

Remembering Trevor Till

Memorial 5K Run/Walk to be held in August

By Brandon LaChance

Memorial events always have a background story.

A reason why people get together, circle the date on the calender in unerasable marker and are excited to participate.

The 1st Annual Trevor Till Memorial 5K Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. (registration starts at 7 a.m.) Aug. 7 at Seneca High School tells a story of an 18-year old who got along with everyone, made life for his peers more enjoyable and filled his life with joy through activities and leadership.

“There wasn't anything he wasn't involved in at the school,” said Lisa Moore, Till's mother. “He lived for high school and he loved Seneca High School. He was there from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. a lot of days depending on what practices and activities he had.

“He thrived at school. He loved his teachers. He was the kind of student the teachers wanted to have in class because he always asked questions and always stimulated conversation. He was very respectful and a friend to everyone. He didn't talk down to anyone and was always there for everybody.”

Till, who graduated from Seneca in 2020, was the senior class president, the president of the National Honor Society, speech team captain, captain of the cross country team, pole vaulted in track and field including a trip to state as a sophomore, was the male lead in the musical “The Music Man”, was a drum major, attended HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) seminars and was an Illinois state scholar.

His drive, ambition and impressive high school resume opened the doors of the University of Illinois.

However, after not being able to enjoy the end of his senior year at Seneca because of Covid-19 and restrictions and loneliness carrying over to his freshman year in college, he committed suicide on Oct. 21, 2020.

“I know it was Covid isolation that caused Trevor to take his own life. He wanted to be in the marching band and it was



Trevor Till

one of the reasons he chose U of I,” Moore said. “That was virtual and he didn't want to do it because he didn't want to play his trombone to the computer. It wasn't the same as marching band with the camaraderie.

“There was nothing going on because of Covid. His roommate was from India, so he didn't have a roommate. He was alone in the dorm room, which is hard for a freshman anyway. They had to eat outside until it was 45 degrees in the morning and then they brought the tables in. He had two classes inperson and the rest were online. They tested them for Covid-19 two or three times a week and would have known if there were any issues, but they still weren't allowed to do anything.

“Essentially, he sat in his dorm room by himself not knowing anyone. It breaks my heart.”

Moore, along with her four older children – two sets of twins – Robert and Ryan Till (31) and Zachary and Aimee Till (30), and father Bob Till, have created the Trevor Till Scholarship at Seneca for students who excel in the same manner as Trevor did with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, must be attending a college, have to be in at least one varsity sport, have to be involved in either music, band, chorus, plays or musicals and must be in a leadership role.

The family also started the Trevor Till Be The Light Award at Mazon-Verona-Kinsman where Trevor shared his kindness and helpful attributes. The

winner must share the same.

Winners of the scholarship and the award were announced for the first time this past school year as Amber Vroman won the \$1,000 scholarship and Jacob Hasselbring won the 8th grade award.

In order to support the two programs and to honor Trevor Till's memory, the 5K was created.

“It's been very hard for friends and family. I think doing the 5K will keep him in our hearts forever,” said Seneca cross country coach Kim Foster, who will start her 11th season this fall. “It will also support other people who have struggled with things in the past or who struggle with mental health or depression. I think the most important thing is to keep him forever in our hearts and to honor him because he was such a great kid. It's a tragedy what happened.

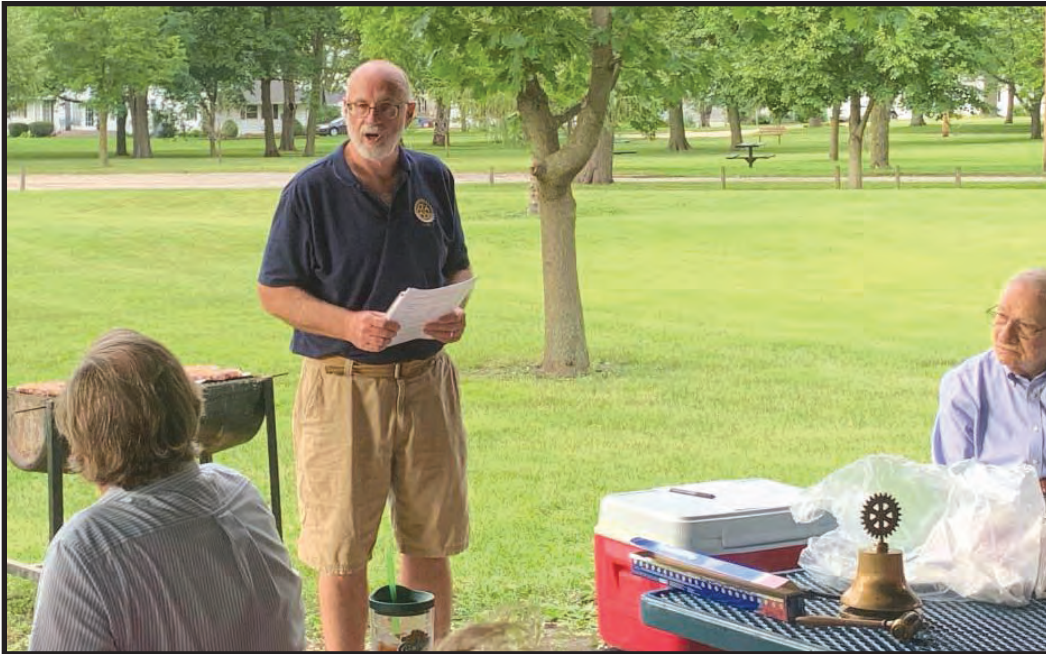
“This will be a fun event to bring some excitement. He loved to run and it will be a good opportunity for his mother to raise funds for the scholarship program she has created in his name and to give back to the community.”

Foster, who created the course for the 5K, said she saw Trevor more than her three children when he was at Seneca as she coached him in cross country and track, taught him economics and advised him in the National Honor Society.

As a teacher and a coach, Foster sees the effects Covid-19 has left on students and athletes. She hopes they know parents and teachers are here for them to speak about any issues they may have.

“When it all hit last March, we were all getting ready for our spring sports and spring break,” said Foster. “Especially for the seniors – the 2020 graduates – everyone was so excited for Prom and everything else. I had Trevor in class that day when it was announced the world was getting shut down. The reaction of the students, especially kids like Trevor who strived to be at school, were very sad. They were shocked and they were mad.

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DWIGHT ROTARY CLUB President Earl McCoy re-dedicates the Rotary Picnic Shelter at Renfrew Park to the people of Dwight.



The new Rotary signage on the gable ends of the shelter were put in place so that all will know of the presence of Rotary in Dwight.



DWIGHT ROTARY CLUB 2021-2022 President-elect Pastor John Mueller is installed as the 84th president of the Club, with District Governor Mike Step administering the oath of office.

Dwight Rotary Year 2020-2021 Closes

Dwight Rotary Club's final weekly gathering of this club year was June 29 at Renfrew Park. It was their first summer steak fry for this summer and was coordinated by chef Dale Adams (Secretary and Treasurer).

It was also the re-dedication of the 1947 Rotary Picnic Shelter (Renfrew Park “east picnic shelter”).

The re-dedication speech follows:
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary began in 1905, in Chicago, 70 miles north of Dwight.

The world was at war from 1914-1918.

The stock market crashed in 1929 and was followed by the Great Depression.

In 1938 (33 years after Rotary was formed), the Dwight Rotary Club was chartered. Dwight is a proud “old” club and has a long roster of members, including our Dwight Rotarian, 90-year old Del Hancock; with over 60 years of perfect attendance every week.

Again, the world was at war from 1939-1945.

In 1946, 75 years ago, the Rotary Picnic Shelter Committee



tee was formed by Rotarians Paul C. Paulsen and Earl N. Hager. Paulsen started an automobile dealership in 1917 and Hager started his lumber yard in 1914.

In 1947, the Rotary Picnic Shelter that we enjoy this evening was erected and dedicated to the people of Dwight. Surely the lumber was from the Earl Hager Lumber Yard. Look at this shelter. It was built to stand the test of time, similar to Rotary.

So, this evening, with a fresh coat of paint, and new Rotary signage on the gable ends, which was provided by a District Grant; we gather.

President McCoy is the 83rd

President of Dwight Rotary and on behalf of all Dwight Rotarians past and present, **once again dedicates the Rotary Picnic Shelter in a peaceful Renfrew Park to the people of Dwight.**

It will be BENEFICIAL to all concerned.

In attendance were the Honorable District Governor Mike Step from Paris and Assistant Governor Jim Matthews from Mahomet. District Governor Step congratulated the Dwight Rotary Club for their many accomplishments in 2020-21. Assistant Governor Matthews echoed the Governor's comments and informed Dwight

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THE INAUGURAL TREVOR TILL MEMORIAL 5K Run/Walk kicks off at 8:30 a.m. (registration starts at 7:00 a.m.) Saturday, August 7 at Seneca High School. Proceeds go to the Trevor Till Memorial Scholarship.

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July 1: Madelyn A. O'Connor, 18, Momence, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Gabriella L. Brownsey, 19, Bourbonnais, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

July 3: Demesha C. Fisher, 43, Bourbonnais, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Madison R. Daly, 19, Dwight, driving 1-10 MPH above limit; Sricharan Devineni, 43, Vernon Hills, fail obey stop sign.

