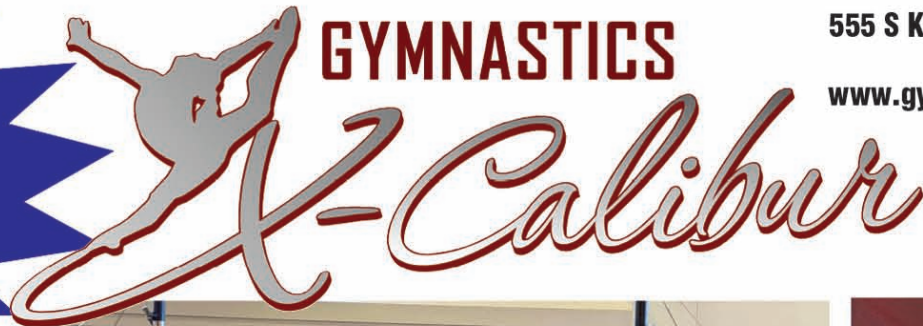


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South Wilmington's Party in the Park – Fun, fun, and just more fun...

SOUTH WILMINGTON'S ANNUAL PARTY IN THE PARK event was back this year, and did not disappoint, with a full weekend of activities to entertain all ages. Music, food vendors, a talent show, tractor pulls, home run derby contest, water fights, sidewalk chalk, volleyball tournament, spaghetti dinner, Bingo, tractor show, and parade were just a few of the activities enjoyed by all. This year, two park dedications took place remembering and honoring two women who devoted much of their lives to the community they loved. A park pavilion was dedicated to Mary Lou Smolik who loved to Polka under the pavilion. Before passing away in 2020, Smolik spent most of her life in South Wilmington with decades served as South Wilmington's Treasurer. The park's interior parkway was dedicated to Barb McGurk who passed away last month. McGurk, a lifelong resident of South Wilmington, served as Village Clerk for the community for more than 50 years.



More S. Willy Party in the Park photos on page 14.

Adding Special to Special Event Relay For Life Celebrates 25-Year Anniversary

By Brandon LaChance

The town square in Pontiac won't look the same August 6. There will be luminaria displayed along the court house and the court house lawn.

And at just the right time, the luminaria will be lit for the Relay For Life luminary ceremony honoring those we have lost because of cancer, those currently battling cancer and the ones who can pump their chest and call themselves survivors.

This year adds a little more special to an already special event as the Livingston County Relay For Life Committee is celebrating it's 25th Anniversary.

Megan Barton, a 31-year old Pontiac resident who grew up in Cornell, has been involved with the event for all 25 years. She has walked the relay, she has helped run it and now as the Relay For Life Event Chair she is excited to honor all who have fought through cancer.

"I've been actively involved with the committee since I was in college. I actually was on the Relay For Life Committee at Illinois State University," Barton said. "I was an event co-chair my senior year. I came back to Livingston County and joined the committee. I've been

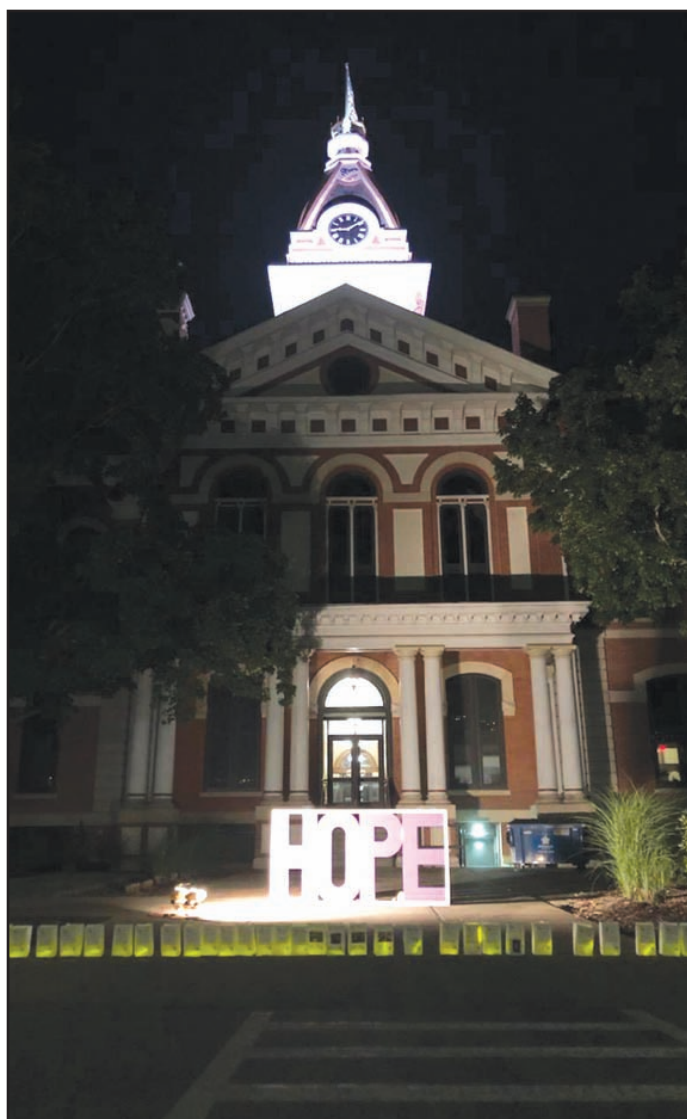
co-chairing and chairing for the last three or four years.

"My story started when I was 3 with my grandmother being diagnosed with cancer. I've been actively involved since I was a kid. I've been walking in relays for most of my life. I remember doing it every summer growing up as a kid."

Barton's grandmother, Dorothy Burger, passed away the weekend of Relay For Life in 2012 after fighting colon cancer and lung cancer. Relay For Life is an event Barton knows as a celebration of all who have battled cancer and as a memory of someone who meant everything to her.

The granddaughter remembers the struggles and is putting forth the effort because she doesn't want anyone to have the same stories she has.

"It's an event I've known my whole life. It always marked my summer. I always knew summer was about to end and school was about to start. It was an event my family always looked forward to," said Barton, who was 5 and just about to turn 6 when the Livingston County Relay For Life began 25 years ago. "Back in the old days, we would stay the night and walk the track all night. My sisters and I loved staying over (continued on page 5)



LIVINGSTON COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE celebrating 25 Years of honoring those we have lost to cancer, those currently fighting a battle and those who are survivors.

Trip to El Cancun New Mexican Restaurant Serving Tex-Mex Cuisine, Margaritas

By Brandon LaChance

Before June 23 there wasn't a Mexican restaurant in Dwight.

Now, anyone who wants a burrito, tacos, chimichangas and other foods you think of when Mexican cuisine is discussed, can take a trip to El Cancun.

"Everything here is fresh and made with high quality. We do everything from scratch. Everything is made right here," El Cancun owner Jose Sanchez said. "Our food is Tex-Mex. I wouldn't say it's authentic because people won't eat food

like menudo. Have you ever ate menudo? (yes, it's awful) See what I mean.

"We make street tacos. We use Chipotle sauce. We make great chimichangas, burritos, carnitas, fajitas, quesadillas, tamales, enchiladas. We can make everything."

There is also a variety of meats to choose from when ordering an item such as a taco. They can be made with chicken, steak, fish, shrimp, carnitas, chorizo, beef and tacos al pastor (grilled pork).

Daily specials are offered on food and drinks.

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July 16: Morgan L. Eaves, 28, Galesburg, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.
July 21: Kyle H. Rowland, 18, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

5 Written Warnings
Speeding – 4; disobey stop sign – 1.

Dwight Police Blotter
Battery – 1; Out With Vehicle – 4; Return Call – 12; Car Fire – 1; Well Being Check – 1; Criminal Damage To Property – 1; Traffic Stop – 11; Custody Issue – 1; Lockout – 6; Report of Reckless Driver – 2; Medical Aid – 4; Extra Patrol – 3; Burglar Alarm – 8; Accident – 3; Motorist Assist – 1; Coroner Call – 2; Missing Person – 1; Theft – 1; Out With Subject – 1; 911 Cell Hang Up – 2; Suspicious Person – 1; Assist Agency – 4; Threats – 1; Found Dog – 2; Out Of Control Subject – 1; Disturbance – 1; Domestic Issue – 2; Miscellaneous Call – 2; Follow Up – 2; O.P. Violation – 1; Found Item – 2.

LaSalle County Police Blotter
On July 19 at 4:43 a.m., LaSalle County Deputies responded to 140 W. Main St. (Grand Ridge) for a suspicious person complaint. Kyle Dandrea, 28, of Dwight, was arrested for criminal trespass to motor vehicle. Dandrea was later released with a NTA.

