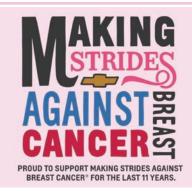
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Dwight School Boards Review **Financial Reports** in Joint Meeting

The Dwight Public School Districts Boards of Education #232 and #230 met in a special joint session on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Matthew Schueller of Wipfli Accounting gave a presentation via Zoom to recap the FY21 Annual Financial Reports for both the High School and Grade School.

Based on an equalized assessed valuation for the High School of \$161 million, the district ended the year with an overall fund balance of \$7.5 million, with an \$820,137 surplus to budget. Similarly, the Grade school, with an EAV of \$135 million, ended the year with an overall fund balance of \$4.1 million, \$773,775 over

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Grundy County Deputy shot on duty; offender obtained after car, foot pursuit striking him in the left forearm a situation where we ever had a thank you to everyone inand once in the chest area. The Mazon, a village of 1,145 deputy shot in Grundy volved, including the Mazon

By Brandon LaChance

people, is not known for a high crime rate or reports of guns being fired outside of hunting season.

On Thursday, the normal peacefulness was disturbed by a routine traffic stop gone

"A little after 5 p.m. (Thursday) our deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a car going southbound on Route 47 around Route 113," Grundy County Sherriff Ken Briley said. "The offending vehicle took off southbound on Rt. 47 and was ultimately involved in an accident just south of Grand Ridge Road.

"The offender took off on foot westbound into the residential area of Mazon along the railroad tracks. The deputy was chasing him on foot and the offender turned with what we believe to be a handgun and fired several rounds at the deputy

ballistic vest stopped that bullet and then the deputy was struck again in the back shoulder blade area. The ballistic vest stopped that bullet as well.

"The offender continued to run and we ended up locating him a couple hours later inside of an apartment building in the vicinity of where the shooting took place."

The officer on duty who was shot three times was Deputy Tyler Post. He has been with the department for a little more than three years and from Briley's knowledge has never been in a gun-fire situation.

DeMarcus Tramaine Denwiddie, 18, from Joliet, was the offender who sped away from the traffic stop, was involved in an automobile accident, ran into Mazon on foot and shot Deputy Post.

"I've lived in this area 20plus years and I can't think of County," Sheriff Briley said. "The deputy was able to provide critical information over the radio. He even gave the direction of travel when he was on foot pursuit. He was able to tell us on the radio that shots were fired and that he was hit. He was able to give a description of the offender and which way he was traveling, which ultimately allowed us to apprehend him.

"Our dispatchers did a great job. We had several hundred police officers from all over Illinois come to our assistance. Everyone did a great job. Everybody needs to be commended. We were not leaving Mazon until he was in custody."

Once Denwiddie was located, he was contacted and came out of the apartment building without a struggle.

Sheriff Briley gave a special

community.

"There was no struggle. The Will County Swat Team used one of their negotiators and through communication - I don't know if it was a phone call or text messaging – but the negotiator was able to talk him out of the apartment building without further incident," Sheriff Briley said. Obviously, it's a tough situation, but the turnout could have been far worse.

"The citizens of Mazon did a great job. We put out a message to let them know this person was loose in Mazon. We asked them to all stay in their house, lock their doors and to call 911 if they saw anything. We got great cooperation from the citizens of Mazon. We are glad we were able to take him into custody and none of the citizens in the area were hurt. The citizens did help us with information. We have witnesses who saw the entire event. We live in a great community. Grundy County is a great community."

Deputy Post was taken to the hospital for treatment.

After visiting with Deputy Post, Sheriff Briley believes his deputy is starting to realize what he did and how he excelled in performing his duties as a police officer.

"Deputy Post is doing well. He is in good spirits," Sheriff Briley said. "I went to the hospital (Thursday) and went back (Friday). Obviously, this is starting to set in on him now. We told him he did a great job and he truly did. The radio traffic he provided with the description and the location were all crucial in us being able to find this guy.

'Tyler Post was very brave and he did a great job."

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DTHS SENIOR RACHEL **HEATH** was selected as the DAR Good Citizen Award winner for the 2021-2022 school year. The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The male or female student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism to an outstanding degree. Rachel was selected by the Dwight Township High School faculty for this distinction. She will have the opportunity to enter into the scholarship contest where she could potentially receive anywhere from \$250 to \$5,000 to use toward her post-secondary educational plans. Rachel is the daughter of Brian and Kim Heath.

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Pumpkins, gourds a plenty Boucher Family Farms brings in new harvest

By Brandon LaChance

Tis the season.

No, no, not that season. Christmas, Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Christmas trees and snow are a few months away.

In October, it's Fall and the time to enjoy the leaves changing colors, non-humid 70-degree days, hoodies, flannel shirts, Halloween, trick or treating and scary movies.

Why not decorate the Fall season with pumpkins and gourds?

"We actually had a mixture of gourds, so we just planted all of them at one time," said Heather Boucher of Boucher Family Farms. "Same with the pumpkins, the pumpkins were just a plain old bag of pumpkin

wanted to try doing pumpkins and gourds. We are hoping to

continue every year and turn for about three hours. We the farm into a little more than just stopping by and picking up. Eventually, we want to be a pumpkin patch as well."

Boucher Family Farms were delightfully surprised with its first pumpkin and gourd harvest as they now have too many to count and the picking never

It turned out so well, the thought process went from let's try growing them, let's do this every year to let's add pumpkins to Boucher Family Farms' pigs, chicken, eggs and popcorn (also a new adventure) as a main contributor to the busi-

"This was the first year for trial and error. So far, it has been a great trial," Heather Boucher said. "We've done gourds many, many, many "This is the first year that we years ago, but we didn't get as many as we did this time. My children and I picked gourds

picked all of them by hand and we have some more to pick.

"The pumpkins keep coming. Every weekend we have been out picking. We've picked over a hundred pumpkins and we have more that are ready to be picked. There are still green ones, good size and little ones, that are not ready to be picked. I'm guessing we will be picking until Halloween."

The farm is selling little pumpkins for \$3, regular sized pumpkins for \$5 and giant pumpkins for \$10. Gourds are six for \$5 and the customers get to pick their selections.

Boucher Family Farms, 22556 E. 3300 N. Rd., Dwight, has a Facebook page for messages to place orders and set up

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Area COVID-19 Stats as of October 11

<u>Town</u>	Tested	<u>Cases</u>	
Dwight	16,632	704	
Herscher	3,876	324	
Gardner	3,424	264	
Odell	3,655	213π	
Mazon	2,511	206	
Braceville	2,535	180	
Essex	1,595	157	Numbers
S. Wilmington	1,328	109	
Cullom	1,800	93	as of
Saunemin	1,729	88	10/11/21
Reddick	1,351	78	G1 1. 1.
Verona	1,041	75	Statistics via:
Buckingham	1,016	70	dph.illinois.gov
Cabery	1,031	59	
Ransom	1,117	57	
Emington	689	50	
Kempton	933	50	
Blackstone	584	40	
Kinsman	518	22	
Campus	562	20	
Union Hill	171	13	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	317,753	17,567	241
LaSalla	270 785	14 836	282

279,785 LaSalle 14.836 282 Grundy 92,364 7,239 84 97 151,226 5,876 Livingston 76 71,157 4,128 Iroquois 43,951 2,402 58

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,650,108; Deaths: 25,224; **Probable Deaths:** 2,741; **Total Tests Performed:** 32,938,108.

Probable cases are individuals who have been tested and are found to have a positive test result by a local clinic using "rapid" tests that are not, at this time, IDPH-approved tests.

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Wednesday, • Wednesday, October 13th from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. @ Saunemin Village Community Building (70 North St., Saunemin)

· Friday, October 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. @ State Bank of Graymont (204 Main St., Graymont)



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FOR THE RECORD

Dwight Police Blotter

Dwight Police arrested a man for seriously beating a female in the 200 block of East North Street around 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 2.

Ralph Coyle, 45, of Dwight, was charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery, a class two felony, and two counts of Domestic Battery, both class four felonies. Coyle is accused of seriously beating a female acquaintance and pushing her down the stairs at the aforementioned address.

Police officials say the female was transported to Morris Hospital. Due to the nature of her injuries, the victim was then transferred to another hospital. Coyle has two prior domestic battery convictions out of LaSalle County.

He remains in the Livingston County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

October 5: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of E. Spencer. A resident reported they had damage to a window and siding. The damage appeared to have been made by a BB or pellet gun.

Theft – 2; Criminal Damage - 2; Return Call - 7; Missing Person - 1; Burglar Alarm -2; Assist Agency -2; Accident/Property Damage -1; Suspicious Activity – 1; Check Vehicle - 1; Traffic Stop -3; Medical Aid -3; Unknown Domestic - 1; Found Item -1; Loose Dog -1; Suspicious Person - 1; Fire Alarm - 1; Check Area - 1; Intoxicated Subject - 1; Unknown Problem - 1; Well Being -2; Found Dog -1;

Lockout - 5; Walk In To DPD - 9; Out with Vehicle -1.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

September 30: Mazon, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, refusal; Coal City, mutual aid

October 1: Elk, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Mazon, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Riverside; Coal City, mutual aid to Coal

October 2: Mazon, fire; Elk, trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Waupansie, medical, refusal; Wolf, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Mazon, medical, Morris; North St., trauma, Morris.

October 3: High St., medical, Dwight; Gardner, fire, mutual aid to Gardner; Mazon, medical, St. Mary's; Sunset, medical, Morris.

October Delaware, trauma, refusal; Watters, fire alarm; Julie, medical, Morris; 3300, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Gardner.

October 6: Mazon, medical, Morris; Union, trauma, refusal; Odell, trauma, lifeflight, mutual aid to Odell; Mazon, medical, Morris; William, medical, refusal; East Rd., trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Odell.

October 7: I-55, trauma, canceled, mutual aid to Gard-

Man Arrested for Pushing **Woman Down Stairs**

On Saturday, October 2, at Sheriff's Office, arrested Ralph 11:30 p.m., Dwight EMS responded to a female who had reportedly fallen down the stairs in the 200 block of East North Street.

The victim was in and out of consciousness and transported to Morris Hospital Emergency Department. At Morris Hospital, staff learned the victim had been pushed down the stairs and notified the Dwight Police Department.

The victim was later transferred to a higher care facility due to her injuries.

sistance of the LaSalle County

Coyle, 45, of Dwight. Coyle was charged with two counts of felony (Class 4) Domestic Battery and one count of Aggravated Domestic Battery a Class 2 felony.

The Aggravated Domestic Battery was charged because the injuries sustained to the victim caused great bodily

Coyle's bond was set at \$50,000 and he is still confined at the Livingston County Jail.

