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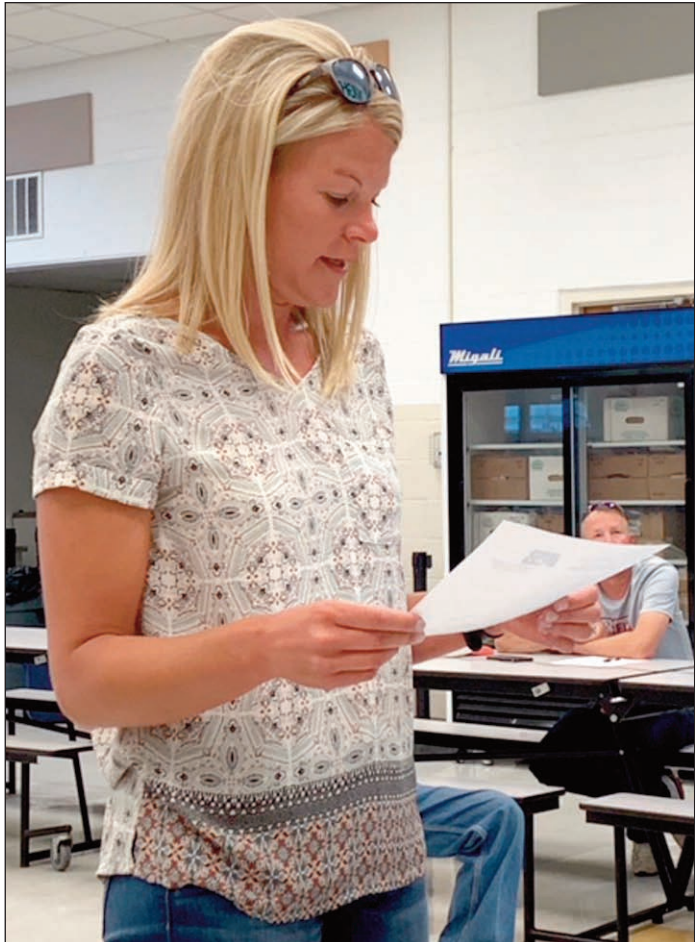
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Wednesday, June 30, 2021



DTHS Board Of Education member Susan Legner takes the Oath of Office on June 23.

Susan Legner Appointed to DTHS BOE

Susan Legner is the newest member of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education. Mrs. Legner was appointed to the open two-year seat following an interview of candidates during a special June 23 BOE session.

Susan moved to Dwight from Fairbury two years ago. Married to Tom Legner, the couple has five children.

"I would love to have a part

as a female voice on the board when it comes to athletics and academics," Susan Legner told *The Paper*. "I hope to bring a positive impact."

Susan Legner joins DTHS Board President Tim Henson and members Max Sulzberger, Kevin Berta, Paul Warner, Joel Sandeno and Eric Scheuer to make up the DTHS District 230 Board of Education.



STRONG STORMS. Rain and severe weather conditions are probable this time of the year. When you are at home or planning to travel, be sure to check the weather forecast for the area. Be safe.

photo by Aaron Boma

Tri-Point Board Names Cara Anderson Lower Elementary Asst. Principal

Tri-Point Board met June 21, approving: the consent agenda; Board committee assignments; the Amended 2020-2021 Budget; and expanding the Pre-K program to offer an all-day option in Piper City.

An insurance proposal from Compass Insurance Partners, at a premium of \$95,854, was accepted; and the contract with Livingston County to provide a

School Resource Officer for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$50,000 was approved.

It was decided to suspend high school baseball indefinitely.

A milk bid from Clover Leaf Farms for the next school year was approved; and "Chargers" will be the official team name for the Tri-Point School District.

Graduation for the Class of 2022 will be Sunday, May 22, 2022.

A motion was made to permanently transfer \$250,000 from each the Transportation and from Operations & Maintenance to Education.

One closed session was held.

While the resignation of Amy Saelens as high school

math teacher was accepted, to be employed are: Samantha Greiff as high school math teacher; Cara Anderson as lower elementary assistant principal, at a salary of \$70,000; and Julie Bertrand as full-time cook at the high school for next school year.

The non-union pay increases for the 2021-2022 school year were approved.

Bullying in 2021

Times Have Changed, But Has the Way Students Treat Each Other?

by Brandon LaChance

Bullies, fights, name calling, razzing and pranks have been part of the school system since before white boards, iPads, calculators and every student, teacher and administrator currently walking the hallways.

It's always a battle to make sure schools are safe and comfortable for everyone.

It starts with the students.

On May 13, a fight between students at Gardner Grade School brought media attention, parental attention and medical attention.

Superintendent Dr. Michael Merritt sent out a public statement on May 18 addressing the issue:

Good afternoon, Tiger families-

I am writing to inform our community of an incident of student misconduct that occurred last Thursday during a physical education class that resulted in injuries to one of

our students. In response to the incident, the District immediately began an investigation.

Throughout the investigation, the District worked collaboratively with law enforcement, and took immediate action in response to the student who committed the misconduct.

While the District is unable to share the details of the investigation and the actions taken to respond to the misconduct due to student confidentiality and privacy laws, the District takes all incidents of misconduct seriously and our students' safety is always our first priority.

Yours in education,

Dr. Michael Merritt

Superintendent/Principal

Upon receiving the news and the statement, many questions developed about fights, bullying and how they've carried over or dissolved as we move through time, eras and generations.

The Paper spoke with two

superintendents in Nancy Dillow, who is starting her 15th year with the Mazon-Vernon-Kinsman District (early childhood to eighth grade) and Gary Dawn – who is in his second year with Saunemin (preschool to eighth grade) – to find some answers about bullying and how schools are handling the nationwide issues.

How do you define bullying in 2021?

Dillow: We try to talk about what bullying is versus if someone calls you a name today and that's the only time it's happened. That's not really bullying. It's not nice and you shouldn't do it, but bullying is something more frequent. It happens more than once or twice, it has duration. Sometimes I think people call everything bullying.

"If someone punches someone one time, that's not necessarily bullying. They could have been mad about something and they punched each

other and that's it. If it's a continual thing, where a kid is routinely tripped or hit, that's bullying."

Dawn: I don't really like the term bullying because I think it gets thrown around way too much. It has become a term that people resort to anytime there is some conflict. This year I'd say, we did see some true issues where bullying is the best term to define. I don't think Covid-19 helped the issue at all

Does bullying happen at your school?

Dillow: Over the years we've had bullying instances, everything isn't golden here. But we feel like, we have addressed issues as they come up. We then add to our social skills classes to help address them now and in the future to mitigate them from the beginning.

I know sometimes it doesn't get reported. Part of our social skills class is to let the kids know that they should report

this. It's not them tattling. When they're feeling distraught after being called fat, ugly or another name, it's OK to reach out to an adult. That's hard for kids to do. It's really, really difficult because they don't want to be a nark. They don't want to tell on anyone. But when it's hurtful, it's not tattling.

We are blessed to have the kids we have and with the way they behave. I think they're kids and do what kids do and talk back to each other, but I don't know that there is an extreme amount of bullying at all. Unless someone reports it, we don't know. The backlash of these comments is, 'My kid was bullied and nothing was done about it.'

The question has to be asked, 'Did you tell the school?' If you knew it at home and your child thought they were being bullied, did you contact the school? Parents don't always do that. Sometimes people call and say this is going on and say, 'We don't want any-

thing done about it, but we wanted you to be aware.' Then we watch and see what's going on and if there is anything more harmful going on.

Dawn: We see issues arise and we deal with every one of them that is brought to our attention. I've told all of our parents that bullying isn't something we will tolerate, but it's also not something that we have a magic wand to fix right away. It's something that we keep an eye on and handle accordingly. Fortunately at Saunemin, we're lucky we don't have a lot of issues. We're small so that works in our favor, but we do see some student issues.

What role has Covid-19 played in bullying this past year?

Dawn: I do think masks and distancing contributed to it because nobody is wired to not have that interaction. At school, it's more rules with masks and (continued on page 14)

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
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June 20: Alexander J. Wilson, 20, Rantoul, driving 15-20 MPH above limit

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

Dwight Police Blotter
Lock Outs – 9; Assist Agency – 4; Return Calls – 9; Walk Into PD – 4; Traffic Stops – 5; Motorist Assist – 1; Well Being Check – 1; Harassment – 1; Neighbor Issues – 2; Break In – 1; Check Vehicle – 2; Loud Music – 1; Check Area – 2; Subject Removal – 1; Found Dog – 1; Reckless Driver – 3; Found Item – 1; Out With Subject – 1; Solicitor – 1; Theft – 1; Burglar Alarm – 2; Customer Problem – 1; Funeral Escort – 1; Landlord/Tenant Issues – 1; Vin Verification Assist – 1.

