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THREE SENIORS from Dwight Township High School earned the prestigious distinction of being named Illinois State Scholars for the Class of 2022. Alayna Airgood, Ella Kargle, and Emily Scott rank among the top 10% of students across the state of Illinois, with their selection based on cumulative GPA throughout their high school career and their SAT score. Congrat-

### DTHS Board Reviews Tax Levy, New Courses Approved

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Township High School District #230 met Wednesday November 10 to conduct District business.

In Public Comments, Jackie Froelich suggested that the various reports given each week

watching the meetings via Zoom would be more informed by hearing the reports spoken. Dr. Richard Jancek replied that the plan in the future was to have the board packets on-line in advance of the meetings.

In further Public Comments, board member Max Sulzberegr be verbalized rather than just brought up for discussion the accepted "as reported". current district mask policy. He Froelich pointed out people related that watching the Uni-

versity of Illinois basketball the night before on television, very few people in attendance were wearing masks. Sulzberger said parents often ask him when the mask policy might be revised and perhaps it is time for it to be reviewed. Jancek responded that he was aware some school districts had decided not to follow the Executive Order issued by the Governor, but as long as it was in force, the District would follow the law. Masks would also continue to be required at sporting events.

In Notices, Communications, and Recognitions three recent emails were presented commending Athletic Director Kathy Ferguson and the High School students and staff on their hosting of the Regional Volleyball Tournament. High marks and kudos were given by parents, officials, and administrators from participating schools on how the event was handled and the conduct of Dwight students in attendance.

In the Athletic Director's report, Ferguson informed the Board that there had been interest expressed in a Trap Shooting Team and it was being explored.

Jancek reported that he was looking at ways to enhance communication between administrators and bus drivers on their routes. The district covers (continued on page 2)



### Time to See National Parks **Irv Masching Set to Retire After Practicing Law 46 Years**

By Brandon LaChance

Countless trains have traveled the tracks.

Many businesses have opened their doors, some have closed and some still flip the open/close sign or turn on and off the light switch daily.

Buildings have changed, technology has advanced, different government officials have been sworn in and resident's family trees have expanded.

Irv Masching, Dwight's Village Attorney, has sat at his desk in his office on 105 East Chippewa St. in Dwight since 1981 to witness it all.

"It's refreshing to see democracy at the ground level," Masching said. "Our national politics are a wreck right now, but at the local level there really isn't Democrats or Republicans in a small town. There are, but it's not the motivation. The motivation is when citizens turn on the water, the water turns on. The garbage is picked up and the sewer works.

"Those are really the nuts

and bolts of small town government and democracy. If you know your neighbors, then you know police officers, fire fighters and people of other important roles. It's nice to see that. People just want things to work right, it's not based off of philosophy and whether you're right or left."

Masching's view of the world may not change, but where he sees it from will be different since he is retiring as Village Attorney Nov. 30 and is ceasing all law practice Dec.

Masching, 71, who grew up in the Dwight area, graduated from Valparaiso University in 1975 and became a lawyer in Dwight in Oct. 1975, 46 years ago, after passing the bar exam.

"I was kind of interested in history and the founding fathers and when they put together the Constitution," said Masching. "There was a case where President John Quincy Adams thought he had John Marshall in a trap because he thought Marshall was going to rule against him. His reference

'Let him enforce it if he was,

"What Marshall did was he said the law was unconstitutional. It didn't give John Adams a reason to do anything. But what it did was expand the court's power to say it had the right to review laws and determine whether they're constitutional or not. It greatly expanded the rules of the judiciary by accident.

"I also probably watched Perry Mason a few times."

When his career started, he was stationed in the old village hall building beside the Dwight Water Tower in the days when smoke clouds circled the ceilings and stuck to clothing as soon as a person entered a

room. Masching, who has been the Village Attorney for 38 years (non-consecutively) of his 46 years of practicing law, chuckles when he remembers his wife Lynn Masching hanging his suits on the back porch so the stench didn't infiltrate the Masching home.

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At a special joint board meeting, November 9, the Dwight

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November 6: Anthony S. Mathes, 22, Kempton, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

November 7: Emma M. Willard, 17, Reddick, driving 15-20 MPH above limit: Rvan J. Starkey, 28, Bourbonnais, driving 15-20 MPH above

November 8: Darreon Q. Roby, 42, Momence, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

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### **Dwight Police Blotter**

November 8: Arrested on an In-State Warrant was Vanessa Almanza, 46, of Dwight. She posted bond and was given a new court date.