Records indicate this is Dwight Police, with the as- Ralph's third arrest for domestic battery.



Temps - 2021

Sept. 30 - high 88°, low 54° Oct. 1 – high 86°, low 55° Oct. 2 – high 79°, low 61°

1.1" precip. Oct. 3 – high 77°, low 62° trace precip.

Oct. 4 – high 73°, low 62° .05" precip.

Oct. 5 – high 69°, low 59° .02" precip. Oct. 6 – high 70°, low 61°

.74" precip. One Year Ago-Oct. 13 2020 high 80°, low 46°



Dwight Fire Incidents *10/1 - 10/8*

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

October 1: Mutual Aid to Coal City - structure fire.

October 2: Automatic Fire Alarm – E. Mazon Ave.; Mutual Aid to Gardner.

October 3: Mutual Aid to Seneca - canceled; Mutual Aid to Gardner.

October 5: Automatic Fire Alarm - Watters Dr.

October 7: Mutual Aid to

Dwight FPD also responded to 12 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Vermilion Valley ETSB **Date Changes**

Vermilion Valley Regional **Emergency Communications** Joint Authority has posted the following changes to its upcoming meetings:

They will have an ETSB Finance Committee meeting Friday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m.; an ETSB meeting Wednesday. October 20, at 11:00 a.m.; and an ETSB meeting Wednesday, November 17, at 11:00 a.m.

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Financial Moves for Women Business Owners

If you're a woman who owns a business, you may have some challenges not shared by your male peers - but you also have several opportunities to help improve your financial future. You may already be taking some or all the right steps, but here are some ideas to be sure you're considering and revisiting as

· Refresh your network. Are you involved in networking with other women business owners? Many of them may have insights into the issues women face in the business world, as well as suggestions about lending programs and business-friendly banks. You may also enjoy passing along your lessons learned to others.

· Review your business structure. If you go into business as a sole proprietor, you'll have to report your business income on your personal income tax return. If you incorporate or form a limited liability company (LLC), you can protect your personal assets - such as your house and your investments - from creditors because these assets will be separated from your business assets and debts. You might also consider other, more complex entities, known as C and S corporations. There's no single "correct" business structure and the most appropriate one for you may change over time, so, in choosing one that's right for your needs, you'll want to consult with your tax and legal advisors.

· Invest for growth. Ideally, hard work produces results, and one of the main results you want from your investments is growth that is, you want your investments to appreciate in value so they can eventually help you meet your goals. But if you are overconcentrated in vehicles such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities, you may end up lowering your growth potential. That's not to say that CDs and Treasury bills are in some sense "lazy." They can provide you with income and help you reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. But to achieve most of your goals, you'll need a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments working for you, with the exact percentage based on your needs and life stages.

Do an insurance checkup. To protect yourself and your business, you may want to review your insurance to make sure you have the right kinds and amount of coverage. General liability insurance can be appropriate for sole proprietors, if you've established an LLC or you've incorporated your business. If you provide some type of professional service (i.e., legal, accounting, engineering and so on), you might need professional liability insurance. And no matter what business you own, you might want to add disability insurance to replace some of the income you'd lose if you were injured or became ill.

· Consider all your retirement options. If you've got your own business, you're solely responsible for funding your retirement. Fortunately, as a business owner, you've got several attractive options, including an "owner-only" 401(k), a SEP-IRA and a SIMPLE IRA. In deciding which plan is right for you, you'll need to consider several factors, including the number of employees, if any, and the nature of your business. However, all these plans are relatively easy to set up and administer and offer potential tax benefits. And even though you've got plenty to do already, you should make the time to establish or review your own retirement plan because eventually you'll need all the resources you can accumulate to enjoy life as a former business owner.

You can also find valuable information on programs for women business owners by visiting the Small Business Administration's website at www.sba.gov and searching for "women-owned businesses."

Running your own business can be challenging - but by making some positive financial moves and getting the support you need, you can also find business ownership to be highly rewarding, personally and professionally.

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DWIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Cemetery Walk October 17. Tickets are sold in advance. Call 815-584-3728 to purchase your ticket today.



Dwight Historical Society Presents 'A Walk Through Dwight History' **Cemetery Walk October 17**

Archibald Bard Dunlop was a great-nephew of Major Thomas McDowell, who came to Dwight in 1853 and purchased several thousand acres of land around Nevada Township from the government.

Major McDowell hired his nephew, and Bard's father, to oversee the running of the farming operation. Bard did not work with his father, but left for southern California at the age of 28. He was interested in travels. fortunes and adventures.

After spending six months in southern California visiting with family and former Dwight residents, he headed to Seattle, Washington. There he met up 2:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. Attenwith another cousin, leading an expedition to Alaska to search for gold.

Alas, during the journey encountered rough weather and the schooner sank. Bard was not one of the sur-

Bard, as well as the location of burial sites of Civil War soldiers and Tim Hall, will be featured at McDowell Cemetery during "A Walk Through Dwight History", presented by the Dwight Historical Society Sunday, October 17.

Buses will leave the Historic Depot at 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m.,

Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington Oct. 18

On Monday, October 18, at in need. 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or

Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people

Participants are asked to stay in their cars. The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute prepacked groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

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mately 1½ hours.

Miss Mary Jean Peterson. 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson of Dwight, was chosen "Miss Majorette of October," with her picture on the cover of Drum Major magazine. The published snapshot was taken by Robert McGee of Dwight at Oughton Athletic Field.

The Oakline Community Club members made tray covers for the U.S. Veterans Hospital in the afternoon following their luncheon hosted by Harriet Hoffman and Gertrude Cusick. Nona Constantine gave a demonstration to be used for fall holiday dinners - a centerpiece for the dinner table and one for the buffet.

Seventy members of Livingston County Rural Youth met in the Farm Bureau assembly room in Pontiac. Plans were made for the annual banquet and dance. Virgil Sancken of Emington was on the ticket committee, and Arden Chapple of Dwight and Elmer McBeath of Reddick were on the welcoming committee.

Gas Prices For This Week

Since last week, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has increased by seven cents to \$3.27, the highest pump price since October 2014. According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks increased by 3.3 million bbl to 225.1 million bbl last week. Gasoline demand also increased slightly from 9.40 million b/d to 9.44 million b/d. The slight increase in gas demand has contributed to the rise in the national average. However, the main culprit for rising pump prices remains high crude prices above \$70/barrel. The trend is expected to continue.

City/Village	October 11	October 4
Dwight	\$3.34	\$3.25
Kankakee	\$3.49	\$3.29
Streator	\$3.38	\$3.34
Pontiac	\$3.25	\$3.28
Gardner	\$3.45	\$3.35
Braceville	\$3.37	\$3.28
Morris	\$3.40	\$3.29
Herscher	\$3.46	\$3.35
Chicago	\$4.06	\$3.54
Illinois	\$3.64	\$3.40
U.S.	\$3.27	\$3.20
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their treatments and all of the uncertainty that can arise after a cancer diagnosis. Many women undergoing treatment for breast cancer lean on friends and family for everything from emotional support to help with household tasks and much more. Though family and friends are often invaluable to women during their battles with breast cancer, sometimes a little support from women going through the same ups and

Support Groups and Resources for Breast Cancer Patients

downs can be just what patients need to stay the course and overcome their disease.

According to the World Cancer Research Fund, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women across the globe. The WCRF estimates that breast cancer accounts for roughly 25 percent of all cancers in women. The World Health Organization reports that 2.3 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020. Those figures are significant, but it's important that women recognize that five-year survival rates have improved dramatically in recent decades. In fact, the American Cancer Society notes that the five-year survival rate for localized while the rate for breast cancers that have spread outside the breast to nearby structures or lymph nodes is 86 percent.

Rising survival rates for breast cancer mean that millions of women across the globe have already survived the disease, and many such women play vital roles in support groups that help women every

CancerCare® is a national organization in the United States that is dedicated to providing free, professional support services to anyone affected by cancer. All CancerCare® services are provided by oncology social workers and renowned cancer experts. The following are just a few of the breast cancers is 99 percent, support groups cancer patients

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• Breast Cancer Patient Support Group: This free, 15week online support group is for people diagnosed with breast cancer who are currently receiving treatment. Access the group at https://www.can cercare.org/support_groups/43breast_cancer_patient_support

• African American Triple Negative Breast Cancer Patient Support Group: This group is for African Americans diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer who are currently receiving treatment. The group is free and continues for 15 weeks. Access the group at https://www.cancercare.org/

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> • Metastatic Breast Cancer Patient Support Group: This free, 15-week support group is for people diagnosed with stage IV metastatic breast cancer who are currently receiving treatment. Access the group at https://www.cancer

care.org/support_groups/44metastatic breast cancer pa tient support group.

• Breast Cancer Post-Treatment Survivorship Support Group: Patients who have completed their breast cancer treatment within the past 18 months are eligible for this free, s u p p o r t _ g r o u p s / 1 9 7 - 15-week support group. Access

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Each CancerCare® online support group is available exclusively to residents of the United States, including people in Puerto Rico and U.S. territories. The Canadian Cancer Society has a database that cancer patients in Canada can use to find local support services in their area. That can be accessed via the CCS Community Services Locator at www.csl.can-

Support groups can be invaluable resources for women as they navigate breast cancer

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Are There Different Types of Breast Cancer?

Millions of women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. According to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, more than 2.3 million women across the globe were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020. The BCRF also notes that breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in 140 of 184 countries worldwide.

Breast cancer statistics can give the impression that each of the millions of women diagnosed with the disease is fighting the same battle, but breast cancer is something of an umbrella term. In fact, there are various types of breast cancer, including ductal carcinoma in situ, invasive ductal carcinoma, inflammatory breast cancer, and metastatic breast cancer. Learning about each type of breast cancer can help women and their families gain a greater understanding of this disease.

Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS)

DCIS is a non-invasive cancer that is diagnosed when abnormal cells have been found in the lining of the breast milk duct. The National Breast Cancer Foundation notes that DCIS is a highly treatable cancer. That's because it hasn't spread beyond the milk duct into any surrounding breast tissue. The American Cancer Society notes that roughly 20 percent of new breast cancer cases are instances of DCIS.

type of breast cancer. The NBCF reports that between 70 and 80 percent of all breast cancer diagnoses are instances of IDC. An IDC diagnosis means that cancer began growing in the milk ducts but has since spread into other parts of the breast tissue. This is why IDC is characterized as "invasive." Though IDC can affect people, including men, of any age, the ACS notes that the majority of IDC cases are in women age 55 and older.

