the PRC has already granted USPS the authority to eliminate an inflation-based price cap on rates. It gave USPS a new set of parameters that allows it to charge more for mail that remains in the postal sys-

tem while digital technology provides new competition for delivery of messages and advertising.

Brett Wesner, chair of National Newspaper Association and president of Wesner Publications in Cordell, Oklahoma, said the rate announcement was grim news for community newspapers that have for months been fielding complaints that subscribers are not receiving their copies on time.

“Nothing about this scenario is good,” Wesner said. “These increases will require many newspapers to increase subscription prices to cover this new cost and readers will think we have lost our minds to charge more when USPS cannot get the paper to so many on time. But times are tough in our world. We have to pay these bills.”

“The increase in the stamp cost will be felt most in a rural economy. People in small

towns across America send checks through the mail to pay their bills. The stamp goes up and delivery goes down. I fear that just as economic hopes have started to rise for people returning to work, faith in the Postal Service’s ability to serve the nation will put a damper on commercial activity for many of us.

“At the same time,” Wesner said, “we have been warning our member newspapers for several years now that if Congress did not enact postal reform legislation, we would wind up exactly where we are today. It is not a recipe for success.”

Wesner said that NNA continued to support postal reform legislation and has endorsed the proposed Postal Service Reform Act of 2021, introduced by Reps. Carolyn Maloney, D-New York, and James Comer, R-Kentucky.

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A few Bennett bills make it through both houses

I was proud to have nine bills I sponsored pass the House earlier this spring. Unfortunately not all of them made it through the Senate. Among those which did, House Bill 656 would enhance the safety of motorcycle passengers. House Bills 263 and 266 better regulate the ways in which guardians must honor the wishes of an adult who is a ward of the state. House Bill 3928 was an initiative of students at Pontiac Township High School and would create a 30-by-30 conservation task force to protect 30% of Illinois' land and water resources by 2030. These bills have passed both houses and are now on their way to the Governor.

A bill which I co-sponsored rolled back most of the fee increase put in place for trailers in Illinois a couple of years ago. While I would have preferred to pass a bill which eliminated the entire increase, I was glad to see that a large amount of the fee is going to be repealed.

A pair of Senate bills which I sponsored in the House also passed. Senate Bill 500 prevents discrimination against

those with disabilities when they need organ transplants. Senate Bill 595 deals with notifications in mortgage foreclosure proceedings.

Illinois moves into Phase 5 of re-opening. June 11 was the long-awaited day for Illinois to move into the fifth and final step of the re-opening from the pandemic shutdowns. Illinois entered Phase 5, the full re-opening of businesses and gatherings throughout the state.

Lawsuit filed to overturn gerrymandered district map. On Wednesday, June 9, House Republican Leader Jim Durkin and Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie filed a lawsuit in federal court to throw out the gerrymandered legislative district map which Governor Pritzker signed into law last week. The suit argues that the use of inaccurate and incomplete population data instead of correct Census figures is in violation of federal law and the "one person, one vote" principle of the Constitution. Those figures are expected by August.

In case the legislature is not able to produce a map by June 30, the Illinois Constitution requires an evenly-divided com-

mission be appointed to draw the maps in a transparent, bipartisan and independent process. The lawsuit asks a federal judge to require the House Speaker and Senate President to make their appointments to the commission, something which the two Republican leaders have already pledged to do.

I will keep you posted on the progress of this suit as news develops.

Session ends without action to relieve FOID/CCL backlog. For the past year many Illinois gun owners have been subjected to unacceptably long delays in processing their Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card or Concealed Carry License (CCL) applications. This spring I introduced three bills (HB 2532, HB 2535, and HB 3006) to help bring down the backlog, but they were not allowed to be brought up for a vote.

Instead, the House narrowly passed HB 1091 which would have banned private transfers of firearms, required fingerprinting for FOID cards, doubled the application fee and generally made it more diffi-

cult and expensive for Illinoisans to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Obviously, I voted No. So far the Senate has not taken action on this bill.

A compromise bill was being worked on when session adjourned. House Bill 562 incorporated some pro-Second Amendment ideas like automatic renewal of FOID cards and combining the FOID and CCL into a single card, but it also contained some troublesome proposals, including fingerprinting, though it would be voluntary under this bill. The bill did not get called for a vote before we adjourned. I remain hopeful that we can get legislation passed to help bring down the backlog of FOID and CCL applications without infringing on the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$3,346,581,613 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$5.0 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment.

ICC Approves Rail Crossing Improvements In Livingston County

The Illinois Commerce Commission has granted approval of a Stipulated Agreement to install new automatic flashing light signals and gates at the CR 3200E/TR 268 and CR3300E/FAS 1285 highway-rail crossing of Norfolk Southern's near Dwight in Livingston County.

The combined total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices at both crossings is \$743,721. ICC Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund be used to pay 95% of the signal design and installation costs, not to exceed \$796,536.

Norfolk Southern will pay all remaining signal design and installation costs, and all future operating and maintenance costs related to the new automatic warning devices at both crossings.

All work is to be completed within 18 months of the Order date.

"The allocation of Grade Crossing Protection funds enables this rail safety project to move forward, and that is good news for the community and all those traversing the crossing," said ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan.

OSF Peace Meal Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in several area communities to support the OSF Peace Meal senior nutrition program.

Drivers are needed in the Bloomington, Lexington, Chenoa and Pontiac communities. Volunteers should have a desire to work with seniors, be able to give 1.5-10 hours per week over the lunch period, and possess a valid driver's li-

cense and auto insurance.

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Information about the OSF Peace Meal senior nutrition program is available at www.osfhealthcare.org/services/home-care/about/osf-peace-meal/.

Sangamon Valley Conference Disbands Trojans find new home...

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ished his second year as the Lady Trojans coach, but has been involved in many Dwight sports for over 20 years. "This revitalizes an old rivalry we've had. Conferences change and rivalries will adjust. Competition was good in the SVC and it will be good in the new conference."

Since none of the schools in the Tri-County Conference have football teams, Dwight has joined the Vermilion Valley

Conference in order to keep the Trojans in helmets and shoulder pads.

Ferguson noted Dwight couldn't go without football of some kind.

"Our numbers were not the greatest last year. We didn't have a junior varsity team. We thought we were going to be able to suit up the boys for JV but it just didn't work out," Ferguson said. "Our numbers declined, our enrollment is not that great right now. We're at

about 219 for the next school year, which is small.

"We have opened up the conversation about 8-man football. We will see what happens. As of right now, the upcoming school year, we will be playing in the VVC."

With the 7-year stint in the SVC over and new adventures in the Tri-County and Vermilion Valley Conference about to begin, Ferguson and Dwight are happy with the past but extremely excited with the future.

"We're not looking back, we're looking forward," Ferguson said. "I think this is the best move for our coaches and our players. The meetings I've had with people from schools in the Tri-County Conference, they've been friendly and it seems like this will be a good change for us."

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