November 9: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of W. South for damage to a vehicle; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 500 block of S. Clinton for damage to a residence.

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### Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 5: Tremont, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Delaware, medical, St. James; I-55, trauma, mutual aid to Gardner.

November 6: Morris Rd., medical, refusal.

November 7: 2500 E. Rd., medical, refusal; Julie, medical, RMC; Mazon, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; Mazon, trauma, RMC; I-55 NB, trauma, refusal.

November 8: Main St., medical, Morris, mutual aid to Morris: Franklin St., medical, St. James; Main St., medical,

November 9: Main, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical; Prospect, trauma, refusal; Franklin, trauma, Morris.

November 10: I-55 NB, trauma, refusal; Mazon Ave., trauma, refusal; East. St., medical, cancelled.

November 11: Northbrook, medical, Morris.

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### **Dwight Fire Incidents** 11/5 - 11/12

November 5: Mutual Aid to Gardner.

November 6: Mutual Aid to Braidwood.

November 7: Motor Vehicle Accident - I-55.

November 12: Motor Vehicle Accident – Rt. 17 at Campus

Dwight EMS.

### **ETSB** Meeting November 17

A meeting of the Vermilion Valley Regional Emergency Communications Joint Authority will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 17, in the Public Safety Complex, 911 Training Room (downstairs), 844 W. Lincoln St. in Pontiac.

The next regular meeting of the Vermilion Valley ETSB will be Wednesday, January 12, at the same time and loca-

The next regular committee of the whole meeting will be Wednesday, February 16, at the same location.

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### **Work With Life Partner to Achieve Mutual Goals**

When you and your life partner work together to achieve your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement lifestyle, the experience can be greatly rewarding. However, your success will require commitment and discipline. So, what steps should you take along the way?

One key move is to decide early in your relationship how you will handle money. Many couples merge their finances and make joint decisions on major purchases. But some couples like to keep at least part of their finances distinct, perhaps by maintaining separate checking or savings accounts. There's really no one correct solution for everyone, but whatever you decide, you'll want to be assured that all the bills will be paid and that neither one of you feels the pressure of an unfair financial burden.

Here's another suggestion: Try to avoid keeping financial secrets from your partner. That means disclosing your debts, hidden funds or uncommon investments. These types of surprises can lead to difficulties and mistrust. Even if you're entering the relationship carrying something like a heavy student loan, it's best to get it out in the open right away so, together, you can strive to gradually eliminate it.

Of course, there's also a practical side to not keeping secrets. Your large student loan could affect your credit rating – an issue that may arise when you and your partner are seeking a mortgage or some other type of loan. Clearly, you both should be aware of this potential stumbling block before you begin the application process.

Now, let's consider your investments. You each may have your own IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might also share a joint investment account. However, you might not share the same risk tolerance - perhaps one of you tends to be more aggressive, willing to take more risks in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other is more conservative, preferring to keep down the risk level of a portfolio, even if it means lesser capacity for growth.

Again, neither you nor your partner is necessarily "right" or "wrong" in your views on investing – and nobody's feelings about risk should be ignored. But once you've clearly identified your retirement goals and estimated their cost, you may find that compromise is possible. In other words, perhaps the conservative partner will realize that a too-cautious approach could hinder progress toward the desired retirement goal, while the partner who focuses on maximum growth will learn that a somewhat less aggressive approach can still yield the desired results. This type of compromise may affect the investment choices you make in your individual accounts as well as your joint accounts. And the way you choose your investments may even change over time, especially if your financial goals

Ultimately, communication is the key. As long as you're talking to each other and openly expressing your wishes and concerns, you and your partner can find a way to keep moving toward your mutual goals.

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### **Gardner Village Board Convenes** lic hearing in the spring and the cost of cutting the right-of-way

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session November 8, hearing comments from residents on a variety of issues.

Dabbs, Dave Taylor, and Jerry Curtis.

Responding to public comment, Mayor Mike Serena noted the Sheriff's Department has been unable to complete service on one of the properties; the deputies continue to pursue service. Another property went to court, with one vehicle towed and the other being taken into compliance with local ordinance. Serena spoke to a third owner and confirmed the operating condition of the vehicle in question.

Resident Don Phillips addressed the board, first during public comment, and on the agenda regarding train horns in the village.

