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Gardner Village Board Follows Up on Town Issues, Train Horns

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session October 11, hearing comments from residents on a variety of issues.

Resident Sharon Pickles, speaking during public comment, again asked about the status of properties in the village. Mayor Mike Serena responded there are two hearings approaching, but did not have the times.

Pickles also asked about the plaque and low-level light for placement in the archives. Serena responded the village is seeking both of those items from the demolition contractor.

Representatives of the

Gardner Fire Protection District spoke in regard to the allocation of ARPA funds for the purchase of an AutoPulse (LUCAS) system. Fire Chief Brian Jenson commented the cost of the unit is just over \$20K and the unit will provide CPR on a patient suffering cardiac arrest and other medical emergencies requiring CPR. The District is seeking financial support through the village Public Health portion of ARPA. The funds sought are not directly available to the Fire Department, and the department has used funds that were available for other medical equipment including heart

monitors. The board tabled immediate action on the request pending additional information regarding the grant.

The board furthered the discussion started at the last meeting regarding train horns in the village. Mayor Serena reported there is a procedure for silencing horns. The board has discussed the possibility in the past and has not taken further action. Resident Dan Bell commented there is no way for a person to get around the gates when down. Mayor Serena responded he is in favor of keeping the horns as a safety practice. Bell commented on a (continued on page 8)

Search for Dwight Superintendent Progresses

by Mark Boma

The Dwight High School Board of Education met Wednesday, October 13, to conduct District Business. No public comments were offered.

It was recognized that Leslie Gingery and the Dwight Lions Club made a generous contribution to the school in memory of Jerry Gingery. Jerry was a member of the Dwight community, a long time and very passionate member of the Dwight Lions Club, and a well known musician. A check was recently presented to the music department totalling \$2,160 to help music students in the school district. The donation will be used to install appropriate equipment to playback music and rehearsal recordings in the rehearsal area. A memorial plaque is planned in

the rehearsal space that honors Gingery's career and the gift his wife and the Lions Club provided.

Dr. Richard Jancek reported that the search for his replacement is progressing. The search committee has reduced the original 15 applications down to five for interview status. Interviews by the committee will be completed by October 27 and recommendations of two or three finalists will be presented for interview by the joint boards of education.

Athletic Director Cathy Ferguson reported that due to the loss of their scheduled Homecoming opponent, the football homecoming game was being moved to Friday, October 22 against Seneca. All activities including the parade and spirit week have been moved to that

week. Senior Night for the Volleyball team was Monday, October 11th with two seniors being recognized. October 18th will be Pink Night for Cancer Awareness. Both Boys and Girls Golf teams ended their seasons on Monday, October 4 at Sectional. The Boys had two golfers compete, Jack Groves and Dane Halpin. Kendahl Weller advanced to Sectional for the Girls.

In personnel matters, Melissa Stewart, Chloe Butterbrodt, and Kayla Kodat were approved as volunteer basketball coaches. Kathryn Crouch's resignation as classroom aide was affirmed.

Lora Weir was approved for early graduation. The next High School Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, November 10.

More Than a Jeweler Hancock retires after 53 years on nursing home board

by Brandon LaChance

The name Del Hancock is usually synonymous with the Hancock Jewelry Store which supplied Dwight with the finest gems for 68 years until it closed its doors one last time this summer.

Watches, necklaces and rings were not the only items Hancock supplied to the village.

In 1968, he was part of the investing group that brought Heritage Health to Dwight.

"Herb Voigts and I were real good friends. There were 10 of us grouped together and we built an apartment building out by where the Dairy Queen is now," Hancock said. "At one of our board meetings, we got to talking and said, 'What we really need in Dwight is a nursing home.' We worked towards bringing a nursing home to Dwight.

"It was quite a good problem getting it going. We were treated pretty nice by the people who were selling medical equipment. They came to Dwight and picked up Herb and I in a twin-engine plane, and flew us to different locations where we could buy different types of articles. I remember one place we stopped, they had marinated shrimp. It was on a platter that almost covered the entire table. It was delicious. They fed us good and the traveling was good. We were able to get those problems solved in terms of buying equipment for the nursing home."



THANK YOU, DEL! Del Hancock was instrumental in bringing a nursing home to Dwight.

ing home."

Hancock was named the vice president of the new Continental Manor Board in 1968 and kept his title and duties until he resigned on Oct. 11.

Although Hancock is 90-years old and it has been 53 years since the nursing home was an idea, funded, built and formed into what it is today, the memories of the journey remain fond.

"It has been in existence for 50 years, now. We had our 50th Anniversary a couple of months ago," Hancock said. "All of these people that worked on bringing the nursing home here, we were all friends. We worked together well. Herb was president and I was vice president.

"We got together and bought the old school building. (continued on page 8)

Dwight EMS Director Demoted

by Mark Boma

At their regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on October 12, following a closed session that lasted well over an hour, the Dwight Village Board voted 5 to 1 to demote EMS Director Jenny Allsworth to paramedic status. Voting yes on the motion were Mayor Paul Johnson, and trustees Marla Kinkade, Jenny Johnson, Randy Irvin, and Chuck Butterbrodt. Trustee Justin Eggenberger was the lone dissenter and Pete Meister was absent. Several city employees were on hand to follow the proceedings.

The downgrade would be a probationary status for six months and the reason for the action was not specified. Village Administrator Kevin McNamara and Police Chief Tim Henson will take over temporary direction of the EMS group.

The meeting began with GLCEDC (Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council) Director Adam Dontz giving an update. He pointed out that Back to Business (B2B) grants are still available through the State. The \$250 million Back to Business (B2B) grant program aims to deploy small businesses recovery grants for those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. Preference is given to businesses that have yet to receive any recovery grants but the program is open to all.

Police Chief Henson reported that seven Dwight officers, along with EMS personnel and the K-9 unit, assisted in a recent incident in Grundy which involved the shooting of a Grundy County police officer. Henson also added that two new police officers will begin their active duties in the upcoming week.

Public Works Director

Corey Scoles was on hand with information that stick pick-up would end at the end of October. Leaf pick-up would continue until the end of November.

He went on to appeal to the residents of Dwight to follow garbage disposal rules, especially large article items such as carpet and electronics. Coincidentally, there is a Livingston County E-Recycling event scheduled in Dwight on November 6. Volunteers are needed and if interested, contact the Village Hall.

In other business, Mayor Paul Johnson noted that the Village was moving forward with an ARP (American Rescue Plan) Grant administered through the county to compensate for the cost of refurbishing two aging ambulances.

No public comments were given. The next regular full board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 25.

Pond, Appreciation Day named for former Dwight resident

Bob Klingler, third from left, was recognized Sept. 11.



by Brandon LaChance

When Bob Klingler moved from Dwight to Overbrook, Kansas 18-years ago, he was looking for something to keep himself active in the community.

After failed attempts to find clubs similar to the Dwight Lions Club, he decided to go another route.

The alternate direction led to Overbrook proclaiming Nov. 25 as the Bob Klingler Appreciation Day and a new sign was

put in front of the Overbrook kid's pond on Sept. 11, 2021 naming it the Bob Klingler Kids Fishing Pond.

"The first few years I was in Overbrook, I worked part time so I wasn't as involved physically as I have been the last 10-12 years," Klingler said. "I held basically all the offices in Rotary Club over the last 12 years. I was a member of the Dwight Lions Club for 38 years. When I moved out here, I tried two different Lions Clubs and I did-

n't feel like they were like the terrific one in Dwight. We did a lot for the community and the ones around here didn't seem quite as involved. After that I joined the Rotary Club.

"I joined the Rotary Club so I could do more things for my community. I'm also on a few other boards such as the Methodist Church Board, I'm the chairman of the Overbrook Landscape Committee (cut trees, take care of lawns across (continued on page 8)

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
October 10: Brianna M. Bond-Tarrant, 20, Grant Park, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.
October 12: Raja Bipan, So. Richmond, NY, fail obey stop sign.

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

Dwight Police Blotter
October 7: A subject called DPD advising he lost his wallet while conducting a purchase on Northbrook Dr.; Dwight units responded to Mazon for assistance in a shooting incident.
October 8: A resident came into DPD to advise his truck had been damaged at an unknown time/place.
Out with Vehicle – 1; Assist Vehicle – 1; Return Call – 9; Custody Exchange – 1; Assist Agency – 3; Walk In – 7; Solicitor Complaint – 1; Medical Aid – 7; Accident – 1; Harassment – 1; Break in Unknown – 1; Follow Up – 3; Runaway – 1; 911 cell Hang Up – 1; Traffic Stop – 2; 911 Misdialed – 1; Custody Problem – 1; Fingerprinting – 1; Ordinance – 2; Reckless Driver – 1; Well Being – 4; Funeral Escort – 1; Unknown problem – 1; Landlord Issues – 1; Property Dispute – 1; Lockout – 1.