Inflammatory breast cancer

The NBCF describes IBC as an "aggressive and fast growing breast cancer." Breastcancer.org notes that IBC is rare, as data from the ACS indicates that only about 1 percent of all breast cancers in the United States are inflammatory breast cancers. Many breast cancers begin with the formation of a lump, but Breast-Invasive ductal carcinoma cancer.org reports that IBC usually begins with reddening IDC is the most common and swelling of the breast, and cancer.org/symptoms/types.

symptoms can worsen considerably within days or even hours. That underscores the importance of seeking prompt treatment should any symptoms present themselves.

Metastatic breast cancer

Metastatic breast cancer may be referred to as stage IV breast cancer. When a woman is diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer, that means the cancer has spread, or metastasized, into other parts of the body. The NBCF indicates that metastatic breast cancer usually spreads to the lungs, liver, bones, or brain. Symptoms of metastatic breast cancer vary depending on where the cancer has spread. For example, if the cancer has spread to the lungs, women may experience a chronic cough or be unable to get a full breath.

These are not the only types of breast cancer. A more extensive breakdown of the various types of breast cancer can be found at https://www.breast



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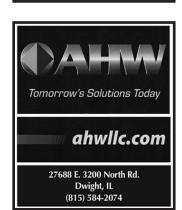
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How Physical Activity Can Help in the Fight **Against Breast Cancer**

disease that affects millions of women across the globe each year. Though the American Cancer Society reports that only about 4 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States are under age 40, women of all ages can take steps to protect themselves against this deadly disease.

Exercise benefits women in myriad ways, and that includes lowering their risk for breast cancer. The ACS notes that researchers are increasingly linking exercise to a reduced risk for breast cancer. Though the reasons behind that link remain unclear, some theorize that the positive effects of exercise on body weight, inflammation, hormones, and energy balance could be why regular physical activity helps women reduce their risk for breast cancer

Body weight

and breast cancer

The National Cancer Institute reports that being obese

Breast cancer is a complex after menopause can significantly increase a woman's risk for breast cancer. In addition, the ACS attributes the rise in hormone receptor-positive breast cancers to an increased prevalence of excessive body weight. Routine exercise is a highly effective way to lose weight and keep weight off, which in turn could lower women's risk for breast cancer.

Being sedentary and breast

Exercise is a not a sedentary activity, and that could be another reason why women who are physically active have a lower risk for breast cancer. The ACS notes that more than one study has linked sitting time to a higher risk of various diseases, including breast cancer. Researchers with the ACS analyzed data from 77,462 women, who they followed for an average of 15.8 years. None of the participants had cancer when the study started, but researchers found that women who sat for six or more hours per day during their free time had a 10 percent greater risk for invasive breast cancer than women who sat for less than three hours per day during free

Does physical activity really reduce breast cancer risk?

The human body is complex, and a host of factors, including those like age that women have no control over, can affect cancer risk. However, engaging in routine physical activity seems to be an effective way for women to reduce their risk for breast cancer. In fact, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation estimates that one-third of all breast cancer cases could be prevented with positive lifestyle choices that help women maintain a healthy weight, including exer-

Routine physical activity can be a significant weapon in women's arsenal as they continue their efforts to prevent and overcome breast cancer.

Fight Breast Cancer With the LCHD

October is Breast Cancer and mammography screenings. Awareness Month and the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is reminding everyone the importance of mammography screenings and diagnostic testing. According to the CDC, about 255,000 women get breast cancer and 442,000 women die from the disease each year in the USA. Men also get breast cancer, but more rarely, occurring in about one out of every 100 breast cancers diagnosed.

Early detection is the best defense. When cancer is found breast, the five year survival Breast & Cervical Cancer Prorate is over 95%. The best way

Women age 40-64 should receive a mammogram every one to two years, following their physician's recommendation. Women age 65 and older should consult their physician about whether to continue receiving mammograms. In addition to getting screenings, paying attention and knowing how your breasts normally look and feel is important. If you notice any change in your breasts, see your health care provider immediately.

Are you uninsured and need early and confined to the a mammogram? The Illinois gram (IBCCP) is here to help. to find breast cancer early is The IBCCP, administered in formation, contact the LCHD through regular breast exams the county by the LCHD, as- at 815-844-7174, ext. 236.

sists women ages 40-64 who do not have insurance attain mammograms free of charge. For those women with insurance whose mammograms result in diagnostic testing that must be paid for out of pocket, IBCCP offers assistance by paying for the cost of this testing up until their deductible is met. There are no income or health insurance deductible requirements. The LCHD also has Susan G. Komen-funded gas cards available for women travelling to their breast health appointments, including mammogram screenings.

For assistance or more in-

The Role of Staging When Diagnosing Breast Cancer

Staging is complex, and patients should know that staging alone does not dictate prognosis. The following breakdown, courtesy of the NCI, is a brief description of the five stages of cancer (stages O through IV). A more detailed description of breast cancer stages can be found at https://www.breastcancer.org/

symptoms/diagnosis/staging.

• Stage 0: This is diagnosed when abnormal cells are present but have not spread to nearby tissue. Stage 0 is also called carcinoma in situ, or CIS. CIS is not cancer, but it may become cancer.

• Stages I through III: Cancer is present in these stages. The higher the number, the larger the tumor is and the more it has spread into nearby tissues.

· Stage IV: The cancer has spread into distant parts of the body.

Staging plays an important role in treating cancer. Recognizing the role of staging can help patients better understand their disease and the direction of their treatments. More information about staging is available at www.cancer.gov.







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'Dinner with the Old Bags' Benefit Oct. 30 in Kankakee

Woman's Club of Kankakee is hosting an event to benefit nonprofit organizations in the Kankakee County Area, as they present "Dinner with the Old Bags" Saturday, October 30, at the Civic Auditorium in Kankakee.

Tickets are available for a

The General Federation of fee. There will be a silent auction of purses with something in them, along with dinner and entertainment.

> They will be honoring "GFWC Woman of Kankakee - Outstanding Woman".

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

2021 Dwight UMW **Ham Loaf Sale October 22**

On Friday, October 22, the necessary containers, due to Dwight United Methodist Women will host their annual Ham Loaf Sale, with a drivethru pick-up.

They will supply all the Monday, October 18.

COVID-19 protocol.

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St. Paul School will hold its annual Fall Raffle and Steak Dinner Saturday, November 13, at St. Paul School in Odell.

The dinner will be drivethru only again this year. Tickets are available now, and only 500 tickets will be sold for the raffle.

Ticket purchases come with two complimentary steak dinners and the holder's chance at some of the \$15,000 in prize money, including the grand

dinners are available for purchase.

Dinner will be served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Simply take your ticket stub and pull up to the front of St. Paul School along West Street in Odell. A volunteer will take your ticket and bring out your dinners – all without you having to leave

The raffle drawing will take place virtually at approxi-

prize of \$10,000. Additional mately 7:00 p.m. on St. Paul Dwight. School's Facebook page www.facebook.com/stpaulschool odell. For those who do not have internet access, winners will be contacted immediately following the drawing.

> For tickets or more information, call 815-998-2194 or email schooloffice@saintpaul odell.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the Odell Bank or St. Patrick's Parish Hall in

Any tickets purchased or postmarked by October 18 will have a chance at winning the \$250 "Early Bird" prize. That prize is drawn the night of the raffle on November 13. The winner will go back in the drawing for a chance at additional prize money.

All proceeds benefit St. Paul Catholic School in Odell.

Dwight FPD Celebrates 2021 Appreciation Dinner

On October 2, the Dwight Fire Protection District celebrated its 2021 appreciation dinner at Station 343 in Dwight.

During this annual event, the firefighters, officers, trustees, and family members celebrate each other for the dedication and commitment of everyone involved in making the organization a top quality emergency service.

Members of the Dwight Ambulance service and Dwight Police Department were also

safe harvest for all.

present and appreciated for members for outstanding servtheir services, as well.

"We all work together to provide the best emergency service possible for our community and visitors," stated DFPD Deputy Fire Chief Justin

The members of Dwight Fire extended their thanks to everyone involved that helps shape their team and for the continued support through the

Also during this celebration, awards were given to several

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And to Campus Fire Department for use of lights.

And, too, we thank all others, especially Josh Betsworth,

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Words cannot really say what is in our hearts. We pray a

Garett, Scott and Ali, Sheila and Jeff, Everett and Dorothy

ice. These awards were selected by the firefighters and then presented by Fire Chief Paul Johnson and Deputy Chief Justin Dyer.

Listed are the recipients of the awards:

- Probationary Fireman of the Year - Patrick Hir
- · Firefighter of the Year -Kelsey Christensen
- Officers of the Year Lieutenant Brandon Sheldon and Captain Joshua Jahn

Engineer Crag Kozubowski and Hunter Kenny also received awards for their dedication to the department.

The department extended a special thank you to Battalion Chief Craig Cousins, Deputy Chief Justin Pierce, Deputy Chief Justin Dyer, and Fire Chief Paul Johnson, stating "without your hard work, our organization would not have developed into what it has

Author Jim Ridings to Talk October 18 at **Dwight Historical Society**

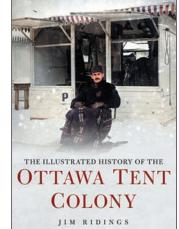
Herscher Author Jim Ridings will give a talk about his new book, "The Illustrated History of the Ottawa Tent Colony", at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 18, at the Dwight Historical Society in the historic depot building on West Main Street.

The book tells the story of tuberculosis treatment in the early 1900s. There was no cure for tuberculosis when the Ottawa Tent Colony opened in 1904 along the south shore of the Illinois River. Dr. James W. Pettit of Ottawa started his colony with the revolutionary idea of treating TB with fresh air and a nutritious diet. Patients were kept outdoors in tents, in weather that could be 20 degrees below zero or a 100-degree heat wave. They also were fed a nutritious yet incredibly fattening diet. It seems odd, but it worked for patients in the early stage of the disease.

lungs and wastes away the body. The fresh air and food worked to reverse those effects. The book recounts the early days of the facility and how it grew into the LaSalle County Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

Stories of TB treatment elsewhere is chronicled, as well as another TB tent colony at Buffalo Rock – and how Buffalo Rock almost was sold to a cers. sand company to be leveled.

Ridings cites statistics that tuberculosis has been the number one killer in human history. in Dwight history and its Tuberculosis pandemics from preservation are welcome.



the 1600s to the 1800s wiped out half the population of Europe several times. In just the last 200 years, The Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization have estimated that TB killed one billion people worldwide. The CDC and WHO said that by the dawn of the 19th century, TB had killed one in seven of all the people who ever lived.

Even today, TB kills 1.6 Tuberculosis attacks the million people worldwide every year.

In addition, Ridings will also take time to discuss another of his books, "The Society of the Living Dead" – about the scandal concerning the radium girls.