July 4: Donald D. Reiff, 33, Odell, driving 11-14 MPH above limit.

July 5: Taylor M. Richie, 23, Dwight, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Alan D. Kuhn, 58, Grant Park, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

4 Written Warnings

Speeding – 3; expired registration – 1.

Dwight Police Blotter

911 Misdialed – 5; Counterfeit Currency – 1; Lockout/Vehicle – 6; Accident – 4; Check Vehicle – 6; Walk Into PD – 6; Return Phone Call – 12; Illegal Burn – 1; Domestic Disturbance – 3; Harassment – 1; Criminal Damage – 1; Unknown Problem – 1; Fireworks – 2; Burglar Alarm – 1; Found Dog – 3; Extra Patrol – 6; Flagged down by Subject – 2; Traffic Stop – 9; Medical Aid Assistance – 1; Crisis Intervention – 1; House Checks – Nightly; Open Door Checks – Nightly; Golf Cart Inspection – 3; Road Hazard – 1; Dog Bite – 1; Lost Dog – 1; Out With Subject – 1; Find Open Door – 1; Park Checks – Nightly.

Accident Report

Friday, July 2, an accident was reported on Old Route 66 at Route 17 involving a Kia, driven by Andrew Wehrle, Danforth, which failed to reduce its

speed upon approaching a stop and struck a Honda, driven by Robert Baldwin, Two Rivers, WI, causing it to strike a Ford stopped in front of it, driven by Lee Hopkins, Pontiac. No injuries were reported. Both the Kia and Honda were towed from the scene.

Wednesday, July 7, an accident was reported at Love's Travel Center involving a Volvo Semi, driven by Jack Bradford, Fort Worth, TX, which – upon pulling out of a parking space – struck a parked Kenworth Semi, driven by Johnny Reed, Springfield, CO, who was asleep in his sleeper.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

July 1: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; Northbrook, fire; Mazon Ave., medical, St. James; Delaware, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, Morris.

July 2: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; E. William, medical, St. James; I-55, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner; Rt. 66, trauma.

July 3: Main St., COQ; Main St., COQ.

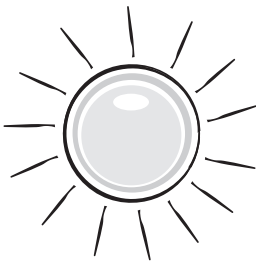
July 4: Mazon, medical, Morris; Delaware, medical, refusal, mutual aid from Gardner; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from CC.

July 5: Bannon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

July 6: Main, Morris, COQ; Clinton, medical, Morris; Main, medical; Prairie, medical; 3200 N. Rd., trauma, Morris.

July 7: Mazon, medical, Morris; William, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Gardner; Renfrew, medical, St. James.

July 8: North, medical, refusal; Northbrook, medical, refusal.



Temps - 2021

July 1 – high 79°, low 55°
July 2 – high 74°, low 55°
July 3 – high 80°, low 57°
July 4 – high 85°, low 65°
July 5 – high 87°, low 68°
July 6 – high 87°, low 68°
July 7 – high 86°, low 68°
trace precip.

One Year Ago – July 14, 2020
high 80°, low 59°



Dwight Fire Incidents 6/24 - 7/8

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

June 25: Smoke detector activated – East Mazon Ave.

June 26: Power line down – East Prospect Ave.

June 28: Smoke detector activated – East William St.

June 29: Mutual aid to Morris for the large scale battery fire incident; Smoke scare/odor of smoke – Susan Dr.

June 30: Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) – North Union St.; Smoke scare/odor of smoke – East Main St.; Assisted PD – Rt. 47; AFA – North Union St.

July 1: Arcing/Shorted equipment – Northbrook Dr.

July 2: Mutual aid to Gardner for a motor vehicle accident.

July 6: Motor vehicle accident – Rural Dwight

Dwight FPD also responded to 21 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Heritage Woods Hosting Family Luau July 16

Ohana means “family”, and Heritage Woods of Dwight, 701 East Mazon Avenue, is hosting a Family Luau Friday, July 16, at 2:00 p.m.

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, feel the sand between your toes, and enjoy their frozen fruity drinks.

To join in the fun, RSVP to Denise by calling 815-584-9280.

It's History...



CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANYONE PICTURED ABOVE? These photos are from the Dwight Historical Society's collection of photos, which were taken by local photographers at Dwight Photo Studios and have no identification on them. If you recognize anyone, please send ID information to dhs1854@yahoo.com or call 815-674-9056. Thank you.

Jesse White Issues Reminder: Automobile Insurance Verification Program Has Begun

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding drivers that electronic verification of automobile insurance has begun and vehicle owners who are unable to prove insurance will face a license plate suspension and \$100 reinstatement fee.

Enforcement of the state's mandatory insurance electronic verification program began on July 1. Insurance companies are working in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office to confirm electronically that motorists have automobile insurance. The vast majority of vehicle owners will not have to do anything, as electronic verification of automobile insurance will be confirmed automatically.

“My office has led the effort to establish and implement an automobile insurance verification system online that uses innovations in technology to help reduce the number of Illinois motorists driving while uninsured,” said White. “The message is simple: if you don't have auto insurance, get covered now. It is the law.”

The program follows national standards established by the Insurance Industry Committee on Motor Vehicle Administration and is expected to reduce the number of Illinois motorists driving while uninsured. Under the new Illinois Insurance Verification System (ILIVS), vehicle owners' automobile insurance will be verified electronically at least twice a year at random intervals to ensure that vehicle owners are complying with the state's

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mandatory automobile liability insurance laws.

If electronic verifications are unsuccessful, the Secretary of State's office will send a written request to the vehicle owner giving them the opportunity to prove they have insurance before suspending their vehicle registration. Vehicle owners must contact their insurance company or notify their insurance agent that they received a letter with a specific reference number from the Secretary of State. The insurance agent's responsibility is to confirm electronically with the Secretary of State – through ILIVS.com – that the vehicle owner does in fact have automobile insurance on the verification date stated in the letter.

It is important to note that vehicle owners who receive

the letter should NOT VISIT a Driver Services facility; instead, they should CONTACT THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT who can provide the necessary electronic proof of insurance needed to cancel the license plate suspension.

Vehicle owners who do not currently have automobile insurance must obtain insurance to avoid license plate suspension.

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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How Does Social Security Fit Into Retirement?

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For most people, Social Security won't be enough to cover the cost of living in retirement. Nonetheless, Social Security benefits are still valuable, so you'll want to do whatever you can to maximize them.

Your first move is to determine when you should start taking Social Security. You can begin collecting benefits when you reach 62 – but should you? If you were to turn 62 this year, your payments would only be about 71% of what you'd get if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 66 years and 10 months. (“Full retirement age” varies, depending on when you were born, but for most people today, it will be between 66 and 67.) Every month you wait between now and your full retirement age, your benefits will increase. If you still want to delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age, your payments will increase by 8% each year, until you're 70, when they “max out.” Regardless of when you file, you'll also receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

So, when should you start claiming your benefits? There's no one “right” answer for everyone. If you turn 62 and you need the money, your choice might be made for you. But if you have sufficient income from other sources, you're in good health and you have longevity in your family, or you're still working, it might be worthwhile to wait until your full retirement age, or perhaps even longer, to start collecting.

Another key consideration is spousal benefits. If your own full retirement benefit is less than 50% of your spouse's full retirement benefit, you would generally be eligible to claim spousal benefits, provided you're at least 62 and your spouse has filed for Social Security benefits.

Survivor benefits are another important consideration. When you pass away, your spouse would be able to receive up to 100% of your benefit or his/her own retirement benefit, whichever is higher. Thus, delaying Social Security could not only increase your own benefit, but also the benefit for your surviving spouse.

An additional issue to think about, when planning for how Social Security fits into your retirement, is your earned income. If you're younger than full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$2 you earn above a certain amount, which, in 2021, is \$18,960. During the year you reach full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$3 you earn above a set amount (\$50,520 in 2021). But once you hit the month at which you attain full retirement age, and from that point on, you can keep all of your benefits, no matter how much you earn (although your benefits could still be taxed).

One final point to keep in mind: The more you accumulate in your other retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, the more flexibility you'll have in managing your Social Security benefits. So, throughout your working years, try to contribute as much as you can afford to these plans.

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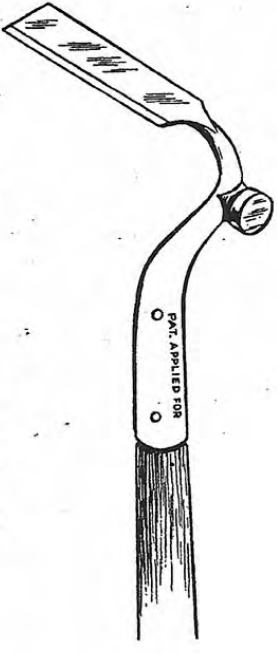
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get the 1955 patent from her and then got a call from a classmate who is related also – and he actually had a Hook, which was made to be set in the water as the trap was set. The Hook was made so that it acted as a bobber and would just sit and bob. Do you, or anyone you know, still remember using the device? The Society, and its Scottish friend, is seeking more background information on it, and ask that you contact dhs1854@yahoo.com or call 815-674-9056.