Accident Reports
Saturday, July 17, 2:49 p.m., an accident was reported at 311

N. Union St. involving a Ford utility, driven by Jacob Ender-son, Dwight, which struck a parked Toyota Escape, owned by Renee Gonda, Shorewood, while attempting to back up.
Sunday, July 18, 5:57 p.m., an accident was reported at 600 Morris Rd. involving a Dodge Journey, driven by Corilyn Hensel McCullough, Dwight, which struck a parked Ford utility, owned by Shem Hooper, Dwight, while attempting to back up.
Tuesday, July 20, 2:07 p.m., an accident was reported on the 100 block of W. Chippewa involving a Ford F150, driven by Brady Kelleher, Dwight, which struck a parked Jeep, owned by Kaithlyn Horan, Winchester, KY, while attempting to back up.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
July 16: Mazon, medical, Morris; Seminole, medical, refusal; Taylor, medical, refusal.
July 17: Bannon, medical, Morris; Seminole, medical, refusal; Locust, medical, St. Mary's; Renfrew, medical.
July 18: Mazon, fire; Mazon, fire; Prairie, medical; Bannon, medical, Morris.
July 19: Union, fire; Franklin, fire; Renfrew, trauma.
July 20: Spencer, trauma; Dewitt, fire, mutual aid to Coal City.
July 21: Mazon, medical, St. James; Mazon, trauma, Morris.
July 22: William, trauma; Northbrook, trauma, Morris; Susan, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Duffy's.

Temps - 2021

July 15 – high 78°, low 66° trace precip.
July 16 – high 74°, low 62° trace precip.
July 17 – high 79°, low 62°
July 18 – high 84°, low 61°
July 19 – high 82°, low 61°
July 20 – high 82°, low 62°
July 21 – high 76°, low 62°
One Year Ago – July 28, 2020
high 95°, low 72° .25" precip.

Amtrak Returns to Full Service in Illinois

Amtrak is back to full service in Illinois.
Half of the train services were cut over the past year to keep people safe throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people went through the Springfield station July 19 heading to St. Louis and Chicago.
The full service is back for Amtrak following a long period of waiting for treatments for COVID-19. Amtrak officials say now was the right time to bring services back, with vaccines widely available and fewer people contracting the virus than there were last year.

Even though there is a rise in cases of people with the delta variant, Amtrak officials say there are no plans to turn back and cut their service. People still have to wear masks whenever they are on a train or inside a train station.
“We’re not back to normal when it comes to riding the train itself,” said Amtrak Spokesman Marc Magliari. “But we’re back to normal in offering the kind of regular service that people want.”
There are now five daily round trips between Chicago and St. Louis with stops in Normal and Springfield. People can also find two round trips from the Windy City to Quincy, stopping in Macomb and Galesburg. You could also hop on one of three Saluki trains heading down to Carbondale.

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Secretary of State Awards Over \$1.4 Million in Grants to School Libraries

Area School Districts Awarded

Secretary of State, and State Librarian, Jesse White has awarded over \$1.4 million in FY21 School District Library Grant Program awards to 649 public school districts, including the following area school districts:
• **Dwight Township High School District #230** – \$850.00
• **Dwight Common School District #232** – \$850.00
• **Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School District #73** – \$850.00
• **Herschler Community Unit School District #2** – \$1,411.58
• **Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Elementary School District** – \$850.00
More than 1.5 million Illinois students served by school library media programs will benefit from the grants.
“As a former public school teacher and administrator, I know our school libraries are very important in helping students learn and prepare themselves for the future,” White said. “Illinois was the first state to implement a school district grant program, and I’m pleased that we can continue to provide school libraries with some of the financial resources they need to produce well educated students.”
Public Act 102-0039 provided for an increased school library grant rate of \$.885 per student, with a minimum grant award of \$850. The School District Library Grant Program is used to acquire fiction and/or non-fiction books, educational CDs and DVDs, and library subscriptions to electronic resources, as well as to improve technology by purchasing new computers or improving Wi-Fi connectivity.
Information about the grant program can be found at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/schoolpercapgrant.html.

Hines VA Outreach Team Returns to Morris August 2

The Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital Outreach Team, along with the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission, will be enrolling Veterans and answering questions about VA health care and other VA benefits Monday, August 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington Street.
The team consists of the enrollment coordinator and a VA nurse. The Grundy VAC will have one of their veteran service officers on site.
If you or someone you know would like to attend, go out and join them. There is no need to register for this event and it is open to all veterans.
Take a copy of your DD214 and a photo ID. You may be eligible for VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn’t receive a dishonorable discharge. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, you must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty. There are other criteria that may also make you eligible for VA health care. If you do not have a copy of your DD214, the Grundy County VAC can assist you with getting one.
“Were you aware that VA health care is not a health insurance but they are actually a health care provider? With VA health care, you can do regular checkups with your VA primary care provider or seek out specialty care from specialists (like cardiologists, gynecologists, and mental health providers). You can access Veterans health care services like home health and geriatric (elder) care, and you can get medical equipment, prosthetics, and prescriptions,” said Ken Buck, Superintendent of the Grundy County VAC.
“The Grundy County VAC strives each day to assist veterans with a variety of benefits that are available to them from federal, state and local sources. We are not the experts on all of the VA health care programs available at Hines VA Hospital and at the community-based clinics. By having the Hines Outreach Team in Grundy County on a regular basis we are able to provide the experts that can better guide our veterans to the health care services they need,” said Buck.
If you would like more information about the Hines VA outreach program, contact Patrick Grimes at 708-904-1473.

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Is Roth IRA Better for Young Workers?

If you’re in the early stages of your career, you’re probably not thinking much about retirement. Nonetheless, it’s never too soon to start preparing for it, as time may be your most valuable asset. So, you may want to consider retirement savings vehicles, one of which is an IRA. Depending on your income, you might have the choice between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. Which is better for you?

There’s no one correct answer for everyone. But the more you know about the two IRAs, the more confident you’ll be when choosing one.

First of all, the IRAs share some similarities. You can fund either one with many types of investments – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. And the contribution limit is also the same – you can put in up to \$6,000 a year. (Those older than 50 can put in an additional \$1,000.) If you earn over a certain amount, though, your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced. In 2021, you can put in the full \$6,000 if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than \$125,000 and you’re single, or \$198,000 if you’re married and file jointly. The amount you can contribute gradually declines, and is eventually limited, at higher income levels.

But the two IRAs differ greatly in how they are taxed. Traditional IRA contributions are typically tax-deductible (subject to income limitations), and any earnings growth is tax-deferred, with taxes due when you take withdrawals. With a Roth IRA, though, your contributions are never tax-deductible – instead, you contribute after-tax dollars. Any earnings growth is tax-free when withdrawn, provided you’ve had your account at least five years and you don’t take withdrawals until you’re at least 59½.

So, which IRA should you choose? You’ll have to weigh the respective benefits of both types. But when you’re young, you may have particularly compelling reasons to choose a Roth IRA. Given that you’re at an early point in your career, you may be in a lower tax bracket now than you will be during retirement, making the tax-deduction of traditional IRA contributions less beneficial. So, it may make sense to contribute to a Roth IRA now and take tax-free withdrawals when you’re retired.

Also, a Roth IRA offers more flexibility. With a traditional IRA, you could face an early withdrawal penalty, in addition to taxes, if you take money out before you’re 59½. But with a Roth, you’ll face no penalty on withdrawals from the money you contributed (not your earnings), and you’ve already paid the taxes, so you could use the money for any purpose, such as making a down payment on a home. Nonetheless, you may still want to be cautious about tapping into your IRA for your spending needs before you retire, since IRAs are designed to provide retirement income.

If your income level permits you to select a Roth or traditional IRA, you may want to consult with your tax advisor for help in making your choice. But in any case, try to max out on your IRA contributions each year. You could spend two or three decades in retirement – and your IRA can be a valuable resource to help you enjoy those years.

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Trip to El Cancun New Mexican Restaurant Serving Tex-Mex Cuisine, Margaritas

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Sanchez has learned his new clientele are fond of margaritas. “We have good margaritas. We’ve sold a lot,” Sanchez said. “I thought margaritas were going to sell, but not at that level. They love the margaritas here. We offer all flavors.”

El Cancun is a family owned and operated business as Sanchez calls his wife Fabiola Sanchez “The Boss”.

The couple has been in the restaurant business for over 15 years. Actually, the Cancun trip just moved from Kansas.

“We moved this restaurant from Kansas to Dwight. Dwight is a bigger town,” Jose Sanchez said. “We were in a way smaller town in Kansas, so we decided to move here. It was better for business.

“We opened here because there wasn’t any other Mexican restaurants. The customers have been excellent. We’re very satisfied and hopefully the customers are satisfied. I think they like our food. Since we’ve moved here, we’ve doubled our sales or maybe even more. It’s been good business.”

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State Fair Attraction Highlights Route 66, the Mother Road

Gate 2 of the Illinois State Fair, set for August 12-22, will feature an exhibit like no other. The Illinois State Fairgrounds Route 66 Experience is a multi-year project focusing on our nation’s most iconic road. The experience will offer visitors a chance to walk Illinois Route 66 from Chicago to the Chain of Rocks Bridge and learn about communities and attractions along the Route in micro-form.

The project is headed by the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway, with the goal of sparking interest in those who have not yet experienced everything Illinois Route 66 has to offer.

“We have begun working on



the Route 66 Experience and will have the first phase completed by the time the Illinois State Fair begins on August 12,” said Casey Wichmann, Route 66 Scenic Byway Executive Director. “Being able to provide visitors a central location to experience what our historic road has to offer is an amazing opportunity prior to the 100th anniversary of Route 66.”

“The Route 66 Experience is going to totally transform gate 2 on the Illinois State Fairgrounds and make it a destination for visitors not only during the fair, but year-round,” said Illinois State Fair Manager, Kevin Gordon. “We are excited

to showcase Route 66 history at our 2021 fair and look forward to the experience growing for years to come.”