Accident Report
Tuesday, June 15, 6:15 a.m.,



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
June 17: John, medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris; Carriage House Lane, medical/fire; Waupansie St., medical, Morris.
June 18: Mazon, trauma, Morris.
June 19: William, trauma, St. James.
June 21: Mazon, medical, Morris; Northbrook, trauma, Morris.
June 22: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Franklin, medical, St. James; Prairie Ave., citizens assist; Prairie Ave., refusal.
June 23: Mazon, medical, Morris; South, other; Northbrook, medical, Morris.

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Illinois Unemployment Holds Steady

The May unemployment report for the state of Illinois revealed that the state's unemployment rate held steady at 7.1% with the number of non-farm jobs declining by 7900. The May unemployment rate was the same as in April, though the number of Illinoisans who were unemployed in April was revised slightly upward 1300.

The continuing rebound from the pandemic shutdowns was a big part of the gain of 6300 jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector of the economy. Illinois also added 2000 manufacturing jobs in May and 1900 in educational and health services. Declines were seen in government, which was down

by 10,000 jobs, as well as construction, which lost 5600 jobs and financial activities which was down by 1300.

Nationally unemployment in May stood at 5.8 percent, or 1.3 percent better than Illinois' figure. One year ago, in the depths of the lockdown, Illinois' unemployment was 15.4 percent.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$3,449,837,641 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$5.8 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment.

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Declare Your Financial Freedom

Independence Day is almost here. And as we make progress in moving past the COVID-19 pandemic, more of us will be able to enjoy Fourth of July activities. However you observe the holiday, it's important to recognize all the liberties we enjoy in this country. But you may still need to work at one particular type of freedom – and that's financial freedom. How can you achieve it?

There's no one instant solution. But you can work toward financial independence by addressing these areas:

Retirement savings – Approximately 45% of Americans think the ideal retirement involves “enjoying my well-earned freedom,” according to the March 2021 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. But when you're retired, the risk to this freedom is obvious – the paychecks have stopped but the bills haven't. Furthermore, you could spend two or three decades in retirement. That's why it's so important to contribute as much as you can afford to your tax-advantaged retirement accounts, such as your IRA and your 401(k) or another employer-sponsored plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. Whenever your salary goes up, try to increase the annual amount you put in your 401(k) or similar plan. And if appropriate, make sure you have a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments within your 401(k) and IRA. Most people don't “max out” on their IRA and 401(k) each year, but, if you can consistently afford to do so, and you still have money you could invest, you may want to explore other retirement savings vehicles.

Illness or injury – If you were to become seriously ill or sustain a significant injury and you couldn't work for an extended period, the loss of income could jeopardize your ability to achieve financial independence. Your employer may offer disability insurance as an employee benefit, but this coverage is typically quite limited, both in duration and in the amount of income being replaced. Consequently, you may want to consider purchasing private disability insurance. Keep in mind that this coverage, also, will have an end date and it probably won't replace all the income lost while you're out of work, but it will likely be more expansive and generous than the plan provided by your employer.

Long-term care – Individuals turning 65 have about a 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, such as a nursing home stay or the assistance of a home health aide, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. And these services are quite expensive – the average annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Medicare typically covers only a small part of these expenses, so, to avoid depleting your savings and investments (and possibly subjecting your grown children to a financial burden), you may want to consider long-term care insurance or life insurance with a long-term care component. A financial advisor can help you choose a plan that's appropriate for your needs.

By addressing these areas, you can go a long way toward attaining your financial independence. It will be a long-term pursuit, but the end goal is worth it.

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

Temps - 2021

June 17 – high 89°, low 59°
.03” precip.
June 18 – high 91°, low 67°
.15” precip.
June 19 – high 85°, low 66°
June 20 – high 83°, low 63°
.27” precip.
June 21 – high 71°, low 47°
June 22 – high 75°, low 53°
.09” precip.
June 23 – high 79°, low 58°
.14” precip.
One Year Ago – June 30, 2020
high 87°, low 69°
trace precip.

Dwight Fire Incidents

6/10 - 6/17

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:
June 18: Unattended burn – West William.
June 21: PD Assist/traffic control – W. Mazon Ave.
June 23: Mutual aid request to Braceville – canceled; Search for a missing person – West South St.
Dwight FPD also responded to five medical assists with Dwight EMS.

It was April 1945

Mrs. Julia Pedersen and Mrs. Margaret Fitzpatrick were received into the Dwight VFW Auxiliary membership.
The Dwight Junior Farmers 4-H Club met at the home of George Hoegger. Twenty-three members and three guests attended. Plans were made for a skating party in Reddick. Leroy Drechsel conducted the meeting. Recreation was by Thelma Thomas. Lunch was served by Mrs. Francis Rusterholz.
Elected to the Board of Directors of Dwight Rotary Club at its meeting held at Hotel Frances: Ralph Boyer, Harrie Fairchild, Maurice T. Nelson, Art Tock, Louis Weicker and Harold J. West.
The War Price & Rationing Board No. 6253-1 Pontiac, Illinois sent applications for canning sugar registration using last year's file names. The applicant must fill out the form completely and attach one Spare Stamp No. 13 for each member of household unit.



Final Service at Emington Congregational Church July 25

Emington Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) will hold its final worship service on Sunday, July 25, at 2:00 p.m.
The church has traditionally worshipped in the morning, but will hold its final service in the afternoon so that visitors from other churches are able to attend.
Emington Congregational Church was organized March 23, 1875, by a small group of church-going people. Even though they represented several denominations, they discussed the advantages and disadvantages of going in one body.

After prayerful consideration, they mutually agreed to make this new organization a Congregational Church. Those who did not have letters from their respective churches joined by confession of faith.
The church became part of the United Church of Christ denomination in 1957 when the Congregational denomination merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Church to become the United Church of Christ.
Emington Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) invites anyone inter-

ested to attend the service Sunday, July 25. The service will be called the service of completion of ministry. Former pastors will participate in the service to include saying a few words about their time as pastor. The sermon will be given by Rev. Kim Wood, Associate Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ.
Rev. Molly Carlson, Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, together with the current pastor, Rev. Grant Speece, will celebrate communion.

Tire Recycling, Shredding Events in Grundy County

The Grundy County Land Use Department will be hosting a **tire recycling event** at Olson's Recycling Center, located on 354 W. Jackson Street (West Route 6) in Seneca, starting on Thursday, July 15, through Saturday, July 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday.
They ask that all residents comply with the following:
• **No** commercial, industrial, or agricultural tires.
• All tires must be off the rims or will be declined.
• Only passenger truck or car tires will be allowed.
• Limited to ten (10) tires per vehicle.
• Must be able to unload tires and assist in the loading of the tires into the trailer.
K & S Tire Recycling, Inc. of Chicago Heights will be the tire recycler and will process the tires for the following green uses:
• Crumb rubber that will have an end use for welcome mats, railroad ties, and rubberized asphalt.
• Industrial feedstock used for automotive parts, paints, and coatings.
• Rubber mulch for garden use.
• Agricultural applications.
If there are any questions, feel free to contact Cheryl Wardell at 815-941-3228 or cwardell@grundycyco.org.
The Land Use Department will also be hosting its second **shredding event** Wednesday, July 21, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
The event will take place at a new location – the Grundy County Animal Control, at the north parking lot, at 310 East DuPont Road in Morris, to accommodate traffic.
They ask the following before you take your shredding materials:
• Limit the amount to two standard paper ream boxes, so more may participate.
• No plastic, metal, or steel clips.
• Remain in your car and they will get the boxes from your vehicle.
As this event will save you the time of shredding sensitive documents, the cost of a shredder, and recycle the most recoverable material, it is a complete win for you and the environment.
The process that takes place at the shredding event the day of the event is the following:
1) Paper is dumped into a shredding device that is part of a box truck.
2) Documents are shredded on site by a shredder located inside the box truck.
3) Shredded paper is weighed and then recycled.
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- **Saturday, July 10** – Kaleidoscope Eyes
- **Thursday, July 15** – Johnny Russler and the

Beach Bum Band

- **Saturday, July 24** – M and R Rush
- **Saturday, July 31** – June’s Got the Cash
- **Friday, August 20** – Feudin’ Hillbillies
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by Tom Tock