It's History

It was May 1945

People of Dwight community who are interested in teen age welfare will be glad to know the youth center, or "Teen Town," opened last Saturday with a goodly attendance. Teen Town is in the Chris Nielson building on East St. The youth of Dwight stood in line to pay their registration fees. Collections were made by Miss Elaine Pratt and Miss Velma Watters.

Dancing, ping pong, jigsaw puzzles, games, or just sipping cokes were enjoyed. The temporary committee included Col. Frank L. Smith, Rev. J. Kent Sanderson, Father M. A. Tracy, L. W. Bush, Marcella Oberle, Rev. Robert Calderwood, Rev. Holger Strandskov, Gertrude Metta, Velma Watters, Helen Jean Tostenes, Elaine Pratt, Dr. J. J. Burns, and Dorothy Pierce.

A brief financial report showed \$385.54 in proceeds, with one month's rent and other expenses of \$123.28.

An Amateur Hour was held in the high school gym to benefit the new teen center.

"Stand back of the kids" is what Dwight was asked to do and just that is what Dwight did and will continue to do."

The Amateur Hour was a

"Teen Town Canteen," copied after the "Hollywood Canteen," portraying Hollywood stars.

Hollywood stars were impersonated by: Harry James - Jim Fisher; Bette Davis - Bodil Strandskov; Frank Sinatra - Stanton Roeder; Bing Crosby - John Drew; Mary Jean Peterson baton twirling; Mischa Auer - Jim West; Andrews Sisters - Leroy Drechsel, Howard Burns and John Rhode.

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Cast Announced for Engle Lane Theatre’s ‘Love, Loss and What I Wore’

Engle Lane Theatre, Streator, will make their long-awaited return from the longest intermission ever, as they return to the theatre next month with their unique indoor production of “Love, Loss and What I Wore”.

From the writer of “Sleepless in Seattle”, the play is an intimate collection of stories about women and their lives based on the best-selling book by Ilene Beckerman. These stories, shared as monologues and ensemble pieces by a cast of eight women, offer audiences a warm and sometimes bitter-sweet vision of the joys and tribulations of modern womanhood as told through the prism of their relationships to their clothing and to the people they love.

Featured in the cast will be: Corrie Blakemore, Angela Goluba and Kathy Hepner of Streator; Karen Leifheit of Ottawa; Ellen Marincic of Oglesby; Zoe Peshel of Peru; Aubrey Stienner of Ladd; and Adrienne Van Horn of LaSalle. The production staff includes director Kathy Missel and assistant director Joyce Garbs, both of Streator; with Maggie Frost of LaSalle, Lisa Gill of Streator, and Jennifer Kirkman of Grand Ridge as technical support.

“Love, Loss and What I Wore” will be presented three times only: Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m. A talkback with the

cast and crew will be featured on opening night Friday, August 13, following the production moderated by radio personality Maggie Frost of 1430 AM WCMY.

Tickets will be general admission and sold at the door starting 30 minutes prior to curtain time. There will be no advanced ticket sales and no reserved seating. The theatre is following CDC, IDPH and local health guidelines and masks are recommended for those who are not yet fully vaccinated.

As a thanks to area health care workers and first responders, the performance will be offered free of charge to those workers with an ID.



‘Love, Loss and What I Wore’



COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in Dwight July 23

The State of Illinois is partnering with Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church, 114 W. Mazon Ave. in Dwight, to offer a free vaccine clinic Friday, July 23, from 7:00 a.m. until noon.

Who’s Eligible?
The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized and recommended for persons 12 years of age and older.

How Do I Sign Up?
Schedule your appointment at prism.org/stpatricksdwight.

Can’t make this event? Find a clinic near you by visiting coronavirus.illinois.gov or call the hotline at 1-833-621-1284.

Questions about COVID-19? Call 1-800-889-3931 or e-mail dph.sick@illinois.gov. You may also visit the Illinois Department of Public Health at dph.illinois.gov.

the corner

by Tom Tock

This is my last column for a while. Call it writer’s block, whatever, I’ve been missing deadlines with regularity, a good sign the mind needs a change of pace.

There is also a list of summertime projects that this old boy has yet to tackle, most of which demand twice the time they did several years ago. You’ll find out.

Anyway, wasn’t that a wonderful fireworks the other evening. I rate it as one of, if not THE best fireworks Dwight has ever had. A change of locations was required due to conditions, but even from my two-blocks-away vantage spot, it was terrific.

My words a week ago about the unnecessary \$735,000+ walking/bike path grant that the village received didn’t get any applause, but the point of it all is this —

Fix what you have. Don’t ransom the future with paying off projects you don’t need when a dozen other matters cry out for help.

Rather timely, the Chicago Tribune, which I mostly ignore now that they have taken a sharp turn towards the profit-padding, not the journalistic, side of newspapering, wrote a wonderful editorial a week or so ago about the value of repairing old sidewalks.

“Older people,” stated the editorial, “who relish getting outside for strolls? They’re uneasy about the damage. The toddlers who each summer trip and skin knees? They’re no happier.

“What unites these citizens is their awareness that our damaged sidewalks create risks . . .”

Amen. Gimps like me who try to walk to the corner and back every day soon learn where the busted sections are and avoid them, but this is 2021 and we do have sidewalk problems around town.

Take care of what we have. Improve every facet of life in this small town from benches to tennis courts to sidewalks to the swimming pool to downtown stores, to the windmill. Work continuously to clean up, fix up, get rid of the junk, cut the weeds. Set the clocks. Beautify.

Good things happen to towns that make a religion of taking care of what they have.

Thank you, readers.

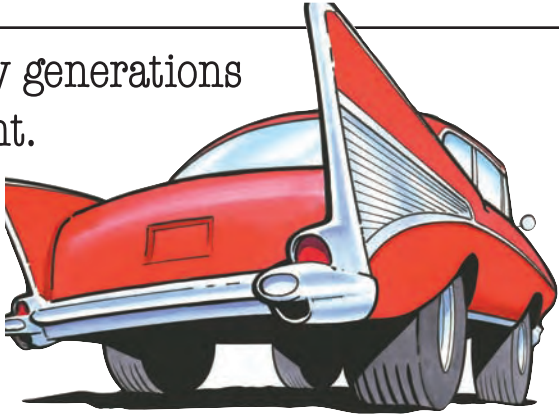
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Scholarships of more than \$150,000 were awarded this spring by the Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship Fund.

This fund was set up by the Chesebro sisters, originally from Saunemin. Nina and Pat Chesebro devoted their lives to education, first teaching in the Saunemin Schools, then elsewhere in the state. In this, the tenth year for the presentations, the trustees awarded 65 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,500. High School seniors, as well as current or returning college students, were eligible to apply.

Receiving scholarships this year were:

Gavin Bauknecht, Pontiac, who attends North Central College.

Garrett Brunner, Pontiac, son of Gary and Kristina Brunner, who attends McKendree University.

Griffin Brunner, Pontiac, son of Gary and Kristina Brunner, who attends McKendree University.

Isabella Burkhardt, Gardner, daughter of Andrea Burkhardt, who will attend Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Madelyn Doran, Odell, daughter of Tom and Peg Doran, who attends Western Illinois University.

Elise Dotterer, Fairbury, daughter of Jason and Lynn Dotterer, who attends Illinois State University.

Nathan Dotterer, Fairbury, son of Jason and Lynn Dotterer, who attends Illinois State University.

Destinie Drapeau, Dwight, daughter of Kristie Drapeau and James Valencia, and granddaughter of Vickie Drapeau, who will attend Illinois State University.

Katherine Elbert, Forrest, daughter of Dieter and Rachael Elbert, who attends Cornell University.

Carter Evans, Fairbury, son of Tim and Tanya Evans, who attends Illinois State University.

Ashley Fehr, Fairbury,

daughter of Brian and Susan Fehr, who will attend Illinois Wesleyan University.

Andrea Flynn, Odell, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn, who attends the University of Missouri – School of Optometry.

Alyssa Fox, Pontiac, daughter of Adeana and Jason Fox, who will attend Indiana Institute of Technology.

Jordyn Fox, Pontiac, daughter of Adeana and Jason Fox, who attends Eureka College.

Luke Fox, Pontiac, son of Adeana and Jason Fox, who attends Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Jillian Frauli, Dwight, daughter of Chris and Kim Frauli, who attends Missouri State University.

Ashley Grove, Pontiac, daughter of Shelley Hicks, who attends Concordia University, Chicago.

McKenna Haab, Fairbury, daughter of Mark and Kim Haab, who will attend Olivet Nazarene University.

Mary Hilt, Dwight, daughter of Nathan and Angela Hilt, who will attend the University of Tampa.

Briley Hoffman, Fairbury, daughter of Rick and Cheryl Hoffman, who will attend Eastern Illinois University.

Megan Ifft, Fairbury, daughter of Thomas and Amy Ifft, who attends University of St. Francis.

Tyler Jenkins, Streator, son of Kevin and Margaret Jenkins, who attends Illinois State University.

Hannah Jones, Pontiac, daughter of Chad and Ginny Jones, who attends Illinois State University.

Karson Kimpling, Flanagan, son of Kyle and Lynn Kimpling, who attends University of Illinois.

Janessa Knapp, Peoria, daughter of Gwen Knapp, who attends Illinois State University.