A short business meeting of the Dwight Historical Society will follow the program, which will include election of offi-

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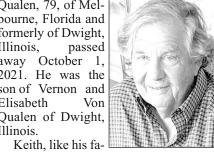
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OBITUARIES

Keith Peter Von Qualen

Keith Peter Von Qualen, 79, of Melbourne, Florida and formerly of Dwight, Illinois, away October 1, 2021. He was the son of Vernon and Elisabeth Oualen of Dwight, Illinois.



ther before him, was elected and served as Livingston County Coroner, from December, 1972 to December, 1987; and was the owner/operator of The Von Qualen Funeral Home, September, 1979 to April, 1988. Keith loved his hometown of Dwight, the people, and serving them.

He spent his youth attending all Dwight Schools. He at-Michigan University, studying police administration. Attended Worsham College of Mortuary Science, graduating September, 1963, receiving The Albert Reevey Key Award. Studied Law Enforcement/ Criminal Justice September 1973 to June, 1979, graduating with an Associate of Arts Degree. Further years of Forensic and Medicolegal Death Investigations in Pittsburgh, Detroit, St. Louis, Springfield, Washington, D.C. and Quantico, VA.

Professional societies included International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners and Chiefs of Police. Illinois Coroners; Police; and Funeral Directors Associations. Florida Medicolegal Investigators Association.

His local Dwight community activities included: volunteer Fire/Rescue; International Lions Club; Dwight Rotary Club; Loyal Order of Moose; and Chamber of Commerce.

Upon selling The Von Qualen Funeral Home in 1987, he relocated to Ft. Myers, Florida, where he became a Forensic & Medicolegal Death Investigator at the Med-

Dwight passed away Tuesday,

September 28, 2021 at Palos

Hospital in Palos Heights, Illi-

Floyd and Helen (Shimp)

Houghtby. Cheryl worked as a

radio operator for the Illinois

State Police, District 5 in Joliet

She enjoyed gardening,

cooking, reading, crochet, Ger-

man Shepherds, her beautiful

granddaughter, but most of all

she enjoyed spending time

three daughters: Jinna (Ken)

Davis, Erin (Scott) Kolb, and

Tresa (Kent) Ray; one grand-

daughter, Nicole Benson (Cris-

Reyes);

great-granddaughter, Made-

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She was born July 8, 1947 in Aurora, Illinois, daughter of

nois.

Cheryl Ann Patrick

Cheryl Ann Patrick, 74, of (Carolyn) Houghtby; special

ical Examiner's Office in Ft. Myers. His retirement from Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home came in 2004, when he met and married his beloved bride of 17 years, Shirley Ann, and, because of his great

love of golf they began a journey together travelling to many different countries in the world playing and watching the greats in the major games of PGA and British Open Events, yearly. To be closer to extended family, they built their retirement home overlooking the Indian River in Rockledge, Florida, where Keith enjoyed fishing with his son, Evan, and his grandsons until October 1, 2021, when the Good Lord called him home. A Life Well Lived.

Keith is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann; son, Evan (Carey) Von Qualen, and two grandsons, Hudson and Dashel, in St. Charles, Illinois; his sister, Karen (Jim) Von Qualen-Finley, of Fairfield Glade, Tennessee; many cousins, nieces, nephews in Georgia and extended family in Florida and Colorado.

A visitation was held from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, Illinois. Burial followed the services in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight, Illinois.

Following the services at the cemetery, a luncheon took place at the Dwight Country Club for family and friends.

Memorials in honor of Keith, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Dwight Police and Firemans Fund, or the Dwight Public Library.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrange-

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friends: Bob Lauterbach, Gor-

don Von Qualen, Lori Enright, Ken Guerney, and many

nieces, nephews, and other rel-

by her parents; a sister, Marcia

Elliott; a grandson, Joseph

Rand Benson; a nephew,

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Robert B. Allen, Sr.

Robert B. Allen, Sr., age 96, of Joliet, Illinois passed away Monday morning, October 11, 2021 at Heritage Health of Dwight.

Born February 8, 1925 in Braceville. Illinois, Robert

Brighton was the son of Charles and Josephine (Giaudrone) Allen. He was raised in Braceville and graduated from Gardner - South Wilmington High School with the Class of 1942.

Following graduation, Bob was attending University of Illinois College of Engineering at Urbana before enlisting in the United States Navy on February 5, 1943. He honorably served through the conclusion of World War II, and was discharged on May 30,

Upon returning home, Bob immediately went to work for the family business, Allen Bottling Company, which his grandfather, George B. Allen, founded in 1924. The company in which he went on to own and operate bottled and distributed Orange Crush, Squirt and Schweppes, to name a few brands. In addition to taking Bob to every neighborhood, back alley and back door of restaurants and taverns throughout the greater Chicagoland area, it also allowed him to travel internationally on behalf of the company.

Bob's memberships included Moose Lodge #300, Joliet Elks Lodge #296 and American Legion Post #1080. He was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Joliet, and enjoyed being a gentleman farmer in Grundy County. Bob loved golf, and in his retirement worked at Heritage Bluffs in Channahon, as well as could be found at any time driving around with various sets of clubs in his car.



Survivors include his six children: Robert B. Jr. (Sheila) Allen of Mazon; Larry (Laurie) Allen and David (Jacque) Allen, both of Carbon Hill; Kathy (Sam) Cindrich of Wilmington;

Charlie Allen of Braceville; and Andy Allen of Atlanta, Georgia.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren: Bart, Ben, Luke, John, Brad, Ryan, Kate, Nate, Jill, Kevin, William, Arianna and Ava; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Irene, on June 18, 2017; one grandson, Joshua Allen; and his sister, Jacqueline Born.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 East Kahler Road in Wilmington on Wednesday, October 13. 2021 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon. Rev. Sebastian Gargol will preside, assisted by Deacon Jay Plese.

Burial with full military honors will follow in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, where Bob will be laid to rest with his late wife,

Bob's children will be pallbearers.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Bob's memory to the American Legion Post #1080, 2625 Ingalls Ave., Joliet, IL 60435.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guestbook, upload photographs and share Bob's Memorial Page online through social media by logging on to: www.Baskervil leFuneral.com/obituary/Robert -AllenSr

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington. (815-476-2181)





Facebook Down

In the news this week: Facebook. It was all over the place. It started with the 60 Minutes special and a whistleblower disclosing that Facebook knew what they were doing, was, and is, bad.

It's one of those things where most people kind of just assume Facebook is a bad, toxic, probably not good for you, place. But Facebook is always on the forefront of telling you that isn't the case. Turns out, just as bad as most people assumed.

It seems they knew that posts that created conflict created more engagement and they did nothing to stop it, which probably contributed to the current divisiveness in the country. And it's also very bad for the mental health of pre-teenage and teenage kids. Some of these things were actually tied to Instagram

use, but the point remains as a whole - Facebook largely knows that their product is bad for people and they peddle the opposite. Which brings me to my next point: I'm on both of these.

A lot. Twitter, too. I know they're bad to be on frequently. I'm on them, anyway. Sue me (kidding, please don't.)

As fate would have it, Facebook, Instagram and the other company Facebook owns, Whatsapp (largely used as a texting service) were all down for hours. Merely a coincidence, but a hell of a coincidence.

My takeaway from it being down is.... Didn't care. I use it all the time when it's available. The second it went down - I didn't care. I wasn't longing for it to come back. It was just understood that it was no longer there.

I would bet that most people would have a similar reaction to it being down. It's kind of like when you're over at someone's house for a holiday, and they offer you the cookies to bring home, but you know if the cookies are in your house you're going to eat the cookies. That's these social media companies.

I don't need them, but present them to me and I will in-

I'm not really sure what this means, because they likely aren't going away anytime soon. But it was interesting to me that I wasn't really fazed at all with them gone.

Less cookies might be for the better.

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what a tremendous impact Dan had on the lives of many people and how deeply missed he will be. They have also given us a trove of stories and memories that we will forever cherish. On September 26, 2021, we had to say goodbye too soon to one of the most caring and generous people around. While we will never be able to hear that big laugh again or receive one of his big bear hugs, the memories we all have will live on and carry us forward. Thank you all -

Lisa Briner Joe Briner Eugene Briner & family

Transfer from Savings Total Checking Cash Available Disbursements from Checking (see schedule) Cash in Checking as of April 30, 2021 \$9,292.60 Savings Cash on hand, May 1, 2020 Interest -Deposits into Savings -Transfer to Checking

Total Savings Cash Available, April 30, 2021 Total Cash on Hand (Savings & Checking), April 30, 2021

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Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley Announces 2022 Re-Election Run

On October 4, Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley announced his intention to run for re-election in 2022.

Briley is currently in his first term as Sheriff after having won the election in 2018. Sheriff Briley highlighted the successes and some of the challenges that the department currently faces.

"These past couple of years have been challenging for everyone in law enforcement across the nation. We are lucky enough to live in a safe county where our hard work and values are appreciated. I love my job and I love this community, and I will do my best to stand up for the profession of law enforcement and lead your Sheriff's department for another four years," Briley stated.

In the past year, 16 Illinois Sheriffs have retired from law enforcement mid-term, many as a result of radical anti-police legislation passed in Springfield earlier this spring. Sheriff Briley believes now more than ever the citizens of Grundy County need a strong Sheriff who will stand up for law abiding citizens and lock up those who try to bring havoc and lawlessness to Grundy County.

Over the past three years, Sheriff Briley and his administrative team have worked hard to rebuild morale in the Sheriff's Office through better support, training, and proper equipment to assist each deputy in doing their job safely.

Sheriff Briley started



Grundy County's first Pro-Active unit with the cooperation of local police chiefs. Since March 2021, this unit made 33 arrests, removed four illegal firearms, seized 969 grams of illegal narcotics, including the recent arrest of three individuals for possession of 2.2 pounds (kilo) of pure heroin.

A Safe Passage program was started in Grundy County to assist residents with drug treatment at no cost to the par-

Grundy County Deputies now carry tasers, a less lethal option available when dealing with combative subjects.

All squad cars are now equipped with spike strips to assist in terminating high speed pursuits in order to better keep roads safe.

Sheriff Briley and his team have conducted several roadside safety checks in Grundy County over the past three years, something that hasn't been done in over 20 years.

"Ensuring our roads are safe has been, and will continue to be a top priority for our administration," Briley said.