Accident Report
Friday, October 8, 6:30 p.m., an accident was reported at 100 Watters Dr. involving a 2012 Chrysler 300, driven by

Tori Hayner, Dwight, which struck a 2021 Tesla Model Y, owned by Orgesse Michelle, Chicago, while it was parked at a charging station.

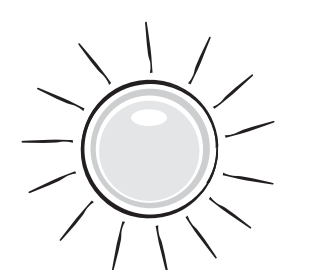


Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
October 7: Mazon, trauma, no transport, mutual aid to Mazon; Walnut, medical, cancelled.
October 8: Susan, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, refusal; I-80, COQ to Morris; Northbrook, trauma, St. James.
October 9: 2400 E. Rd., trauma; Bannon, trauma, refusal; Spencer, medical, refusal; 3200 E., trauma, Morris.
October 10: James, medical, Morris; I-55, trauma, mutual aid from Gardner; South, medical, St. James; Jefferson, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner.
October 11: Main St., medical, Morris.
October 12: Bannon, medical, refusal; E. Mazon, medical, Morris.
October 13: North, medical, refusal; Bannon, medical, refusal; Bannon, medical/trauma, refusal; Bannon, trauma, refusal; Bannon, trauma, refusal; 2nd, medical, St. James; Bannon, trauma, St. James; Washington, fire, mutual aid to Morris; Chicago, medical, Riverside; Northbrook, medical, refusal.



Dwight Fire Incidents 10/8 - 10/15

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:
October 9: Motor Vehicle Accident – 3200 North Rd. at 2000 East Rd.
October 10: Motor Vehicle Accident – I-55.
October 13: Mutual Aid to Morris – Structure Fire.
October 14: Power Line Down – W. South St.
Dwight FPD also responded to 19 medical assists with Dwight EMS.



Temps - 2021

Oct. 7 – high 77°, low 60°.22” precip.
Oct. 8 – high 74°, low 57°.57” precip.
Oct. 9 – high 84°, low 57°.78” precip.
Oct. 10 – high 85°, low 56° trace precip.
Oct. 11 – high 75°, low 58°.82” precip.
Oct. 12 – high 72°, low 48° trace precip.
Oct. 13 – high 74°, low 49°.14” precip.
One Year Ago – Oct. 20, 2020
high 52°, low 35°

Free Food to Be Distributed October 27

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, October 27, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.
The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday, while Love Boxes distribute food in December.

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LCHD Collects Over 300 Tires...So Far

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) has collected over 300 old, unused tires in their effort to help rid the county of these common mosquito breeding grounds.
At the start of October, the LCHD launched their limited time tire collection program as a means of providing environmentally safe tire disposal. Tires are notorious breeding grounds for mosquitoes, as they often fill with stagnant water making them perfect environments for mosquitoes to thrive.
Program participation is limited, so tire collection will end either October 28 or sooner, once supplies are depleted.
Tire disposal program eligibility requirements:
• Tires limited to passenger cars and trucks. No farm implement, semi, and large tires of any kind. Tires can be off or on the rim.
• Limited to four tires per household/vehicle.
• Tires must be unloaded by the individual dropping them off.
• Appointment required. No ex-



ceptions.
To schedule a tire drop-off appointment, call the LCHD Environmental Health Division at 815-844-7174, ext. 216.
Help fight the bite and safely dispose of your unused tires with the LCHD!

It's History...

It was January 1947 . . .
John J. Doherty announced he would not be a candidate for director or for any official position in the First National Bank of Dwight. He had been connected with the Bank since its founding 41 years ago.
JoAnn McNamara and Betty Porth were hostesses at the January FHA meeting held at the high school. Velda Anderson is the FHA president.
A January Clearance Sale at Hibbard True Value, 108 S. Franklin St., Dwight, has a “Special Toaster” for 9 cents – “A real metal toaster! The handiest, most convenient and speedy type of toaster. Simple to use.” Leather shoe soles were 7 cents a pair; black shoe polish, 5 cents.
Carl Paulsen (phone Dwight 54) offers TAXI service anywhere in their new 1946 Chevrolet.
A tip on clothing wear: Wash clothes before they become too soiled. Dirt and hard rubbing wear out more clothing than the actual wearing.

New Brush Truck for Emington-Campus Fire



WITH MANY, MANY, MANY volunteered man hours, the Emington-Campus Fire Protection District has put together a Brush Truck for the district. This unit will also be used to run EMS calls. The truck was donated to the district from Sterling-TerraLam CLT Mats and Turnkey Site Access Solutions of Phoenix. The Skid unit was donated through the IDNR. “We would like to give them a huge thank you,” said Jason Simmons, “because this would not have been possible without them!”

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Generally speaking, investing is a long-term process. You invest in your IRA and 401(k) to reach a long-term goal – retirement. You may invest in a 529 education savings plan for many years to reach another long-term goal – college for your children. But is there also a place in your portfolio for shorter-term investments?
In a word, yes. You have three good reasons for owning short-term investments: liquidity, diversification and protection of longer-term investments. Let's look at all three:
Liquidity – For many people, the COVID-19 pandemic brought home the need to have ready access to cash, and short-term investment vehicles are typically liquid. Still, some are more liquid than others, and you'll want to know the differences right from the start.
Probably the most liquid vehicle you could have isn't an investment at all, but rather a simple savings or checking account. But you likely could earn much more interest from a high-yield online savings account without sacrificing much, if any, liquidity. Money market accounts are also highly liquid, but they may carry minimum balance requirements.
Other short-term investments may be less liquid, but that may not be a major concern if you don't need the money immediately. For example, you could purchase a type of mutual fund known as an ultra short-term bond fund that invests in longer-term bonds due to mature in less than a year, so you could receive the benefit of the higher interest rates typically provided by these bonds. You could choose to partially or entirely liquidate your bond fund at any time, but it may take several days for the sale to go through, since the shares in the fund need to be sold. You could also invest in a three-month certificate of deposit (CD), but if you cash it out early, you'll lose some of the interest payments.
Diversification – If your portfolio consists largely of stocks and stock-based ETFs and mutual funds, you could take a hit, at least temporarily, during periods of market downturns, which are a normal part of the investment world. But a diversified portfolio, containing both long- and short-term investments, may hold up better during periods of market volatility. That's because the short-term vehicles we've looked at are typically going to be far less affected by market movements, if they're affected at all. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification by itself can't guarantee profits or protection against all losses.)
Protection of longer-term investments – If you were to face an unexpected expense, such as the need for a major home or car repair, how would you pay for it? Without any liquid reserves, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your 401(k) and IRA. But by doing so, you could incur taxes and penalties – and, perhaps even more important, you'd be removing resources from accounts designed to help you achieve a comfortable retirement. With enough short-term investments in place, though, you can avoid touching these long-term accounts.
As you can see, you can benefit significantly by adding some short-term investment vehicles to your portfolio. They could make a big difference in your ability to meet your financial goals.
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Dwight Varsity Football