Two weeks ago I introduced you to Deb Brown and Becky McCray, founders of *SaveYourTown*. The two ladies recently completed a survey of challenges facing small towns. The survey was taken October 2020 - January 2021, to determine what rural communities consider their biggest challenges. Most of the 289 respondents to their survey were likely community leaders and officials, workers in community and economic development, business owners, or people who worked in a community-oriented business. All were from small rural towns. Surprising, perhaps, was that most of the survey respondents ranked challenges from the pandemic and associated economic crises way down on their lists. **The top five rural community challenges from the survey in 2021 were:**

- Lack of good housing
- Dead downtowns
- Loss of young people
- Shortage of new residents
- Not enough volunteers

The next five challenges on the survey were:

- People don't shop locally
- Not enough reach of news and ads
- Capitalizing on tourism
- Nothing to do here
- Infighting, disagreements

No. 15, last on the list, were crime and drug abuse. The challenges would differ, of course, or be in a different order, in other communities. Mike Hoffman of TESKA, which made an economic survey of Dwight several years ago, added a line to his survey back then that has always intrigued me. Listed under Community Weaknesses he had: "small town mentality." I questioned Hoffman about what that meant and he answered that we in Dwight have "a reluctance to expose ourselves to other towns, to see what they are doing," an attitude that says we can take care of our own problems better than anyone else. Can we? Really? Good decisions or bad decisions, they were what they were. Where do we go from here with our "small town mentality?" Or have we overcome it? What do *you* see as Dwight's biggest challenge in this supposed Renaissance year? Let us know your thoughts. Challenges
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Gas Prices For This Week

After declining last week, the nation's average gas prices have begun to climb again, rising 2.5 cents per gallon from a week ago to \$3.09 per gallon today according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The national average now stands 4.7 cents higher than a month ago and 92.1 cents higher than a year ago.

City/Village	June 28	June 21
Dwight	\$3.16	\$3.18
Kankakee	\$3.22	\$3.29
Streator	\$2.98	\$3.09
Pontiac	\$3.10	\$3.16
Gardner	\$3.27	\$3.29
Braceville	\$3.34	\$3.34
Morris	\$3.22	\$3.23
Herschler	\$3.26	\$3.25
Chicago	\$3.51	\$3.36
Illinois	\$3.32	\$3.34
U.S.	\$3.09	\$3.07

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DIANA LOSCHEN, agriculture teacher at Tri-Point High School, was named the state winner of the NAAE (National Association of Agriculture Educators) Lifetime Achievement Award at the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) conference held in Carbondale. Loschen has served as the ag teacher and FFA advisor at Tri-Point HS for over 33 years, and will retire on June 30. NAAE recognizes retired NAAE members who have made significant contributions to agricultural education at the state, regional, and national levels with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Loschen's application was submitted to represent Illinois in regional competition. An open house to celebrate Loschen's retirement will be held Sunday, July 25, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Kempton Legion Hall. All are invited to attend.

Free School Dental Exams in Pontiac July 13 and 26

Affiliated Dentists, located at 214 N. Main St. in Pontiac, is hosting free school dental exams Tuesday, July 13, and Monday, July 26, by appointment only. This is a visual exam only – no cleaning, treatment, or x-rays at the appointment. Call them at 815-842-3550 to schedule an appointment.

Want to Cool Off at the Pool?

Dwight Stevenson Pool is Open!

The pool is open for members at 12:30 p.m. daily, and is open to the public from 1:00-5:30 p.m. daily, and 6:30-9:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The rates for 2021 are as follows: Per Person - \$4; Family Passes - \$110; Individual Passes - \$55. To rent the pool on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings, or Saturday mornings, call the pool at 815-584-3385. Rental rates are \$120 per hour, with those holding family memberships receiving a \$20 discount.

Amanda Holmes Earns Masters from Kansas State U.

Nearly 3,130 students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in spring 2021, including Amanda Holmes, of Dwight, who graduated with a Master of Science degree. The university awarded 2,207 bachelor's degrees, 700 master's degrees, 216 doctorates, and 12 associate degrees. Several students earned multi-

Fireworks in Dwight July 4!

A 4th of July fireworks display is set to go off at dusk Sunday, July 4, at Dwight Common School. Just as presented last year, nobody will be allowed on the grounds but can enjoy the show from their vehicles. Commemorative 4th of July buttons will be on sale, in addition to a 50/50 drawing – helping to build awareness that donations are accepted and needed.

Livingston Workforce Services is hosting a Job Fair in a Bag event on Block 59 in Pontiac Friday, July 9, and are currently collecting job posting/hiring handouts and company swag to distribute in a bag to job seekers during this event – being offered at no cost to employers or job seekers. The purpose is to provide the community easy access to area job postings, who's hiring, how to apply, and any additional information or extras (i.e., swag) employers would normally hand out at a traditional job fair. They plan to prepare 50 bags and will keep job openings posted at their office following the event.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics at ICPHD

The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD), 1001 E. Grant Street, Watseka, will be conducting the following COVID-19 vaccine clinics for Illinois residents:

- Wednesday, June 30, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Moderna Vaccine Clinic, for age 18 and older, available by appointment or walk-in, located at the ICPHD.

Help Save Lives From Cancer and Be Part of the ACS Relay For Life of Livingston County

The American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay For Life of Livingston County invites the community to rally together Friday, August 6, at Pontiac Square from 5:00-9:00 p.m. to help save lives from cancer. Relay For Life events might look different, but the passion and commitment to fight cancer is unchanged. "As we come together in person for this event, let's rally together in the fight against cancer and make a difference," said Stacey Dutton, American Cancer Society. "We envision a future where we no longer live with the threat of cancer. Unfortunately, that future is at risk and there is a mission urgency since COVID-19 forced the postponement of fund-raising activities this past year. We want you to help us give hope and the advantage for the future to be cancer free."

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- Drop off your hiring flyers and company swag at their office, or e-mail tbrubaker@kcc.edu or call 309-268-8280 and they will pick up the items.
- E-mail your already prepared flyer or job posting to tbrubaker@kcc.edu and they will print copies.
- Submit your job vacancy information using their Post a Job Opening form and they will prepare your hiring flyer, print and include it in the bag. Post a Job Opening form is available at www.livingstonworkforce.com/post-a-job-opening.

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- Thursday, July 1, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Pfizer Vaccine Clinic, for age 12 and older, available by appointment or walk-in, located at the ICPHD. (Second dose will be scheduled

Help Save Lives From Cancer and Be Part of the ACS Relay For Life of Livingston County

Relay For Life of Livingston County is celebrating their 25th year to celebrate survivors, honor loved ones with Luminaria, and to come together as a community in the fight to end cancer. Opening ceremonies will be at 5:00 p.m., with entertainment and silent auction available, as well as their Luminaria Ceremony at 8:30 p.m. Take a lawn chair and invite your friends and family to join at Pontiac Square on August 6. Luminaria will be set up for a drive-thru around the square and they ask everyone to participate in the way they feel comfortable, while respecting others. For more than 35 years, participants and volunteers across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and take action for life-saving change. Funds raised help the American Cancer Society conduct breakthrough research, provide 24/7 support for cancer patients, and access to lifesaving screenings. "Fund-raising through Relay For Life is more important than ever and we can't

Carolyn Jury
THE BIG 90! An open house is planned for Saturday, July 10, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Renfrew Park in Dwight to celebrate Carolyn Jury turning 90-years old. All that is asked is your presence – no gifts.

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Leonard Lansing Hodgman

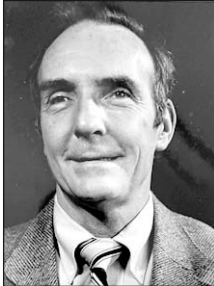
Leonard L. “Len” Hodgman, of Joliet, age 89, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2021.

He is survived by his children, Michael (Meg) Hodgman of Fly Creek, NY and Tudy Hodgman of Brentwood, TN; stepdaughter, Tracy (Fran) Curry; grandchildren: Connor Magunson and Melissa Magunson; step-granddaughter, Molly Myers; and his sister, Elizabeth Peeke.

Preceding him in death were his daughter, Kathleen Hodgman; father and mother, Cyrus and Zola Hodgman; and siblings, Marianne Hodgman and James Hodgman.

Len was born in Joliet January 4, 1932, and was raised in Dwight, IL. He was a 1950 graduate of Dwight Township High School.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University in 1954. He joined the United States Army from 1954 until 1956 and was a photo interpreter. After his discharge from the Army, Len received his Master of Science in 1957 from ISU. During his career he attended University of Oklahoma, Penn State, University of Indiana, University of Minnesota, and Northern Arizona College for post-grad training.