The experience will be open year-round and will offer QR codes and story boards that will detail historical attractions and businesses along the Route. Communities along Illinois Route 66 have been invited to participate and will do so by working with the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway to develop their prospective area within the experience.

The Illinois State Fairgrounds Route 66 Experience is slated to be completed prior to the Mother Road’s Centennial Anniversary in 2026.

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Upcoming Summer Events

With the world slowly reopening, and many venues reaching full capacity, here are some upcoming area events to attend this summer:

Kankakee County Fair
August 4-8

Fairbury Fair
August 18-22

Pontiac Rockin' at the River
August 20

Herscher Labor Day
September 4-6

Dwight Harvest Days
September 16-19

Pontiac Rockin' at the River
September 18

Adding Special to Special Event

Relay For Life Celebrates 25-Year Anniversary

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night and walking with our friends.

“As we got older it became more meaningful. When my grandma passed, I knew this was my connection to her and to keep her memory alive. She's the reason I did it and still do it. Over the years, hearing everyone's stories and how cancer has affected their lives, I just want to fight harder. I remember being in the hospital and doctor's appointments. I don't want anyone to have to go through it.”

This year's Relay For Life will begin at 5 p.m. Aug. 6 with musical entertainment, a silent auction and food trucks until 8:30 p.m.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, there will not be the normal schedule including an opening ceremony, a survivor walk or team walk.

The main focus is the drive through to look at the luminaria (bags dedicated to those who've had cancer) and at 8:30 p.m. the luminary ceremony will start, in which all luminaria are lit and names of all cancer survivors, current fighters and those we've lost will be read off in celebration and remembrance.

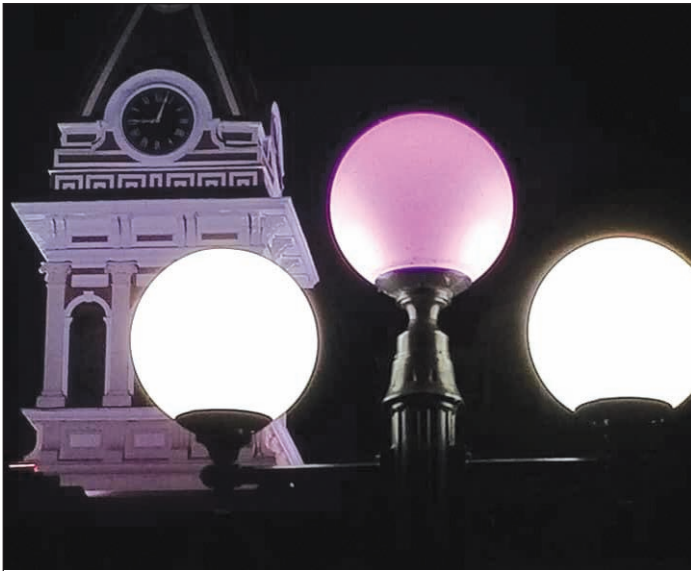
Linda Abels has many people to celebrate and to remember.

The 67-year old Flanagan resident has participated in every Relay For Life event in Pontiac as either a team walker, a team captain or a committee member. Abels has retired from walking but remains on the committee.

“My brother, Harold Rustman Jr., passed away from testicular cancer when he was 26. My dad, Harold Rustman Sr. was a 58-year survivor from testicular cancer before passing away from old age in 2014,” said Abels. “That's why I got involved and over the years I've had many more friends and relatives who've had cancer. Then it was me with breast cancer 7-years ago and then it was my mom, Minnie Rustman (90), who beat skin cancer 1 ½ years ago. It's been around, it's everywhere.

“You just want to make enough money so they can find a cure for it some day. That's what got me doing it.”

Barton and Abels both know



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the importance of the event and are excited Relay For Life has reached 25 years in Livingston County.

Now, it's on to the next 25 years.

“A lot of close friendships have formed through this event,” Abels said. “Everyone

is working for the same cause. You get to know the survivors and this is to honor them. That's one of the best things.”

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A MIDWEST SUMMER AIR SHOW...Crop dusters have been bussing area fields recently, showing skilled maneuvering moves while operating these planes and helicopters. Aerial application can be an efficient and economical way to supply crop protection products and fertilizer since an airplane or helicopter can accomplish more in one hour than ground equipment can in a single day, according to the Illinois Department of Agriculture. This helicopter Ag applicator was spotted reloading on Gorman Road near Gardner.

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Saint Patrick CCD Registration

is open in Dwight for all grades - Kindergarten to 8th.

You may register in the following ways:

- † Stop by the Parish Hall office between 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and pick up materials
- † Call Andrea Pugh, CCD Coordinator (815) 584-3110 and schedule an appointment
- † Come to Registration Nights to be held at Saint Patrick Parish Hall, August 12 and 13, from 5-7 p.m.

Classes start in September and are held on Wednesday night from 4:30-6 p.m.
Schedule will be provided on Registration Nights.

Open House for Mona Twp. Retirees August 1

An open house celebration will be held Sunday, August 1, to honor retired Mona Township Road Commissioner Gary Hamilton; retired Township Trustee Ed Moritz; and retired Township Clerk Nancy Wright.

The event will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Kempton Legion Hall.

The public is invited to celebrate and thank these three individuals for their many years of service.

VBS at Saunemin UMC Aug. 1-5

All children and youth ages four to 18 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Saunemin United Methodist Church, August 1-5, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. each day.

The theme is: Ranch House Kids, where God is at the center and the love never ends.

The VBS mission project is “Our Conference, Our Kids”.

Herscher Labor Day Parade Applications Now Available

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce, and its Labor Day Parade Committee, has announced that it mailed parade applications to those on its mailing list on July 12.

Parade applications are also

available at the Herscher Village Hall during normal hours the Village Hall is open, at Midland States Bank in Herscher, and by contacting John Branz at 815-426-6183.

Art in the Park in Kankakee September 19 Crafters/Artists Needed

GFWC Woman’s Club of Kankakee will host Art in the Park at the Civic Auditorium in Kankakee September 19, and are looking for crafters and artists to participate.

Booth fees apply, with all proceeds going to their scholarship fund, and inside space is limited.

For more information, contact Dondi at 815-715-8405.

Upcoming Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at Iroquois Memorial Hospital

The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD), in partnership with Iroquois Memorial Hospital, will be hosting the following Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination clinic, available by appointment or walk-in, for Illinois residents age 12 and older:

- **Thursday, July 29, 4-6 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, August 4, 7-9 a.m.**

- **Wednesday, August 11, 7-9 a.m.**

Second doses will be scheduled at the time of your first dose appointment.

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

4-H Enrollment Fee Waived for Youth in Livingston, McLean, and Woodford County Clubs

4-H strives to change the lives of youth through project exploration, leadership, and teamwork to build the confidence needed to write their own futures. 4-H members are our leaders of tomorrow and beginning September 1, youth throughout Livingston, McLean, and Woodford Counties will be able to participate in 4-H clubs without having to pay an enrollment fee for the 2021-2022 program year.

Katie Buckley, 4-H Youth Development educator in McLean County believes this is an excellent chance for “youth who are unsure about whether or not 4-H is for them to take this opportunity to try it out.”

4-H is truly for everyone and youth can join a club any and all times of the year. The 4-

H New Year begins for local clubs on September 1, so this is the chance to offer this exclusive opportunity for the three counties. This includes existing and new 4-H youth ages eight to 18 and Cloverbud youth ages five to seven by September 1. **All members must be enrolled and have all paperwork turned in by October 31 to receive their fee waived.** Fee waivers have always been available for families who have a limited income as well as families with more than three youth enrolled.

4-H has been a long-standing youth organization that spans worldwide. Youth can explore a variety of project



areas that fit their interests. Project areas range from animal science, career and leadership development, healthy living and nutrition, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts/ag, and math) to name a few.

“4-H has something unique to offer to all youth whether they are into robotics, computer science, cooking, or leadership. This program serves to empower youth and assist them in acquiring skills they will use the rest of their lives,” says Alcha Corban, 4-H Youth Development educator for Livingston, Woodford, and Unity Community Center.

Take the chance and get involved in your local 4-H program where you too can learn how to write your story. Visit go.illinois.edu/LMW4H for more information about what 4-H has to offer and how to get started in Livingston, McLean, and Woodford County 4-H. Explore the county pages and if new to the program, fill out the interest survey to get started today. For questions, contact local 4-H staff at the Extension office at Livingston: 815-842-1776; McLean: 309-663-8306; and Woodford: 309-467-3789.

If you will need an accommodation to participate, contact the Extension office at the numbers above. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.



David and Mary Heath to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

David and Mary Heath of Dwight will celebrate 50 years of marriage with a family dinner.

The couple were married July 31, 1971, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Dwight. Paula (Finnegan) Boerman and Marty Sullivan were their attendants.

They are the parents of Brian (Kim) Heath of Dwight, Jennifer (Kevin) Williams of Plainfield, and Michael (Jacqui) Heath of Oswego.

Dave and Mary have seven grandchildren: Rachel, Hailey

and Taylor Heath of Dwight, Keely and Cullen Williams of Plainfield, and Paxton and Elison Heath of Oswego.