During public comment, Phillips reminded the mayor, board, and village residents of the Veterans Day program at the Gardner American Legion.

On the agenda, Phillips asked about the board's current position on train horns in the village. Phillips read a news release from the Will County Coroner regarding the pedestrian train accident in Braidwood on November 5.

Mayor Serena responded the board is considering a pubpossibility of a ballot item. Phillips commented he opposes a ballot issue based on it having the potential to place the village in an unwinnable situation as a referendum could not be binding on federal law, regardless of the outcome.

A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE was hosted by the Livingston Masonic Lodge #371 at St.

Patrick Parish Hall on November 9. Assisting at the event, pictured, from left, were Mark

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Phillips urged the mayor and board to uphold their responsibility for the safety of the village, rather than spend the money for a hearing and referendum.

Mayor Serena and Commissioner Rob Wolf voiced support for placing the item on the ballot. Commissioner Tim Hill commented he agrees with Phillips in keeping the horns, and Commissioner Erik Smith suggested residents could go and be heard at a regular board meeting. Wolf suggested tabling the issue and it will remain in unfinished business.

Resident Mike Pokornicki addressed the board regarding grass cutting on village property, trains, and animal control. Pokornicki commented he received a bill from the village for \$200 for cutting the grass on the right-of-way bordering his property. He stated he would be filing in small claims court for \$5,000 to recover his

property. He also requested a copy of the treasurer's report and book of codification.

Commissioner Smith contacted State Senator Patrick Joyce regarding the condition of IL Route 129. Smith reported Senator Joyce is researching the issue and will get back to him.

Village Engineer Casey Mc-Collom commented the water pressure remains at 63 to 65 psi and they have not yet tested the overflow on the tower. Discussions have centered around the operator having concerns with the late part of the year and a failure could create issues going into the winter.

Mayor Serena received a letter from Katie Bodine indicating the First Midwest Bank will host the Festival of Trees again. Serena also reported the Village is planning the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 28, with the Lions Club serving hot chocolate, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and music.

Serena also reported he has spoken to the owners of the solar farm and they are working to clean up the area.

Serena closed the meeting by inviting the residents to the annual Veterans Day program.

### DTHS Board Reviews Tax Levy, New Courses Approved -

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a lot of area and there are spots where communication is difficult. A request had been presented to the Village of Dwight to place communication devices on top of a water tower. The request was declined due to regulations and safety issues. The next option will be to look at placing these devices on light posts on school grounds.

In New Business, three new course offerings were approved for the 2022 - 23 school year:

tography; Ag Department, Farm to Fork; and Science Department, AP Physics.

Much of the remaining portion of the meeting surrounded the annual Equalized Assessed Valuation levy. Discussion centered on how the levy might be reduced by various amounts and how this may impact future capital projects. It was decided that before any official decision on setting the levy, the board would meet and tour the High School facility to assess and

Art Department, Digital Pho- prioritize needs. This meeting was set for December 1 at 4

The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. No official action followed.

Board members in attendance at the November 10 meeting were Tim Henson, Max Sulzberger, Kevin Berta, Joel Sandeno, Eric Scheuer, and Susan Legner. Absent was Paul Warner.

The Board will next meet in regular session on December 8.

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### **Morris Community YMCA Announces Gift from Grundy Bank**

The Morris Community YMCA's Capital Campaign, which is raising funds to develop a new 50,000-squarefoot YMCA and healthcare center adjacent to Morris Grade School, received a major boost thanks to the announcement of a generous \$250,000 gift from Grundy Bank.

For more than a decade, the Morris Community YMCA has been serving residents in Grundy County by offering programs in the areas of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

To further grow its impact in the community, the Y announced plans in 2018 for the development of a new full-facility in partnership with Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers.

While the YMCA hopes to open this new facility within the next several years, the size, scope, and timing will ultimately be determined by the generosity of the community in support of this project.

"We are so grateful for Grundy Bank's generous support of the YMCA," said Chief Operating Officer Missy Durkin. "Grundy Bank has a long history of supporting initiatives in our community, and has been an invaluable partner of the Y since we first opened our doors in 2015 on Wauponsee Street. We are humbled by the Bank's amazing generosity and continued partnership," added Durkin.