DRESS-UP DAYS

Monday – Sports/Jerseys

Tuesday – Country vs. Country Club

Wednesday – Rainbow/Neon

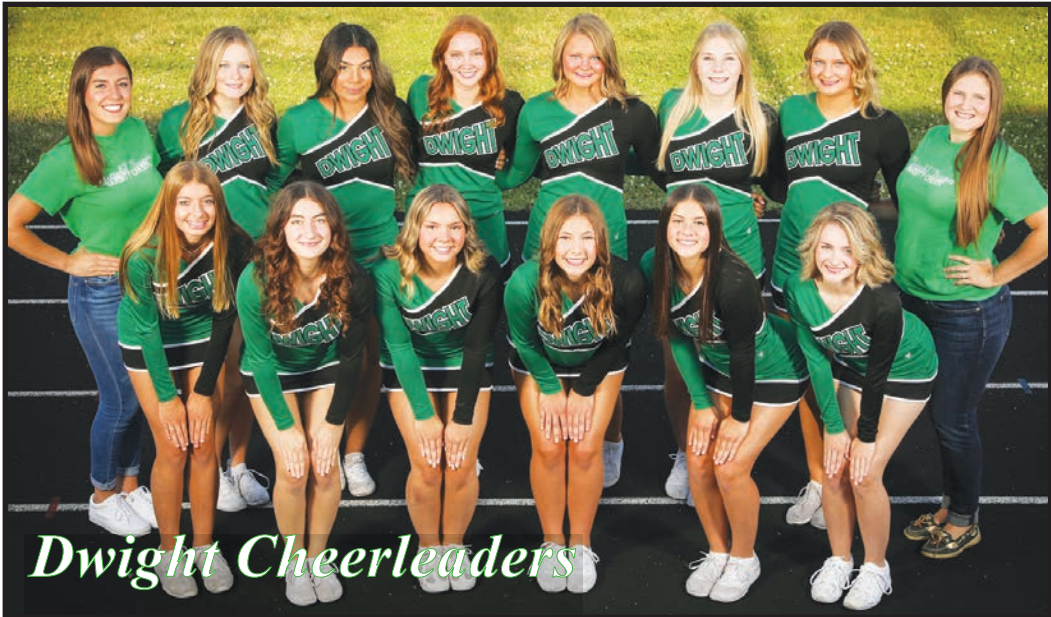
Thursday – Class Color Day

Freshman - Red Sophomore - Orange Junior - Blue Senior - Black

Friday – Trojan Nation (Green & White)



DTHS 2021 HOMECOMING COURT! Pictured, front row, from left, are Kassy Kodat, Jordan Schultz, Alexis Thetard, Leticia DeLara, Lola Furbee, Lilly Duffy; back row, Connor Telford, Dillon Sarff, Tristen Larkin, Sam Edwards, and Kyle Kosek. Not present is Jack Duffy.



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TROJAN GAMES - Thursday, October 21, at 1:25 p.m.

HOMECOMING PARADE - Friday, October 22, at 2:45 p.m.

Parade will begin on Columbia and travel north to South St.; east on South St. to Prairie Ave.; north on Prairie Ave. to Chippewa St.; east on Chippewa St. to Franklin St.; south on Franklin St. and end at DTHS.

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by Tom Tock

The video gambling industry in Illinois continued its growing ways during September, adding 366 terminals at 63 locations. There are now 41,050 terminals in operation at 7,746 statewide locations.

\$751,202 was gambled in Dwight's 44 terminals, with the village realizing \$10,037. The state's take from the Dwight action was \$58,220.

Dwight and Gardner September results by location are shown below.

Dwight						
Sept.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight	
Aly Anne's	83,057	62,234	20,822	6,038	1,041	
Cherry Red's	12,440	8,386	4,053	1,175	202	
Lili Mae's	138,953	103,969	34,983	10,145	1,749	
Love's	234,132	163,090	71,041	20,602	3,552	
VFW	144,238	108,899	35,338	10,248	1,766	
Vic. Lanes	22,107	18,827	3,279	951	163	
Virbapa	19,891	14,600	5,290	1,534	264	
Willy's	96,384	70,434	25,949	7,525	1,297	
TOTAL:	\$751,202	550,443	200,758	58,220	10,037	

Gardner					
Sept.	<u>Funds In</u>	<u>Funds Out</u>	<u>NTI*</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Gardner</u>
Buddies (3)	923	412	510	148	25
Marks (5)	<u>31,712</u>	<u>20,750</u>	<u>10,961</u>	<u>3,178</u>	<u>548</u>
TOTAL:	\$32,635	21,162	11,472	3,326	573

*The State of Illinois and Villages receive a total of 33% of the Net Terminal Income monthly (State 28%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 67%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.

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CONGRATULATIONS TREY SCHWEITZER, Director Award Winner (Criminal Justice II) for September 2021 at Grundy Area Vocational Center. Trey is a senior at Gardner-South Wilington High School, and this is his second year in the Criminal Justice program.

Grundy Cty. Historical Society Announces Fall Program

The Grundy County Historical Society is restarting its program schedule.

Lou Aiello of the Aux Sable Coalition will be talking about the Eastern Woodland Culture of Native Americans who lived in the Aux Sable Creek area.

The presentation will be Tuesday, October 26, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Morris City Hall Community Room, 700 North Division Street, Morris.

The presentation is open to all. Masks will be required.

The Paris of Gertrude Stein Program at French Heritage Museum October 23

The French Heritage Museum at the Old Stone Barn, 165 North Indiana Ave. in Kankakee, will be hosting a presentation by museum board President, Robert De Oliveira, Saturday, October 23, at 1:00 p.m.

De Oliveira will be introducing visitors to American novelist and art collector, Gertrude Stein, who played a large role in modern literature and art.

Join as they have a discussion on Gertrude Stein and her memoir "Paris France", her famous friends, and how her writings are relevant to today's conversations.

Note: this lecture will be on the second floor of this historic building.

Take a Trolley Ride Through the Starved Rock Area

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For more information, visit starvedrocklodge.com/activities/activities/trolley-tours.

Celebrate National Candy Corn Day at Prairie Creek Library

Prairie Creek Library, located at 501 Carriage House Lane in Dwight, will celebrate National Candy Corn Day Saturday, October 30. All patrons are invited to stop in on that day for a special treat.

The library will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have questions or need accommodations, call them in advance at 815-584-3061. Their building is accessible and equipped with an elevator.



Chuck and Rogene Brady



Charles and Rogene Brady to Celebrate 65th Anniversary

Charles and Rogene Brady will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary Wednesday, October 27.

Rogene Lee Carlson and Charles Mark Brady were married October 27, 1956, at St. Patrick's in Dwight.

They are the parents of six children: Brad (deceased), Brenda (Michael) - Pontiac, Brent - Springfield, Brenene - Dwight, Brenitta (Bob) - Philipsburg, MT, and Bridgett, who died at birth.

They have lived their entire married life in the Dwight area. They now spend their winters in Florida.

They would love to hear from you - if you care to send a card, their address is:

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dwight Common School for the month of September, pictured, front row, from left, are Asa Lasser, Jovie Misener, Layla Hansen, Landon McGann, Riley Watts, Sophi Merchen, Cooper Irvin; back row, David Konjevich, June Woods, Claire Tjelle, Jace Jensen, William Richards, Katy Dolan, Grace Tjelle, Lauren Snyder, Joey Groves, and Paityn Schmidberger. Not pictured are Raven Holderfield, Megan Cornale, Keegan Lindsay, Sophie Medema, and Lainy Maxard.



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OBITUARIES

June D. Sterling

June D. Sterling, 84, of Verona, Illinois passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Park Pointe in Morris Monday, October 11, 2021. June was born June 14, 1937 in Gardner, Illinois, the youngest daughter of Alfred and Christiana Olsén.

She graduated from Mazon High School in 1956 and married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Snyder, November 25, 1957. They had three children: Jeff (Jackie) Snyder, Susan (Pat) Carey, and Jim (Melissa) Snyder. Jerry preceded her in death in 1980.

On April 10, 1982, June married Rick Sterling. He had three children: Val (Tony) Frazier, Lance (Jen) Sterling, and Camie Johnson. With their blended families, they were blessed with 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Grandma June loved her babies all the way up to the end. She enjoyed trips in their camper and loved to cook and bake for her family. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Kinsman.

June was preceded in death by five sisters: Chris, Gert, Anna, Edith, and Katherine; and two brothers: Hugo and Halger; and her daughter-in-law, Jackie Snyder.

A visitation was held Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Kinsman. A Mass followed at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Abbot Philip Darey.

Burial: Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Morris.

Memorials may be made in her name to your favorite nursing home.

Ellen Marie Romanetto

Ellen Marie Romanetto, age 76, of Gardner, Illinois passed away peacefully Sunday, October 17, 2021 with her loving family by her side at River Crossing Nursing Home in Joliet, Illinois.

Born May 12, 1945 in Joliet to the late Edmond and Genevieve Ann (nee Lenzie) Kilbride, Ellen was a lifelong resident of Grundy County. She worked many jobs, including working in the food and culinary industries for many local establishments throughout the years.

Ellen was an avid caretaker for friends and family, devoting many years of her time, care, and energy to helping her loved ones in any way she could.

She enjoyed many social outings, including playing cards with groups of her friends. She loved to travel, especially to the Cayman Islands with her family.

Ellen never missed anything when it came to her grandchildren – whether it was attending sporting events, recitals, homecoming, or prom pictures, she was always there for them and will be forever remembered as their “Big E.”

Ellen leaves behind her four loving children: Mike (Diane) Romanetto of Cardiff, Illinois; Scott (Bev) Romanetto of Coal City; Richelle Sandeno of Morris, Illinois; and Michelle (Chris) Lenzie of Gardner.