Dave is a retiree of R.R. Donnelley & Sons after 35 years and is also a former Livingston County Board Member. Mary is a retiree of OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac where she served as Director of Education.

The couple enjoys gardening, managing their farms, and spending time with their grandchildren.

85th Annual Sorensen Reunion August 7 in South Wilmington

All descendants of Soren and Christina Sorensen are invited to attend the 85th Annual Sorensen Reunion, to be held under the pavilion at the South Wilmington Fireman’s Beach Club Saturday, August 7, at

noon. There will be a potluck dinner, so attendees are asked to take a dish to pass.

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OBITUARIES

James Leroy Haag

CULLOM – James Leroy Haag, 95, of Cullom, Illinois passed away Monday, July 19, 2021 at Accolade Healthcare of Pontiac.



A Funeral Service was held Monday, July 26, 2021 at noon at the United Methodist Church in Cullom, Illinois with Pastor Dan Robertson officiating.

Visitation was prior to the service, from 10:00 a.m. until noon, at the church.

Burial was after the service in West Lawn Cemetery in Cullom, Illinois.

Calvert and Martin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

James was born March 11, 1926, outside of Cullom on a farm. On February 1, 1947 he married Donna Bratt. She survives in Pontiac.

Also surviving are his five children: Linda (Larry) Ruhl of Heyworth, IL; Julee Foster of Edgewood, NM; Nancy Haferkamp of Pontiac, IL; Donald (Donita Forneris) Haag of Pontiac, IL; and Doug (Sara Casson) Haag of Cullom, IL.

Fifteen grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Olive (Brown) Haag; his sister, Shirley Neumann; his brother-in-law, Charles Neumann; his nephew, Jeff Neumann; and his father and mother-in-law, Donald and Georgia Bratt.

James lived and worked on the family farm, which is still in operation today. His last job was running the tractor and auger to fill the bins. He was also a cowboy. He loved to ride horses, starting when he was young with his pony.

He along with others in his community started the Cullom Fair that still runs today. He was also a longtime member of the United Methodist Church of Cullom.

James and Donna enjoyed traveling to the mountains of Colorado and Arizona. He believed his greatest accomplishment was his family.

Jim stated at 95: “I have had a good life and no regrets about anything that has come along in my life.”

Memorials may be made in James’ name to OSF Hospice.

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

Frank Oscar Margaron, age 91, passed away Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Silver Cross Hospital, New Lenox, IL.

Born in Coal City, IL to the late Oscar Emil and Jean (Stewart) Margaron, Frank was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving during World War II and the Korean War.

He was the owner of Atlas Construction Services and Universal Building Materials in Joliet; Lifetime Board member of Silver Cross Hospital for 30 years; and also member of New Life Church in New Lenox, the Willow Run Golf League, and many other philanthropic organizations.

He is survived by one son, Brett (Patti Bauman) Margaron; one daughter, Janet Margaron; granddaughter, Hana (Dan) St. Gean; two grandsons,

Frank and Matthew (Elizabeth) Margaron; great-grandchildren: Abigail, Joel and Samuel St. Gean and Alaina, Amani, Kailash, Emma and Leah Margaron; one brother, Donald Lee Margaron; one sister, Edith Clausen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Twilla (Humbert) Margaron; his parents; and one sister, Helen (Ken) Kraft.

Visitation was Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at New Life Church, 500 Gouger Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Funeral services were Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Private interment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the New Life Church would be appreciated.

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Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:
The Paper
fax: 815-584-2196
email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY
The Paper welcomes letters to the editor on topics of current local interest. All letters must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. No letters will be published with fictitious names or if unsigned. All letters should be typed or neatly printed and should not exceed 250 words. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household. Political letters will not run the week prior to an election.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY – PONTIAC, ILLINOIS
QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
DANIEL CARPENTER A/K/A DANIEL L. CARPENTER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANT
NO. 2021CH18

PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, DANIEL CARPENTER A/K/A DANIEL L. CARPENTER; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendant, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to wit:
THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, LOT 10 AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT 9, ALL IN BLOCK 10 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
COMMON ADDRESS: 109 E. Seminole Street, Dwight, IL 60420
P.I.N.: 05-05-04-456-028
and which said mortgage was signed by DANIEL CARPENTER A/K/A DANIEL L. CARPENTER, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County as Document No. 2017R-00828; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Livingston County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file your answer therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in Livingston County at 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764 on or before August 20, 2021, default may be entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

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

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5 Minutes with Boma

Pets
Over the last year – largely due to bringing in a stray cat from the outside – I became a cat guy. Ross (Rossy) joined me in the city this week, and is currently living it up in the great city of Chicago, Illinois.
He is living it up by... well he’s just hiding under furniture so far. But from quick research online, that shows that that’s pretty normal.
This would be one of those times where it would very much be advantageous for animals to possess the ability to speak to humans, because a quick conversation would explain why he’s now living in a completely new home. (Okay, apartment. I’m working on it.)
Until then, I just have to kind of feel bad that I’ve temporarily uprooted this poor animal’s life.
With that being said, he is in great hands and I’m sure will find his favorite sleeping spot sooner than later. Maybe under the furniture becomes the go-to – but my guess is there are some better options that he’ll find.
It’s nice to have a roommate again, albeit a furry one with 4 legs. But he’ll do.
Here are two pictures of Ross from the time he showed up until now:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DWIGHT RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Corporation, WILLIAM OHLENDORF, ROBERT H. OHLENDORF, CAROL OHLENDORF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,
Defendants.
No. 21-CH-22

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

The North 310 feet of the East 290 of Block 7 in Hahn’s Addition to the Village of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois.
PIN: 05-09-251-003.

Commonly known as: 101 W. South St., Dwight, IL 60420
The title holder of record to the above described real estate is DWIGHT RESTAURANT GROUP. LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Corporation. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on December 26, 2000 and recorded on December 29, 2000 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 522297; a Modification of Mortgage executed on December 22, 2010 and recorded on January 18, 2011 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 606949; a Modification of Mortgage executed on April 30, 2014 and recorded on May 5, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 628756; a Modification of Mortgage executed on June 30, 2015 and recorded on June 30, 2015 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 634975; a Modification of Mortgage executed on June 29, 2016 and recorded on July 1, 2016 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2016R-02573; a Modification of Mortgage executed on July 14, 2017 and recorded on July 14, 2017 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2017R-02700; a Modification of Mortgage executed on June 29, 2018 and recorded on July 5, 2018 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2018R-02636; a Modification of Mortgage executed on August 8, 2018 and recorded on August 8, 2018 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2018R-03177; and a Modification of Mortgage executed on June 21, 2019 and recorded on June 25, 2019 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2019R-02378. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 21-CH-22 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before August 31, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.
Dated this 16th day of July, 2021.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit,
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VILLAGE OF DWIGHT
Request for Qualifications
Route 66 Path Improvement
Phase I, II, III Engineering Services
RE: Request for Qualifications
Route 66 Path Improvement (Lions Lake to Morris Road)
Phase I, II and III Engineering Services
The Village of Dwight hereby invites Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from IDOT prequalified engineering firms to assist the Village of Dwight in completing Phase I, II and III Engineering for the Route 66 Path Improvement Project in Dwight, Illinois. The Phase I, II, and III Engineering Services for the project will be funded through the federal ITEP funding. Therefore, all work must be performed in accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) guidelines. As part of the selection process, interested consultants are required to submit a Statement of Qualifications to perform the requested work.
Interested firms shall submit their Statement of Qualifications no later than 12:00 pm (CST) on Friday, August 13, 2021. Late submittals will not be considered. Interviews with consultants are not anticipated to be required.
Based upon review of the Statements of Qualifications, a fee proposal will be requested from highest-ranked consultant.
The SOQ and any questions shall be sent to:
Kevin McNamara - Village Administrator
209 S. Prairie Avenue
Dwight, IL. 60420
kmcn@dwightillinois.com
815-584-3077

ICPHD Backs Back-to-School Guidance

The Iroquois County Public Health Department supports back-to-school guidance released by the CDC, IDPH, and ISBE.

Guidance from these sources includes:

- Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated.
- CDC recommends schools maintain at least three feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least three feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as indoor masking.
- Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing, and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.
- Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination currently. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (masking, distancing, testing) to protect people who are not fully vaccinated. Source: dph.illinois.gov/news/

Illinois-department-public-health-adopts-cdc-covid-19-prevention-school-guidance.

In summary, schools should continue COVID-19 mitigation efforts, including masking when indoors. Masking can be optional for those providing proof that they are fully vaccinated. For more information regarding CDC guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools, visit cdc.gov/corona-virus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html.

Due to the presence of the COVID-19 Delta variant in Iroquois County, and low COVID-19 vaccination rate among Iroquois County residents, ICPHD will continue following a ten-day isolation period for all individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and reverting to a 14-day quarantine for all non-vaccinated individuals identified as a close contact to an individual testing positive for COVID-19. Those fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine if they are exposed to a positive COVID-19 case.

If you can, get vaccinated. Vaccine is now widely available for ages 12 and older. ICPHD has COVID-19 vaccine available by appointment Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 815-432-2483. Note that individuals under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian present at the time of vaccination.