Grundy Bank's \$250,000 gift will fund both the Y's Capital Campaign and provide ongoing scholarship support through the creation of The Grundy Bank/Ron Wohlwend Childhood Development Fund. This endowed fund, named in honor of the late Ron Wohlwend, who served as Grundy Bank's president and



GRUNDY BANK DONATED \$250,000 to YMCA's Capital Campaign – helping to raise funds for a new YMCA facility. Pictured, from left, Greater Joliet Area YMCA Chief Operating Officer Missy Durkin, Grundy Bank President and CEO Kevin Olson, and YMCA President and CEO Katy Leclair.

chief executive officer for 18 ris and Grundy County. Grundy years and honorary chairman of the Morris YMCA's Capital Campaign before his passing earlier this year, will be used to provide assistance for children in need, helping to ensure that no child will be turned away from the Morris YMCA due to the inability to pay.

"Grundy Bank is proud to support the YMCA's Capital Campaign," said Grundy Bank President and CEO Kevin Olson. "Like so many Grundy County residents, we are anxious to see a full-facility YMCA in our community. The Y will be a wonderful amenity for local residents of all ages, and we are excited to help make this vision a reality," added Olson.

"Furthermore, we are honored and humbled to work with the YMCA to create an endowment in Ron Wohlwend's honor. Ron was a servant leader in every sense of the word, working tirelessly each day for the betterment of Mor-

Bank is proud to carry on Ron's work and cement his legacy in our community."

As one of the nation's leading nonprofit charities, the YMCA is committed to strengthening local communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. A branch of the Greater Joliet Area YMCA, the Morris Community YMCA brings families closer together, encourages good health, and fosters connections through fitness, sports, fun and shared interests. Through its financial assistance and scholarship program, the YMCA works to fulfull its mission of ensuring that its programs are available to everyone and no one is turned away due to the inability to pay.

To learn more about the Morris Community YMCA's Capital Campaign, contact Chief Operating Officer Missy Durkin at 815-513-8080 or visit jolietymca.org.

### **DCS to Host IESA Speech Contest November 20 at DTHS**

will host the local, annual Illinois Education School Association (IESA) Speech Contest Saturday, November 20, in the Library at Dwight Township High School.

"Junior High competitive Speech categories featured this year include variants of solo and duet memorized acting, off-the-cuff improvisation, small and large group offerings, storytelling, poetry, and large team chorales," remarked Coach Corilyn Hensel-McCullough. "This year, we even have one original script written and performed by a seventh grade team member which incorporates her original thoughts on the beginnings of

### T.B. Board, **Board of Health Meetings Dec. 9**

The Tuberculosis Board and Board of Health for the Livingston County Public Health Department is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, in the Conference Room of the Health and Education Building, 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pon-

Meeting times are as follows: the Tuberculosis Board at 5:45 p.m., and the Board of Health at 6:00 p.m.

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Dwight Common School the Greek Gods. All the orators Jude Hurt, June Woods, Katy have put in a lot of time and energy for the competition and are looking forward to performing Saturday and receiving helpful feedback from the area judges. It is going to be a great day for local drama."

Students Addyson Pittenger, Bianca Noriega, Breanna Scott, Dane Frobish, Elizabeth Hansen, Ella Payne, Jeffrey Leonard, Josephine Groves,

Dolan, Kaylei Marsh, Lauren Snyder, Makenna Hoeppner, Mikey Groves, Miranda Bovelle, and Reagan Connor have been given the go-ahead by the Coach and Team to represent their fellow students and DCS in this annual dramatic event. Students earn ratings between first and fifth based on IESA criteria compared with the live performance given.



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### **Prairie Creek Library to Host Class on Air Fryers**

Air fryers are one of the newest appliances to hit the market. Whether you already have one or you are thinking about getting one (or adding it to your Christmas list), this

### Personal Enrichment Craft, Historical Classes Being Offered at KCC

The Continuing Education Department at Kankakee Community College is offering a number of craft classes for personal enrichment this fall.

Each class includes a project that is completed during class and can be taken home by participants.

In "Christmas in the White House", holidays and history come together during an exploration of how Christmas and the holidays were celebrated by our past presidents at the White House. Participants will learn how the holiday décor and frenzy has shifted over the generations, and how traditions were kept over the years. Topics include the earliest Christmas tree accounts, why Teddy Roosevelt with his five children and menagerie of pets did not want a Christmas tree; and how First Ladies of the past decorated the White House.

The course meets Friday, December 3, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at KCC in Room D123. Facilitator is Christina Smith. A fee applies.