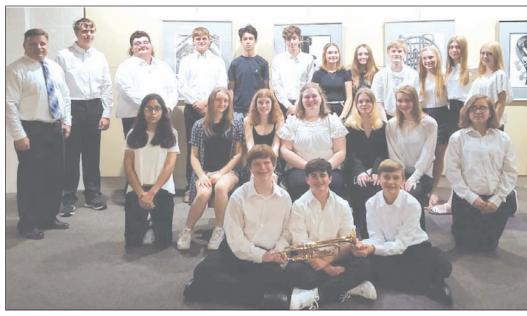
The Sheriff's Office under Briley's leadership is a more active participant in Drug and Mental Health court programs, ensuring a police presence is available as a resource for the

School safety has been a top priority and for the first time Grundy County has a full-time School Resource Officer assigned to schools in Grundy County. Deputies have increased school patrols at times when students are dropped off and picked up. All schools have been trained in active shooter events and now have stop the bleed kits in every school.

Additionally, hundreds of Fire Fighters, EMTs, and police officers in Grundy County are now trained in Rescue Task Force principles in the event of an active shooter.

"My goals moving forward into a second term will be to seek more input from staff and gather their thoughts and concerns for this department's future. I will also be talking to the citizens of Grundy County; I want to know what's important to them for their Sheriff's office as we go forward."

The Sheriff's election is November of 2022. Sheriff Briley extended his thanks to the citizens and Sheriff's office employees for the confidence and support shown over the last three years.



GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON High School's Band Program had 21 members selected for the 2021 River Valley Conference Honor Band Festival, an extraordinary band composed of the finest young musicians from each of the ten conference schools. Only the most talented and trustworthy band students have the distinguished honor of being part of this event. The concert was held at Kresge Auditorium in the Larsen Fine Arts Center at Olivet Nazarene University. Pictured, front row, from left, are Tyler Wilkey, Robbie Shutes, Jarrek Hirsch; second row, Edith Ochoa, Ambiance Krahl, Cora Pierard, Melissa Traver, Alyssa Woodworth, Alexis Riggs, Brianna Nelson; third row, Band Director Michael Leone, Tyler Ambrogio, Jacob Mammosser, Braxton Brassard, Miguel Ochoa, Josh Leveille, Madison Wells, Cheyenne Jett, Robert Gunty, Makaila McDaniel, Ava Brassard, and Abbey Granger.

Dwight Sales Tax Revenue Balloons in 2nd Quarter

Illinois sales tax report for Dwight, Livingston County, of ceipts in the second quarter of Dwight showed an increase of \$100,347 in revenue when compared to the second quarter

The second quarter, April, May, June of 2021 produced sales tax income of \$329,488. Only \$229,141 was collected in 2020, reflecting the serious monetary effect of the Covid pandemic.

for the second quarter of each \$12,396 in 2020. (No figures year since 2017 are shown are available for the Grundy below:

2017 -- \$275,562

2018 -- \$296,461 2019 -- \$286,161

2020 -- \$229,141

2021 -- \$329,488 The sales tax category of

The second quarter 2021 had sales tax production in nesses reporting sales tax re-\$97,222. It was \$79,052 in the 2020, second quarter of 2020. (Activity in this category for the Grundy County part of Dwight is not available.)

Meanwhile, Drinking & Eating Places in Dwight, Livingston County, had sales tax collections during the second quarter of 2021 totalling \$21,869. The total for Dwight, Sales tax revenue in Dwight Livingston County, County portion of Dwight.)

> The category of Drugs and Miscellaneous Retail showed collections of \$67,713 in the second quarter of 2021 compared to \$13,588 in 2020.

Dwight, Livingston and

Automotive & Filling Stations Grundy Counties, had 124 busi-

Below are year to year comparisons of sales tax revenue for selected communities in Livingston and Grundy counties:

2nd Quarter **Municipal Sales Tax**

2021

Dwight	329,488	229,141
Fairbury	197,432	219,747
Pontiac	945,909	711,362
Odell	15,708	7,897
Saunemin	6,841	3,028
Herscher	120,763	85,006
Gardner	54,136	44,551
Mazon	23,436	12,816
Morris	2,074,929	1,515,992
S. Wilm.	14,594	8,908

Dwight School Boards Review Financial Reports – –

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In maintenance matters, Superintendent Richard Jancek reported that an update to the Grade School playground was scheduled. The High School will use their grant money toward a project for a stadium press box renovation.

Discussion of long term Board goals was put on hold until the High School had more time to finalize theirs.

Jancek led discussion on the potential of hiring additional nursing staff support as the workload has mushroomed due to Covid testing. Both boards were in agreement that it made good sense to add to the staff in the short term and determine at a later date if it made sense to make the position permanent.

The Boards went into executive session, with no formal action taken afterwards.

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Area Athletes Play in Seventh Grade All-State Baseball Showcase

Saturday, October 9 North vs. Northwest

In the opening game of the seventh grade All-State Showcase, Coal City's Brody D'Orazio singled in the second, and eventually scored, to give the North a 1-0 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, the North team added another run to take a 2-0 lead.

However, in the bottom of the third, the North ran into a jam. After giving up two walks, a single, and an error with two outs, the North found themselves trailing 3-2 to the Northwest squad.

The Northwest would tack on insurance runs and win it, 5-

Connor Henline (Coal City) tossed four innings, allowing four hits and striking out four.

North vs. Central

After a quick turnaround, the North team wasted no time jumping out to an early lead.

GSWB's Ayden Christians singled and stole both second and third. With one out, Henline stepped in and plated Christians on a fielder's choice.

The North team was stellar on defense, in addition to great pitching.

Carrying a 1-0 lead into the sixth inning, Henline drew a lead-off walk and stole second. After a ground out to second advanced him to third, D'Orazio knocked in Henline with a fielder's choice.

Leading 2-0 in the seventh, Brant Roe (MVK) came in to shut the door and grab the save, as the North notched a 2-0 vic-



tory.

Roe threw a scoreless inning to complete a dual no-hitter.

Sunday, October 10

North vs. West Central

In the third game, the North got another great pitching performance.

They used four pitchers, three from Monticello and Coal City's Carter Nicholson. Nicholson came on in relief, throwing one-plus inning and surrendering a lone single while sitting

Offensively, Kellen Forsythe (Coal City) reached base and scored three times. Ayden Christians and Brant Roe each collected a single as the North team coasted to a 9-0 win to improve to 2-1 in the tournament.

North vs. Southwest

The fourth and final game of pool play would decide who would make it to the championship

The Southwest got to work early, leading 2-0 in the first.

The North would cut the deficit in half as Christians walked and stole second. Connor Henline would score Christians with an RBI single to make it 2-1.

The Southwest didn't stop attacking, as they piled more runs on to give them a 5-1 advantage.

Christians would draw a two-out walk in the third, later scoring on a single to tighten things up at 5-2.

In the top of the sixth, the North trailed 6-2, but MVK's Roe reached on a hit-by-pitch and would score to make it 6-3.
Unfortunately, due to a time

limit – the game would only be six innings and the North would fall, 6-3.

Christians took the loss,

Christians took the loss, going four-plus innings and allowing six runs on five hits and three walks, fanning six. Roe

saw action in relief, as the southpaw got the North out of a jam in the fifth inning. Forsythe tossed a scoreless inning in relief for the North to keep the game close.

Area players put up the following stats in the tourney:
• Brant Roe: 2-9 with a R, SB,

• Ayden Christians: 2-11 with 4 R, 4 SB, 2 BB, and HBP.

• Connor Henline: 2-11 with 2 RBI, 2 BB, 2 SB, and R.

Carter Nicholson: 2-10 with SB and HBP.
Brody D'Orazio: 3-12 with

RBI, 2 SB, and 2 R.

• Kellen Forsythe: 1-10 with 3 R, 2 BB and RBI.

"A good group of guys who were enjoyable to coach," stated Head Coach Austin McDowell. "Good luck to these boys in the future."

The seventh graders finished 2-2 on the weekend.



DWIGHT'S KENDAHL WELLER qualified for the IHSA sectional, which was held at Aurora Phillips Park Golf Course October 4. Weller finished with a 96 – falling short of qualifying for state. Great season, Kendahl!

Two golfers represent Seneca at state golf

By Brandon LaChance

Seneca green and white was represented at both Saturday's girls and boys IHSA State Meets by seniors Rylee Stenzel and Noah Quigley.

Stenzel shot an 81 to tie for 29th place during Round 1 and followed it with a 75 to earn her 20th at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur.

"It was great. It took me a while to qualify but I finally got there," said Stenzel who made it to sectionals as a freshman and a sophomore but never played at state. "I'm not really sure what was different than the previous years. I've played on the boys team for the last three years, so that helped.

"I feel like I had a better mindset and I had a swing coach this year that I haven't had in the past. Whenever I messed up, he was there to help me and it was nice. I had a different plan than I had the last three."

Stenzel advanced after helping Seneca finish second as a team at the Class 1A Seneca Regional and then shot a 74 at the

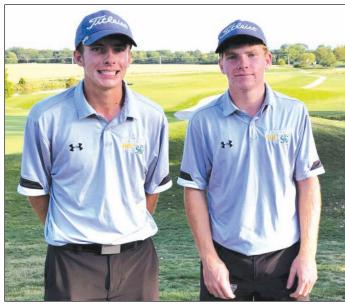
1A Aurora Central Catholic Sectional to be the second individual not on an advancing team to qualify.

"I am very happy I got to that point. I feel like I could have done better during Day 1 and it could have put me in a better position, but I'm happy with how it ended," Stenzel said. "I really try to not have any expectations because I feel if I do there is a bigger chance I could be let down. I always go in with an open mind to accept whatever happens. The first day didn't go great, but the second day I played my game."

Quigley had never made it out of regionals, but his 78 at the 1A Seneca Regional advanced him to the 1A Beecher Sectional, where he shot an 81.

"It was kind of exciting. I was playing really well at sectionals," Quigley said. "I cut it close those last couple of holes and I wasn't sure if I was going to be moving on. They announced the Top 10 and I just squeezed in to advance.

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Two golfers represent Seneca at state golf

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"I was a little shocked. I wasn't expecting to go, but it made me feel like I'm compared to all the other golfers and right there with them."

Quigley shot an 86 during the first round at state's Prairie Vista Golf Course in Bloomington to miss the cut by three strokes.

However, he enjoyed every second of becoming a state qualifier.

"I felt like I knew the course pretty well after the practice round the day before," Quigley said. "I had a rough start and tried figuring it out as I went around the course.

The people and the environment, it was all exciting. I couldn't have dreamt about a and watched me play."

better weekend."

Besides hitting the greens at state, Quigley experienced another amazing moment during regional when he and his twin brother Owen both advanced.

"He played really well at regionals. I know he wishes he played better, but it was a lot of fun to have him there," Noah Quigley said. "He came to state



GSW LADY PANTHERS **V**OLLEYBALL

Monday, October 4 GSW vs.