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.dwightkt12.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 Constitu-

tion). 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:

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Item	Price	Class Available
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LACC 2	\$200.00	Jr./Sr.
Sports Fee Per Student	\$75.00	All

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 28, 2021

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Housing Authority of Champaign County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 12, 2021 the City of Urbana will authorize the Housing Authority of Champaign County to submit a request to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under Section 8 of the 1937 Act to undertake the Williams Street Townhomes Project located at 401 W. Williams Street, Dwight, Illinois, 60420.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Urbana has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Urbana, 400 S. Vine St., Urbana, IL 61801 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Urbana Attn: Grants Management Division. All comments received by August 12, 2021 will be considered by the City of Urbana prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Urbana certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Diane Marlin in her capacity as Mayor of the City of Urbana consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Housing Authority of Champaign County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Illinois Office of Public Housing will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Urbana's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Urbana; (b) the City of Urbana has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, Illinois Office of Public Housing; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Director, HUD Illinois State Office, Office of Public Housing at Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building; 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3507. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Illinois Office of Public Housing at 312-913-8300 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Design Ideas to Give Your
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Farmhouse style homes are having a moment. A 2020 survey from Homes.com asked more than 5,000 adults across the United States about their favorite house style from a list that included bohemian craftsman, mid-century modern ranch, French chateau, and Tudor, among others. Modern farmhouse was the runaway winner, as participants in 42 of the 50 states indicated this simple, cozy style was their favorite.

Home renovation projects can help homeowners put their own unique stamp on their homes, and such projects can be both aesthetic and functional in nature. The following are some farmhouse design elements homeowners can consider as they look to transform their home interiors with this popular style in mind.

• **Exposed beams:** Exposed beams instantly evoke images of a farmhouse. The home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that this rustic renovation project can utilize real wood or faux beams that look like the real thing. Decorative beams that have nothing to do with a home's structural integrity can be installed by skilled do-it-yourselfers. However, even faux beams are heavy, and BobVila.com recommends homeowners have an engineer assess their existing structure prior to installation.

• **Distressed wood finishes:** Distressing is designed to make something look less than perfect. Distressed wood finishes can be found throughout many farmhouse style homes. Furniture and picture frames can provide the distressed look farmhouse fans are looking for. This is a relatively inexpensive project that many homeowners can tackle on their own after watching some online tutorials that recommend the right tools and techniques to get the job done right.

• **Kitchen sink:** Many components combine to create a truly classic farmhouse kitchen. But perhaps no component is more essential than the classic farmhouse sink. The renovation experts at HGTV note that a classic farmhouse sink features a deep, wide basin. Farmhouse sinks are large enough to handle all the dishes that come after a big family meal. Old-fashioned porcelain sinks are worth consideration by homeowners who want their kitchen

sinks to evoke a traditional farmhouse feel.

• **Countertops:** HGTV recommends butcher block countertops for homeowners who favor European farmhouse style. Homeowners overhauling their kitchens to create a farmhouse feel should consider installing a large island with a walnut butcher block countertop for an authentic farmhouse feel.

Farmhouse style homes are wildly popular. Some simple renovations can help homeowners with a fondness for farmhouse style bring this classic look into their homes.





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Make Safety An Important Part of Home Cleaning

Safety may not be on the minds of people when they gather equipment and cleaning supplies to clean their homes, but even seemingly innocuous items can be dangerous. The National Safety Council warns that accidents and deaths often occur when least expected — including when doing chores around the house.

The online safety advocate SafeWise says that more than 160,000 Americans die as a result of an accident every year, and household injuries account for 75 percent of those deaths. It's important to be careful when cleaning around the house, and part of that caution includes recognizing where hazards may be lurking. Here are ways to prevent cleaning and organizing accidents.

Never mix cleansers

Cleaning chemicals are often effective because they employ bases or acids to pro-

duce cleaning actions. By themselves, many of these products are generally safe to use provided users adhere to the usage instructions and precautions. However, when mixed together, certain cleaning products can be extremely hazardous. According to an environmental, health, safety, and sustainability advisement company, users should never mix products containing acids and bases. Common cleaning products containing acids include tub and tile cleaners, vinegar and mold removers. Products containing bases include, bleaches, glass cleaners, and drain cleaners. Mixing these products can produce toxic gases, intense heat or even explosions.

Avoid falls

Falls are a major contributor to home injuries. Be especially careful when climbing ladders, and do not lean too far to either side. If possible, have someone hold the ladder steady. Wear nonskid shoes and go slowly. Do not climb on furniture or stack items to reach high spots like top shelves, as this can create a precarious situation.

Lift with care

Moving furniture or rearranging storage boxes can strain the back and other muscles. Use proper lifting techniques, which include lifting with the legs while keeping the back straight. If the item is too heavy, wait and ask for help.

Wear masks and safety gear

Whether dusting off the ceiling fan, cleaning out the crawl-space or removing debris from gutters and downspouts, protect the eyes, hands and lungs by wearing the right gear. Safety goggles, durable gloves and a dust mask are must-have cleaning supplies.

Remove supplies promptly

The NSC says about 10 people die from drowning every day in the United States. Children between the ages of one and four are at greatest risk. Do not leave cleaning buckets filled with water unattended, and make sure to clean up any supplies used right after cleaning to prevent injuries.

Cleaning and maintenance keep homes looking great. Homeowners should always keep safety in mind when cleaning around the house.



Tips Before Deciding to Do a DIY Demolition

Home improvement projects can range from relatively inexpensive undertakings to complex endeavors that cost homeowners thousands of dollars. In an effort to make expensive projects more affordable, homeowners may look for ways to pitch in, and do-it-yourself demolition is a common way to cut costs.

Due to geographical fluctuations in price as well as the scale of a project, it's hard to pinpoint just how much homeowners can save by doing demolition work themselves. HomeAdvisor estimates that the average small interior demolition project costs just over \$3,000, though more significant demolition projects can cost considerably more than that. Given the cost, it's no surprise that so many homeowners volunteer to do demolition on their own. Though it's possible to do so safely, homeowners can take steps to determine if it's in their best interest to take on a DIY demolition or leave it to the professionals.

• Conduct a cost analysis. Demolition projects seem simple, but they often require the use of equipment most homeowners don't have on hand. Rentals can be considered in

such instances, but the cost of renting equipment can reduce the amount of money homeowners are saving by going it alone. For example, homeowners may be able to pull up vinyl or tile flooring on their own, but not all floors are installed the same. Some floors may have been glued more effectively than others, making it hard and/or time-consuming to pull them up by hand. A walk-behind floor scraper can make it easier to remove such floors, but that equipment must be rented. A cost analysis comparing the contractors' demolition cost estimate and the cost of DIY, complete with equipment rental projections, can give a more accurate picture of how much money homeowners will save by going it alone. If the savings of DIY are negligible, homeowners should probably let the contractor handle the demo.

• Speak with your contractor. Prior to saying they'll do the demo work on their own, homeowners should speak with their contractors to get an accurate idea of what the project will entail. Demolition projects may seem simple enough, but contractors can illustrate the correct way to do things so as to minimize potentially costly damage. Some contractors may offer to help homeowners start the demo project and then leave them to their own devices once they get a knack for what to do. Once homeowners see what it will take, they can then decide if DIY is best for them.

• Enlist help. No DIY demo should ever be done alone. The risk for accident and injury is simply too great for homeowners to go it alone. Homeowners who can't enlist some volunteers to pitch in should leave the job to the professionals.

DIY demolition can save homeowners a lot of money. But such projects are not necessarily as simple as they seem. Homeowners should take steps to see exactly what they're getting into before they volunteer to take on demo duty.



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How to Hire a Tree Care Professional

-- How to Maintain Hardwood Floors --

Trees are large components in the landscape, both in size and life span. When pests, pathogens, or disorders appear or a tree is not cared for properly, the compromised tree can harm people or property.

Hiring someone to assess tree healthcare needs helps ensure the long-term health and safety of trees in the landscape. Choosing the right tree care company for your needs can mean the difference between an expensive headache and money well spent.

Certified arborists are trained and qualified in evaluation and diagnosis of tree disorders through the International Society of Arboriculture. An arborist certification means they know about the science of tree establishment, pruning, safety, and fertilization in accordance with national standards.

When diagnosing a tree, a reliable tree care company will ask questions such as when the tree was planted, how and when it has been pruned, what symptoms have been observed, and any recent nearby construction. Make note of symptoms and their timeline for easy reference.

Some companies specialize in regular maintenance, such as fertilizing or pruning hedges. Pruning fruit trees or pruning a limb over a building may warrant work from two different companies. If a tree needs to be removed, ask how and when the company will access the yard. Take precautions to minimize damage to surrounding structures, trees, lawns, and other objects.

It is important to confirm the company is insured. Insurance can protect both the tree service and the homeowner from litigation if there is an accident. Liability insurance covers damage to homeowner property and worker's compensation insurance covers injuries to employees while working.

Ask for proof of insurance before any work begins.

Ask for and check referrals and references. A brief conversation with another customer can often provide valuable insight. Online reviews are handy but don't always paint the whole picture. Tree care can be expensive. Get two to three written estimates and ask the same questions of each company: cost, services included, equipment used, payment terms, and time estimates. Cheap doesn't always mean good.

Ask for a contract if one is not offered. This holds both parties accountable in the event of miscommunication. Homeowners and tree service professionals should agree on what tasks will be performed and when.