To register online, visit kcc. edu/comejoinus, sign up or login, then find and select the course. Click on the date and add it to your cart. Within the cart, checkout. To register by phone, or for more information, phone 815-802-8206. These classes do not award college credit.

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Prairie Creek Library program

"Air Fryers: Cooking for the Heart' will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, by Jenna Smith, Nutrition and Wellness Educator from the University of Illinois Extension

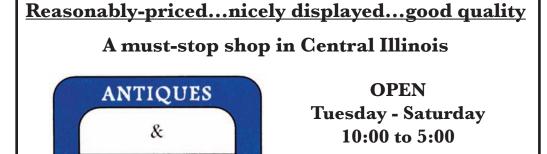
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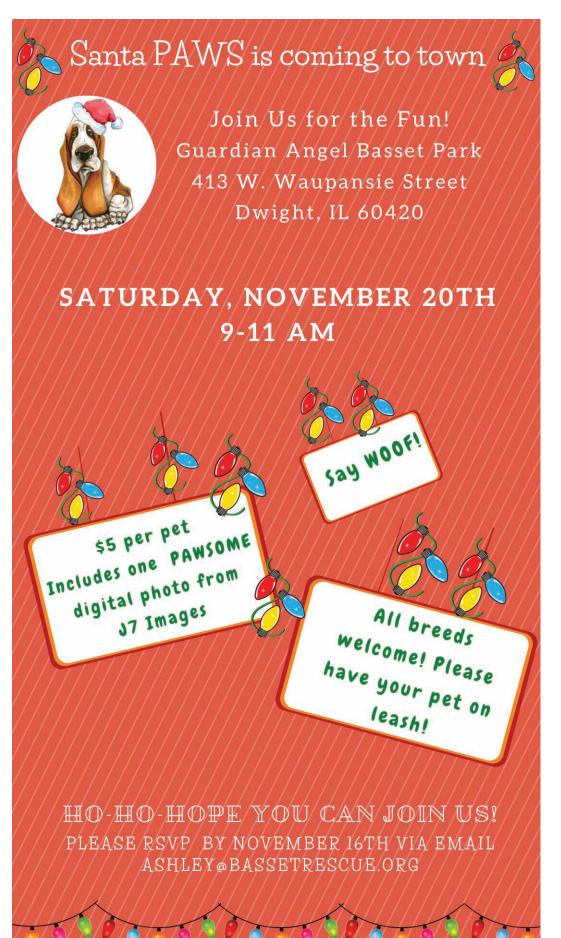
This program is free and

due to COVID restrictions, registration is required. Call 815-584-3061 or stop by the main circulation desk at the library to save a space.

Prairie Creek Library is mindful if its patrons with disabilities and aims to accommodate them as best they can and You will learn how they can in accordance with the Ameribe used for cooking heart cans with Disabilities Act. If using and caring for your air tend a program at the library, fryer, and new ideas and you are invited to call them in recipes. Plus, you will watch a advance at 815-584-3061 to make sure they are aware and prepared to meet your needs. Their building is accessible and







### **Celebrating Veterans Day**

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THE DWIGHT VFW POST 2608 assembled a wall of veterans and current members of the United States military for its Veterans Day celebration.



TIM REHMER, pictured, and Nan Havens sang for the Heritage Woods residents on Veterans Day.

By Brandon LaChance

Thursday, Nov. 11 and the following few days were a happening time in Illinois and all across the United States of America as we celebrated Veterans Day.

Almost every local town had festivities for those who have served our country including Dwight, Mazon, Gardner and South Wilmington.

The Dwight VFW Post 2608 opened its doors to 30-40 people as VFW Commander Gary Gillespie led the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag and spoke Haff, Ralph Binion, Richard the 101st Airborne Division, about the meaning of Veterans Valerio, Ed Emrich and Larry 2nd Division, 503rd Infantry our country.

The celebration was blessed by VFW Chaplain Don Scott, while VFW Auxiliary member Carol Dippon updated events, and guest speaker, retired Lieutenant Colonel of the Army, Grant Speece, told stories of different faiths and how we all come together for the joint reason of defending and loving the USA.

In honor of the fallen, there was a 21-gun salute by the Dwight American Legion and the VFW Honor Guard as Jim Piotrowski played Taps on the trumpet. The Dwight Township High School band, led by band director Eric Hall, played the theme song for every branch of the military.