Known as “The Old Geographer,” Len worked from 1957 to 1965 at Joliet Township High School as a teacher. He then worked at Joliet Junior College from 1966 to 1989, and at Lewis University from 1989 until his retirement in 2012 as a Professor, Advisor, Department Chairman, Trustee and Professor Emeritus.

Len received the Outstanding Teacher Award from Joliet Junior College in 1985 and the National Council for Geographic Education Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award in 1996.

Visitation was held Friday, June 25, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Farkas Funeral Home, 3201 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon at the Funeral Home.

Per Len’s wishes, cremation rites were accorded following services.

Inurnment will be held at a later date in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

In accordance with the current COVID-19 guidelines, all attendees were required to wear a face mask and observe social distancing while in the funeral home.

Ellis William Burger

Ellis William Burger, 91, of Gardner, IL passed away peacefully with his family by his side at 7:19 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at his home.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, IL.

Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery, Mazon, IL.

Visitation was held at the Funeral Home Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 4 until 8 p.m.

Memorials in Ellis’ name may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Ellis was born February 21, 1930 to Ellis Joseph and Ila Mae (Scott) Burger. He was formerly married to Margy (Viner) Burger. She survives in Mazon, IL.

He is also survived by his daughter, Linda Sanders of Mazon; grandchild, Sheila Clouse of Mazon; great-grandson, Carter Clouse of Mazon; sister, Mary (Dan) Lewandowski of Dwight; nieces and nephews: Margo (Terry) Oxendine and Danah (Matt) Ken-



ney, both of Verona; Tim (Melanie) Burger and Jim (Judy) Burger, both of Pontiac; Tina (Blair) Barton of Cornell; Danny (Debbie) Burger of Seneca; Mike (Teresa) Burger of LaSalle-Peru; and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by son, Richard M. Burger; and brothers: Mervin, Lyle, Donald and Eldon.

Ellis retired from the State of Illinois after many years of service, and also worked over the years as a farmer, corn sheller, tree trimmer, sheep shearer, and was employed at both CAT and the Joliet Arsenal.

He was a longtime breeder and exhibitor of Hereford hogs and Welsh ponies, at both the local and state levels. Later in life, he took great pleasure in supporting his great-grandson, Carter, in his extracurricular activities.

This obituary may be viewed and condolences left at www.hagermemorial.com

Sandra Lutes

CALIFORNIA – Sandra Lutes (nee Hillman), 81, passed away on June 10, 2021 in Pamona, CA, after fighting cancer for several years.

She was born May 4, 1940 in Streator, IL to Eugene and Maxine (Christensen) Hillman.

She graduated from Gardner - South Wilmington High School with the class of 1958. She attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and then worked several years for Illinois Bell before moving to southern California, where she worked and resided for more than 40 years.

She married Dan Lutes in 1975 and they resided in Monrovia, CA. She was a longtime member of the Business and



Professional Women’s Association.

Upon retirement, she and Dan moved to Texas, where she resided until Dan’s death. She returned to California to be near family.

She had no children, and is survived by three brothers: Kenneth (Joan) Hillman of California; Dana (Diane) Hillman of Pennsylvania; and Brett (Lisa) Hillman of Gardner; and three sisters: Barbara Brooks of Dwight; Cindy (Don) Corneglio of Colorado; and Judy (Mark) Boroch of California, along with many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Celebration of Life for John Peach July 3



A celebration of life is being planned for John P. Peach Saturday, July 3, on his beloved farm at 26591 E. 2700 North Rd., Dwight, from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

John passed away November 3, 2020.

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you’d like to drink, and maybe a chair to sit on. John loved to visit with family and friends, so go and stay awhile.

They will be serving food, and are also planting a memory garden in John’s honor – so feel free to take a small plant to add to it, or maybe a photo to share.

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 15, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Therapeutic Touch Massage Therapy, located at 320 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

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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, on 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.

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UNLESS YOU FILE YOUR ANSWER or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Livingston County Law and Justice Center, Pontiac, Illinois, on or before August 10, 2021 at 1:30 PM, A JUDGMENT OF DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THIS CASE.

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/s/ Jillian C. Hanna
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Back At It

For much of the United States life as we knew it pre-pandemic is back to “normal.” Quotes are definitely needed there because I’m not really sure what normal is, but it’s basically back.

One of the biggest things that I’ve noticed that I just had completely forgotten about was reading people’s facial expressions. Sure if you were eating with people you can see their expressions but you don’t get to ever see the person serving you, or the hostess, or someone at the mall, there are just so many subtle queues and nuances that come with an interaction that involves reading someone’s facial expressions. It’s nice to have that back.

Piggybacking off of that, I’ve noticed that with myself at least that there’s definitely an adjustment to being back in social settings with semi large groups of people and just how to carry yourself, it’s been a while, and like most things you haven’t done for a while when you try to do them again it takes time to get comfortable with it.

The other thing, while the pandemic was not very much enjoyable and if we could go back and stop the bat/lab leak/whatever the start of it was, we would. There was this weird reset that happened of just appreciating small things like having dinner or lunch somewhere, or spending time with family, grabbing a beer, going to a movie, seeing people’s faces as mentioned earlier, but all of it comes with a little bit more appreciation now.

It can all be altered in a moment’s notice and I’m just finding a lot of really enjoyable small things and appreciating it all just a little bit more than maybe I did.

I’m looking forward to this 4th of July weekend, and the rest of the summer to come, with a renewed sense of appreciation and excitement.

Go, Cubs!

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

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Case No.: 2021-P-9 Deceased

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.

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

DATED: 6/10/2021

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GSW Panthers Hold Baseball Awards Night

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Earning awards for their efforts on the field during 2021 River Valley Conference play were: 1st Team All-Conference: Blake Huston, Caydan Landry, Alex McElroy, and Brandon States; 2nd Team All-Conference: Alex Grivetti and Ethan Maxard; Special Mention: Blake Patterson.

Individual honors were given to: Caydan Landry and Brandon States (Co-Most Valuable Players) and Aiddan Daugherty (Most Improved Player).

Driver's License, ID Card Expiration Dates Extended Until Jan. 1, 2022

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional five months – from August 1, 2021, to January 1, 2022. The new Jan. 1, 2022, extension also includes expiration dates that will occur between July and December of this year. As a result, expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until Jan. 1, 2022, so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities, especially during hot weather. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

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White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. White has greatly expanded online services and encourages the public to visit his office's website, cyberdriveillinois.com. Many transactions can be conducted online, including the purchase of license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, and renewing driver's licenses and ID cards, including Real IDs, for those who are eligible.

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

White's office continues to review ways to further expand online renewals for expired driver's licenses and ID cards to reduce the volume.

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They have Storytime every Tuesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m., with Ms. Holly on Tuesdays – who will be outdoors on clear days, and Ms. Karyn on Fridays – who will be on Facebook.

Chess Club will take place in person with Mr. Austin Thursday, July 1, at 6:00 p.m. on the grounds of the library. Learn different moves that can improve your game, whether you are a beginner or a long-time player.

Friday, July 2, is Movie Night at the library, as they show Raya and the Last Dragon. The entire family can enjoy the show in their backyard. Remember to take a blanket or chairs, and bug repellent.

Creating Nebula Art is on the docket Saturday, July 3, at 12:00 p.m. Kids in first through fifth grade can create their own star cloud using materials from the library's craft closet.

The library will be closed on July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July.

But on Tuesday, July 6, they go roaring back to make 3D Collage Dinosaurs at 6:00 p.m. This program is for kids in first through fifth grade.

Making Tie Dye t-shirts is set for Wednesday, July 7, at 5:30 p.m. The whole family can join in to create individual t-shirts.

Finally, join them on Facebook Wednesday, July 7, as Ms. Faith and Ms. Holly perform another Science Demonstration using items you can find around your home.

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

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message them at Facebook or Instagram.

Area COVID-19 Stats
as of June 28

Town	Tested	Cases	
Dwight	13,498	602	
Herscher	2,967	232	
Gardner	2,642	218	
Odell	2,814	175	
Mazon	1,976	174	
Braceville	1,966	154	
Essex	1,245	141	
S. Wilmington	1,026	95	
Cullom	1,381	84	
Reddick	1,068	67	
Saunemin	1,334	65	
Buckingham	798	59	
Verona	844	57	
Ransom	874	45	
Cabery	741	40	
Blackstone	383	37	
Kempton	677	36	
Emington	531	35	
Kinsman	266	19	
Campus	456	17	
Union Hill	133	13	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	257,006	14,584	216
LaSalle	213,929	12,793	250
Grundy	69,666	5,990	78
Livingston	120,943	4,903	91
Iroquois	54,274	3,154	68
Ford	32,715	1,891	50

Numbers
as of
06/28/21

Statistics via:
dph.illinois.gov

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,390,432; Deaths: 23,199; Probable Deaths: 2,438; Total Tests Performed: 25,634,328; Recovery Rate: N/A.