Britney Koerner, Chatsworth, daughter of Brian and Beverly Koerner, who at-



tends Bradley University.

Ainsley Kratochvil, daughter of Phil and Angie Kratochvil, who will attend Purdue University.

Ashlyn Kratochvil, daughter of Phil and Angie Kratochvil, who will attend Illinois State University.

Marissa Lanz, Forrest, daughter of Mike and Marsha Lanz, who will attend University of Illinois.

Amelia Logan, Saunemin, daughter of Raymond Logan and Christian Logan, who will attend Heartland College.

Benjamin Maier, Forrest, son of Marcus and Patty Maier, who attends Illinois State University.

Gretchen Maier, Forrest, daughter of Patty and Marcus Maier, who attends Western Illinois University.

Heidi Maier, Fox Point, WI, daughter of Marcus and Patty Maier, who will attend Marquette University.

Corinne Martin, Pontiac, daughter of James and Lisa Martin, who attends University of Illinois.

Samantha Mehrkens, Pontiac, daughter of Brad and Kara Mehrkens, who attends St. Olaf College.

Camryn Mies, Pontiac, daughter of James and Misti Mies, who will attend Belmont University.

Olivia Muir, Pontiac, daughter of Jeff and Patti Muir, who attends Illinois State University.

Marley Noles, Odell, daughter of Kathryn and Edward Noles, who attends Loras College.

Abigayle Orndorff, Pontiac, daughter of Stephanie Jones, who attends Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Keely Pickett, Pontiac, daughter of John and Angie Pickett, who attends Northwestern University.

Carmen Pina, Pontiac, daughter of Joe and Melissa Pina, who attends University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Sydnee Plesko, Streator, daughter of Angela and Jeffry Plesko, who will attend Greenville University.

Owen Pulver, West Lafayette, IN, son of Robert and Tamara Pulver, who attends Purdue University.

Nathan Reed, Chenoa, son of Greg and Penny Reed, who will attend Monmouth College.

Macey Rice, Pontiac, daughter of Andrew and Rachael Rice, who attends Trinity Christian College.

Logan Roe, Odell, son of Kevin and Barbara Roe, who will attend Iowa State University.

Lucas Roe, Odell, son of Kevin and Barbara Roe, who attends Iowa State University.

McKenna Roth, Cornell, daughter of Dorothy Cook, who attends St. Francis Medical School.

Isabelle Schultz, Dwight, daughter of Scott and Mary

Schultz, who will attend Shenandoah University.

Tyrah Sexton, Odell, daughter of Joey L. Sexton, who attends Illinois State University.

Sydney Shepherd, Pontiac, daughter of Chad and Rebecca Shepherd, who will attend Illinois State University.

Maddison Stark, Pontiac, daughter of Jeff and Christine Stark, who attends St. Ambrose University.

Logan Steidinger, Fairbury, son of Michael and Holly Steidinger, who will attend Illinois State University.

Wyatt Steidinger, Fairbury, son of Michael and Holly Steidinger, who attends Illinois State University.

Austin Swiech, Fairbury, son of Amy Swiech and Jeremy Swiech, who will attend Eureka College.

Adam Verdun, Pontiac, son of Don and Susan Verdun, who will attend Illinois State University.

Leah Wayman, Pontiac, daughter of David and Vicki Wayman, who attends Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Faith Wiechmann, Flanagan, daughter of Ben and Amanda Wiechmann, who will attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Kaleigh White, Cornell, daughter of Tim and Megan White, who will attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Brooke Whittle, Pontiac, daughter of Ted and Trina Whittle, who attends Illinois State University.

Katelind Winterland, Fairbury, daughter of David and Nicole Winterland, who will attend Eastern Illinois University.

Joshua Woodrey, Chenoa, son of Jason and Amy Woodrey, who will attend Augustana College.

Morgan Zabel, Dwight, daughter of Stephen and Karen Zabel, who attends Illinois State University.

Madison Zimmerman, Fairbury, daughter of Ryan and Wendt Zimmerman, who attends Illinois State University.

Paul James Lund 90th Birthday Open House July 17 in IN

Paul James Lund, formerly of Herscher and Dwight, will celebrate his 90th birthday on July 18.

Family and friends are invited to an open house from 2:00-5:00 p.m. eastern time, Saturday, July 17, at his home at 7646 Sea Crest Way South, Noblesville, Indiana 46062.

He and his wife, Arlene, were married for nearly 65 years. He has two children: Marina (Dan) Papineau of Westfield, Indiana, and Steven of Yuma, Arizona; two grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Ice Cream Social at Zion Lutheran Church July 18

The annual ice cream social at Zion Lutheran Church, Bonfield, will be Sunday, July 18.

The event will be from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the church on Route 17 – just east of Herscher Road.

In addition to the ice cream, there will be BBQ and ham sandwiches, chips, applesauce, potato salad, pies, cakes, cookies, and other desserts.

Everyone is welcome. There will be a free will donation.

Hole-In-One at Dwight Country Club

During the Bunker Open, held at Dwight Country Club Friday, July 9, Nick Barello of Plainfield scored a hole-in-one on the par 4, 300-yard 12th hole.

Nick used a driver for his hole-in-one.

‘Herscher Style’ BBQ Chicken Dinner in Village Park July 31

Herscher United Methodist Church will host its “Herscher Style” BBQ Chicken Dinner in Village Park Saturday, July 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The menu includes half- and quarter-chicken dinners with chips, baked beans, applesauce or cole slaw, dinner roll and butter, cookies, and lemonade or water.

Everyone is welcome. There is a cost for the meals. Carry-outs will be available.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the many people for coming out to my 91st Birthday in Odell and for the many cards, gifts, and flowers. Also, a special thank you to my daughters Sherri and Lori for all the work they put in to make the day special.
- Shirley Jo Stubblefield

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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.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2021.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

OBITUARIES

Patricia Kinkade

Patricia Kinkade, 81, of Odell, IL passed away at 1:09 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, IL.



Funeral services will be held at a later date, and cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials in Patricia's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Patricia was born February 3, 1940 to John William and Mallie (Douglas) Moore. They have preceded her in death, as has her son, Mark Kinkade and partner, Jack Gregory.

She is survived by children: Karl (Jean) Kinkade of Dwight; Brigitte (Ron) Folkers of Odell; brothers: Bill (Alberta) Moore of Gardner, IL; and Doug (Lucy) Moore of Cornell, IL; and a sister, Lynn (Bob) Haley of Florida.

Patricia attended Gardner High School and worked over the years for Motorola, Joliet Nursing Home, and as a home daycare worker.

She loved family get-togethers and visiting with everyone. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Lorraine Simpson

Lorraine Simpson, 95, of Largo, Florida joined her loved ones in her Heavenly Home on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 in Largo.



She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert Benard Simpson (deceased September 12, 2011); her son, James Robert Simpson; her daughter, Donna Lee (Daniel) Tope; and seven siblings.

She is survived by three daughters: Sharon (Robert deceased 2005) Andersen of Largo, Florida; Mary Ann (Phillip) Faust of Sugar Grove, IL; and Patricia (James) Kingsbury of Aurora, IL; one sister, Edith (Harvey) Grieff of Odell, IL; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy (Eugene) Waldschmidt of Geneva, IL and Julie (Bernie) Waldschmidt of Odell, IL; and one brother-in-law, Larry (Norma) Limberg of Pontiac, IL.

She was a very proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and aunt to numerous nieces and nephews.

Lorraine was born February 26, 1926 in Minonk, Illinois to Peter and Edith Waldschmidt.

Bob and Lorraine were married on January 8, 1946. They celebrated 65 years of marriage before Bob passed away.

Bob and Lorraine had lived in several different homes and traveled a lot over the years and as a result have a multitude of friends throughout the states. They retired in 1983 and moved to Largo, Florida. They had a wonderful retirement and formed lasting relationships with others in their retirement community, where Lorraine resided at the time of her death. Her eldest daughter, Sharon, joined Lorraine in her home in 2013 and became her caregiver the last two years until Lorraine's death.

A Celebration of Life for Bob and Lorraine will be held on August 14 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Odell, Illinois at 10:00 a.m.

Contributions in memory of Lorraine may be sent to either of the following (please include Lorraine's name): Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760; or St. Paul Catholic School, 300 S. West Street, Odell, IL 60460.

Patrick Michael Walsen

Patrick Michael Walsen, age 38, of Pontiac, IL and formerly of Brookfield, passed away Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Patrick was the beloved son of Michael Walsen and Janice Walsen, nee Holland; dear brother of Daniel Walsen and Megan Walsen; nephew of Michael (Mary) Holland, John Holland, Mark (Anne) Holland, Jim (Marcia) Holland, Timothy Walsen and Bonita (the late Gene) Duckmanton; cousin of Amy (Emile) Harley, Brian (Amanda) Holland, and Janine Price; and Godson of Pamela Reith and Michael Holland.

Patrick was predeceased by his grandparents, James Patrick (Margaret, nee Finerty) Holland and Miles (Elinore, nee King) Walsen.

Visitation was held Friday, July 9, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hitzeman Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9445 W. 31st St., Brookfield,

IL 60513. Patrick Lied in State Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to the time of the 11 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Louise de Marillac Church, corner of 30th and Raymond Ave., La Grange Park.