Streator Woodland Varsity -In action against Streator Woodland October 4, GSW fell

in two sets, 22-25, 18-25.

Hannah Frescura led with two aces, 18 assists, six digs,

and a kill. Colby Grieff added eight kills and six digs, with Claire Hennessy (10 digs) and Addison Fair (6 digs) each contributing four kills.

took a loss to Streator Woodland, 21-25, 20-25.

Ava Schultz had three aces, 12 assists, and a kill. Jessica Dominguez provided 15 digs and two kills. Eva Henderson The JV Lady Panthers also added five kills and four digs.



SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH VOLLEYBALL

Monday, October 4 Seneca vs. Wilmington

The Lady Irish battled their way to an exciting victory over Wilmington October 4, winning in three sets: 16-25, 25-21, 25-16.

"It was a great effort by all,"

stated Coach Noah Champene.

Thursday, October 7 Seneca vs. Roanoke-Benson

Seneca won a big game over conference rival Roanoke-Benson October 7, 23-25, 25-12,

Zoe Hougas had a big night with 18 kills, while Emma Smith added 12.

Head Coach Noah Champene said, "It was a great team

The Lady Irish moved to 14-5 on the season.



DTHS LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, October 4 **Dwight vs. GCMS** Varsity -

The varsity Lady Trojans lost in two sets to GCMS October 4, 25-10, 25-14.

Kassy Kodat came up with an ace, five digs, four assists, and three kills. Alexis Thetard had ten digs, two blocks, a kill, and one assist. Maci Johnson put up six digs, two assists, and one kill. Erin Anderson (1 kill) and Jordan Schultz (3 kills) had 13 and 12 digs, respectively.

Dwight's JV squad suffered a 26-28, 10-25 loss to GCMS.

Maya Green led with two aces, three digs, and one assist. Ella Legner (5 digs, 3 kills) and Kira Bean (15 digs) both added an ace. Cheyanne Condreay contributed 15 digs, seven assists, and three kills. Erica Vigna had eight digs, three kills, and an assist. Avery Scheuer supplied four kills, four digs, and a block. Isabella Bunting provided two kills and two blocks.

Freshmen -

In the freshmen meeting, the spectively.

Lady Trojans were victorious, 25-23, 25-14.

Maci Johnson (7 digs, 3 assists, 1 kill) and Sophie Richie (1 dig) led with four aces each. Ella Legner added seven digs, one assists, and a kill, while Lilly Duffy put up seven digs and one kill. Emerson Peters provided five digs, with Isabella Bunting coming up with two kills.

Tuesday, October 5 Dwight vs. Fieldcrest

In varsity volleyball play October 5, the Dwight Lady Trojans lost to Fieldcrest in two sets, 13-25, 10-25.

In the JV meeting, Dwight was beaten by Fieldcrest, 11-

Maya Green's two aces, one block, one kill, and a dig led the Lady Trojans. Cheyanne Condreay (4 assists), Ella Legner (1 kill), and Avery Scheuer (1 kill) each had four digs. Isabella Kassy Kodat came up with nine Bunting added two kills and a assists, five digs, three kills, dig. Kira Bean and Erica Vigna and a block. Jordan Schultz

Freshmen -

Fieldcrest defeated Dwight's freshmen girls, 25-13, 25-15.

Maci Johnson (7 digs, 4 assists, 2 kills) and Sophie Richie (3 digs) led with an ace each. Lilly Duffy (1 assist) and Ella Legner (2 kills) had 11 and nine digs, respectively. Emerson Peters (8 digs) and Brynn Connor (5 digs) added two kills each. Isabella Bunting contributed a block and a kill.

Saturday, October 9 Dwight vs. Seneca and Putnam County Varsity -

The Lady Trojans took an 11-25, 21-25 loss to Seneca, then a 17-25, 19-25 loss to Putnam County in a volleyball double-dip October 9.

Maci Johnson had two aces, two digs, and two kills. Alexis Thetard (17 digs, 4 kills, 2 blocks) and Kira Bean (7 digs, 2 kills) added an ace each. put up nine and five digs, re- supplied ten digs, two kills, and



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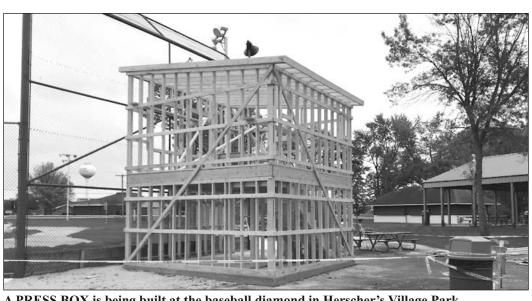
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Tuesday, October 5 **GSW vs. Putnam County** Varsity -

The Panthers wrapped up their fall season with a 2-1 win over Putnam County October

Both squads put up a run in the first inning. Then it wasn't until the bottom of the fourth that another run was put on the board – and it was the only run necessary, as GSW squeaked

out the victory.

Blake Huston doubled and batted in two runs. Ethan Maxard singled, doubled, and scored once. Garrett Grant walked and later scored.

GSW Panthers Baseball

Earning the win on the mound was Huston, hurling six innings of shutout ball, striking out 13 and allowing just one unearned run on seven hits – all singles. Gabe McHugh pitched in relief, compiling two strike-

GSW committed three errors in the contest.

"It was nice to have the kids out and playing this fall," stated head coach Allan Wills. "I am looking forward to our main

The Panthers end their short fall 2021 campaign with a record of 1-2-1.

season in the spring."



PTHS Indians Swim Team

Thursday, October 7 Pontiac vs. Kankakee

The Indians swim team was in action against Kankakee October 7, putting up the following results:

200 medley relay: Emma DeWald, Emma Nelson, Abby Lauritsen, Kassyn Harcharik, 3rd, 2:36.50.

200 freestyle: Ellora Mc-Cullough, 1st, 3:22.04; De-Wald, 3rd, 2:41.19.

200 IM: Tessa Collins, 1st, 3:30.68; Nelson, 3rd, 2:47.60;

50 freestyle: Eliza Stock, 1st, 41.91; Harcharik, 3rd,

35.45; Molly Masching, 5th, 35.85. 100 butterfly: Eggleston,

Nia Eggleston, 5th, 3:23.72.

1st, 1:38.52; Nelson, 3rd, 1:16.81; Kyra Shehorn, 5th, 1:36.16. 100 freestyle: Cora Morris,

1st, 2:02.36; DeWald, 3rd, 1:12.13; Stock, 5th, 1:23.76.

400 freestyle: Hayden Mies, 1st, 7:08.21; Lauritsen, 3rd, 5:53.69; Harcharik,

6:05.37.

200 freestyle relay: Masching, Collins, Stock, Eggleston, 3rd, 2:12.75. 100 backstroke: Morris, 1st,

Masching, 1:33.62; Shehorn, 5th, 1:38.53. 100 breaststroke: McCul-

lough, 1st, 1:59.42; Lauritsen, 3rd, 1:35.65; Collins, 5th,

400 freestyle relay: De-Wald, Lauritsen, Harcharik, Nelson, 3rd, 5:02.84.



Monday, October 4 Dwight vs. Ottawa Shepherd 8th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds lost to Ottawa Shepherd, 27-14, when they went head-to-head Octo-

Sophie Buck led with four points, six steals, and three rebounds. Delaney Boucher added three points, three steals, two boards, and one assist. Kit Connor (1 steal, 1 rebound) and Makavla Wahl-Seabert (2 steals, 1 rebound) each put up a free throw, in addition to defense. pulling down five boards, dishing one assist, and coming up with one swipe. Kamryn Folkers chipped in with two steals and one rebound. Dori Wilson grabbed one rebound to add to

one steal. Dwight vs. Ransom

6th Grade -

In a sixth grade match-up with Ransom at home, Dwight came away with the "W", 21-

DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Leading the Lady Redbirds was Olivia Buck with 17 points, ten rebounds, and eight steals. Grace Tjelle conributed two points, four boards, and two steals. Leanne Ruth also scored two points. Kaitlyn Todd and NeKaylee Nelson Smith had nine rebounds each, with June Woods snagging two points. Sarah Parker put in three boards and playing great "B" -

> In the "B" game, Dwight won big, 24-2.

Shay Sulzberger was high scorer with eight points. Cara Wilson added six points, three rebounds, and three steals. Elizabeth Hansen provided

four points, five boards, with Bianca Noriega, Emma Anderson, and Leanne Ruth all scoring two points each.

Tuesday, October 5 Dwight vs. Morris 6th Grade -

Dwight's sixth grade Lady Redbirds traveled to Morris October 5, falling 16-10.

Leading Dwight in scoring was Addie Avilez with four Kaitlyn NeKaylee Nelson Smith, and Elizabeth Hansen all scored two points. Grace Tielle led the team with eight rebounds.

In the "B" game, the Lady Redbirds lost, 14-10.

Shay Sulzberger led with four points, while Emma Anderson (6 rebounds), Cara Wilson, and Elizabeth Hansen scored two points each.



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'It's hard to sell from an empty showroom' Furniture stores adapt to society's changes

By Brandon LaChance

Covid-19 has changed quite a few things in how we buy and sell items in the United States of America, including furniture. Once upon a time, you could walk into a furniture store and either buy something on the showroom or wait a few weeks to a month for a custom order to arrive at your home.

With laborer shortage, price raise in materials and inflation, times are different for furniture stores.

"In several ways we've been fortunate that we're getting merchandise in. Our showrooms and our warehouses are actually full," said Bill Alvey, a salesman for Wright's Furniture in Pontiac who has been with the company for 36 years. "We sell from the floor and our warehouses. Custom ordering on furniture is still a waiting period of six or seven months, but we've anticipated some of these delays and have ordered stock to have things available for our community and our cusinto are appliances can be kind of sketchy with the delays and the problems that have come up, especially freezers and occasionally refrigerators. It takes patience and sometimes a good fortune to find things."

Alvey, who is also the Mayor of Pontiac, names supply as a culprit of finding and obtaining items because materials once easy to obtain have now become rare or scarce. Also, prices of key furniture ingredients such as wood have risen considerably.

Although these factors have made the furniture business a tad tougher, Wright's has managed to do more than stay afloat by keeping its main store in Pontiac of 10 showrooms spread over 50 thousand square feet and its three warehouses stocked for consumers.

"There are always adjustments that have to be made. With rising cost of materials, there has been some price adjustments," Alvey said. "Like most places that have been in business for many years, we

"The other issues you run offer great values on the furni- Furniture have experienced the tomers can get that day instead ket offers a wide variety of ture we have from various famous manufacturers such as Flexsteel, La-Z-Boy, Bassett and companies like that. We're very competitive and in our case we tout our services such as our free delivery within 50 miles and extended credit terms.