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.



5th of July Celebration
Returns to Pontiac for 2021

The Pontiac Golf Course is the place to be for family fun on the 5th of July.

Outdoor fun includes inflatables for the kids and lawn games and open swim for all ages from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Rosie and the Rivets: the Premier Retro Rock & Roll Show will be performing from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on the lawn. This electrifying female-fronted retrospective tribute to the first ten years of rock and roll performs a high-energy

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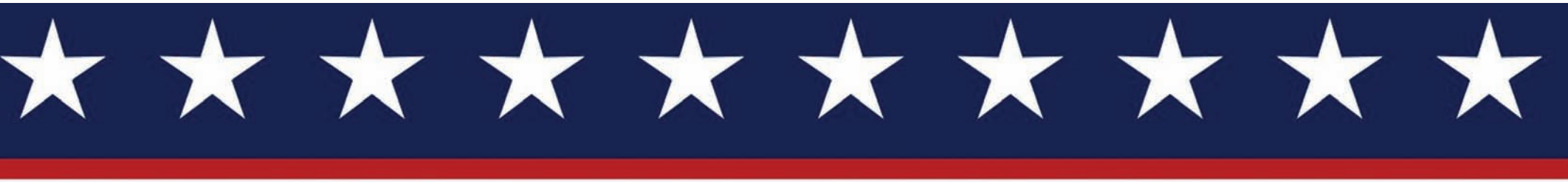
Food and beverages from the Pontiac Elks will be available to purchase from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Do not take personal coolers to the event.

Fireworks will take place at dusk, and are sponsored by the City of Pontiac and Pontiac Elks Lodge #1019.

More information can be found at Pontiac.org or by calling 815-844-6818.

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2021 Golf ‘Fore’ St. Paul School Outing Held in Cayuga

Gorgeous, sunny weather, and an amazing turnout, were had for the Annual Golf “Fore” St. Paul School – Mike Moyemont-Juli Sullivan Memorial Outing, held June 13 at Wolf Creek Golf Course in Cayuga.

The team of Trevor Sexton, Garrett Brunner, Griffin Brunner, and Rocco Sartoris led the A Flight with a 61. The team of Tom Christensen, Wes Havekost, Rich Bower, and Lyle Landstrom won the B flight with a 67. The Moyemont team of Jim and Julie Moyemont, Dave Moyemont, and Dylan Law took the C Flight.

Ties were broken by a scorecard playoff. Each team received prize baskets, including gift certificates purchased with monetary donations in support of “giving back” to local small businesses, for their accomplishments.

Darryl Holm won the putting contest, receiving a putter from the Pro Shop, courtesy of Campus State Bank.

Other special contest winners were: Hole #1: Closest 2nd Shot, Morgan Zabel; Hole



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#2: Longest Putt, Brian Larsen; Hole #3: Longest Drive, Bill Manker; Hole #4: Closest to the Pin, Julie Campe; Hole #5: Closest to the Pin in 2, Katie Horan; Hole #6: Longest Putt, Darlene Bohm; Hole #7: Closest to the Pin, Rocco Sartoris; Hole #8: Closest 2nd Shot, Jeff Gray; Hole #9: Longest Putt, Ron Tickle; Hole #10: Closest to the Green in 2 Without Being On, Mark Stadel; Hole #11: Closest 2nd Shot, Darlene Bohm; Hole #12: Closest to 150 Marker from Tee, Todd Moyemont; Hole #13: Closest

to the Pin, Roger King; Hole #14: Longest Drive, Jordan Noonan; #15: Closest to the Pin, Julie Campe; Hole #16: Closest to the Pin in 3, Jordan Noonan; Hole #17: Longest Putt, Jim Wahl; and Hole #18: Closest 2nd Shot, Bub Rush.

Each of the contest winners received gift certificates in support of area local businesses or donated by local businesses, for their achievements.

Other numerous raffle prize winners, including a 50/50 raffle, were announced that afternoon for a multitude of prizes that were donated by local supporting people and businesses. Half of the 50/50 was \$450 and was won by Suz Rygh-Jones, who donated half back to the Juli Sullivan Scholarship Fund.

A portion of the proceeds will go to Morgyn Moyemont’s Education Fund, and to the Juli Sullivan Scholarship Fund. The rest of the proceeds will directly benefit the students of St. Paul School, Odell.



LOCAL LEGEND and Hall of Famer, Doug Gassman, scored a “300” game during Summer League 9-Pin bowling action at Victory Lanes, Dwight, on June 23.

Summer League 9 Pin Bowlers June 16		
HSG: Doug Gassman, 300; Matt Boucher, 278; Kyle Battle, 276; Bill Green, 264; Scotty Banks, 256 – Paula Watts, 254; Linda Dunlap, 210; Kathy Howard, 203; Jessica Boyd, 193; Ashley, 173. HSS: Doug Gassman, 831; Matt Boucher, 744; Scotty Banks, 734; Kyle Battle, 716; Mike King, 689 – Paula Watts, 575; Kathy Howard, 534; Linda Dunlap, 527; Jessica Boyd, 526; Ashley, 452. HSG: T. City, 808. HHG: Cafe 110, 859. HSS: Maxwell Truck., 2295. HHS: Cafe 110, 2407.		
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Miller Busch	12	4
The Rookies	11	5
Maxwell Truck.	9	7
Cafe 110	9	7
California Kings	9	7
T. City	8	8
Full Send	8	8
The Hookers	7	9
3 Women And...	5	11



Competitors at State

THREE SENECA FIGHTING IRISH WRESTLERS combined to go 8-6 at the Class 1A IWCOA State Championships, held at the BSO Civic Center in Springfield. Owen Feiner (126), right, was 4-2, placing fifth overall as a junior. Nathan Elliott (285), left, a senior at Seneca, took fourth place, going 3-2. Senior Gavin Robertson (182), center, did not place, going 1-2. “These guys wrestled very well against the toughest competition the State had to offer,” head coach Todd Yegge said, “and we are very proud of their efforts and the team as a whole for a fantastic season, especially given the late start and finish into summer due to COVID. Our athletes have given their all the entire season to finish the year ranked #9 in the state as a team, and a dual record of 33-2. This senior class walks away with winning over 100 duals as a team in their careers and I’m very proud of this special group that we will miss.”

Members of GSW Lady Panthers Softball Team Recognized

Athletes from the Gardner-South Wilmington Lady Panthers’ softball team were recently recognized for their contributions to the team this season.

Senior shortstop **Kylie Hawks** earned River Valley Conference 1st Team All-Conference honors, in addition to making the Daily Journal’s All-Area 1st Team.

Hawks batted .525 in 2021, with an OBP of .596. She scored 25 runs, knocked in 11 RBI, doubled three times, tripled three times, connected on three home runs, and stole eight bases.

During GSW’s postseason run, Kylie hit .1000 with four singles, a triple, a homer, and two runs scored.

Bella Vyce, freshman

catcher for the Lady Panthers in 2021, led the team in every offensive category: BA – .548; OBP – .667; RBI – 22; R – 24; Doubles – 4; Triples – 3; HR – 4; SB – 9.

Vyce also gunned down nine opponents attempting to swipe a bag and picked off two others.

Bella earned RVC 1st Team All-Conference, Honorable Mention on the Daily Journal All-Area Team. She was also named her team’s Most Valuable Player.

Freshman third baseman, **Aspen Lardi**, the Lady Panthers’ Most Improved Player of

2021, made the RVC 2nd Team All-Conference.

Lardi batted .489 with an OBP of .522. She knocked in 15 runs and scored 15 of her own. Aspen recorded five doubles, a triple, and ten stolen bases.

GSW’s first baseman, junior **Katelyn Farris**, earned RVC Special Mention, contributing a .389 batting average, an OBP of .639, ten RBI, three doubles, and 18 runs scored – batting .800 during the postseason.

Head Coach Cassi Carlson commended Katelyn on her ability to always get her bunts down when they needed her to.

GSWB/MVK Baseball Camp July 21 and 22

The 2021 Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville/Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Baseball Camp is set for 9:00-11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, at Gardner Grade School, and Thursday, July 22, at MVK City Park.

The camp is for boys entering fifth through eighth grades that attend MVK or GSWB.

Camp fees can be paid in cash or via check made payable

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If you have questions, call Austin McDowell at 815-735-6389 or Jerry McDowell at 815-735-6387.