Interment: Private. Patrick was a teacher in the Middle School of Saunemin Community School District #438.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Saunemin Community School District #438, 39 Main St., Saunemin, IL 61769; or Brookfield Public Library, 3609 Grand Blvd., Brookfield, IL 60513.

For information: 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com

If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St., Brookfield, IL 60513, c/o the Patrick Walsen Family. We will gladly forward it on to the family.

Ina M. Tjelle

Ina M. Tjelle, age 84, of Saunemin and formerly of Gardner, Illinois passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at OSF St. James Medical Center in Pontiac, Illinois.



Born February 2, 1937 in Morris, Illinois, Ina Marie was a daughter of Peter C. and Vera (Porter) Hansen. She was raised in Gardner and graduated from Gardner South Wilmington High School with the class of 1955.

Ina worked for the Fairbury Blade Newspaper before gaining employment with Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Illinois, from where she retired.

Ina was an avid bingo player, and in recent years took pleasure in annual trips to Las Vegas over her birthday. In addition to spending time with friends, she cherished attending her grandkids' school and sporting events.

Survivors include three children: John Schmidt of Ransom, Illinois; Amy (Jeff) Ward of Wildwood, Missouri; and Donny (Keri) Schmidt of Saunemin, Illinois; one daughter-in-law, Becky Schmidt of Bloomington, Illinois; and one son-in-law, Howard Brogan of Fairbury, Illinois.

Eleven grandchildren: Adam Ward, Lauren (Andrea) Bazzoli, Caitlin (Carter) McCracken, Steven Schmidt, Matthew Schmidt (Alison Novakow), Kelsey Schmidt, Kelly (Scott) Henning, Douglas (Brittany) Vaughan, Kristy (James) Berwick, Jordan Ko-

ciss and Ryli Schmidt; seven great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Lorraine Hansen and one brother-in-law, Benny Grant, both of Gardner; as well as numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Ina was preceded in death by her parents; son, Stephen Schmidt; daughter, Robyn Brogan; grandson, Casey Kohlmeier; and siblings: Russell (Ginny) Hansen, Gaylord Hansen, Bobby Hansen, Kenneth Hansen, Wayne (Cathy) Hansen, Marilyn (John) Kociss, and her twin sister, Ida Grant.

The family received friends for a visitation at Reeves Funeral Home, 203 Liberty Street in Gardner on Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 12:00 noon until the time of funeral services at 1:00 p.m. Reverend Jan Chandler from Church of Hope officiated.

Cremation rites were accorded following the services.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Ina's memory to a charity of the donor's choosing.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest-book, upload photographs and share Ina's memorial page online through social media by logging on to: www.ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/Ina-Tjelle

Funeral services and cremation arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Gardner. (815-237-2526).

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

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Notice is hereby given to the Public that on August 18th, at the hour of 5:00 P.M. at the Odell Public Library, 301 E. Richard Street, Odell, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Odell Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, of the Odell Public Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public.

Sandra Erickson, Secretary
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Date: July 7, 2021



Routine

As previously mentioned in some columns, I recently moved to Chicago. (Back to.)

The move itself, fairly uneventful. You load things into the van/truck/car and you move them, and then you take them out of said vehicle and you move them into the apartment, easy enough.

Something I knew would arise, but that I didn't want to confront, is having to establish a routine. When you're in a routine, you don't notice how many little intricacies come along with it. From morning coffee, to where you go to the gym, to where you grocery shop, get your hair cut, park, eat.

There are endless and endless things that go into a routine that often get taken for granted and overlooked. As someone who's very routine oriented, this part of the move is easily the worst.

The physical labor of moving items to and from is nothing compared to the emotional toll of starting a routine over.

Most gyms here offer some sort of a tour, which is what I'm doing today, so before I even can start working out I have to do this vetting process of which gym I want to use. I did the same thing with the grocery store, tried a Target around the corner, but it didn't quite have everything that you need in a conventional grocery store, and is probably something that will be used here and there for smaller items that I need on a whim.

Did I know that when I went to initially load up on my groceries for the week? No, no I didn't.

It's sort of a catch 22 though, because I'm also a believer that you should change your routine from time to time to avoid complacency and never pushing yourself outside your comfort zone, so in a sense I'm criticizing my own ideology.

Staying in a routine is easy, so is falling out of one, starting a new one, that's difficult.

Aaron J. Boma
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St. Paul School to Hold Registration July 27

St. Paul School in Odell will hold registration for the 2021-2022 academic year Tuesday, July 27, from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the school, 300 S. West Street.

Due to current social distancing guidelines, the first and second grade classroom is tentatively full, as well as the four-year old preschool class. A waiting list has been started for those sections.

Contact the school at schooloffice@saintpaulodell.com to be put on the waiting list and/or the pre-registration list for other grades. All other sections, including the three-year old preschool class, currently have openings.

Preference will be given to returning students, and other spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. However, priority will be given to Catholic families who are active parishioners at St. Paul and St. Patrick churches. Next priority will be given to Catholic families who are registered and active in another area parish, and finally, to non-Catholic families wishing to enroll.

St. Paul's first day of school will be Wednesday, August 18. Instructional days will be in-person at St. Paul School, five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The following guidelines are currently in place. The Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Peoria will communicate any updates closer to the beginning of the school year.

- St. Paul will be practicing social distancing throughout the building and in the classrooms.
- Face masks will be worn

throughout the building and in the classrooms.

- Teachers and staff will instruct students to practice safety and proper hygiene upon arrival, departure, and throughout the day. This guidance includes proper hand washing, the use of hand sanitizers, etc.
- St. Paul School will be disinfecting throughout the day, both in communal areas and in the classroom.
- Any students showing possible COVID-19 symptoms throughout the day will be sent home in accordance with the IDPH guidelines.

Check St. Paul School's Facebook page (St. Paul School Odell) and *The Paper* for any updates to plans and procedures.

St. Paul School offers small classes for preschool (both three- and four-year old) through eighth grade, a Catholic faith-based curriculum, safe learning environment, academic excellence, extracurricular opportunities, and affordable tuition. Scholarships are available. After discounts are applied, tuition can be as low as \$295 a month for one child. Preschool tuition is \$3,872 per child, which breaks down to only \$22 a day.

Bus transportation is available from Dwight and Campus/Emington area. Seats are limited, so contact the school for more information. Students residing in Odell School District #435 also have the option of being bused to St. Paul.

St. Paul School also offers after school care on both a regular and drop-in basis. Students who participate in the after

school care program will stay at the school to receive homework help, if need be, play time, and a snack. Students may stay as late as 5:30 p.m. This service is ideal for working families and convenient for parents who may have an occasional afternoon appointment to make.

All students entering preschool, kindergarten, and sixth grade must have a health examination. All students entering sixth grade will be required to provide proof of Tdap and meningococcal vaccination. Children entering kindergarten are required to have an eye exam by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. Dental exams are required for children entering kindergarten, second, and sixth grades.

If a child in grades 5-8 will be participating in sports during the school year, a sports exam is required. Athletes will not be allowed to participate until an exam is on file. Transfer students must have health cards and records of immunizations sent to St. Paul.

For more information, call 815-998-2194 or e-mail schooloffice@saintpaulodell.com.

Dwight Historical Society Trek to Ottawa August 6

The Dwight Historical Society will be taking a driving field trip Friday, August 6, to Ottawa.

The tour will consist of visiting the Ottawa Historical and Scouting Heritage Museum, Reddick Mansion, Washington Square (site of Lincoln-Douglas Debate), I & M Canal Boat-house, City Murals, Cemeteries and Radium Girl Statue, and stories.

Call Joy Ahearn at 815-584-5070 for reservations and information.

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The ‘Sovereign of the Seas’



DEL HANCOCK, of Dwight, shows us the replica of the “Sovereign of the Seas” Clipper Ship. The story is told below. Photo submitted.

The “Sovereign of the Seas” was a Clipper Ship, commonly called a Clipper. It was constructed by Donald McKay between the year of 1854 and 1856.

Up to the time of the construction of this Clipper Ship, Donald McKay was noted for his great ability to build larger and faster ships than any other ship builder. He gave his vessels a water line, which was concave instead of convex at the bow and stern and such a stretch of canvas that his new creations were not only the fastest sailing but the most beautiful ships the world has ever seen.

When Donald McKay constructed the “Sovereign of the Seas” he gave her a sharper bow and stern than any other ship built and her lines were so much criticized that no firm or ship owners would finance her construction, which was then paid by Mr. McKay and his friends.

The maiden voyage of the “Sovereign of the Seas” was a test for any clipper. She was commanded by Lauchlan McKay, a brother of the builder, and sailed in August, which was considered a very unfavorable season in the Atlantic. From the Falkland Islands to the Horn, she continually encountered Southwest gales, but she never wore nor missed stays in the beat windward. Rounding the Horn, she ran into a storm and lost her main topmast, mizzen topgallant mast, and foretopsail yard. Her captain had the Clipper

under jury rig in 30 hours and in 12 days succeeded in putting her in almost perfect shape as when she had started. San Francisco was reached in 103 days after leaving New York, which was a record for a clipper ship sailing in August.