Companies should require the use of personal protective equipment and all crewmembers should follow national safety standard guidelines. This is not the client's responsibility to enforce, but they can specify that all work be performed according to safety standards.

When considering credentials, ISA-certified arborists on staff are recommended, but not required. The arborist may belong to a local chapter or other professional associations. These memberships do not guarantee quality, but they do show professional commitment.

A knowledgeable tree care professional will do the job well, satisfy their customer, and ensure the longevity of the tree. To find a certified arborist in your area, visit International Society of Arboriculture, Tree Care Industry Association, American Society of Consulting Arborists, Illinois Arborist Association, or contact your local Extension office.

Source: Sarah Vogel, Horticulture Educator, University of Illinois Extension

cently installed wood floors are likely surface sealed.

How often should floors be polished or waxed?

Wood flooring professionals recommend polishing floors that can be polished once every few months. Waxing wood floors does not need to be done as frequently, and most can benefit from a fresh coat of wax every 12 to 18 months.

What can I do on a daily basis?

Some simple tricks and daily maintenance can help wood floors maintain their impressive look.

- **Utilize floor mats.** The HDA notes that floor mats near entryways can reduce the time it takes to clean hardwood floors and reduce the wear and tear they endure. For example, tiny particles like dirt can scratch the floor and contribute to the kind of minor damage that adds up to significant scarring over time. Floor mats near entryways ensures that most of that dirt never makes it to the wood floors.
- **Vacuum without a beater bar.** Some vacuums contain beater bars, which are designed to pick up human hair, dog hair and other things that conventional vacuums may not be able to pick up. The HDA advises vacuuming without the beater bar, as it can contribute to small scratches in the floor. Sweeping with a high-quality broom or microfiber cloth is another way to pick up dirt without damaging floors.
- **Use manufacturer-recommended cleaning products.** Local home improvement



stores sell a host of hardwood floor cleaning products, but the HDA notes that many flooring manufacturers now sell their own hardwood floor cleaners designed specifically for their floors. These products are likely homeowners' best bets. Homeowners who can't find them can seek recommendations from a local flooring retailer.

Hardwood floors are attractive for many reasons. And they look even more stunning, and last much longer, when homeowners make an effort to maintain them.

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ORDINANCE NO. 21-07-01
ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

For the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Allen Township Fire Protection District of LaSalle, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the District's President and Board of Trustees as follows:

SECTION 1: The fiscal year for the fire protection district commences on the 1st day of May, 2021 and ends on the 30th day of April, 2022.

SECTION 2: The following budget for the General Corporate Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, estimate of the cash expected to be received and estimate of the expenditures and an estimate of cash to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

GENERAL CORPOARATE FUND

Total Income and Opening Balances		\$157,514.12
Opening Balance May 1, 2021	\$43,509.30	
LaSalle County Tax	\$92,961.18	
Grundy County Tax	\$5,169.40	
Livingston County Tax	\$11,874.24	
State of Illinois	\$2,000.00	
Foreign Fire Insurance Payment	\$900.00	
Interest from NOW Account	\$100.00	
Refunds and Misc. Income	\$1,000.00	
Expenses		
Administrative		\$2,475.00
Dues	\$350.00	
Postage and Office Supplies	\$1,400.00	
R and R Program	\$500.00	
Trustee Mileage and Exp. Reimbursement	\$225.00	
Audit		\$450.00
Audit Fee	\$450.00	
Equipment Fund		\$12,750.00
Apparatus Maintenance	\$1,500.00	
Fire Equipment Purchases	\$2,000.00	
Fire Equipment Supplies	\$1,500.00	
Fuel and Oil	\$750.00	
Portable Equipment Maintenance	\$500.00	
Pump, Hose Ladder & Rescue Tool Testing	\$3,000.00	
Repairs to Apparatus and Equipment	\$2,000.00	
SCBA Fit Testing	\$1,500.00	
Legal Fund		\$1,550.00
Attorney Fees	\$1,000.00	
Court Costs	\$100.00	
Publications Fees	\$450.00	
Licensing Fund		\$200.00
Licenses	\$100.00	
Vaccines & Medical Expenses	\$100.00	
Station Fund		\$12,750.00
Building Security System	\$400.00	
Building and Ground Maintenance	\$1,600.00	
Dispatch Services	\$500.00	
Electricity	\$1,200.00	
Natural Gas Expense	\$3,000.00	
Telephone	\$3,000.00	
Water Fund	\$2,400.00	
Generator Maintenance	\$650.00	
Contingent Fund		\$1,508.75
Contingency Expenses	\$1,508.75	
Transfer to other Funds		\$77,500.00
Transfer to General Corporate Reserve Fund	\$75,000.00	
Transfer to Volunteer Fund	\$2,500.00	
Total Income	\$157,514.12	
Transfer to other Funds	\$77,500.00	
Total Expenses	\$31,683.75	
Ending Balance	\$48,330.37	

SECTION III: That the following budget for the Ambulance Service Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received and an estimate of the expenditures and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal years as follows:

Ambulance Fund

Total Income and Opening Balances		\$145,118.14
Opening Balance May 1, 2021	\$42,828.98	
LaSalle County Tax	\$86,197.55	
Grundy County Tax	\$4,793.63	
Livingston County Tax	\$11,010.30	
Interest from NOW Account	\$100.00	
Refunds and Misc. Income	\$187.68	
Expenses		
Administrative		\$2,475.00
Dues	\$350.00	
Postage and Office Supplies	\$1,400.00	
R and R Program	\$500.00	
Trustee Mileage and Exp. Reimbursement	\$225.00	
Audit		\$450.00
Audit Fee	\$450.00	
Ambulance Equipment Fund		\$10,250.00
Ambulance Maintenance	\$1,000.00	
Ambulance Supplies	\$4,000.00	
Fuel and Oil	\$750.00	
Maintenance of Medical Equipment	\$1,000.00	
Purchase of Equipment	\$2,000.00	
Repairs of Ambulance and Equipment	\$1,500.00	
Legal Fund		\$1,550.00
Attorney Fees	\$1,000.00	
Court Costs	\$100.00	
Publications and Printing	\$450.00	
Licensing Fund		\$175.00
Licenses	\$75.00	
Vaccines & Medical Expenses	\$100.00	
Station Fund		\$8,325.00
Building Security System	\$400.00	
Electricity	\$900.00	
Natural Gas Expense	\$900.00	
Disptach Services	\$500.00	
Telephone	\$3,100.00	
Water Fund	\$625.00	
Generator Maintenance	\$400.00	
Building and Grounds Maintenance	\$1,500.00	
Contigent Fund		\$1,161.25
Contingency Expenses	\$1,161.25	
Transfer to other Funds		\$62,500.00
Transfer to Ambulance Reserve Fund	\$60,000.00	
Transfer to Volunteer Fund	\$2,500.00	
Total Income	\$145,118.14	
Transfer to other Funds	\$62,500.00	
Total Expenses	\$24,386.25	
Ending Balance	\$58,231.89	

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SECTION IV: That the following budget for the Audit Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Audit Fund

Total Income and Opening Balance		\$2,908.58
Opening Balances May 1, 2021	\$202.09	
LaSalle County Tax	\$2,288.19	
Grundy County Tax	\$126.88	
Livingston County Tax	\$291.42	
Expenses		\$2,520.00
Audit Fee	\$2,520.00	
Contingent Fund		\$126.00
Contingency Expenses	\$126.00	
Total Income	\$2,908.58	
Total Expenses	\$2,646.00	
Ending Balances	\$262.58	

SECTION V: That the following budget for the Insurance Liability Fund contains a state of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Insurance Fund

Total Income and Opening Balances		\$32,587.23
Opening Balance on May 1, 2021	\$18,386.72	
LaSalle County Tax	\$11,831.30	
Grundy County Tax	\$657.96	
Livingston County Tax	\$1,511.25	
Misc.Income & Refunds	\$200.00	
Expenses		\$13,900.00
Commercial Package	\$10,200.00	
Accident and Health	\$1,750.00	
24 hr. Accidental Death and Dismemberment	\$200.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$1,750.00	
Contingent Fund		\$695.00
Contingency Expenses	\$695.00	
Total Income	\$32,587.23	
Total Expenses	\$14,595.00	
Ending Balance	\$17,992.23	

SECTION VI: That the following budget for the General Corporate Reserve Fund contains a statement of cash on hand estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures and an estimate of cash on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

General Reserve Fund

Income		
Total Income and Opening Balances		\$293,779.25
Opening Balances May 1, 2021	\$118,779.25	
Transfer from General Corporate Fund	\$75,000.00	
Loan Proceeds	\$100,000.00	
Expenses		\$138,200.00
Painting Building at 102 South Lincoln	\$25,000.00	
Gutters and Downspouts at 102 S. Lincoln	\$6,500.00	
Emergency vehicle repair	\$6,700.00	
Ambulance Payment	\$100,000.00	
Contingent Fund		\$6,910.00
Contingency Expenses	\$6,910.00	
Total Income	\$293,779.25	
Total Expenses	\$145,110.00	
Ending Balance	\$148,669.25	

SECTION VII: That the following budget for the Ambulance Reserve Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Ambulance Reserve Fund