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Dwight Public Schools – Return to School Plan

Fall 2021-2022

Dwight Public Schools has announced its Return to School plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 18. Five days a week of **in-person** instruction will be provided to students. Mondays will now be early release days. See other important information below:

Regular School Days

- PK-4th Grades: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - (AM-PK): 8-10:45 a.m.
 - (PM-PK): 12:15-3 p.m.
- 5th-8th Grades: 8 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.
- HS: 8:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Early PM Dismissals and Mondays

- PK-4th Grades: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - (AM-PK): 8-10:30 a.m.
 - (PM-PK): 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 5th-8th Grades: 8 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.
- HS: 8:10 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Self-Certification cards will no longer be required. If a parent/guardian sends a child to school, it will be assumed that the child is not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Do not send students to school that are displaying any symptoms. If students are deemed symptomatic once at school, current guidelines from the IDPH will be followed.

Masks and social distancing protocols will be maintained while school is in session. This includes bus riders and/or all extra-curricular transportation. They will continue to implement best practices and safety protocols in line with current guidelines from the IDPH.

Quarantine may happen as a result of illness and/or being identified as a close contact. If your child is placed in quarantine, teachers will provide work to be completed. In these cases, the expectation is that absent work will be completed in the manner of a traditional absence according to the school handbook policy.

More specific information will be available closer to the start of school in August. As always, contact the grade school and/or high school office with any questions.

GRADE SCHOOL SPECIFIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION

RETURNING STUDENTS ONLY: ONLINE registration will open on July 1.

www.dwightk12.org

Once at the Dwight Public Schools website, you will need to be on the appropriate school page, Dwight Common School. From there, click on the REGISTER NOW button. Make sure all information is correct in Skyward.

NEW STUDENTS: New students (new to the district or PreK/Kindergarten) will need to register in-person at the grade school and/or high school offices. Between July 1 and July 26, the grade school and high school offices will be closed. The grade school district urges new families to complete registration by August 2.

NEW GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY: Student registration packets can be picked up by June 30 or beginning on July 26 in the grade school office. During the month of July, new student registration packets can be picked up at the District Office located at the high school.

IMPORTANT: EMERGENCY & GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION: As you register, review the emergency contact information and general contact information (phone numbers and e-mail) provided. All students need THREE different emergency contacts listed. It is also important that the emergency contacts are able to arrive at the school quickly to pick up a sick child.

GRADE SCHOOL HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS: In addition to being in compliance relative to immunizations, children must receive physical examinations prior to entering Illinois schools for the first time, prior to the date of entering PreK, Kindergarten or first grade, prior to entering sixth grade, and prior to entering ninth grade. Children who have not received physical examinations, as required, are considered to be in noncompliance whether or not they have received the required immunizations.

DENTAL: Illinois law (Child Health Examination Code, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 665) states all children in kindergarten and the second, sixth and ninth grades of any public, private or parochial school shall have a dental examination. The examination must have taken place within 18 months prior to May 15 of the school year. A licensed dentist must complete the examination, sign and date this Proof of School Dental Examination Form. If you are unable to get this required examination for your child, fill out a separate Dental Examination Waiver Form.

VISION: Illinois law requires that proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or physician (such as an ophthalmologist) who provides eye examinations be submitted to the school no later than October 15 of the year the child is first enrolled (Kindergarten; not required for PreK) or as required by the school for other children. The examination must be completed within one year prior to the first day of the school year the child enters the Illinois school system for the first time. The parent of any child who is unable to obtain an examination must submit a waiver

form to the school.

5TH-8TH GRADE EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION: Students that plan to participate in a fall sport are required to register on 8 to 18 for each individual sport prior to attending the first practice each season. The student must be registered by a parent/guardian. Any student who is participating in a sport is required by the IESA to have a current sport physical prior to attending any practices or activity on file in the office. Athletes should visit their primary doctor for all physicals.

Athletic Fees: \$30 one athlete/one sport; \$60 one athlete/multiple sports; \$90 max per family.

GRADE SCHOOL REGISTRATION COSTS

PreK – \$0; ECE Half Day – \$50; ECE Full Day – \$100; K-8 Students – \$100; 5th-8th Technology Fee – \$25; 5th-8th Locks Fee – \$10; 5th-8th PE Uniform Fee – \$5 shirt/\$5 shorts; *Free and Reduced Student Fee – \$0.

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Online Registration: July 1 - August 13 (returning students only)
- To register online, visit the school website and click on the Register Now button.
- In-Person Registration: August 3 - August 13, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (for students new to district or parents that are having issues with online registration)
 - All students must be registered before school begins on August 18
- All students that are in **any** activity or sport are required to register on 8 to 18 for each individual activity or sport prior to attending a practice each season. This includes Marching Band, Pep Band, Chorus, Scholastic Bowl, Drama, Winter Guard, all sports, etc. The student must be registered by a parent/guardian.
- Any student who is participating in a sport is required by the IHSA to have a current sport physical prior to attending any practices or activity (see code 2.150 of the IHSA Constitution). Athletes should visit their primary doctor for all physicals.
- According to the State of Illinois requirements, all students entering grade nine or a student who is new to a school in the State of Illinois, must have a physical examination and proof of a dental exam.
- **IMPORTANT: EMERGENCY & GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION:** As you register, review the emergency contact information and general contact information (phone numbers and e-mail) provided. All students need THREE different emergency contacts listed. It is also important that the emergency contacts are able to arrive at the school quickly to pick up a sick child.

TACT INFORMATION: As you register, review the emergency contact information and general contact information (phone numbers and e-mail) provided. All students need **THREE** different emergency contacts listed. Make sure your information is accurate. High school students' phone numbers should also be added.

DTHS Registration Costs Beginning 2021-2022 School Year

Dwight Township High School will continue to have a flat fee for student registration next fall. The annual fee will include any classes the student would like to take (including all classroom fees for projects), book rental, yearly planner and entry into all home athletic events (excluding tournaments). The Board of Education will review this flat fee and may adjust it accordingly on an annual basis.

In order to qualify for the Free and Reduced student rate, the student(s) must either be directly certified through the Medicaid system already; or you may complete the paperwork to determine if your student(s) qualifies.

REGISTRATION COSTS*

Student Fee | \$125.00

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*This cost includes one PE uniform, set of locks and Behind the wheel for all **freshmen and students new to the district.**

If a student participates in sports or LACC, there is an additional cost that will be added to this fee. Additional PE clothes and locks may be purchased if needed at the cost listed below:

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Never The Last Chance

By Brandon LaChance



Kids are interesting...is the biggest understatement ever heard by man.

As someone who doesn't have any children, I came into my first season as a co-coach of a 6- and 7-year old team in Mendota Area Youth Soccer with many emotions or thoughts.

I figured it would be fun. Annoying at times. Frustrating at every practice.

Hilarious because who knows what these kids are going to do on the soccer field or say to us as coaches or even to their teammates.

Was this something I truly wanted to do? Man, I couldn't be happier I said 'Yes' to Kayla Adams – my friend of close to 20 years, Class of 2004 classmate, and supervisor at a bank in Mendota – to help her out with this summertime endeavor.

Everything I had thought leading into the season became true. It was fun, it could be annoying and frustrating, and I never left a practice or game without smiling or laughing at least a handful of times. I guess this is what they're talking about when parents and other coaches speak about the joys and stresses of children.

I'll continue to coach, and probably won't have any children. This is a conversation for another column or one to never to be had.

Back to soccer.

At one practice, the team wasn't listening and they were bickering with each other. Coach Kayla told them to run and the kid who was goalkeeper at the time said, 'No, I'm goalie and don't have to run.' I was right next to him and asked him two or three times before I told him to run.

Nothing. He didn't move.

His father was standing beside his truck on the sideline and told him to run and to listen. Nothing.

This was true frustration.

Then the same kid scores a goal in each of the next three games and we never have an issue with him not listening to us again. I'm sure his father made the adjustment, but it was a pleasure working with our most potent offensive threat afterward.

He listened to things the coaches said and even became one of our vocal leaders with the other teams, even if he was kind of harsh at times.

There were about three kids who at practice were the most aggressive and the best defenders and goalies we had.

Games came every Saturday and the aggressiveness was gone and they watched the ball roll right past them for opponent scores.

This was definitely annoying.

At the next practice, the aggressiveness was back. Instead of the other players kicking the ball straight at them or becoming frazzled and without a clue of what to do next, they started passing the ball, dribbling around them and being aware defense was always going to be coming after them. So, the tough play at practice was helping the rest of the team. They took it into games, scored more and made the offense look like a real soccer offense instead of six players running after the ball kicking each other trying to move the ball down the field. Which usually didn't happen, the ball stayed still, and players had bruised shins – even with shin guards.