She was “Big E” to eight beloved grandchildren: Rachel, Thomas and Alex Romanetto, Madeline and Ellie Romanetto, Tyler Trent, Raegan Sandeno, and Avery Lenzie; three great-grandchildren: Peyton, Jaxson, and Audrey; three brothers: John (Marena) Kilbride of St. Peters, Missouri; Ted Kilbride of South Wilmington, Illinois; and David Kilbride of Chicago, Illinois; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Thomas Kilbride; and son-in-law, Todd Sandeno.

Visitation for Ellen will be at the R. W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until time of funeral services beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Interment will follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to Lightways Hospice, 250 Waterstone Circle, Joliet, Illinois 60431.

For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.



5 Minutes with Boma

Pumpkin Facts!

Pumpkins... are a fruit. I recently learned this. All this time I very much thought it was vegetable. Apparently there has been chatter that it should be our national fruit. I think I agree, great fruit.

I bring up pumpkins because it's pumpkin time, it's that time of the year where the pumpkins are plentiful and they are big and orange, and usually carved.

I went to the zoo this weekend, for no reason other than it was nice out and the zoo was free, and almost every animal habitat had a pumpkin in it. Animals love the pumpkins too.

The rest of this column is going to consist of some pumpkin facts, because who doesn't love those.

The state of Illinois harvests the most pumpkins of any state in the country, harvesting over 12,000 acres of pumpkins annually. The pumpkin capital of the world is located in Morton, Illinois where the Libby Pumpkin Factory resides.

The word pumpkin has Greek origins. Pepon is where it comes from and that means large melon, which it turns out that's exactly what a pumpkin is, a large melon.

The largest pumpkin ever weighed 2,517 pounds. That's a very large pumpkin.

Pumpkins exist on every continent except for Antarctica. They don't know what they're missing. (Could also be due to the cold weather.)

A pumpkin on average has 500 seeds inside it.

Every single part of a pumpkin is edible. The whole thing! Eat up.

The most popular pie in America is the... not the pumpkin pie, that's because pumpkin pie isn't that good, the most popular pie is apple pie.

That concludes this week's pumpkin facts, carve away, eat away, eat the seeds, enjoy all things pumpkin.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

Prairie Creek Library Presents
Talk on Andy Griffith Oct. 28

Prairie Creek Library, Dwight, welcomes back popular historian Jim Gibbons as he presents “Back to Mayberry: The Life of Andy Griffith.” The program is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 28.

Gibbons will discuss the life and career of actor Andy Griffith and his rise from being born into a poor, blue-collar family and growing up a shy child to breaking out of his shell in a high school play and going on to fame as Sheriff Andy Taylor in “The Andy Griffith Show” and later the legal show “Matlock”. Gibbons will explain Griffith's rise to fame after graduating from the University of North Carolina, as well as his friendships with co-stars Don Knotts and Jim Nabors, and why Griffith was and still is known for being a role model to many today.

Gibbons is a Marengo resident and historian who has made a name for himself by giving riveting presentations of historical events or people. In the past, he has presented programs at Prairie Creek on the Hindenburg disaster and the life of Princess Diana.

This program is free and open to the public.

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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, 2021.

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, McClarey 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.

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Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

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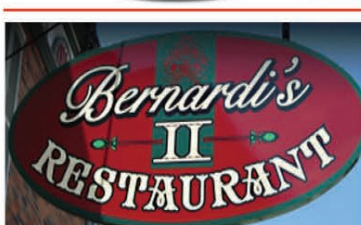
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More than a jeweler

Hancock retires after 53 years on nursing home board

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It was a high school and they turned it into an elementary school. They had built a new building for the school, so we got together and bought the vacant building. Some of the windows were broken out. We contacted a guy to come tear it down. Herb was out of town the day the contractor came, so he came into my store and introduced himself. I told him, 'We have a little problem. Herb has the keys to the old school. The only way we're going to get into it is to climb through the window above the door.' He said, 'Well, let's go try it.' He had his secretary with him. He climbed over the door and through the window. I boosted up his secretary to get her through.

"We got the contract, tore down the old grade school and we got started."

Being a life-long jeweler, one would think it weird for Hancock to be interested in a nursing home.

However, if you ask him, it's weird Hancock wasn't a doctor. "I've always been interested in the medical field. I sent two sons to the University of Illinois. My oldest Randall got a CPA and a Master's Degree," Hancock said. "My youngest son Jamie, who also went through Illinois, got his engineering degree in three years.

He then went through the medical part of his field which worked with artificial arms and legs. He got that degree in two years and then went to medical school.

"With my interest in medicine, I didn't get to be a doctor myself but my son did. In addition, we have three people in our immediate family who are in the medical field. In our whole family, we have four doctors, four dentists and more than four nurses. So, we're a pretty medical family. It's a miracle I didn't turn out to be a doctor."

Whether he wore the white doctor's coat for an occupation or for a Halloween costume, it didn't matter because what Hancock helped create for Dwight and what he has meant to the entire operation has never gone unnoticed.

During his last meeting as part of the Continental Manor Board on Oct. 11, Hancock was honored with a special, heartfelt thank you and a cupcake.

"He is a super sweet guy. It was very neat having him around," said Nina Sorensen, who has been on the board for two years. "His stories are very neat. At our last meeting, he told us about his career as a jeweler. He started when he was 8-years old helping in someone else's shop. It's always fun to hear his stories of the past."

Hancock's stories are legendary through the board and the Village of Dwight.

Sorensen and Janice Lauritzen, the board's secretary for more than 10 years, will never forget them just like they won't forget what Hancock did to make the nursing home a successful endeavor more than 50 years later.

"He was an original investor in the nursing home. He was instrumental in getting the financing they needed for the nursing home," Lauritzen said. "He's been the board's vice president since the very beginning.

"I think him being around for so long made everyone feel good that he was so involved. They went through some pretty lean years. Just listening to him remember those times and how they were able to go through the tough times and still make it a success is great. The nursing home is great to have in town for not only employment, but for the Dwight residents. No one wants to go to a nursing home, but when we have to, it's nice to have it so they can stay in the same town. It's been great for the community over the years."

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Bob Klingler Honored

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the town) and the Overbrook Lake Committee. I suggested we have a lake committee to focus on the lake and the playground surrounding the lake so if something needs attention we take care of it. We stock the fish and host events involving the lake."

Klingler, 78, who ran Klingler's Jewelry for 40 years in Dwight, became a fixture in almost all Overbrook events involving the outdoors.

In 2011 he joined the Overbrook Parks and Recreation Board and was the board's chairman from Sept. 2012 until his resignation in Nov. 2019. During this time he was heavily involved in organizing and running the annual kids fishing derby and many other fishing clinics.

Because of his tireless dedication and duties such as lining up volunteers to run events and giving kid's prizes such as new fishing poles, it was only right for the new sign to be put in front of the kid's pond during the 13th annual Steve Cross Memorial Children's Fishing Derby, which was the last derby for Klingler.

"It's very rewarding to receive that kind of recognition. It really is and I appreciate it very much," Klingler said. "Mayor Jon Brady proclaimed the appreciation day and the city approved it. I've just had such a great relationship with the people involved in the parks and the community. I've developed a lot of great friendships out here, too.

"I still miss all of my dear friends in Dwight, although unfortunately due to our age there are less of them every year."

The 60 years Klingler resided in Dwight are still extremely important to him. Actually, the community-driven work ethic he developed at the Dwight Lions Club and other endeavors stemmed his services in Overbrook.

Klingler was deeply involved in the acquisition of Dwight's Lions Lake, which was a state borrow pit where dirt would be used for highway and interstate overpasses. After being neglected and only used to dump concrete, Klingler and the Lions Club became interested in making improvements to make it more useful.

Through State Representative Tom Ewing, the Lions Club sought to purchase the lake. Once Ewing told the club the lake had to be purchased in a public auction or sold to the city, it was put in action for Dwight to buy the lake for \$1.

The Lions Club then took over Lions Lake and have looked after it ever since.

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Gardner Village Board

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relative killed by a train in the 60's and the train horns remind him of that. Sharon Pickles commented she feels she is speaking for the people in town who do not like the horns and she cannot hear them at home. Commissioner Tim Hill commented he is in favor of keeping the horns. Commissioner Erik Smith commented he lives along the tracks and the horns do not bother them.

Resident Don Phillips, speaking on the agenda, addressed the board at length regarding the discussion of silencing train horns. Phillips, who stated he lives 400 feet from the tracks, shared his desire to allow the Union Pacific and Amtrak to maintain the use of horns when passing through the village. He also commented on his experience operating locomotives and investigating train collisions between both vehicles and pedestrians.