In Honolulu, the “Sovereign of the Seas” took aboard a cargo of oil and whalebone and spread her sails for home. She was short-handed, and one of her foretopmasts were sprung and a main topmast needed replacing. Lauchlan McKay, however, sailed her through a part of the South Pacific that was rarely crossed by clippers, and the Northwest trade winds blew her at such a pace that she covered 5,391 nautical miles, a quarter of the distance around the world, in 22 days. The Sovereign made many other remarkable voyages. Once in a passage from New York to Liverpool, she outran, for five successive days, the Steamship Canada for the Cunard Line.

A copy “Model” of the “Sovereign of the Seas” has been constructed by Bob Cawthorn of Marion, who formerly worked in the shipyards at Charleston, South Carolina, for the Government. Mr. Cawthorn has also done quite a bit of mechanical work in Marion. He spent 86 hours in the construction of this “Model” using a scale of one-twelfth of an inch to the foot.

The original Clipper ship was 246-feet long and 40-feet wide. The copy “Model” is 21½ inches long and 3½ inches wide. The hull of the “Model” is made of solid copper; the sails of hand hammered tin; the mast poles and spreaders are of sheet metal, which were rolled and shaped by hand; the guy wires are of solid brass; the jib boom and chains are made of solid gold; the anchors are of lead and the lifeboats are of tin;

the bell is of lead; the deck house and hatch are of tin; the side lights of the deck house is of copper; the small pulleys and blocks are made of lead; the flags are of sheet tin and the eagle are of lead. The dry dock house, which has a concealed pocket for the history of the ship, is made of sheet metal.

Mr. Joseph F. Greene, a boy of Marion, took the boat, which was in the rough, and painted it to colors of the original “Sovereign of the Seas”. He spent 36 hours painting it, giving it three coats in oil, after cutting the metal with acid and vinegar. Mr. Greene was well-known in Marion for his art work and won many prizes on his paintings.

On the 13th of September, 1933, this “Model” was taken to the Williamson County Fair at Marion, and was chosen out of the many entries to receive the first prize. The Blue Ribbon is now in the hull of the “Model”.

Mr. L.H. Bainbridge of Marion, a local businessman, furnished the material for the construction of the “Model” and owned the Model, which he valued at \$50.00, until 1945. In 1945, Mr. L.H. Bainbridge gave the model of the “Sovereign of the Seas” to a young lad, Delmar D. Hancock, who was working as an apprentice in his jewelry store located on the courthouse square in Marion.

In 2003, Delmar and his wife, Docia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their family on a Disney Cruise. In one of life's happy coincidences, their cruise ship was named the “Sovereign of the Seas”.

And as of today, the Model is still in the possession of Del Hancock, who resides in Dwight.

Gas Prices For This Week

At 10 million b/d, gasoline demand reached a new Energy Information Administration (EIA) record last week, and that number only partially reflects Independence Day holiday weekend travel. The nearly 1 million b/d jump in demand drove down gasoline supplies by 6.1 million bbl to 235,000 million bbl and consequently pushed the national average pump price up to \$3.147.

City/Village	July 12	July 5
Dwight	\$3.22	\$3.17
Kankakee	\$3.29	\$3.30
Streator	\$3.18	\$3.25
Pontiac	\$3.02	\$3.04
Gardner	\$3.25	\$3.25
Braceville	\$3.34	\$3.34
Morris	\$3.24	\$3.24
Herscher	\$3.26	\$3.26
Chicago	\$3.99	\$3.99
Illinois	\$3.34	\$3.36
U.S.	\$3.15	\$3.13

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

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2021 Livingston County 4-H Fair

Wednesday, July 21st

7:30 A.M. — Flag Raising By AMVETS
8:00 A.M. — Sheep Show in the Byrne Building
9:00 A.M. — Horticulture, Floriculture, Herb Gardening, Crops, Plant & Soil Science in the Humiston Building

TBD — Herb Gardening, Entomology, Geology, Natural Resources, Forestry, Sports Fishing, Wildlife, Camping, and Shooting Sports

9:30 A.M. — Dairy Show in the Show Barn

TBD — Electricity, Small Engines, Tractor Care, Animal Science, Vet Science, Small Pets, Intercultural, Citizenship, Public Adventures, Service Learning, Journalism, Communications, Leadership, Theater Arts, Consumer Educations,

Health, Child Development, Foods, Workforce Prep and Clover Challenge

1:00 P.M. — Goat Show in the Byrne Building

1:30 P.M. — Beef Fitting & Grooming in the Show Barn

TBD — Clothing in the Fair Office

2:00 P.M. — Welding, Woodworking & Interior Design in Humiston Building

2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. — Open Adult Entry Check-in at the Humiston Building

3:00 P.M. — Dog Show in the Show Barn

4:30 P.M. — Open Adult Judging in the Humiston Building

5:00 P.M. — Salute to Veterans by Frankfort Brass Band in the Grandstand Area

7:00 P.M. — King & Queen Crowning and Scholarship Presentations in the Grandstand Area

7:30 P.M. — World Championship Rodeo By “Broken Horn Rodeo Company” in the Grandstand Area



Thursday, July 22nd

8:00 A.M. — Swine Show in the Show Barn

8:00 A.M. — Rabbit Show in the Byrne Building

10:00 A.M. — Horse & Pony Show in the Grandstand Area

TBD — Photography in the Humiston Building

1:00 P.M. — Read-A-Book and Do-Your-Own Thing in the Humiston Building

2:00 P.M. — Pheasant & Quail Show in the Byrne Building

Friday, July 23rd

8:00 A.M. — Beef Showmanship Show in the Show Barn

8:00 A.M. — Beef Heifer Show in the Show Barn & Beef Steer Show in the Show Barn 1 hour after completion of the Beef Heifer Show

8:30 A.M. — Rooster Crowing Contest in the Byrne Building

9:00 A.M. — Cake Decorating and Decorated Cookie Judging in the Fair Office

9:00 A.M. — Poultry Show in the Byrne Building

10:00 A.M. — Aerospace in the Humiston Building

12:00 P.M. — Rocket Launch in the Grandstand Area

TBD — Style Review (Pavillion)

TBD — State Fair Sign-Up at the Fair Office

4:30 P.M. — Kiddie Tractor Pull in the Show Barn by the Livingston County Farm Bureau

7:15 P.M. — Live Decorated Cake Auction in the Grandstand Area

7:30 P.M. — Demo Derby by Ramer Race Promotions in the Grandstand Area

Saturday, July 24th

8:30 A.M. — Cat Show in the Sheep Barn

9:30 A.M. — Master Showmanship in the Show Barn

1:00 P.M. — Beef, Rabbit, Poultry, Milk, Wether, & Swine Livestock Sale in the Show Barn

TBD — State Fair Sign-Up in the Fair Office

3:00 P.M. — Junior Premium Money May Be Available at the Fair Office

3:00-5:00 P.M. — Release of Exhibits

6:00 P.M. — Live Chainsaw Carving Auction in the Grandstand Area

6:30 P.M. — Tractor Pulls by Illini State Pullers in the Grandstand Area

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LTLD Wins ILA Member Photo of the Month



LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY DISTRICT won the **Illinois Library Association Member Photo of the Month** contest in May. Featured in the staff selfie, clockwise, from the bottom, are **Karyn Bowman, David Lythberg, Austin Earsley, Beverly Nesbitt, Lynne Noffke (Library Director), Joshua Carman, Faith Capps, Kelly Styck, Terry Shafiabady, and Holly Carlson.** The picture was taken in April during a staff meeting.

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) has proudly announced that the library won the Illinois Library Association Member Photo of the Month contest for the month of May.

The monthly photo contest asks for photos of library personnel and an explanation of the ways in which the photo is to be utilized. This photo from LTLD

primarily appeared on Facebook and Instagram sites to support information about library hours and programming.

ILA is a professional membership organization that represents Illinois libraries and the millions who depend on them. Founded in 1896, it is the third largest state library association and a chapter of the American

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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 Garden Club Updates Downtown Morris

The Morris Area Garden Club recently updated the area around the directional sign at Washington and Liberty Streets in Morris.

According to Julie Apple-gate, Director of the Morris Downtown Development Partnership, Inc., members of the garden club generously donated their time to clean out some of the existing plants and updated the area with fresh new plants that offer year-round appeal.

Additionally, the garden club will be removing weeds to maintain the area.

The Morris Area Garden Club is a non-profit organization, founded in 2005, with the goal to educate members in home gardening, and promote conservation, preservation, and civic beautification in the community. Activities include meetings with informative and entertaining guest speakers, a semi-annual plant exchange,

group excursions, as well as the opportunity to exchange ideas and offer advice.

Membership in the Morris Area Garden Club is open. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Morris Municipal Building Community Room, 700 N. Division.

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OSF HEALTHCARE

Hines VA Outreach Team in Gardner July 19

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, along with the other veterans' benefits, available from the VA Monday, July 19.

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, 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.

This event is open to all veterans.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, go out and join them. There is no need to register for this event.

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 conditions under which you might be eligible, attending these outreach events will allow you to discuss your situation with the enrollment coordinator directly.

"The Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission strives each day to assist veterans 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.

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Never The Last Chance

By Brandon LaChance



Is Covid-19 over?

By Brandon LaChance

There are not a lot of aspects, current events or situations in life every single living organism can say they have all witnessed or been a part of.

None really...until Covid-19.