Players pushed each other, literally and figuratively. Coach Kayla and I could tell the players who were tapped out of soccer because of the heat and we could tell the ones who still wanted to keep playing.

At times, the competitor in you was maddened and sometimes it thrived as the young ballers were becoming better everytime they stepped on the field.

Whether it was an emotional sporting roller coaster throughout the season or not, the screeching halt of Saturday's last game of the season didn't feel good. When the last referee's whistle sounded to alert us the game was over, I immediately thought, 'This can't be finished, give us another period, another half, another game.'

Kids were nicer to each other than they had been the last seven weeks. They came and hugged Coach Kayla and me with a mouth full of rice crispy treats and a straw from a juice box.

We were told thank you.

The coaches told each and every player how awesome they were.

Maybe I should have kids.

OK, no, but I will coach again.

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MOTORCYCLES

'08 Harley Davidson XL 1200C, 5K.....\$4,900

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'16 Fusion SE, 86K.....\$11,900

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'11 MKZ, 152K.....\$6,900

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'18 Escape Titanium, 30K, 4WD.....\$28,900

'18 Edge SEL, 14K, AWD.....\$28,900

'17 T150 Cargo XL, 112K.....\$22,900

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'12 Edge SEL, 133K, AWD.....\$7,900

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ORDINANCE	
ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AP-PROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY NEEDED TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY AND GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGIN-NING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022.	
BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Pro-tection District as follows:	
SECTION I: The fiscal year of the Dwight Fire Protection District is hereby fixed and declared to be from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.	
SECTION II: The following budget containing an estimate of receipts and expenditures of the Dwight Fire Protection District is hereby adopted as the budget of the Dwight Fire Protection District for the above fiscal year.	
SECTION III:	
(a) The cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, May 1, 2020, was \$741,286.00, which included revenue from an unexpected CURE Grant that was not included in last year’s budget.	
(b) The estimate of cash expected to be received during the aforemen-tioned fiscal year from all sources, including loan and tentative grant pro-ceeds, is \$1,574,000.00.	
(c) Attached hereto is <i>Exhibit A</i> and made part hereof is an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for the aforementioned fiscal year and the sums hereinafter appearing in this Section are hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the necessary corporate expenses and liabil-ities of the Dwight Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022, the sums of money to be used for the following specified objects and purposes, as such objects and pur-poses are set forth on the attached <i>Exhibit A</i> .	
(d) The estimate of the cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year is \$505,336.00 after current year expenditures, with the cash on hand at the end of the year as a reserve for estimated future purchases of new equipment and building acquisition and improvements. A part of the estimated cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year may be expended for new equipment purchases, building maintenance and improvement and building acquisition if the need arises.	
ADOPTED and PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District in tentative form this 18th day of May, 2021.	
Votes: <u> 3 </u> Ayes <u> 0 </u> Nays	Gary L. Marx President/Trustee Eric P. Stewart Treasurer/Trustee Rodney J. Kodat Secretary/Trustee Being all of the Trustees of said Fire Protection District
ADOPTED and PASSED in final form by the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District this 22nd day of June, 2021 after a Public Hearing as provided by law.	
Votes: <u> 3 </u> Ayes <u> 0 </u> Nays	Gary L. Marx President/Trustee Eric P. Stewart Treasurer/Trustee Rodney J. Kodat Secretary/Trustee Being all of the Trustees of said Fire Protection District
<u>DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET</u> May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022	
CASH ON HAND AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND EXPECTED RECEIPTS:	
Cash on Hand May 1, 2021	*\$741,286.00
Tax Receipts	535,000.00
Illinois Municipal League	8,000.00
Replacement Tax Revenues	7,500.00
Interest on Investments	2,500.00
Special Levy for Liability Insurance	21,000.00
Special Levy – workers compensation	35,000.00
Special Levy for Employers Medicare portion	5,000.00
Special Levy for Employers Social Security portion	18,500.00
Special Levy for audit	2,500.00
Fire Call Receipts	10,000.00
Training Income	1,500.00
Memorial Donations	1,000.00
Other Income	2,000.00
Sale of assets	100,000.00
FEMA Safer Grant	79,500.00
Possible FEMA AFG Award	170,000.00
Possible CURE Grant	300,000.00
Illinois Public Risk Grant	5,000.00
CURES funding	45,000.00
Possible OSFM small equipment	25,000.00
New fire truck loan	200,000.00
Total Cash on Hand at the beginning of the Fiscal Year and Revenues to be received from all sources including funds borrowed:	<u>\$2,315,286.00</u>
*Cash on hand as of May 1, 2021 includes revenue from an unexpected CURE grant that was not included in last year’s budget.	
Expected expenditures to be made during the 5/1/21 through 4/30/22 Fisci-al Year, together with reserves for loan service payments (principal and interest) as follows:	
PERSONNEL EXPENSES/SALARIES/MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY:	
Asst. Fire Chief	10,000.00
Battalion Chiefs	5,000.00
Bookkeeper	5,000.00
Fire Chief	12,000.00
Trustees	2,500.00
Medicare/Social Security	23,500.00
Station Staffing	225,000.00
POC and Training	15,000.00
Fire Prevention Officer	1,000.00
Marketing Director/P.R.	1,000.00
Peer Support Team Leader	500.00
Chaplain	500.00
Salaries/Total	\$301,000.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:	
Auditor	2,500.00
Dispatching	12,500.00
Fire Department volunteers	7,000.00
Hospital	2,000.00
Legal	5,000.00
Grant Writing	2,200.00
Background checks	500.00
Contractual Services Total	\$31,700.00
INSURANCE:	
Property	25,000.00
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Liability	21,000.00
Worker’s Compensation	35,000.00
Insurance Total	\$81,000.00
OFFICE OPERATIONS:	
Office Furniture/Fixtures	2,500.00
Office Operating Expense	5,000.00
Newspaper Publication	1,000.00
Postage	250.00
Printer Contract	750.00
Computers/Printers/ Software/Technology	3,000.00
Office Operations Total	\$12,500.00
BUILDING EXPENSES:	
Electric	8,500.00
Gas	9,000.00
Internet	3,500.00
Janitorial & snow removal	3,000.00
Maintenance/Repair	12,000.00
Supplies	4,000.00
Telephone	10,000.00
Water & Sewer	2,000.00
Improvements	60,000.00
Building Expense Total	\$112,000.00
APPARATUS:	
Fuel	10,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	48,000.00
New fire truck purchase	620,000.00
New support vehicles	130,000.00
Apparatus Total	\$808,000.00
DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS:	
Association Dues	6,000.00
Subscription Expense	750.00
Emergency Reporting	
Software Subscription	3,000.00
Quickbooks online w/payroll	3,000.00
Staffing software	4,500.00
E-Dispatch subscription	2,000.00
Apparatus & Equip. Software	8,000.00
Dues/Subscriptions Total	\$27,250.00
TRAINING:	
Training Classes/Materials/ Mileage	10,000.00
Training software	7,000.00
Fire prevention	2,000.00
Training Totals	\$19,000.00
LOOSE EQUIPMENT:	
Misc. Loose Equipment	20,000.00
Loose Equipment Total	\$20,000.00
SAFETY EQUIPMENT:	
S.C.B.A. Gear & Bottles	5,000.00
Air Packs	170,000.00
Turnout Gear/Protective clothing	100,000.00
Safety Equipment Total	\$275,000.00
COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT:	
Radio purchases/repairs and Batteries	6,000.00
Cell service for vehicle tablets	4,000.00
Radios/Pagers Total	\$10,000.00
DEBT REPAYMENT	
Fire truck loan with Peoples National Bank	\$56,000.00
HEALTH/WELLNESS/RECOGNITION	
Physical Fitness & Peer Support	2,000.00
Recruitment & retention	2,000.00
Awards banquet	2,500.00
Health/Wellness/Recognition Total	\$6,500.00
SUPRESSION/MEDICAL/RESCUE/ TECHNICAL EQUIP.	
	\$50,000.00
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENDITURES:	\$1,809,950.00
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND RESERVES:	
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022 FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING RESERVES FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS	
	\$1,809,950.00
RESERVE FOR PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT, BUILDING AND/OR CASH ON HAND AT THE END OF 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR (APRIL 30TH, 2022)	
	\$505,336.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES AND RESERVES FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30TH, 2022	
	\$2,315,286.00
RECAPITULATION	
CASH ON HAND AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND EXPECTED RECEIPTS:	
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Expected Expenditures to be made during the 5/1/21 through 4/30/22 Fisci-al Year, together with reserves for loan service payments (principal and interest) as follows:	
Total Regular Expenses	\$1,809,950.00
Reserve for Purchase of New Equipment, Building Maintenance and/or Cash on Hand At end of 2021-2022 Fiscal Year	\$505,336.00
Total Expenses and Reserves for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year commencing May 1st, 2021 and ending April 30th, 2022	
	<u>\$2,315,286.00</u>

Hines VA Outreach Team in Morris, Channahon in July

The Edwards Hines, Jr. VA Hospital Outreach Team, along with the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission, will be enrolling Veterans and answering questions about VA health care and other VA benefits Thursday, July 1, (date change due to federal holiday on July 5) in Morris, and Wednesday, July 14, in Channahon.