Income		
Total Income and Opening Balances		\$325,787.21
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2021	\$65,787.21	
Transfer from Ambulance Fund	\$60,000.00	
Loan Proceeds	\$200,000.00	
Expenses		\$222,000.00
LUCAS 3, v3.1	\$20,000.00	
LifePak 1000	\$2,000.00	
Ambulance Payment	\$200,000.00	
Contingent Fund		\$11,100.00
Contingency Expenses	\$11,100.00	
Total Income	\$325,787.21	
Total Expenses	\$233,100.00	
Ending Balance	\$92,687.21	

SECTION VIII: That the following budget for the Volunteer Fund Contains a statement of cas on hand, an estimate of cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Volunteer Fund

Income		
Total income and Opening Balances		\$9,480.35
Opening Balance on May 1, 2021	\$4,480.35	
Transfer from Corporate Fund	\$2,500.00	
Transfer from Ambulance Fund	\$2,500.00	
Expenses		\$8,900.00
EMS Training	\$2,500.00	
Fire Training	\$2,500.00	
Professional Services		
EMS Inservice Training Fees	\$900.00	
Intercept Fees	\$2,000.00	
Professional Services Fees	\$1,000.00	
Contingent Fund		\$445.00
Contingency Fund	\$445.00	
Total Income	\$9,480.35	
Total Expenses	\$9,345.00	
Ending Balance	\$135.35	

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The Catholic Diocese of Peoria Announces Guidelines for the Opening of the 2021-22 School Year ~ St. Paul School, Odell

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria released guidance on July 21 for the opening of the 2021-2022 school year. The Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) consulted the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Diocese of Belleville, the Diocese of Joliet, the Diocese of Rockford, and the Diocese of Springfield, in addition to reviewing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health, and Illinois State Board of Education in writing this guidance.

CDC recommends the wearing of masks, being vaccinated, and other strategies to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. On July 9, the CDC also published guidelines stating that if local conditions do not indicate an increase in community transmission levels, school administrators can “remove any of the prevention strategies...and should remove them one at a time and monitor closely.”

In the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, it will be the decision of a parent or guardian on whether or not their child will wear a mask or will be vaccinated.

Their school administrators will regularly consult OCS and closely monitor local conditions. If there are changes that may occur based on this monitoring, the school will communicate these changes to its employees and families.

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria stretches across 17,000 square miles and in 26 counties. Its educational system includes 42 elementary and secondary schools, 9,600 students, and 850 teachers.

Evan Wyllie to Participate in TopConnect Graduate Assistant Leadership Academy

Evan Wyllie, Graduate Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach at the University of West Florida and 2006 Dwight Township High School graduate, has been selected as a participant in the next class for TopConnect Graduate Assistant Leadership Academy (GALA).

TopConnect GALA, conceptualized and managed by Stanford University Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach, Rob Ehsan, is an eight-week program focused on leadership and professional development. Basketball coaches, athletic directors, and other successful leaders will share their industry-related wisdom in Zoom sessions, while Coach Ehsan will work with participants in various areas of career development.

Attendees will benefit from networking and professional development opportunities designed for them to succeed at their current roles and obtain the next job.

TopConnect founder, Dr. Richard Sander’s thoughts on TopConnect GALA:

“As TopConnect continues to build on its mission to help prepare the next generation of leadership in college athletics, GALA fits perfectly into the TopConnect mantra of Connect. Prepare. Leader. When Coach Ehsan came to me with this idea, I felt it was the perfect next step in our quest to help prepare leaders in college basketball. After I viewed the total program, I was 100% committed to work with Rob to implement this exciting new opportunity. For TopConnect, this is one of many new and exciting programs launched in 2021. If you are a basketball graduate assistant and serious about a career in coaching basketball, I would jump on this opportunity as quickly as possible.”

Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach at Stanford, Rob Ehsan: “I am very excited to partner with TopConnect to produce TopConnect GALA. We are providing a unique leadership development and networking opportunity to basketball graduate assistants throughout the country. It is my honor to be able to guide this group of young leaders who aspire to be coaches. I am grateful for the support and enthusiasm of Doc Sander and the whole TopConnect organization. The GALA program will continue to support their mission to Connect. Prepare. Lead. the next generation of leaders within college athletics.”

Since its inception in 2018, 17 attendees have been hired as Athletic Director, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, or Head Women’s Basketball Coach.

Men’s Basketball:

Dwayne Killings – University of Albany; Kyle Neptune – Fordham University; Tony Stubblefield – DePaul University; Greg Gary – Mercer University; Kim English – George Mason University; Brett Nelson – College of the Holy Cross; Rashon Burno – North

23 New COVID-19 Cases in Liv. County

Twenty-three residents of Livingston County have tested positive for COVID-19 and sadly one more resident has also died due to complications related to the virus.

Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) officials were notified of the new COVID-19 cases and death between July 13-26. To date, the LCHD has received 123,899 COVID-19 test results; of that, 4,936 COVID-19 tests have been positive, and, sadly, 92 cases have resulted in death due to complications related to COVID-19.

The best way for people to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 is through vaccination. Individuals ages 12 and older are strongly encouraged to receive their COVID-19 vaccine. New clinic times begin Monday, August 2, at the LCHD, 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac:

- Moderna and J&J vaccines available Monday mornings, 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- Pfizer and J&J vaccines available Tuesday afternoons, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (*Pfizer is available to anyone age 12 and older with parental consent required for those under age 18*).

More details can be found on their website, lchd.us. Weekend and evening vaccination opportunities are available at many local pharmacies. See individual pharmacy for more details.

COVID-19 testing is available in Livingston County at local pharmacies, including Walgreens and CVS, by appointment. Drive-thru and walk-up testing is also available at the Interstate Center (1106 Interstate Dr., Bloomington) every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For those requiring PCR testing for travel, appointments are available through CampusTown Urgent Care in Bloomington and Champaign.

More information can be found on their website, covid.test.center/.

Gas Prices For This Week

Motorists saw some positive change at the pump on the week with 31 state gas price averages declining one to five cents. The national gas price average pushed two cents cheaper to \$3.15. One factor contributing to the decline was U.S. gasoline demand remaining relatively flat on the week. At this point, it is too early to say if cheaper pump prices will be sustained or continue their downward trend. Part of the unknown is due to fluctuating crude prices. If production increases we should see some more positive change in the future!

City/Village	July 26	July 19
Dwight	\$3.16	\$3.24
Kankakee	\$3.26	\$3.33
Streator	\$3.27	\$3.34
Pontiac	\$3.06	\$3.00
Gardner	\$3.25	\$3.25
Braceville	\$3.35	\$3.35
Morris	\$3.30	\$3.27
Herschler	\$3.35	\$3.36
Chicago	\$3.53	\$3.99
Illinois	\$3.38	\$3.42
U.S.	\$3.15	\$3.17

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

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SECTION IX: That the following amounts, or so much thereof as shall be authorized by law, are appropriated for said fiscal year to defray all necessary and proper expenses and reserves, the object and purposes of such appropriated amounts being described in above SECTIONS II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII			
FUND	Appropriated Expenditures	Appropriated Transfers	Totals
General Corporate Fund	\$31,683.75	\$77,500.00	\$109,183.75
Ambulance Fund	\$24,386.25	\$62,500.00	\$86,886.25
Audit Fund	\$2,646.00		\$2,646.00
Insurance Liability Fund	\$14,595.00		\$14,595.00
Ambulance Reserve Fund	\$233,100.00		\$233,100.00
General Corporate Reserve Fund	\$145,110.00		\$145,110.00
Volunteer Fund	\$9,345.00		\$9,345.00
Total	\$460,866.00	\$140,000.00	\$600,866.00
SECTION X: That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this Ordinance may be guaranteed in making up any deficiency in any items under the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance.			
SECTION XI: That should any portion of this ordinance be declared invalid, then all other portions of this Ordinance shall remain valid and in full force and effect.			
SECTION XII: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publications as provided by law.			
The foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustee of the Allen Township Fire Protection District this 21th day July, 2021			
Jayne Corsini District President			
Sean C. Kelly District Secretary			
CEERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF REVENUES			
State of Illinois) County of LaSalle)			
To the County Clerk of LaSalle, Grundy and Livingston Counties			
In compliance with 30ILCS 200/18/50, I the undersigned chief fiscal officer of the Allen Township Fire Protection District do hereby certify to you that the following is an estimate of all revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Allen Township Fire Protection District for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2021 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2022.			
REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES			
Levy for General Corporate Fund		\$110,000.00	
Levy for Ambulance Fund		\$102,000.00	
Levy for Audit Fund		\$2,700.00	
Levy for Insurance Liability Fund		\$14,000.00	
OTHER REVENUE			
Foreign Fire Insurance Payment		\$900.00	
Interest from NOW Account		\$400.00	
State of Illinois		\$2,000.00	
Refunds and Misc. Income		\$1,300.00	
Dated this 21th day of July, 2021			
Henry F. Hepner District Treasurer & Chief Fiscal Officer			

Piper City Library Hosting Upcoming Activities

The Piper City Public Library is sponsoring several activities that people from other communities can take part in.

They are offering free books until August 8, with a wide variety of subjects, including self-help books, cook books, non-fiction, romance paperback, biographies, audio CDs, and a small selection of fiction.

A donation is not necessary, but is appreciated.