Every single person, animal, plant has all gone through the virus, the pandemic. Even if a child is only a day old, they've experienced a different birth than previous babies, who had more family members in the hospital room and in the lobby waiting for the bundle of joy.

All life has changed. Every situation. All circumstances. Our daily routines. Our annual events. Everything has changed.

We would like to think Covid-19 is over and we'll be able to move on and this will just be 17 months in history we'll read about in school books or tell our children and eventually grandchildren in story form at the dining room table.

Government has lifted restrictions. Public places have reopened. Masks have been removed.

So, we think it is over and life is back to how it was. Unfortunately, it isn't and the normal we thought was normal may never be reached again.

The traumatic impact of quarantine, isolation, masking facial expressions, limiting embrace and staring at each other 6-feet apart isn't going to simply disappear because a chubby governor says Illinois is in Phase 5.

Emotions don't even know what a Phase 5 is.

But, they do know isolation can lead to depression, insanity, madness and suicide. They also know the lack of physical touch and social interaction can lead to loneliness, and physical and mental health issues because the stimulation of love, life and knowing we're accepted by a hug, a hand shake or a fist pound is missing.

There is a reason we have all grown up expecting a hug from our mom or our grandmother. A birthday party with all of our best friends and even just the classmates you invite to be nice. A prom. A basketball game with standing-room only attendance. A handshake as you walk into your boss' office.

We are human beings who need the attention, the support, the love and the interaction with each other to survive. Without it, we're a single organism isolated to fend for ourselves against life, which comes at you like a gang even Los Angeles has never seen.

Let's face it, no one has ever outlived life and never will.

This is why we have communities, classrooms, teams, partnerships, groups, families and relationships to help, guide, aide and travel through the unknown together to make it as long as we can and enjoy it as long as we can.

Alone, with no one by your side, the mind plays tricks and coincides with other depressants and stressors to put a boulder on your shoulders, large elephants of any color in every room and a thought that maybe you shouldn't be here anymore cause you can't handle it.

Kids have taken their lives. Middle aged adults have taken their lives. Elders have taken their lives.

Suicides and refusal to take life sustaining medicines are still happening even though you can sit inside McDonalds or go watch Fast & Furious 9 at the local movie theater. Inside the mind, the all powerful brain, the lingering impact of Covid-19 is still here and will be for a while.

In the last few weeks, I've talked to five teachers, three businessmen, two superintendents and two coaches who think we haven't seen the full aftermath of the pandemic on an emotional and mental level.

The mind doesn't recover with a snap of a finger or the ink of a lawmaker's signature on a bill.

It takes time. It takes help. It takes a routine. It takes assurance. It takes camaraderie from those communities, classrooms, teams, partnerships, groups, families and relationships.

All of us have been stressed.

Race wars, economy plummeting, businesses closing, hurricanes, tornadoes, explosions – a business building in Rockton which forced my grandfather and a close family friend to evacuate their homes – unemployment, laborers not wanting to return to work because they make more money on unemployment, and oil fires in the middle of the ocean are just a few of the jabs and uppercuts life is throwing out right now.

Those are piled on top of what was implanted during the worst of Covid-19.

We can't take it out on each other. We can't call each other names, fight over trivial issues, or be mean for no reason other than you're having a bad day because other things are on your mind.

Other things are on everybody's mind.

The law did what it thought it had to do during Covid-19, whether you agree with their decisions or not, and scientists did what they had to do and created vaccines to get rid of the virus.

Now, we as people have to play our part and that's being respectable to each other, speaking kindly, loving who we love, interacting with those around us and helping anyone we can as everybody you see is battling something left over from Covid-19.

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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. 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

Free and Reduced Student Fee | \$35.00

*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:

Ala Carte Options		
Item	Price	Class Available
PE Shirt	\$8.00	All
PE Short	\$8.00	All
PE Set	\$16.00	All
Single Lock	\$6.00	All
Double Lock	\$12.00	All
LACC 1	\$100.00	Jr./Sr.
LACC 2	\$200.00	Jr./Sr.
Sports Fee Per Student	\$75.00	All



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Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Cancels Remaining 2021 Flights from Springfield

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is disappointed to announce that all remaining 2021 flights from Springfield have been cancelled.

This difficult decision was made after careful analysis of the extensive protocols issued by the National Honor Flight organization for resuming 2021 flights as well as the public access/gathering and COVID-19 restrictions currently in place at many of the Washington DC venues and the airports as well as on the aircraft and buses. Areas of concern include COVID pre-screening of all passengers and volunteers, face covering requirements which would result in veterans and guardians being masked for multiple hours continuously during the day, COVID testing of non- or partially-vaccinated passengers and quarantine requirements for that group upon return.

Joan Bortolon, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight President, issued the following statement: *"This decision was made after an exhaustive review and analysis of all of the factors involved in our ability to take a flight this year. Based on the current protocols and restrictions, we believe that we will not be able to provide our Veterans the full flight experience*

in a safe, healthy and comfortable manner. Our veterans deserve the best. We don't want to fly just because we can – we want to fly when we can do it well and with full honors for our Veterans. We hope we will be able to resume flights in 2022."

As a result of the flight cancellations caused by the pandemic, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight has recently developed a Flightless Honor Flight option for any World War II, Korean War Era or Vietnam War Era Veterans who anticipate that they may not be physically able to withstand the rigors of an actual Honor Flight when flights resume in 2022. Veterans who believe they might qualify for this option should contact LLHF as soon as possible for additional information. LLHF can be reached by calling 217-473-2540, 217-585-1219, or 217-652-4719, or by e-mail at JMB4604@aol.com.

LLHF is always accepting applications from World War II, Korean Era and Vietnam Era Veterans who would like to participate on an upcoming flight. Applications can be obtained from their website, landoflincolnhonorflight.org or by e-mailing JMB4604@aol.com.

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State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Residents Asking If Students Must Wear Masks In School This Fall

One question which is on the minds of many people in our area and throughout the state is whether or not students will be required to wear masks when they return to school this fall.

Restrictions have been lifted in most of the state and masks are only required in a few places, such as health care settings and on public transit. The question of whether students – who have mostly been maskless as they participate in their summer activities – must wear masks when they return to school this fall is still up in the air.

Many Illinoisans have been taking the question to their local school boards and superintendents. These local leaders have in turn been waiting on guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education. Many school districts are concerned that if they defy guidance from IDPH or ISBE they could be held liable for any illnesses which result, or could put millions of dollars in

state funding in jeopardy.

I understand the reluctance of these officials to take that step without a clear go-ahead from the state level. I support a resolution which was introduced last week calling on the state to give local school boards more authority to make these decisions based on local conditions.

This week I reached out to ISBE to ask for a clear answer for our local schools on the question of requiring masks for students this fall. Students need to be back in school in person every day, and parents and school leaders need to know what precautions they will need to take.

State reports first zero-death day from COVID since March 2020. On Monday the Illinois Department of Public Health reported zero deaths in the state due to COVID-19. It was the first time that the state reported no COVID deaths in Illinois since March of 2020. In all, 23,272 Illinoisans have died of COVID according to

IDPH. The number of cases in Illinois has been steadily falling since the vaccine rollout began about six months ago, though new cases continue to be reported every day.

While this is good news, it does not mean the danger has completely passed. On Tuesday the state reported 16 deaths. Just over 56% of those eligible to be vaccinated in Illinois are now fully vaccinated, with 64% having received at least one dose.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$2,906,358,574 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$5.2 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as our unfunded pension liability which is subject to a wide range of factors and has been estimated to be more than \$141 billion.



‘Abraham Lincoln and the Transcontinental Railroad’ Part of the Looking for Lincoln Conversations Live Online Events

Join railroad aficionados and other history buffs for the online event, “Abraham Lincoln and the Transcontinental Railroad”, Wednesday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. The event will feature Linsey Marlot from the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, and explore Abraham Lincoln’s connection to the Transcontinental Railroad and Lincoln’s role in promoting rail in the western US.

Abraham Lincoln signed the 1862 Pacific Railroad Act, making the construction of the first Transcontinental Railroad possible. He believed that such a railroad was important to the war effort, but he had long been a supporter of American railroads.

This live presentation is followed by questions and observations from the virtual audience, and will be hosted by musician and folklorist Chris Vallillo. The event is part of the series “Looking for Lincoln Conversations”, hosted by the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

Lindsey Marlot is the Education Coordinator for the Union Pacific Railroad Museum. The museum is located in downtown Council Bluffs and shares American History through the lens of the railroad; connecting generations who have been impacted by Union Pacific. Learn more about the Union Pacific Railroad Museum at www.uprrmuseum.org/uprrm/.

“We are proud to host this series of Looking for Lincoln Conversations,” said Sarah Watson, executive director of Looking for Lincoln. “These live, digital programs cover a range of topics that depict the life and times of Abraham Lincoln in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. Few individuals have so profoundly influenced American history as did Abraham Lincoln. Millions around the world are inspired by the story of Lincoln’s rise from humble beginnings to President of the United States, his qualities of integrity and courage and his decisive leadership traits that carried a fragile nation through one of its most trying periods.”

Viewers can watch live and participate in the program July 14 at 7:00 p.m. on the Looking for Lincoln Facebook page and YouTube channel. These programs are free to view, and reservations are not required. The program is recorded and available for later viewing.

Looking for Lincoln Conversations is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

For more information about the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition and the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, go to: www.lookingforlincoln.org.