The team will be available from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day, and consists of the enrollment coordinator, a nurse, and a member of the eligibility staff.

The Morris location is the American Legion at 212 W. Washington Street, and in Channahon, they will be at the village hall at 24555 S. Navajo Drive.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, go out and join them. There is no need to register for this event, and the event 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 enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, you must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty. There are other criteria that may also make you eligible for VA health care.

If you do not have a copy of your DD214, the Grundy County VAC can assist you with getting one.

The Grundy County VAC will have a veteran service officer at the event to answer questions about other local, state, and federal veteran’s benefits.

“Were you aware that VA health care is not a health insurance but they are actually a health care provider? With VA health care, you can do regular checkups with your VA primary care provider or seek our specialty care from specialists (like cardiologists, gynecologists, and mental health providers). You can access Veterans health care services like home health and geriatric (elder) care, and you can get medical equipment, prosthetics, and prescriptions,” said Ken Buck, Superintendent of the Grundy County VAC.

“The Grundy County VAC strives each day to assist veterans with a variety of benefits that are available to them from federal, state, and local sources. We are not the experts on all of the VA health care programs available at Hines VA Hospital and at the community-based 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,” added Buck.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

St. Paul School in Odell would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every person & business that in any way supported our recent 2021 *Golf “Fore” St. Paul School – Mike Moyemont-Juli Sullivan Memorial Outing*. Whether you contributed by being a sponsor, golfer, or made a donation to support the cause in any way, we thank you for your part in making this event a success for our students and school. Special thanks to our sponsors: Abry Backhoe, AHW, LLC John Deere Dwight, Anne & Luke Breitenbach, Berkot’s Super Foods, Brian Sullivan, BT Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, C.J. Enterprises, Calvert & Martin Funeral Home ~ Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Funeral Home, Campus State Bank, Charles Doran Family, Chuck & Lynne Verdun, Clarence Abry Family, Dave & Jason Wolf, Dick & Linda Verdun, Don & Vera (Stahler) Gernentz Family, Doug & Candy Abry, Driscoll Motors, Durham Electric, Dwight Knights of Columbus #1282, GD’s Saloon, Garwood/Timmerman Kids, Grieff’s Exterior Service, Joan Bullard Realty, Joe, Anna & David Stadel Family, John & Mary Beth Duffy, Joyce Farms Recycling, Inc., Kathy Theesfield & Beach Buddies, Kris Krominga & Rick Verdun, Lovell Excavating, Lyons-Sullivan Realty, Midwest Dental, Mike & Sherry Cassady, Morgyn Moyemont, Art & Kathy Bunting, Moyemont Family, Msgr. Watson Memorial by the Watson Family, Odell Bank ~ Branch of Bank of Pontiac, Odell Knights of Columbus #895, Odell Park District, Odell Volunteer Firemen/EMS, Old Route 66 Family Restaurant, Panno Realty, Pontiac Dairy Queen, Rentz’s Tap and Dining, Ribber Construction, Inc., Ron & Nancy Davis Family ~ In Honor of the Teachers at St. Paul School, Route 66 Tire & Auto, Stamps Body Shop, Sturms Seed Services, The Bunting Brothers, The Paper, Timmerman Siblings, Trainor Grain & Supply, Tub & Toni Stadel Family, Tucker Refrigeration, Plumbing, Heating & Air, Weller Hooker Agency, Willy’s Pub, and William Hooker Agency.

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Thanks so much to our numerous supporters who contributed to the cause during this challenging time in our society. Thank you also to everyone that came out or signed up to golf as we had a remarkable turnout! We appreciate your ongoing devotion to this annual event.

Thanks to our hosts, Tyler Mills & the staff at Wolf Creek Golf Course. Our utmost personal thanks go to the loving families of those memorialized, Mike Moyemont & Juli Sullivan: to the entire Moyemont family, and to Brian Sullivan and the Sullivan/Timmerman/Garwood families & friends. We appreciate all their immeasurable kindness, dedication & generosity to St. Paul School. A portion of the proceeds go to Morgyn Moyemont’s Education Fund, and to the Juli Sullivan Scholarship Fund. The rest of the proceeds are to directly benefit the students of St. Paul School. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

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4. Adhere to all Board, District, and IESA policies and procedures.
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Selected full time candidate must be able to work 40-plus hours a week, be on call as required. Selected part time candidate must be able to have flexible scheduling.

Resumes must be received by July 15, 2021, to be considered for employment. Resumes may be hand delivered to 520 Depot St., Mazon, IL or mailed to P.O. Box 1, Mazon, IL 60444 or emailed to village.clerk@villageofmazon.org.

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Bullying in 2021 – – –

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staying six feet apart. It was just more stressors for them. If they acted out, they acted out on each other. I know Covid hasn't helped the situation at school or at their homes where they see other stressors like parents worrying about their jobs. Children sense the conflict at home and they don't know what to do with that. They bring it to school and we see the acting out at school because of these issues.

"I think this is just the beginning. I think this is going to be a problem in our schools moving forward. I don't think we've seen what the pandemic has truly done to these kids. They've had a horrible year or year and a half being shut in their homes and then coming to school and school is different. The pandemic has definitely thrown our children a curve ball. They are acting out and trying to deal with the changes.

Dillow: This year was abnormal because kids had to be six feet apart and had a mask

on. It's kind of hard to thump the kid behind you or make faces at others. It wasn't an issue with bullying, but didn't help social interaction?

Has there been social media/computer bullying?

Dillow: Over the past few years we've had one or two instances that we've had to deal with. We had the one this year in our classroom, which is our computer system, so we could pull it. Outside of class social media that drags into the school day – over the last three years there has been maybe one or two instances – once we were made aware and parents were made aware, it was addressed and it didn't go further. We got the computer transcripts out and handled it in an immediate matter. I think everything turned out OK.

What are some measures the school has taken to prevent, discipline, address bullying?

Dawn: Michael McDermid, our assistant principal who started two years ago

when I started, works very hard to be proactive in these situations. He and I are both visible in the building. We're in the hallways, the cafeteria and the classrooms. We make ourselves a presence within the building to get to know the kids and see them in the classroom and hopefully cut some issues off before they become issues.

When that's not possible, we discipline students the best we can to hopefully show others that we're not tolerating it. We have social work services that are at the school two days a week. Next year, the school district will be adding a guidance counselor position to hopefully work closely with students, parents, teachers and administration to work closely with the students.

Having a counselor in-house five days a week, the hope is it will help the students as the counselor becomes a familiar face they can build trust with and talk about anything bothering them or any matter. It's another option for our stu-

dents when they're at risk. We have a supportive school board. They realize the students' needs are becoming more and more severe. I feel fortunate with the school size that we are that I can add a full-time counselor.

Dillow: We have a full-time social worker at school. We have social skill programs from kindergarten all the way to eighth grade. The lower grades have full class rooms, full classes about social skills. As they get older, it's more individualized by need. Some kids see our social worker on a regular basis more than a 'this is what you should or should not do' basis.

When it's reported, we start an investigation. We talk to the parents, talk to the kids and talk about the seriousness of the act. We do treat it severely. We don't want it to happen one time and we don't want it to be routine and become bullying. Discipline-wise, we look at the intensity and if we've already talked to this child. If someone called me a name and then



went on and called other people names, I'm not necessarily getting bullied, but that kid might be a bully. We do have to look at many scenarios and circumstances.

We do have a buddy bench. On our elementary school playground we have a bench, if someone isn't feeling it for the day or if kids are not playing with them they can sit on the bench. The idea is, if another

kid sees someone on the bench, they can go over and see if they want to play to try to include each other. If you're not feeling included or you're a new kid, the bench is there for them to use. All the kids know what it's for. It's been a nice thing for us.

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