Commissioner Dick Hileman reported the assessed valuation of the village is just over \$24,960,000, and the industrial TIF district is valued at \$670K. Hileman commented the sewer ponds have not been pumped in some time, the village still owes \$200K for the water tower and also still owes payments to the Sheriff's Department and several other bills.

Commissioner Smith commented on the condition of several of the older sidewalks and the need to either repair or remove the walks that are grown over. Mayor Serena suggested developing a list of the walks in question and share the intentions with the area residents. Responding to a question about grant programs, Mayor Serena commented the lack of village debt has prevented the village from successfully securing grants.

Village Engineer Casey McCollom noted the new water tower is fully on-line. The gravel is being removed and the property will be reseeded. Mayor Serena asked McCollom to walk down the sidewalk at the water tower and share his thoughts.

Serena closed the meeting furthering his comments that he is in favor of keeping the train horns.

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LADY TROJAN junior Erin Anderson (No. 3) couldn't stay on her feet after a match-defining point, while senior Jordan Schultz (No. 10) and junior Kassy Kodat (No. 5) celebrate together in a match Oct. 11 against Tri-Point.

DWIGHT LADY TROJAN senior Alexis Thetard (No. 12) digs deep to help the Lady Trojans while freshman Maci Johnson (No. 11) looks on in support against Tri-Point Oct. 11 on Senior Night in Dwight.

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DWIGHT TROJANS CROSS COUNTRY competed in the All Area Meet in Kankakee October 7, with Tristan Chambers, pictured, running a personal record time of 18:33 – finishing in first place for the JV race. Brooke Vigna finished 43rd with a time of 27:05, while Mikalah Bregin ran a time of 27:51, good for 46th. Frank Lasser finished in a time of 23:20. Xander Pempe (24:35), Ethan Mack (22:01), and Michael Michon (20:50) rounded out the runners for Dwight. The Trojans have one more meet before regionals – Saturday, October 23.

Lady Panthers Earn Three Volleyball Victories Over Dwight

Wednesday, October 13
GSW vs. Dwight
Varsity -

In a varsity volleyball meeting October 13 between rivals Gardner-South Wilmington and Dwight, the Lady Panthers won in three sets, 20-25, 25-20, 25-17, to improve to 12-14-1 on the season.

Claire Hennessy had an ace, 15 digs, seven kills, and three assists. Hannah Frescura added 20 assists, six digs, and five kills. Colby Grieff (10 digs, 8 kills) and Addison Fair (8 digs, 6 kills) each had two blocks.

For Dwight, Kassy Kodat (16 assists, 10 digs, 4 kills) and Erin Anderson (18 digs, 6 kills) each had three aces. Alexis Thetard contributed two aces, 12 digs, two kills, a block, and one assist, while Jordan Schultz supplied 21 digs and seven kills. Brynn Connor contributed two digs, a block, and a kill. Kira Bean chipped in with six digs.

JV -
The JV Lady Panthers took down Dwight in two sets, 25-23, 25-20, upping their 2021



photo by Shayla Loring Photography

record to 13-11.

Eva Henderson led with two aces, nine digs, and five kills. Maddie Olsen had an ace and nine kills, with Ava Schultz coming up with 18 assists. Jessica Dominguez added 17 digs, while Kendall Huston had five kills.

Leading the Lady Trojans were Cheyanne Condreay (11 digs, 7 assists, 2 kills) and Avery Scheuer (7 digs, 2 as-

sists) with two aces each. Ella Legner provided an ace, six digs, and two kills. Kira Bean came up with 19 digs, two as-

sists, and one kill. Maya Green (5 digs, 1 block) and Isabella Bunting (2 blocks, 1 dig) each added three kills.

Freshmen -
The freshmen game ended with GSW winning 25-23, 14-25, 15-13.

Tess Brooks (5 assists) and Maya Cacello (1 kill) each had three aces for the Lady Pan-

thers. Hannah Balcom added six kills and a block.

Dwight's Lilly Duffy (16 digs, 1 assist, 1 kill), Brynn Connor (7 digs, 1 kill), Emerson Peters (6 digs, 2 kills), and Sophie Richie (3 assists, 2 digs, 2 kills) had one ace each. Maci Johnson put up 12 digs, seven assists, and three kills. Ella Legner contributed five digs and a kill, with Isabella Bunting coming up with four kills.



GSW LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, October 14
GSW vs. Illinois Lutheran
Varsity -

The varsity Lady Panthers were beaten by Illinois Lutheran, 14-25, 19-25, when they faced off October 14.

Hannah Frescura led with an ace, eight assists, and three kills. Claire Hennessy (1 kill) and Colby Grieff (5 kills) added six and four digs, respec-

tively.

JV -

GSW's JV girls won in two sets over Illinois Lutheran, 25-9, 27-25.

Hannah Balcom put up four aces and three kills, with Maddie Olsen adding an ace and two kills. Ave Schultz contributed eight assists and three digs.



DTHS LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, October 11
Dwight vs. Tri-Point
Varsity -

Dwight won in two sets over Tri-Point October 11, 25-20, 25-21.

Jordan Schultz had eight digs, five kills, and five aces. Kassy Kodat contributed four aces, 14 assists, five digs, and three kills. Alexis Thetard (7 digs, 4 kills, 1 block), Maci Johnson (3 digs, 2 kills), and Erin Anderson (10 digs, 2 kills) added two aces each. Brynn Connor came up with a block

and a kill.

JV -

In the JV meeting, the Lady Trojans won over T-P, 25-16, 25-23.

Maya Green (3 digs, 2 blocks) and Avery Scheuer (9 digs, 2 assists) each led with two aces. Ella Legner 95 digs, 1 kill, 1 assist), Kira Bean (8 digs, 2 assists) and Erica Vigna (9 digs, 3 assists) each put up an ace. Cheyanne Condreay had five kills, five assists, and two digs. Isabella Bunting provided three kills.



SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, October 12
Seneca vs. Marquette
TCC Tournament

The Lady Irish won their semifinal match over Mar-

quette in two sets October 12, 25-21, 25-20 – advancing to the TCC Tournament championship against Woodland.



THE SENECA LADY IRISH went 3-1 overall at the Bradley-Bourbonnais Invitational, winning over Mokence, Joliet Central, and the tournament champions – Belleville West. Emma Smith, pictured, was named to the All-Tournament Team. The Lady Irish move their record to 19-7 on the season.

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THE SENECA IRISH raced October 11 in the 48th Annual Columbus Day Invite, hosted by Amboy. Both teams had solid performances in the wet conditions. The girls finished seventh as a team, with Evelyn O'Connor (19th) and Ashley Alsvig (22nd), pictured, medaling. The boys team finished tenth, with Austin Aldridge, pictured, medaling in 17th place. Congratulations to all of the runners!



DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, October 11
Dwight vs. Pontiac
8th Grade -
Livingston County Tournament

The Lady Redbirds fell to Pontiac Junior High, 28-11, in game one of the Livingston County Tournament October 11.

Ryan Bean (10 rebounds, 2 steals) and Makayla Wahl-Seabert (5 rebounds) each scored four points. Kamryn Folkers added two points and a rebound. Mikayla Chambers chipped in with a free throw, two boards, a steal, and one assist. Delaney Boucher and Sophie Buck each had three steals and five rebounds, with Sarah Parker providing two boards and two swipes. Kit Connor added two steals and one rebound. Dori Wilson came up with a steal and a rebound.

7th Grade -
In Dwight's seventh grade match-up with Pontiac Junior High, the Lady Redbirds picked up an exciting 29-24 win in overtime.

Mikayla Chambers had a team-high 13 points to go with 7 steals. Delaney Boucher added six points, 11 boards, while Claire Sandeno supplied four points, 11 boards. Addie Sulzberger came up with three steals and three points. Kit Connor put in two points and pulled down three rebounds.

Tuesday, October 12
Dwight vs. MVK
8th Grade -

In action against MVK October 12, Dwight was victorious, 25-16.

Mikayla Chambers led the way with seven points, nine steals, three assists, and two rebounds. Delaney Boucher contributed six points, three boards, and two steals. Makayla Wahl-Seabert added four points, three rebounds, and three steals. Ryan Bean (5 rebounds, 5 steals), Sophie Buck (5 steals, 4 rebounds), Kamryn Folkers (3 rebounds, 3 steals), and Sarah Parker (4 steals) each scored two points. Kit Connor had three swipes and a rebound, with Dori Wilson grabbing two rebounds to go with a steal.