> "With the ups and downs of everything, our business has been good. Having merchandise makes a big difference. It is hard to sell from an empty showroom, so having things on display is a benefit. The big downside right now is on special or custom orders and the time frame from getting something ordered and to the home. We're trying to create enough inventory so people have enough time and selections to choose from. There used to be a time when there would be a promotion for an item like an Arnold Rug and there was one rug. We like to give people an opportunity and as much exposure to a variety of product as

> > Rick Wilson and Fairbury

same issues.

Wilson, who is the owner and president of Fairbury Furniture that reopened the doors five years ago after it had closed when original owner Norm Rittenhouse passed away, stated the number one issue right now is the wait time for his business and the cus-

"A lot of our items are special order. The lead times are so long, so what we've been trying to do is to have more on hand for immediate purchase," Wilson said. "Part of the problem is a lot of these manufacturers are shutting down plants and then they're having a hard time getting employees. Producing the furniture with these issues equals a long lead time.

"As far as how we're adapting, we're trying to order a truck load instead of ordering a smaller list. It used to take six weeks to receive an order. Now it takes anywhere from six months to a year to receive an order. We get the full truck now so we have merchandise cusof waiting a year for it."

Like any successful business owner, Wilson has adapted Fairbury Furniture's strategy in not only ordering more at one time as manufacturers remain backed up, but also in what items are a higher priority and better sellers.

Inside the furniture store is a store within a store as WC Mar-

home décor which wasn't a thing awhile back. Mattresses have been a big mover as Fairbury currently has 20 on dis-

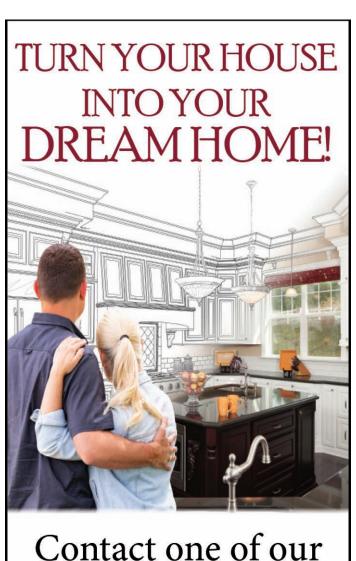
These high-sell points have helped combat the issues tormenting the business realm across the country.

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Must-Have Features In Your Bathroom Remodel

Veteran homeowners recognize the value of remodeling their kitchens and bathrooms. Kitchens and baths tend to appear dated more quickly than other spaces, such as living rooms and bedrooms, which can always be revamped with some fresh paint and new furnishings.

The home improvement pricing resource Home Guide indicates an average bathroom remodel costs anywhere from \$5,500 to \$15,000 depending on the size and scope of the renovation. However, a bath redo can increase a home's resale value and can return as much as 68 percent of homeowners' investments. As homeowners plan

their bathroom renovations, it's forms, so there are options for a good time to consider improvements that will improve function and add design appeal for years to come.

• Floating vanity: Add an airy feeling to the room by creating space between the vanity and the floor. A floating vanity can be a counter with a vessel sink or even have cabinets, as long as the vanity doesn't extend to the

• Freestanding traditional sink or tub: There's something elegant about a freestanding tub or pedestal sink. Such features can lend a classic vibe to a space. However, freestanding fixtures also come in modern or eclectic any design style.

• Frameless showers: Switch to a walk-in shower option, which improves aesthetics and makes it easier to "age in place" in a home. Pair that frameless shower with clear glass shower doors so sightline in the space remains unencumbered.

Natural textures: Create a calm and serene sanctuary in the bathroom with light, natural hues and materials. Nature-inspired colors on tiles, walls and vanities can add to the spa vibe.

• Dual sinks and vanities: With a double vanity, two people can share the space and easily use the bathroom without getting in each other's way. One vanity with two sinks works, but homeowners can create even more personal space by dividing vanities and mirrors.

• Small textured tile on shower floors: Small textures are appealing and add safety. The added texture and grouting will keep feet from slipping on wet floors. Also, opt for mold-resistant grout to make cleanup even

 Special shower heads: Invest in shower heads that can run the gamut from creating steam showers to rainfall effects. Some showers will have multiple shower jets to offer an invigorating experience.

the diameter of the drain pipe in the bathroom from the standard to a two-inch drain pipe. This will reduce the risk of clogs and overflow leaks.

• Install a window: Natural light and air flow can reduce the risk for mold and mildew growth, and windows add some aesthetic appeal to a space. Just be sure to choose frosted privacy glass.

Additional considerations for a bath remodel include heated floors, well-placed and attractive storage options and a toilet enclosure (water closet) for added privacy. These and other bathroom renovation ideas can

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Furniture stores adapt to society's changes

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"Inflation has been a factor, too, with price increases. One of the main problems with prices is shipping. Shipping prices are just outrageous, especially overseas," Wilson said. "The freight charges have gone through the roof as some of them have doubled and tripled. With those prices going up, we have to raise our prices.

"Our sales have been pretty good; at least the same or a little bit better. We have done some things to help that out. One of the big things is we have furniture to sell. From what I understand a lot of other stores don't have furniture in stores and have to order it. That helps us a lot because we have items for immediate purchase. We also run sales to help us and the customers."

At the end of the day, furni-

ture companies and the ones running them will find ways to survive and adapt.

We all need a mattress to lay our head on, chairs to sit on, re-

cold and the rest of the amenities for a comfortable household.

"We deal with the changes

frigerators to keep our food the best we can," Wilson said. "We thank our customers."

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Tidy Outdoor Spaces

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Check for Repair Projects

Give your home a thorough inspection to identify any problems that need attention before cold weather sets in. Look for concerns like loose shutters or siding, cracked or loose shingles, cracks and gaps around doors and windows that may allow moisture or cold air to creep in.

Eliminate Dirt and Dust

Moving indoors, take time to remove any dirt and grime that has accumulated. Wash textiles like curtains and rugs. Wipe down kitchen and bathroom surfaces with an antibacterial solution. Dust other parts of the house, including blinds, windowsills, baseboards and other hard-to-reach places.

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While you're spending more time indoors, scheduling service for your furnace can help ensure it's in good condition before cold weather hits. This is also a good time to replace your air filter and consider a duct cleaning.

Swap Seasonal Essentials

A new season brings change, whether it's simply swapping out your wardrobe or gearing up for a busy season of school activities and sports. Make time to put away out-ofseason clothes and other necessities to make room for the things you'll need for the autumn months. Keep only the things you need and store the rest to help keep clutter under control.

Find more tips for efficient fall home maintenance and cleaning at ecovacs.com.

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Budget-Friendly Dining Room Renovation Ideas



If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then the dining room may be akin to one of its arteries. The mood created in the kitchen spreads to the dining space where family and friends gather to eat and enjoy one an-

other's company.

Dining rooms can get lost in the home renovation shuffle, as many homeowners tend to focus on renovating kitchens and bathrooms instead. Homeowners do not have to invest a mal spaces. Dark woods, large

lot of money in renovations to give their dining spaces awe-inspiring makeovers. Here's how to do so on a budget.

• Lighten and brighten. Dining rooms were once very forpieces of furniture, over-the-top chandeliers, and other details could be found in many homes. But now that houses are being built with open floor plans, dining rooms can blend with other spaces, which have moved to lighter colored walls, flooring and furniture. A fresh coat of vibrant paint can work wonders and it doesn't cost much. If you can't remove a floor, cover it with a brightly colored area

• Switch things up with slipcovers. Slipcovers can be changed each season to dramatically alter the look of a dining room for little investment. Slip covers also protect chairs and can be easily laundered after spills.

• Add floating shelving. Floating shelves provide muchneeded storage or display space without the need to invest in another piece of furniture. Depending on the shelving, they can work in modern design schemes or even farmhouse

dining spaces.

- Clear out the clutter. It might be time to say "so long" to that large curio cabinet and the knickknacks within it. Curio and china cabinets used to be de rigueur, but plenty of people now prefer more open and airy dining rooms. For those who want to keep the cabinet, try decluttering inside to only include the very best display pieces and see if the cabinet can be refinished with paint or a lightly colored stain.
- Improve lighting. Make the chandelier the statement piece of the space. Go for a bold color or an innovative design. Then add accessories throughout the space that coordinate with the chandelier.

• Add bench seating. Those who need additional seating may not have to get entirely new furniture. Swap out some chairs for benches, which can fit a couple more guests than chairs.

Create depth with color. HGTV says that using various shades of the same color in a space can add depth. Coordinate drapes, walls, seat fabrics, and accessories for a cohesive design.

Renovating a dining room doesn't require a large investment of time and money. A few simple steps can give dining spaces a whole new feel without busting homeowners' budg-



Hire Smart for Home Remodeling

When you decide to make the investment in a home improvement project, you're likely entrusting a professional contractor to bring your vision to life on time and on budget.

Remodeling contractors are diverse, so it's important to take your time, ask lots of questions and do your research before selecting the right one for the job.

Choose local. A local home improvement contractor with an established business in your area is likely connected to your community and has a vested interest in doing a job well. Referrals are an important source of business for local companies.

Discuss experience. While a skilled remodeler may be willing to take on something new, chances are you'll be best served by working with someone who has experience with your specific project. Talk about similar projects the contractor has completed in the past and how that work compares to what you're planning. Also be sure to ask what, if any, outside certifications a contractor may have earned that are pertinent to the project.

Understand staffing. Be sure you're clear about who will be in your home completing the work, whether it's the person you meet to discuss a bid or an assigned team. Ask who the project supervisor will be, and if any work is to be subcontracted, who is ultimately

Check references. A report or both. Contact your state or utable contractor should be able to produce a list of past customers who can attest to the remodeler's workmanship and service. You can contact the government Consumer Affairs Office and the Better Business Bureau to check for complaints on record for the contractor. Also ask if the remodeler is a member of any trade groups or

associations. Verify licensing. Many states, but not all, require contractors to be licensed, bonded local licensing agencies to ensure the contractor meets all requirements. Ask remodeling contractor for current copies of applicable licenses.

Confirm insurance. Ask to see a copy of the remodeling contractor's certification of insurance or the name of his or her insurance agency to verify coverage. Most states require a contractor to carry worker's compensation, property damage and personal liability insurance. Make sure the contractor's insurance coverage meets all the minimum requirements.

Compare bids. There are a number of different factors that go into pricing a remodeling project. Be sure that every estimate reflects the same scope of work. If the estimates don't fully spell out what work is going to be done, go back to the contractor for clarification in writing.