They are also having an art display at the library. All of the pieces must be done by someone who has close ties to Piper City or has lived in Piper City themselves. If you have a painting, sketches, photography, or stained glass you would like to share with the library and the public, take your piece to the library, with your name, the painter’s name, and who it is if it is a portrait or special place. They will have your pieces through August 8.

On Sunday, August 8, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., they will be sponsoring an Art Show Open House at the library, featuring all of the talent they have, and have had, in Piper City.

Victory Lanes.

Dwight

**Summer League
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HSG: Chuck Dudak, 278;
Ken Benson, 273; Mike King,
254; Matt Boucher, 253; Doug
Gassman, 244 – Kathy
Howard, 224; Brandi, 204;
Annie Sporrer, 192; Ashley,
186; Delaney Boucher, 159.
HSS: Chuck Dudak, 775; Matt
Boucher, 735; Ken Benson,
729; Mike King, 720; Josh
Larson, 673 – Brandi, 600;
Kathy Howard, 522; Annie
Sporrer, 484; Ashley, 453; De-
laney Boucher, 409.
HSG/HHG: Maxwell Truck-
ing, 871. HSS: Full Send,
2406. HHS: Cafe 110, 2535.

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Full Send	23½	8½
Cafe 110	21½	10½
Miller Busch	21	11
The Rookies	18	14
T. City	17	15
The Hookers	15½	16½
Maxwell Truck.	15	17
California Kings	14½	17½
3 Women...	7	25

<u>AN ORDINANCE</u> <u>ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET AND</u> <u>APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>ENDING APRIL 30, 2022</u>	
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH WILMINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:	
SECTION 1: That the following is the Budget of this District for the current fiscal year:	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$8,607.00
Estimate of cash expected to be received from all sources	\$100,850.00
Total estimated receipts	\$109,457.00
Total estimated expenses, as shown in the appropriation section	\$109,457.00
Estimated balance at end of year	NONE
SECTION 2: That there is hereby appropriated for the uses of the District for the current fiscal year, the following sums for the purposes set forth:	
TRUSTEES’ EXPENSES	
Trustees’ salaries	-0-
Office supplies, postage & notice publications	\$300.00
Legal expenses	\$3,000.00
Audit expense	\$2,500.00
Insurance/Bonds	\$750.00
Contracted Dispatch Services	\$4,550.00
Total Trustees’ Expenses	\$11,100.00
BUILDING, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	
Accumulation fund for building improvements and acquisition of fire fighting apparatus and equipment (70 ILCS 705/15)	\$8,357.00
OPERATIONS	
For fire fighting operations by South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department	\$58,000.00
For ambulance operations by South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department	\$32,000.00
Total Operations	\$90,000.00
APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY	
Trustees’ Expenses	\$11,100.00
Building, Apparatus & Equipment	\$8,357.00
Operations - South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department	\$90,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$109,457.00
These appropriations are found to be necessary to carry out objects and purposes of this District.	
SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law. PASSED this 15th day of July, 2021.	
Michael Residori President Mark Finn Secretary Dale Doglio Member	



2021 CYCLE ACROSS ILLINOIS. This year was the 17th Annual ride for an amazing cause – incredible people. Hager Memorial Home hosted ILCOPS at Livingston County Sheriff’s Office for dinner Friday night, and then again for their morning break on Saturday. Representative Tom Bennett came out and showed his support for law enforcement and for their families, too.

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Sean Nicholas Richie

Sean Nicholas Richie was so wonderfully weird. He used to say, “If it makes you laugh, it isn’t stupid.”

He had a clever way of teasing you, so you felt both special and annoyed. Sean’s brilliant wit was a secret he only shared with those who were closest to him. If he ever gave you a goofy nickname, made you roll your eyes and laugh or left you feeling confused and outsmarted, then know you are one of these fortunate people.

He was loved beyond measure by his family and friends. His life had purpose. It just was not long enough. Sean took his last breath on the rainy afternoon of June 7, 2021.

Sean was born on October 30, 1989, to Mike and Angie (Terrell) Richie. He was welcomed home by his big bro and first friend, Jared Richie. They lived on a farm, right outside Reddick, Illinois. He was a quiet kid, with a bright smile, who liked to play pranks and get into mischief.

Sean graduated from Herscher High School in 2008. His circle was small, but the friendships he kept were genuine. His mom’s love and support guided Sean down his path to becoming a uniquely silly and honest man, with unlimited patience and a fierce love for dogs.

Working around the farm with his dad and brother instilled in Sean a work ethic which grew stronger over the years and inspired him to pursue his dreams. In 2013, Sean graduated Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology, from Southern Illinois University Carbondale College of Engineering.

He found his forever job when he started work at Sherman Williams, in 2016. He was



a Master Maintenance Mechanic and member of the United Steelworkers Union Local 14728. He took pride in his work and ability to provide for his family. And he had right to because he was awesome!

In 2018, Sean and his best friend, Sara, were married by Elvis on an absurdly amazing trip to Las Vegas. Together they were becoming their best selves and raising The Three Dorks: Chuck, Ella and Eves.

Life was Nerf battles, snuggles on the couch, fishing trips, splashing in muddy puddles and holding hands on the porch. Sean spent hours and hours reading, by himself and with his kids. A Packers fan. A gamer. A lover of music. Elvis, Megadeath, Johnny Cash and much to his wife’s delight, Pearl Jam. Sean had a love for Star Wars, bacon cheeseburgers and really bad horror movies.

Sean’s beautiful soul left this earth and was welcomed up to heaven by his mom, Angie; brother, Kyle; grandpa, Dale Richie; aunt Mindi Terrell; and doggo, Hoss.

He will be survived by his wife, Sara, and their three children: Charles Ruder, Eleanor Ruder, and Evelyn Richie (Campus); dad, Michael Richie; and brother, Jared Richie (Reddick); grandparents, Sharon Richie (Dwight) and Sam and Joan Terrell (Hoopeston); and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

We will miss his laugh, goofy Forrest Gump wave, and ability to make even going to the grocery store seem like an adventure.

“To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.”

Dr. Suess

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Unemployment Increases in June

Illinois’ unemployment rate went up by 0.1% in June, now standing at 7.2%. Gains continued to be made in the Leisure and Hospitality sector, with 10,700 jobs added to the part of the economy that includes restaurants and hotels. Professional and Business Services fell by 3,700 jobs and Manufacturing declined by 2,500.

Illinois’ unemployment rate of 7.2% is 1.3% higher than the national average for June, which also increased by a tenth of a point. The state continues to recover from the pandemic shutdowns, however, as our current

unemployment number is right about half what it was one year ago. In June 2020 when so many businesses were shut down, unemployment in Illinois was 14.2%.

Meanwhile, concerns are rising about the deficit in the state’s unemployment insurance trust fund. When many thousands of Illinoisans lost their jobs last year the fund paid out billions in unemployment assistance. To help meet the demand the state borrowed more than \$4 billion from Washington, DC. Now the state is heading for a \$5 billion deficit in the unemploy-

ment insurance trust fund, and starting in September the federal government will begin charging interest on the loan.

The longer this deficit goes unaddressed the greater the danger of seeing large increases in the taxes which Illinois businesses pay into the fund, or drastic reductions in the benefits unemployed workers receive from the fund. So far we have not seen a plan from the Pritzker administration for how to address the latest crisis.

Lemonade stands legalized.

Legislation which passed this spring and signed this month shows lemonade stands can be operated by kids under 16 without having to obtain a temporary food permit from the local health department.

How much do we owe? As

the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$4,052,871,406 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago the backlog stood at \$4.7 billion. This amount does not include debts that can only be estimated.

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'18 F150 S/C XLT, 47K, 4WD, 8' Bed, HD Susp.....\$38,900	'07 LaCrosse CXL, 165K.....\$4,900
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'18 F150 Crew XLT, 23K, 4WD.....\$44,900	
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'16 F150 S/C XL, 41K, 4WD.....\$29,900	'19 Escape Titanium, 8K, 4WD.....\$30,900
'15 F250 Crew Platinum, 139K, 4WD.....\$39,900	'18 Escape Titanium, 30K, 4WD.....\$23,900
'05 F250 Crew XLT, 188K, 4WD, V10.....\$7,900	'18 Edge SEL, 14K, AWD.....\$28,900
'99 F150 Reg Cab, 104K, 4WD.....\$1,900	'17 Escape Titanium, 36K, 4WD, NAV.....\$22,900
	'17 Promaster City Tradesman, 58K.....\$20,900
	'17 T150 Cargo XL, 112K.....\$22,900
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- **Honestly assess your skills.** Given the potential for serious injury, the ESFI urges homeowners to make an honest assessment of their skills before they begin working on their home's electrical systems. Little or no experience working with electrical systems should be considered a significant

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- **Turn the power off.** It's essential that the power to the circuit that will be worked on be turned off prior to starting any work. This can be accomplished by switching off the circuit breaker in the main service panel.
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Bill Henry lived on the same farm in rural Pontiac for 72 years after he moved there at the age of two.

His parents are William



Monroe and Francis Henry I. He graduated from Saunemin High School and went to college at the University of Illinois, graduating with a degree in agriculture.

He met his wife Della Joann Kuni at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO, where she was an aide. They were married for 50 years when she passed.

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