7th Grade -
The seventh grade Lady Redbirds won over MVK, 30-10, October 12.

Leading the team was Mikayla Chambers' ten points, four boards, three steals, and two assists. Claire Sandeno scored six points, adding that to six rebounds, six steals, and one assist. Delaney Boucher had four points, two rebounds, and a steal, while Addy Sulzberger (3

steals), De'Lana Marsh (3 steals, 2 rebounds, 1 assist), Cloe Gall (1 steal, 1 assist), and Kit Connor (1 assist, 1 steal) scored two points each. Lauren Snyder put up two boards, two steals, and an assist. Addison Perez snagged six rebounds.

Wednesday, October 13
Dwight vs. Woodland
7th Grade -
Livingston County Tournament

On October 13, Dwight defeated Woodland, 28-10, to move onto the Livingston County Tournament championship game.

Mikayla Chambers outscored the entire Woodland team, putting up 16 points to go with 13 steals and four assists. Delaney Boucher added ten points, six boards, and five steals, with Cloe Gall getting two points and two steals. Claire Sandeno pulled down five rebounds and had two swipes. Lauren Snyder and Addy Sulzberger each had one steal.

Thursday, October 14
Dwight vs. Saratoga
8th Grade -

The Dwight Lady Redbirds lost their game against Morris Saratoga October 14, 34-23.

Makayla Wahl-Seabert led with six points, ten boards, and a steal. Delaney Boucher came up with five points, four rebounds, and two steals, followed by three points, five boards, three steals, and an assist from Sophie Buck. Kit Connor (2 rebounds), Mikayla Chambers (4 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists), Kamryn Folkers (1 rebound), and Sarah Parker (3 rebounds, 3 steals) each scored two points. Ryan Bean chipped in with a free throw, five rebounds, and two assists. Claire Sandeno swiped four steals, with Dori Wilson grabbing two boards.

7th Grade -
Dwight's seventh graders won 16-12 over Saratoga.

Mikayla Chambers led with seven points, five steals, three rebounds, and two assists, with Delaney Boucher adding six points, five boards, and a steal. Lauren Snyder scored three points to go with five rebounds and four steals. Claire Sandeno had three steals, three boards, and one assist, while Addy Sulzberger added three steals and two rebounds. Sophie Bastian contributed two steals, two boards, with Addison Perez coming down with a rebound. De'Lana Marsh had one steal.

6th Grade -
In the sixth grade match-up with Saratoga at home, Dwight

lost a nail-biter, 18-17.

Leading the Lady Redbird charge was Olivia Buck with ten points. Grace Tjelle scored four points, grabbed nine boards, and had three steals. Addie Avilez added two points, four rebounds, while Kaitlyn Todd and Sienna Burke, who had her best defensive effort of the season, both snagged four boards.

With three seconds remaining, Buck broke lose and had a great look – but that shot rolled in and out – leaving the Lady Redbirds a point short. “B” -

Dwight's “B” team fell 18-0. Emma Anderson had four boards; Elizabeth Hansen, three. Maya Lemke and Cara Wilson each pulled down two rebounds; Bianca Noriega and Addy Pittenger, one each.

Friday, October 15
Dwight vs. Prairie Central
Livingston County Tournament

In the Livingston County Tourney championship against Prairie Central October 15, Dwight won big, 27-12.

Mikayla Chambers led with 11 points, ten steals, and four boards. Delaney Boucher came up with eight points, six swipes, and five rebounds. Lauren Snyder chipped in with four points, three boards, and two steals. Claire Sandeno (5 steals, 3 rebounds) and Cloe Gall (2 steals, 1 rebound) each had two points.

Saturday, October 16
Dwight at MVK
6th Grade -

Dwight's sixth grade girls traveled to MVK for a triangular tournament – going home with two victories and the tournament championship.

Dwight vs. GSWB

In the first game against GSWB, Olivia Buck led the team with eight points and five rebounds. Shay Sulzberger scored four points, with June Woods, Grace Tjelle (4 rebounds), and Kaitlyn Todd each chipping in with two. Addie Avilez added five steals and three rebounds. Elizabeth Hansen grabbed four off the glass in Dwight's 18-6 win.

The second game saw the Lady Redbirds take out the tourney host, MVK, 16-8.

Leading Dwight was Buck's 12 points and a team-high six steals. Tjelle scored two points and led the team with seven boards. Todd contributed five rebounds and three steals. Hansen had five boards, four steals, while Sienna Burke made five swipes.



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Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	2,958,253	414,712	288,430	397,749	103,966	0	49,747	186,189	49,970
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	310,128	0	0	125,098	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	346,135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		3,614,516	414,712	288,430	522,847	103,966	0	49,747	186,189	49,970
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		3,088,843	540,412	290,750	461,271	121,239	0	0	154,709	187,127
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		1,749,607	690,490	7,163	864,294	319,454	0	568,019	93,609	1,072,076
Other Changes in Fund Balances		37,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		2,312,280	564,790	4,843	925,870	302,181	0	617,766	125,089	934,919

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• Senior Living •

Effective Exercises for Seniors - Overcoming a Stale Workout

Losing interest in an exercise regimen is a situation many fitness enthusiasts have confronted at one point or another.

Overcoming a stale workout routine can be simple for young athletes, whose bodies can typically handle a wide range of physical activities. That flexibility allows younger athletes the chance to pursue any number of physical activities when their existing fitness regimens grow stale. But what about seniors who have grown tired of their workouts?

Even seniors who have lived active lifestyles since they were youngsters are likely to encounter certain physical limitations associated with aging.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the likelihood of dealing with one or more physical limitations increases with age. CDC data indicates that 8 percent of adults between the ages of 50 and 59 have three or more physical limitations. That figure rises to 27 percent among adults age 80 and over.

Physical limitations may be a part of aging for many people, but such obstacles need not limit seniors looking to banish boredom from their workout routines.

In fact, many seniors can successfully engage in a variety of exercises that benefit their bodies and are unlikely to grow stale.

- **Water aerobics:** Sometimes referred to as “aqua aerobics,” water aerobics may involve jogging in the water, leg lifts, arm curls, and other activities that can safely be performed in a pool. The YMCA notes that water aerobics exercises are low impact, which can make them ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues like arthritis.
- **Resistance band workouts:** Resistance band workouts can be especially useful for seniors who spend a lot of time at home.

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- **Pilates:** Pilates is another low-impact exercise that can be ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues. According to SilverSneakers, a community fitness program for seniors that

promotes living through physical and social engagement, Pilates can help seniors build overall strength, stability and coordination. SilverSneakers even notes that seniors can experience improvements in strength and stability by committing to as little as 10 to 15 minutes of daily Pilates exercises.

- **Strength training:** Seniors on the lookout for something more challenging than a daily walk around the neighborhood should not overlook the benefits of strength training.

The CDC notes that seniors who participate in strength training can stimulate the growth of muscle and bone, thereby reducing their risk for osteoporosis and frailty. In fact, the CDC notes that people with health concerns like arthritis or heart disease often benefit the most from exercise regimens that include lifting weights a few times each week.

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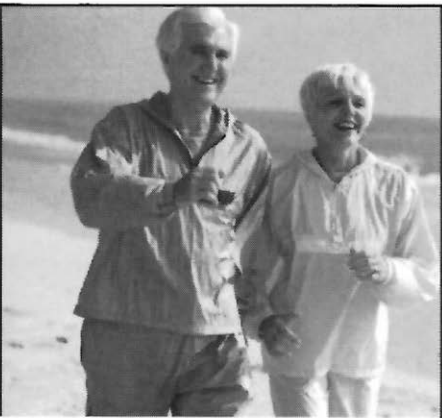


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Simple Ways to Maintain Memory as You Age

Adults confront various age-related side effects as they transition from middle age to their golden years. Skin may begin to wrinkle and hair may turn gray, but those are just the visible side effects of aging.

Many additional effects are unseen, but those changes can have a profound effect on adults' quality of life.

According to the Mayo Clinic, various parts of the body are affected by aging. For example, the cardiovascular system changes as people grow older. Blood vessels and arteries stiffen as adults age, forcing

the heart to work harder to pump blood through them.

Though many changes are linked to aging, other changes commonly associated with aging, such as a decline in memory, reasoning and other thinking skills, are not natural. The Alzheimer's Association notes that dementia is not a normal part of aging. There are many different types of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, and these are the result of damage to brain cells that affect a person's ability to communicate.

That damage is not inevitable, even if it's commonly associated with aging.

The Harvard Medical School (HMS) notes that fleeting memory problems experienced with aging often reflect normal changes in the structure and function of the brain.