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of

KEVIN S. ROWLAND, Deceased.) No. 2021-P-114

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of KEVIN S. ROWLAND, whose place of residence at the time of his death was 25179 N. 2600 E. Rd., Odell, IL 60460, and who died on September 19,

Letters of Independent Executrix were issued on September 30, 2021 to LORI D. ROWLAND, 25179 North 2600 East Road, Odell, IL 60460 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, Mc-Clarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is October 13, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in cause No. 2021-P-114 or with the Independent Executrix or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent administrator and the administrator's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

> DONALD R. McCLAREY Attorney for the Independent Executrix of the Estate of KEVIN S. ROWLAND, Deceased 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, Il 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525

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RICHARD P. LAYDEN ESTATE

KEVIN LAYDEN & JOHN LAYDEN, CO-EXECUTORS REPRESENTING ATTORNEY: JEREMY J. STOLLER

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

October 13, 2021

Village of Braceville 300 S Mitchell Braceville, IL 60407 815-237-8655

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Village of Braceville.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 29, 2021 the Village of Braceville will submit a request to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Eastside Stormwater Improvements and Grant Administration for the purpose to stop flooding and basement backups in the Village of Braceville. Estimated funding is \$464,165 from State CDBG grant funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Village of Braceville 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 Braceville Village Hall at 300 S Mitchell St, Braceville, IL and North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) at 613 W. Marquette Street, Ottawa, IL and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the office of NCICG. All comments received by October 28, 2021 will be considered by the Village of Braceville prior to authorization submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Village of Braceville certifies to DCEO that David Wright in his capacity as Mayor 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. DCEO approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Village of Braceville to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS DCEO will accept objections to its release of funds and the Vil-

lage'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 Village of Braceville; (b) the Village 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 DCEO; 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 DCEO at 500 East Monroe, Ridgley-2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701. Potential objectors should contact DCEO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David Wright, Mayor Village of Braceville.

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SAT, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Auction Location: American Legion #352

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Crystal Sheridan

\$24,657.78

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940.89

10,350.00

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Treasurer, Reddick Community Fire Protection District

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 27th day of May, 2021.

Beginning Cash Balance all Checking as of 5-1-2020

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF 5-1-2020

Carrie L. Inczauskis Notary Public

Capital Reserve C.D.'s

Capital Reserve IL Funds

(SEAL)

REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL STATEMENT **OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 4-30-2021**

RECEIPTS 5/1/2020 - 4/30/2021	
	£ 969 00
Donations	5,868.00
Donations for sign	10,000.00
Enbridge Grant	7,500.00
Grundy Co. Tax Distribution	7,890.57
Interest	651.74
Kankakee Co. Tax Distribution	51,229.62
Livingston Co. Tax Distribution	35,748.81
Reimbursements	17,398.47
Sale of Equipment	5,000.00
Smoke Detector Inspections	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$141,387.21

DISBURSEMENTS 5/1/2020 - 4/30/2021

Expenditures over \$2,500.00		
Capital One Commercial	2,518.88	
Com Ed	6,731.57	
Compass Insurance	14,347.00	
Connor Co.	2,656.45	
Frontier	2,934.88	
Liberty Mutual Insurance	3,502.00	
Motorola Solutions Inc.	3,049.94	
Nicor Gas	5,636.35	
Quad Co. Fire Equipment	14,374.17	
Reddick F.F. Assoc. (Enbridge Grant)	7,900.00	
Stewart Signs	11,292.00	

REMAINDER BY CATEGORIES Annaratus

Apparatus	240.02
Building Expense	8,583.17
Contractual Expense	3,429.51
Dues, Licenses, Subscriptions	2,244.00
Honors and Ceremonies	765.04
Loose Equipment	2,500.00
Office Operations	1,175.35
Radios and Pagers	500.00
Safety Equipment	2,328.89
STIPENDS under \$25,000.00:	
Tim Armstrong, Gary Baum, Josh Beaman,	

Richard Christensen, Robert Christensen, Maxwell Connelly, Jacob Delgado, Calvin Eberhart, Cecil Farris, Ralph Gallup, Andrew Kelson,

Randy Siedentop, Aaron Swartz, Jennifer Zalud, Sue Bergan, Kathy Curl,

Crystal Sheridan TOTAL STIPENDS Training

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 110,414.33 Ending Cash Balance as of 4/30/2021 55,038.16 Capital Reserve C.D.'s 27,311.32 27,892.07

Capital Reserve IL Funds TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF 4/30/2021 \$110,241.55

'Christmas for Kids' in 29th Year of Helping Families in Need

Christmas for Kids is a pro-Dwight to help families in need at Christmas. Using funds donated by various Dwight area organizations and individuals, a volunteer committee sends offers of help to in-need families who are parents or legal guardians of children living in the Dwight school district. Those families are asked to fill out a "Wish List" of items needed and/or wanted by their children. These wish lists will be provided by the committee.

Once the "Wish Lists" are returned, the committee determines how much money can be contributed for each child, depending upon the funds available at that time.

Then the committee needs your help! Volunteers are needed to shop for the children using the "Wish Lists" and funds from the Christmas for Kids committee.

The committee asks that gifts be returned wrapped and properly labeled. The committee then organizes the gifts to be delivered. Volunteers are again needed to help deliver the gifts before Christmas.

To shop for a family: gram started 29 years ago in Please go to the Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia St. (next to the Dwight Grade School) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 11. Gifts will need to be dropped off at the church by Thursday, December 9, between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

> To deliver gifts: Go to the Dwight United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 11, at 9 a.m. Delivery of Christmas for Kids gifts is done along with the delivery of Love Boxes (a program that provides food boxes for families in

> Last, but not least: Monetary donations are needed! The program buys gifts from each child's "Wish List" and therefore cannot accept donations of general items. Monetary donations are accepted at each of the four Dwight banks. Checks should be made to "Christmas for payable

> If you have any questions, you may contact the Christmas for Kids Committee at 815-584-2179.

MVK Seniors Meeting

The MVK Seniors met September 21 at the Mazon American Legion Hall for a long-awaited luncheon thru the Community Nutrition Net-

It had been 18 months since the last meal, because of the COVID pandemic. Everyone was overjoyed to meet their friends again.

President Rita called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She thanked CNN and their many volunteers. There was a silent prayer for five of their deceased members.

Members sang "Happy Birthday" for Nancy Burchfield, Bill Rolando, Rita Mills, Frank Sereno, Sherry McIntosh, and even Bob Hollenbeck - who turned 102 on October 1.

Door prizes went to Rita Mills, Bob Elam, and Sandy Chismarick. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

President Rita opened up a discussion about her retiring as President. Several people were nominated but they were not interested. This discussion will be continued at the next meet-

Linda Poppleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Helen Griffiths seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 19, with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting.

Anyone 60 or older is invited to join for a small donation. Be sure to call CNN at 815-941-1590 and make a reservation.

Rock Painting Craft Time at Piper City Library Oct. 22

Piper City Public Library, 39 W. Main Street, is hosting Rock Painting Craft Time Friday, October 22, for ages pre-k through fourth grade from 2:00-3:00 p.m.; then from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for ages fifth grade through eighth grade.

Register by Wednesday, October 20, by stopping by the library or calling them at 815-686-9234. Regular hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

Illinois State Fair Approaches Attendance Record

The attendance figures are in from August's Illinois State Fair and they show a significant rebound. Like so many other summer fairs and festivals, the state fair had to be cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, but it came back in a big way in 2021, with 472,000 people passing through the gates during the 11-day run, the second-largest crowd ever to attend the annual summer expo in Spring-field.

The State Fair sold more than 44,000 tickets to grandstand shows, bringing in \$1.5 million in revenue. When adding in the additional collections from admissions and other sources, the State Fair is estimated to have brought in around \$5 million in revenue in

Next year's Illinois State Fair is scheduled for August 11 through 22 at the state fairgrounds in Springfield

Public Health warns hunters to guard against tick **bites.** The Illinois Department of Public Health has issued a warning to hunters to be on guard against tick-borne ill-

nesses as hunting season gets underway. IDPH is reminding hunters to check themselves and their pets for ticks if they have been in woods or areas with tall grass. Removing a tick within 24 hours of a bite can reduce the risk of contracting such tick-borne illnesses as Lyme disease. Some tick-borne illnesses can be life-threaten-

IDPH has created a tick-surveillance map which shows where different kinds of ticks are known to exist throughout the state, including in the coun-

ties of our district. The map also contains pictures which can be helpful in identifying the kind of tick.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois \$5,323,677,148 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$8.1 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as unfunded pension liability.

Victory Lanes, Dwight LEAGUE SCORES

Sportsman League Bowlers HSG: Brandon Petry, 257; Bosco Gassman, 243; Kevin Oelschlager, Sr., 226; Jeff Gallup, 223; Reco Stevenson, 222. HSS: Brandon Petry, 635; Dane Sorensen, 627; Bosco Gassman, 610; Rob Teno, 602; Kevin Oelschlager, Sr., 598. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 994. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes,

eague Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Rockey's Pub	17	7
Star Trucking	17	7
Willy's Pub	15	9
Care 110 West	15	9
Victory Lanes	14	10
Rambo Construct.	14	10
eremy's Barber	13	11
Rury's Tap	11	13
ensen BP II	11	13
DeLong Ford	6	18
ensens I	5	19

Commercial League Bowlers HSG: Doug Gassman, 259; Ken Benson, 243; Eric Knobbe, 220; Terry Wilkey, 215; Scot Banks, 214 – Jessica Bzdusek, 177; Paula Watts, 171; Brandi Farcus, 164; Mickey, 157; Joyce Fox, 155. HSS: Doug Gassman, 672; Ken Benson, 639; Eric Knobbe, 605; Terry Wilkey, 596; Michael King, 569 -Paula Watts, 500; Brandi Farcus, 463; Jessica Bzdusek, 453; Joyce Fox, 435; Stacy Richie, 426. HSG/HHG: Benson Racing #19, 907. HSS/HHS: Benson Racing #19, 2683.

League Standings Dairy Queen $17\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2}$ Benson Racing 17 7 15 Victory Lanes Maxwell Truck. 15 14 10 Cherry RR Agritile 13 11 Whiskey Cav. 13 Willy's Pub 13 11 Gaston Construct. 11½ 12½ Coleman/Son Pumpkin Patch 6 18

Morris Hospital Offers CPR, First Aid Training Nov. 4

Morris Hospital & Health- munity member. Participants care Centers is offering the American Heart Association's Heartsaver CPR AED & First Aid Training course Thursday, November 4, from lief of foreign-body airway 4:00-8:30 p.m. at the former Shabbona School, 725 School St., Morris.

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

will learn the skills needed to perform high quality CPR, proper use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), reobstruction, and basic first aid. A fee applies.

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