The Veterans Day services did not begin or end there as Gardner also had a similar service at 11 a.m., Thursday.

At the Mazon American Legion, members Richard Payne (Legion Commander), Larry Day and the pride of serving Angeloff (Legion Chaplain) and later went to Washington displayed a folding of the flag D.C. as member of the 82nd while stating what each of the 13 folds means.

"The signification of the flag folds is important. What do they really mean? Each of the 13 folds on the flag means something," Angeloff said.

"They seek the women. They're not excluded, they're in Seneca High School and there and the part they play in Seneca Grade School earlier in the world. God is in there. If



**DANIEL MINARICH, 3, was** handed the flag of the United States of America by members of the Mazon American Legion after they demonstrated the folding of the flag.

you read through the lines, there is so much in there of things that jump at you. It signifies the trust in God and the power of being.

"When we were talking about doing it, a lot of people see the flag folding at graveyards when a veteran passes away and the flag is folded and handed to surviving family. It has so much more significance. They cherish it for the rest of their lives. I have my grandpa's

flag. It means an awful lot." Angeloff, 66, served in Vietnam 1966-67 as a member of Airborne Division to help with riots after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

Payne, 65, was a nuclear specialist in Korea during the Vietnam War from 1966-68.

The Commander led the American Legion ranks to the day to share stories of what



THE DWIGHT VFW POST 2608 Veterans Day service kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance led by, standing, left to right, guest speaker and retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Grant Speece, VFW Commander Gary Gillespie, and VFW Chaplain Don Scott.

the flag and being a veteran means to them.

"Veterans Day means a lot. We are veterans, we went into the service and we served our country," said Payne, who is on his second term as Commander and has led for 19 combined years. "We are proud of what that means. We like to share with people what we went through to be a veteran. We handed the flag to a 3-year-old boy (Daniel Minarich) and it made his day. He'll remember that for the rest of his life."

Back in Dwight, both Heritage Health and Heritage Woods (on Friday, Nov. 12) offered musical entertainment for the observance.

Noah Kelleher, 15, of Dwight, sophomore at Providence Catholic in New Lenox, played the trumpet at Heritage Health.

"It's an honor to play for everyone who served our country and to make them happy. It's an honor to be invited," Kelleher said. "My grandfather was in Vietnam. My great grandfather was in World War II and a couple of my great, great grandfathers were in World War I. It means a lot to me to come and play for veterans."

Kelleher has been playing his trumpet for both nursing homes for a few years as he picked up the instrument six years ago and has been a member of the Providence marching band since 5th grade.

Tim Rehmer and Nan Havens, a traveling musical couple from Bradley-Bourbonnais and now living in Saint George, serenaded the Heritage Woods residents with singing and Rehmer's guitar skills.

The tunes ranged from mili tary anthems to country classics from Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings.

Every tune from the couple made the residents smile and move their heads, arms and legs to the rhythm of American pride.

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### What the 13 folds of the flag mean:

- 1. Symbol of life 2. Our belief in eternal
- 3. Honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace. 4. Our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to him we turn for
- 5. Acknowledgement of our country

his divine guidance.

- 6. Where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United **States of America**
- 7. Tribute to our armed forces
- 8. Tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death
- 9. Honor to the womanhood
- 10. Tribute to father 11. In the eyes of Hebrew citizens, the lower portion of the seal of King **David and King Solomon** 12. In the eyes of a Christian citizen, an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
- 13. The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust.





OLSEN, Gardner Grade School student, poses with her grandfather, Bill Olsen, after he talked with class about his experience as a Veteran.

### **Local Veteran Visits Gardner Grade School**

Students at Gardner Grade School had an opportunity November 9 to learn from a local Veteran.

Bill Olsen, of South Wilmington, went in to speak about his service to the country and some of his experiences in the Vietnam War.

Mr. Olsen served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He took many pictures to share with students in the sixth students were very interested in hearing about the stories of differences in Vietnam and the U.S.

"It was definitely a great experience for students, and myself, to hear this perspective of history that we read about in books," stated Anne Simms. "He was fascinating to listen to

and seventh grade classes. The and could recall so many different stories of things that happened so many years ago. We what it was like to serve in the are lucky to have those around war, and also to learn about the us who can recall the personal experiences and are willing to share with the youth."

> Students worked on Thank You cards and notes for Mr. Olsen, as well as Mr. Rury, on staff at GGS, who also served his country in the Marine Corps.



VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCES were held during all Masses the weekend of November 6 and 7 at Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, and Saint Paul Church, Odell. For several weeks prior, parishioners had been invited to provide the names of family members, living and deceased, to be honored at the services. The event was initiated in 2018 by Father Chris Haake, patterned after that in his home parish in Alpha, Illinois, and the list has grown each year. Sam Pugh, altar server at Saint Patrick, is seen lighting a votive candle for each deceased veteran as their name is read aloud to the congregation. Veterans of parish families were honored regardless of where they reside.

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. . . it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

- Unknown



NOAH KELLEHER, 15, sophomore at Providence Catholic in New Lenox, plays the trumpet for residents at Heritage Health in Dwight on Veterans Day.



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### **MVK Seniors Hold Meeting**

The Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Seniors met on October 19 at the Mazon American Legion Hall for lunch, thru the CNN, from The Whistle Stop in Coal

President Sherry McIntosh called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a silent prayer said for their ill and deceased members, military, police, firemen, and elected officials. Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Bob Hollenbeck and Barb Carter. Happy Anniversarv wishes were offered to Bob and Shirley Matzen. Door prizes went to Sandy Chismarick, Joyce Lucas, and Paul Page. Shirley did a reading on "I Can't Remember".

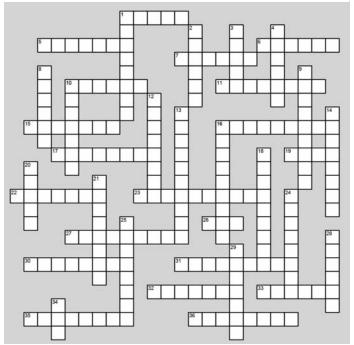
Helen Griffiths made a mo-

tion for electing new officers. Bob Hollenbeck seconded and the motion was carried. New President Sherry McIntosh, Secretary Nancy Burchfield, and Treasurer Shirley Peterson. Helen Griffiths made a motion to accept and Carol Bryant seconded. They also voted to have \$75 for an MVK Christmas

Sandy Chismarick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Linda Poppleton seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, with Euchre 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, 815-941-1590, and make a reservation.

### This Week's Crossword Puzzle brought to you by Pastor Randy, New Life Assembly of God Church, Dwight



- 5: To perform the ceremony of baptism for (sor
- 10: This person lies over the ocean
- Conventional; adhering to established principles or doctrines.

- 19: The period between birth and death.
- 22: To stop blaming or being angry with so something that person has done, or not.
- 23: A member of one of the Christian churches that separated from the Roman Catholic Church in the 16th 26; A small animal that is related to lions and tigers and that is often kept by people as a pet.
- 27: A person who believes in the teachings of Jesus Christ 30: Help or advice that tells you what to do.
- 31: A legal document declaring a person's wishes regarding the disposal of their property when they did
- The act of gathering and picking the fruit and vegetable you grow. 33: A talk on a religious or moral subject
- 35: A street in New York City where there are many

- 1: Gift, from God
- 2: City in the Czech Republic 3: Courage or bravery.

- 10: Having a sacred nature
- A person who speaks publicly about religious subjects in a Christian church or other public place 13: A usually secret or surprising fact that is made
- 14: A formal act or event that is a part of a social or religious occasion.
- 16: Of or relating to a person's spirit.
- 18: A passage between the outer door and the interior parts of the building.
- 21: A priest or minister in the Christian church.

- 29: One of the four gospel writers 34: A type of animal that is often kept as a pet or trained to work for people by guarding buildings,

Answers to this week's puzzle will appear on thepaper1901.com and in The Paper.



### Non-Fiction Adult Book Sale at Piper City Library

The Piper City Public Library will host a "Donated Only Book Sale" Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, and Saturday and Monday, November 27 and 29.

Go and purchase books for a fraction of the cost of the book when it was new.

### Morris Hospital Radiation Therapy Center Offers Free Wig Boutique

The Radiation Therapy Center of Morris Hospital offers a free wig boutique to support individuals experiencing hair loss as a result of a cancer diagnosis. The wig boutique is a free community service available to anyone regardless of where they receive their cancer treat-

Staff at the Radiation Therapy Center are trained to provide one-on-one wig-fitting consultations that include assistance finding a wig that fits the person's lifestyle, along with suggestions for using wigs, turbans, and scarves. Each person who goes in for a free wig-fitting consultation receives one free wig of their choice, along with a custom-made wig stand.