But it's important that those changes not be mistaken for dementia, and it's equally important that adults recognize there are many ways they can protect and sharpen their minds as they age.

- **Continue learning.** HMS notes that a higher level of education is associated with a lower risk of dementia.

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The Basics of Long-Term Care



Many older adults get some peace of mind by taking steps to finance long-term care should they become incapable of living independently.

LT Care Consumer, a health care advisory company, says 70 percent of people over age 65 will require some type of care at some point in their lives. According to the 2017 Cost of Care study by Genworth Financial, the average annual cost for a private room at a nursing home is \$97,455. Such costs illustrate why long-term care insurance can be a wise investment.

Long-term care, or LTC, encompasses services and support that assist individuals with the activities of daily living. ADLs include bathing, eating, dressing, toileting, and more. In addition, LTC may support needs such as caring for pets, household chores, medicine management, and meal preparation. LTC may be provided by specialized assisted living facilities or by in-home care workers.

The resource Long Term Care Primer advises that individuals typically must fund their own long-term care. Many facilities are not subsidized by government assistance programs under Medicare in the United States. Medicaid may step in for certain individuals who are of limited means, but that assistance may be exclusive to those living in skilled nursing facilities. That means the bulk of paying for long-term care rests on the individual.

Long-term care insurance can pay for care to treat chronic health conditions and meet personal needs over an extended period of time. This is known as custodial care. Individuals

who have habits or health issues that could result in the need for LTC in the future should look into LTC insurance. LTC insurance also can be a sound investment for individuals who cannot afford extended nursing care out-of-pocket.

The Ohio Department of Insurance notes that policies may vary, but they typically include a deductible or elimination period, which is a time when the policy holder is liable for payment before the insurance begins.

Policies typically include a daily benefit as well. This is the maximum amount the insurance company will pay toward each day in the nursing facility; the policy holder may be responsible for the difference. Policies also include a benefit period, or the length of time the policy will pay the daily benefit, which can be a few years or a lifetime.

Individuals also have other options in regard to securing long-term care. Care.com says comprehensive LTC policies, combination policies and riders to current life insurance policies may help augment long-term care needs.

Because LTC insurance — and paying for health care in general — can be quite confusing, people are urged to speak to professionals about their options and whether LTC insurance is necessary.

A 2014 study by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College estimated that only 20 to 30 percent of people would benefit from a policy. Researchers concluded that, while many people do need long-term care, they may not need it for an extended period

of time and may be able to cover their care with their own savings. Furthermore, cost for policies may be \$2,000 a year — which is a concern for some people.

Individuals who purchase LTC insurance should know that medical underwriting for policies can be extensive.

Coverage may be denied for current or past health conditions. Most people find that the best age at which to buy LTC insurance is in one's mid-50s. Healthy individuals may be eligible for discounts on LTC premiums.

Long-term care insurance is a consideration for older adults facing the potential for care assistance in the future. Because considerable cost is involved, potential policy holders should discuss their options with insurance and financial professionals.

Simple Ways to Maintain Memory — — —

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Education is associated with improved mental functioning in old age.

The reasons for that are unknown, but experts theorize that advanced education compels people to remain mentally active, which in turn helps them maintain a strong memory. Even aging men and women who are still working in challenging fields can benefit from pursuing a new hobby or learning a new skill.

• **Use the tools at your disposal.** It may seem counterintuitive to suggest that organizational tools like planners, maps and lists can help people maintain their memories.



to use more than one sense. Memory loss is not an inevitable side effect of aging, especially for adults who take steps to maintain their memories as they age.

However, HMS notes that expending mental energy on finding car keys or trying to remember what to buy at the store makes it harder to learn new and important things.

• **Let all your senses play a role.** HMS reports that the more senses a person uses to learn something, the more his or her brain is involved in retaining a memory.

HMS cites one study in which adults were shown a series of emotionally neutral images that were each presented along with a smell. Participants were not asked to recall what they saw, but were later shown a set of images and asked to indicate which they had previously seen.

The participants had excellent recall for the odor-paired images, and researchers believe that's because additional parts of the brain were activated when participants were asked

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about 13 percent, although the amount for any given facility would vary. Funding increases would be based on a formula that also takes a facility's profit margin into account so that profitable nursing homes that do not adequately staff their facilities would not see their reimbursements increase on par with those that do.

The report notes that Illinois spends billions of dollars each year on nursing facility care for roughly 45,000 Medicaid patients, but the state consistently ranks last in the nation for staffing, as measured by the national Staff Time and Resource Intensity Verification, or STRIVE Project. In fact, Illinois accounts for 47 of the 100 most understaffed facilities in the nation when comparing actual staffing levels against their STRIVE target levels.

Andy Allison, DHFS's deputy director for strategic planning and analytics, said those shortages had tragic consequences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Imagine ourselves in the year or two prior to COVID, and if we had known it was coming, whether we would have considered resident safety, room crowding, and staffing to have been urgent issues," he said. "We lost — this is hard for me — thousands in our nursing homes. I don't think there's anyone in the country who would not at that point have said, this is urgent. And I think the point is nothing has changed, except that now we know just how bad it can be."

Allison also said increased funding alone will not solve the staffing shortage in nursing homes. He said the industry itself also needs to make fundamental changes to address its workforce challenges.

"We are in an urgent race to strengthen that labor market — not to capture them, but to entice them to stay in the serving profession that they've chosen," he said.

"And one of the ways to do that is to make it more of a profession, to give it a pay scale, to allow for promotion, to provide a payoff to staying with it, which is actually one of the principal policy objectives that HFS, the department, has had for years, which is consistency of the relationship between a staff and the residents that they serve."

The recommendations came as welcome news for some in the nursing home industry.

Angela Schnepf, executive vice president of LeadingAge Illinois, an association of nonprofit aging service providers, said the policy changes DHFS recommend are long overdue and should have been part of the plan when Illinois first adopted its nursing home assessment in 2011.

"As many of you know, 10 years ago, the General Assembly by a thin margin passed the bed tax for a \$105 million increase to support the staffing ratios passed in the spring of 2010," she said. "The rate increase funded the status quo with an assumption that understaffed nursing homes would apply the money to increase their number of staff. One would have thought this made sense. However, the data shows that did not happen."

Schnepf went on to say that a survey of nursing homes just before the pandemic showed that the 120 facilities with the lowest staffing levels had actually reduced their staffing hours per resident day by 5.8 percent since 2010, the year before the assessment went into effect, while the statewide average for all nursing homes in the state increased 4.5 percent.

"As you may or may not know, LeadingAge Illinois opposed the bed tax in 2011 because we anticipated the tax would shift money from well-staffed nursing homes to the pockets of owners of understaffed nursing homes be-

cause of the zero requirement of accountability to apply the new money to increasing their staff," she said. "As a result, over 40 percent of Illinois nursing homes were losers or lost money, and over 60% of our LeadingAge Illinois members were losers. That means good providers bore the tax burden to fund the failed attempt to increase staffing in understaffed nursing homes, all to no avail."

But Matt Pickering, executive director of the Health Care Council of Illinois, which represents for-profit nursing homes, criticized the plan for reinforcing what he called a "punitive relationship" and called for an across-the-board rate increase, especially for those with high percentages of low-income residents.

"These facilities face the most challenges to providing care due to the state paying among the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rates in the country," he said. "We must prioritize quality health care for low-income residents and not jeopardize the stability of our long-term system."

Wednesday's hearing before a joint meeting of four health care-related House committees was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken.

Rep. Camille Lilly, D-Chicago, who chairs the Appropriations-Human Services Committee, called the recommendations "only the first step" toward improving the quality of care for Illinois seniors, and she said there would be more joint hearings in the future.

"This first step does not dictate that we're going to have quality services in these nursing homes," she said. "It does improve some of the staffing issues. But it does not mean we're going to change the quality until we change the mindsets of those who are working in these facilities and why they are there."

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

September Revenue Report looks good . . . but warns of storm clouds on the horizon

The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) has issued its report on the revenues collected by the state in September. The report found that Illinois’ fiscal situation was improved compared to one year ago – September 2020 when the state was deep in the pandemic - but warned about fiscal dangers in the coming months.

Overall, revenue was up from one year ago. Personal income tax receipts improved by \$191 million, corporate tax receipts gained by \$528 million and sales tax collections were up by \$140 million. All are

signs of improving economic activity. Money coming from Uncle Sam went up by \$925 million.