Dwightites Earn Dean’s List Honors at St. Ambrose University

The following area students, who achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have been named to the St. Ambrose University Dean’s List for the spring term:

Dwight: Madilyne Groves and Melissa Stewart.

St. Ambrose is a private, co-educational, comprehensive university located in Davenport, Iowa. Visit sau.edu for more information.

Grilling Mistakes Can be Costly; Stay Safe During Cookout Season

URBANA, Ill. – Grilling is a great way to keep the kitchen cool while enjoying fresh summer foods. But the thrill of cooking outside can quickly be extinguished by a fire.

Fire departments respond to about 5,700 residential grill fires annually, most of which are between May and August, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s U.S. Fire Administration.

These fires cause an estimated \$37 million in damages annually and result in thousands of emergency room visits.

“The best way to prevent damages and injuries when grilling is to maintain your equipment,” says Diane Reinhold, University of Illinois Extension nutrition and wellness educator and registered dietitian.

The leading cause of grill fires is mechanical failure or malfunction. Grill owners should do a safety check annually as well as every time the cylinder, hose, or regulator is disconnected.

Gas grills have a higher fire risk than charcoal because of leaks or breaks in pieces. Leaks can be caused by improperly sealed connections, cracked or split hoses, or damage from wildlife. Also that the regulator connection doesn’t become clogged, Reinhold says.

To inspect a gas grill, start by mixing a 50/50 solution of dish soap and water. After installing a gas cylinder, turn all controls to the off position. Open the gas cylinder by turning the valve one rotation to the left. Then, lightly apply the soap mixture to the hose and other gas connections. If soapy bubbles form, there is a gas leak. Turn off the gas and do



not attempt to grill.

Check connections to see if they need to be tightened, then do another soap test. If the leak continues, contact a professional for service. Attempting to fix the leak yourself may lead to potentially dangerous situations.

Reinhold says the leading factor contributing to grill-related fires is a dirty grill. The build-up of grease and fat may lead to the grill overheating and could melt plastic dials and flexible hoses, warp metal, and crack ceramics.

“Contrary to popular belief that a seasoned grill provides the most flavor, it is crucial to clean grates, burners, side tables, and the grease trap,” Reinhold says.

If the tiny holes where gas escapes become clogged by food, the flames will be unevenly distributed, resulting in hot or dead areas on the grill.

Always follow the manufac-

turer’s instructions for cleaning grills. Regular cleaning will help ensure the grill is performing at its best and extend its life.

It will also help prevent food from being contaminated by harmful bacteria lingering in old grease. In warm weather, grease and oils on grates or the bottom of the grill can quickly become rancid. This grease can vaporize and give food an off flavor.

SOURCE/WRITER: Diane Reinhold, Nutrition and Wellness Educator, University of Illinois Extension

Governor Signs Barickman’s Legislation to Help Multi-Generational Farms

Farms and other family businesses are getting some help with estate planning options, due to legislation filed by State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) that was recently signed into law.

“The original idea for this legislation came from the challenges many farmers face as they pass their operations on to the next generation,” said Barickman. “Growing up on a family farm, I understand the importance of keeping the operation going for the next generation.”

Senate Bill 47 expands the use of the TODI (Transfer on Death Instrument), which allows for ownership of property to transfer upon the death of the owner. Under current Illinois law, the use of a TODI is

only allowed for residential real estate including at least one residential dwelling, but no more than four dwellings, and containing 40 acres or less of farm ground.

Senate Bill 47, however, allows a TODI to be used for all real estate, including farm ground.

“This is another bill that was proposed to me by a constituent, who saw the opportunity to use the TODI process to help keep family farms going through multiple generations,” said Barickman. “It’s always great to be able to work with the people of my district to enact changes that will provide real help to Illinoisans.”

Barickman’s legislation was signed into law on July 9.

Area COVID-19 Stats as of July 12

Town	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Dwight	13,631	603	
Herscher	3,014	232	
Gardner	2,684	218	
Odell	2,863	175	
Mazon	2,006	174	
Braceville	2,005	154	
Essex	1,265	142	
S. Wilmington	1,043	95	
Cullom	1,398	84	
Reddick	1,091	67	
Saunemin	1,363	67	
Buckingham	811	60	
Verona	864	57	
Ransom	880	45	
Cabery	751	40	
Blackstone	389	37	
Kempton	696	36	
Emington	536	35	
Kinsman	273	19	
Campus	463	17	
Union Hill	136	13	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	262,016	14,640	221
LaSalle	217,290	12,834	252
Grundy	70,880	6,001	78
Livingston	122,261	4,910	92
Iroquois	55,320	3,175	68
Ford	33,203	1,896	50

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,395,497; **Deaths:** 23,297; **Probable Deaths:** 2,458; **Total Tests Performed:** 26,064,549; **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.

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Rotary that he has nominated the Dwight Rotary Club for several awards including the highly competitive District Club of the Year.
During the meeting, Pastor John Mueller was installed as the 84th president of the Dwight Rotary Club, with District Governor Step administering the oath of office. Also, Attorney Donald McClarey was sworn in as President-elect, Dale Adams was sworn in as Secretary and Treasurer, and Pastor “Randy” V. Randle as Membership Chairperson for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year – which began July 1.



A ROUTE 66 TOURIST, Steve, from Los Angeles, CA, is a firefighter who was intrigued by the 1914 fire engine at Ambler-Becker Gas Station in Dwight when passing through on July 10. He is pictured sporting his new Texaco uniform shirt.

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Remembering Trevor Till

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“I remember Trevor was angry because he raised money to go on the band trip for spring break. He worked his butt off to compete in pole vault and track and field as a senior. He helped plan events like Homecoming and Prom.
“Seeing some of my strong students struggling and I couldn’t help them definitely opened up Pandora’s Box. To see a lot of kids happy to come back in August, they were very happy, but there were still restrictions. I think it caused a lot of frustration. I saw more students feeling sad who normally may not have been. I also think as we got to do our sports and got to have some more events, you saw the pride in the students as they were engaged. Those students and those athletes worked 100 times harder because they knew at any point it could be taken from them.”
Jada Krueger, Trevor’s classmate and friend at Seneca, will run in the 5K with sponsorship from her mother, Kim Krueger, and Edward Jones.
The two 2020 Seneca seniors were the male and female lead roles in “The Music Man”. Between cross country and the musical, Till left an impact on Krueger.
“It was pretty unbelievable since he’s such a bright person and was always the life of the party,” Krueger said. “When he was around, everyone was always pretty happy. Hearing that he got so sad to do something like that was really heartbreaking. ...I was one of the slowest people on the cross country team. He would always encourage me to keep going although I couldn’t keep up with them.
“A week or two after he passed, I got a tattoo on my back in his memory. It’s a quote from the play ‘The Music Man’ in Trevor’s handwriting, which is pretty impulsive but I’m glad I got it and have that memory with him.

“The quote is, ‘My dear little librarian, pile up enough to-morrows and you’ll find you collected nothing but a lot of empty yesterdays. I don’t know about you, but I’d like to make today worth remembering.’”
Moore last saw her son Trevor on Oct. 4, 2020 and spoke to him on the phone Oct. 18.
She said he was sad because of the way his college career started under Covid-19 restrictions, but the meeting and the phone call were in normal Trevor fashion with him speaking about his classes and clubs.
The last memories will always be with Moore as well as the stories told to her by Trevor’s friends, teachers and acquaintances. She hopes they continue to pile up at the 5K.
“I’m just hoping the event is as big as Trevor was,” Moore said. “At the services, there had to be at least 15 high schools that attended. I was trying to keep track. I had kids take their masks down and tell me who they were if I didn’t recognize them. I asked how they knew Trevor so I had some memories. “There were kids who had only met Trevor once. They said, ‘We met him at a cross country meet’ or ‘We met him at a speech meet’. It was just amazing listening to all of the stories. A lot of kids who were freshmen when he was a senior told me stories of him helping them, always being kind and making them feel like they were part of Seneca High School.
“Honestly, I have to keep busy or I’m going to go crazy. It’s just how it is. I feel like Trevor is helping people just like he did during his lifetime. I want to keep his legacy alive. I hope the 5K helps people because I don’t want any other mothers to go through this.”
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30-pack cans

Miller Lite or Coors Light Texas 12-Packs 12-16 oz. cans	\$7⁹⁹
Old Style, Lite, Coors or Budweiser 24-pack cans	\$14⁹⁹
Miller Lite, Coors Light or Budweiser 24-pack bottles	\$16⁶³
Shiner Beer 12-pack cans or bottles ...	\$9⁹⁹

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WINES

Barefoot
WINES
\$3⁹⁹
750 ml.

Red Diamond Wines 750 ml.	\$6⁹⁹
Chateau Ste. Michelle Riesling 750 ml.	\$6⁹⁹
Kendall Jackson Chardonnay 750 ml.	\$9⁹⁹
Red Truck Wines 750 ml.	\$4⁹⁹
Jack Daniel's Country Cocktails 6-pack bottles	\$5⁹⁹
Chi-Chi's Cocktails 1.75 liter	\$7⁹⁹

1800
MARGARITAS
\$14⁹⁹
1.75 liter

Truly
HARD SELTZER 12-pack cans

\$13⁹⁹