The warnings from COGFA concerned the state’s growing debt. In August and September the state sold \$493 million in bonds. The debt incurred from these transactions has relatively low interest rates, but rates which are higher than those charged to other states because of their better credit ratings. Illinois taxpayers will bear the burden of these higher repayment costs.

COGFA found that the ongoing spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant was causing a de-

cline in consumer confidence in Illinois, which in the past has led to drops in large purchases such as new homes or cars – a problem already manifesting itself due to the worldwide semiconductor shortage. Drops in large purchases can in turn drive down such revenues as sales taxes and real estate transfer taxes.

We in state government need to heed these warnings and be more cautious when it comes to spending taxpayer money.

Public safety task force created to “study the rise of violence” in Illinois. Nine months after ramming through

policing legislation, House Bill 3653, which was opposed by virtually every law enforcement group in the state, the Speaker of the House has created a Public Safety and Violence Prevention Task Force to “study the rise in violence and identify legislative actions to improve public safety in all Illinois communities.”

A good place to start might involve listening to our public safety officials and taking their concerns seriously, something which was sorely lacking from the discussions around police reform at the start of this year. In his letter making his appointments to the task force,

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin wrote: “When illogical anti-police legislation is made law of the land, such as HB 3653, the message sent is that the good men and women who wear the badge are not a priority and cannot be trusted with keeping the streets and neighborhoods safe.” Durkin went on to note that the “constant vilification” of law enforcement officers “only demoralizes those who are sworn to serve and protect.”

It is undeniable that we have a crime problem in Illinois, and the daily headlines suggest that it is getting worse. There are a lot of good ideas out there for

improving public safety. I hope we can put partisan ideology aside and correct the mistakes of the past as we work to keep Illinois safe.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$4,476,089,340 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$7.8 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as our unfunded pension liability which is subject to a wide range of factors and has been estimated to be more than \$141 billion.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

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		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,327,342	342,220	317,258	73,978	80,250	0	30,824	140,505	30,824
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	4,438	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,010,315	0	0	120,287	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	112,522	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,454,617	342,220	317,258	194,265	80,250	0	30,824	140,505	30,824
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,356,135	436,771	317,162	233,972	69,095	0		151,842	10,464
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	50,000	0	0	(50,000)	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		1,425,355	439,293	1,511	109,714	8,967	200	815,693	178,835	52,578
Other Changes in Fund Balances		86,072	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		1,609,909	344,742	1,607	120,007	20,122	200	796,517	167,498	72,938

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Following the vocal steps of the Andrews Sisters, this tight-harmony ensemble will charm and delight with a wide range of great vintage songs and old-fashioned fun.

America's Sweethearts will be in Pontiac Saturday, November 13, at 3:00 p.m., at the Pontiac Township High School Auditorium (1100 E. Indiana Avenue).

Note: this is a matinee concert at 3:00 p.m. Some original publicity had an error on the time of the concert.

America's Sweethearts have performed across the USA at iconic places honoring veterans, as well as large theatres and intimate cabaret venues. Their colorful costumes and crystal-clear harmonies will delight audiences as they perform a wide range of repertoire from WWII, Great American Songbook favorites, classic Broadway, pop tunes

from the 1950s, and jazz. The swinging sounds of female close-harmony will be featured through a variety of trios, duets, and solos. The program may include Bei Mir Bist du Schoen, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Armed Forces Medley, Sentimental Journey, and Sisters among a wide variety of other favorites.

Members of the Livingston County Concert Association will enjoy a blend of great music and voices. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Ruth Schlosser at 815-844-6394. Memberships for the remaining season, as well as individual tickets for the America's Sweethearts concert, will be available at the auditorium prior to the concert.

Rod Patterson, president of the Association, has announced that the Association wishes to honor all Veterans and is inviting them to attend this concert at no charge.

For more information about the LCCA, call Rod or Dorothy Patterson at 815-844-7833 or send an e-mail to Rod.Hjemme@gmail.com.

**Touch-A-Truck Event
in Morris October 23**

GFWC Morris Women's Club will host Touch-A-Truck, a free family event, on the Grundy County Courthouse lawn Saturday, October 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., including the opportunity to Touch-A-Truck, face

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Dwight	16,861	713
Herscher	3,969	327
Gardner	3,518	268
Odell	3,738	214
Mazon	2,552	210
Braceville	2,600	182
Essex	1,662	159
S. Wilmington	1,362	109
Cullom	1,844	93
Saunemin	1,762	89
Reddick	1,381	80
Verona	1,064	75
Buckingham	1,034	71
Cabery	1,069	61
Ransom	1,144	57
Emington	709	50
Kempton	951	50
Blackstone	611	40
Kinsman	588	22
Campus	570	20
Union Hill	178	13

*Numbers
as of
10/18/21*

Statistics via:
dph.illinois.gov

County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	323,587	17,795	247
LaSalle	286,821	14,954	285
Grundy	94,777	7,317	86
Livingston	154,589	5,946	97
Iroquois	72,782	4,181	77
Ford	44,718	2,422	59

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,665,777; **Deaths:** 25,407;
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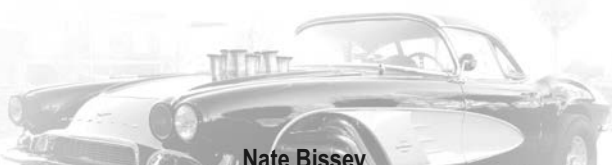
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This Week**

The national average for a gallon of gasoline rose six cents over the past week to hit \$3.33. The primary driver of this surge remains the cost of crude oil, which is now closing daily above \$80 a barrel. In August, the price of crude was in the low \$60s per barrel. According to new data from the EIA, last week's total domestic gasoline supply fell by 2 million bbl. Gasoline demand also fell to 9.19 million b/d, but the agency calculates it is still some 610,000 b/d above last year. With oil prices remaining elevated, pump prices will follow suit because the cost of crude oil accounts for more than half of the price of each gallon of gas. The national average of \$3.33 is 14 cents more than a month ago, \$1.17 more than a year ago, and 68 cents more than in 2019.

City/Village	October 20	October 11
Dwight	\$3.36	\$3.34
Kankakee	\$3.45	\$3.49
Streator	\$3.36	\$3.38
Pontiac	\$3.23	\$3.25
Gardner	\$3.45	\$3.45
Braceville	\$3.25	\$3.37
Morris	\$3.41	\$3.40
Herscher	\$3.48	\$3.46
Chicago	\$3.62	\$4.06
Illinois	\$3.47	\$3.64
U.S.	\$3.33	\$3.27

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

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DWIGHT FELL TO IROQUOIS WEST 56-6 in Week 8 action, but it wasn't without a few highlight reels such as Junior Dawson Carr (No. 12) getting open for a few passes.
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DTHS SOPHOMORE QB CONNER TELFORD (No. 3) avoids the Iroquois West pass rush while Junior Austin Burkhardt (No. 25) tries to help his teammate.

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Friday, October 15
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The Seneca Fighting Irish ran all over Central Friday night, winning 30-14, backed by a pair of touchdowns each from Nathan Grant and Brock Moore.

The Irish did not have a single yard in the air, but it didn't matter. Seneca rushed for 310 yards on the ground in the contest – and put up 22 points in the fourth quarter – to put down a tough squad from Central.

Grant scored his team's first touchdown in the first quarter (2-point conversion run by Collin Wright), then the Comets answered in the second quarter with eight points of their own. The first half would end with the two teams knotted up at 8-8.

It wasn't until Grant took it in from seven yards out (2-point conversion run by Collin Wright) early in the fourth quarter that the scoreboard would light up again.

However, 90 seconds later, Central would get six on a 41-yard pass – but would fail to convert on the two-point con-

version, leaving the score at 16-14, Irish.

Then Brock Moore took over.

In the final two-and-a-half minutes of the game, Moore scored on a one-yard run and a 77-yard rush – both followed by Paxton Giertz extra point kicks – that put the Comets out of commission, with Seneca winning 30-14.

Wright ran for 117 yards on 24 carries, while Moore was close behind with 112 yards on ten touches. Grant also ran it ten times, racking up 44 yards. Braden Ellis had seven carries for 27 yards, with Asher Hamby and Dominic Griffin tallying eight and two yards on the ground, respectively.

Hamby led on defense with eight tackles, including one for a loss. Moore added 3.5 tackles (TFL), while Kysen Klinker tackled three. Carter Ellis recorded 2.5 tackles, with Lane Provance (1 sack, 1.5 TFL), Grant, and Kyle Hamby (1 sack, 1 TFL) each getting 1.5 tackles. Giertz, Patrick Griffin, and Jaden Casey added a tackle each. Brian Hooker assisted on a takedown.

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