Appointments for a free one-on-one wig consultation can be made by calling the Radiation Therapy Center of Morris Hospital, located at 1600 West U.S. Route 6 in Morris; phone 815-364-8915.

### Christmas Bazaar at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight, Dec.4

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, at the corner of Routes 17 and 47 in Dwight, will be having a Christmas Bazaar from 8:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, December 4.

Homemade candy and cookies, homemade baked goods, and handmade gift items will be available for sale.

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Go and enjoy good cheer and the sights, sounds, and smells of Christmas.



Love Boxes!

A Love Box is a generous box, or boxes, of groceries that are packed and delivered to anyone who wishes to receive one during the holiday season.

If you or someone you this season, call the Dwight United Methodist Church at 815-584-3420, call/text Destiny Connor at 815-343-1147,

message.

The information needed: names of adults in household; correct address and phone number; and number of people in the household.

Love Boxes will be delivknow is in need of a Love Box ered the morning of Saturday, December 11, along with Christmas for Kids.

> If you would like to get involved in this mission, they

will need help packing boxes at 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 10, and delivering boxes at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 11, at Dwight UMC.

Monetary donations are also very helpful in making it all possible. Checks can be made out to Dwight Love Boxes and dropped at Dwight UMC, Peoples National Bank - Dwight Banking Center, or Bank of Pontiac – Dwight Branch.

### **Grundy County Gently Used Toy Drive** November 19 to December 10

The Grundy County Land • Minooka Three Rivers Liannual Gently Used Toys, Books, Games and DVD video collection event, beginning on November 19 and running until December 10.

People may donate these items at the following loca-

- Grundy County Administration Building - 1320 Union,
- Morris. • Coal City Public Library – 85 N. Garfield, Coal City.
- Morris Public Library 604 Liberty, Morris.
- Use Department is hosting the brary 109 N. Wabena, Minooka.
  - Channahon Three Rivers Library - 25207 W. Channahon Drive, Channahon.

• Fossil Ridge Library – 386 W. Kennedy Road, Braidwood.

Donations will be distributed by the Rotary International and local charitable organizations to children in need in time for Christmas.

They ask that people refrain from donating recalled toys or badly damaged toys.

Plush toys will be accepted,

as they will all be sanitized by Park Pointe Healthcare Center in Morris, who generously assists them with this event.

They have always collected over 100 boxes of toys in the past and the children are most appreciative of them.

If you should have any questions, feel free to contact them at 815-941-3228 or 815-941-3229 for more informa-

Reuse and give the gift of fun to a child this season.

### Kankakee's Riverview Historic District Presents Christmas House Walk Dec. 5

After a two-year break be- tour begins at the Trolley Barn chants: Busse & Rieck, 2001 cause of the pandemic, Kankakee's Riverview Historic District will once again feature five homes including Frank Lloyd Wright's first Prairie-Style house during its annual Holidays in Historic Riverview Christmas House Walk from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 5.

Funds raised will continue support neighborhood events, promotion, and improvements.

Tickets are available for purchase in advance. Credit card orders can be placed online at www.riverviewhistor ticket prices will increase. The these Kankakee-area

next to the Railroad Depot in downtown Kankakee, 197 South East Avenue.

Riverview is a nationallydesignated historic district comprised of approximately 160 unique homes built between 1890 and 1950. Each home is architecturally distinct from the other. Mature oak and maple trees line the streets to give a cozy, boulevard feeling from the tree canopy. The neighborhood is set along the Kankakee River with sweeping river views from Cobb Park.

For more information, visit the website or contact June icdistrict.org. Day-of-the-event Boisvert. Tickets are on sale at

West Court, Kankakee, 815-933-2295; Love Christian Center, 249 South Schuyler, Kankakee, 815-933-2822; The Flower Shoppe, 1410 N. Hobbie, Kankakee, 815-933-2614; Moon Cookie Gallery, 187 Schuyler, Kankakee, 815-295-2997; Kankakee County Museum, 801 S. Eighth, 815-932-5279; Kankakee, Tholen's Garden Center, 1401 N. Convent, Bourbonnais, 815-939-6445; Ba Da Bloom Flower Shoppe, 918 N. Convent, Bourbonnais, 815-614-3415; and Joy's Hallmark, 17 Meadowview Shopping Center, Kankakee, 815-937-4309.

### Getting Started As a Substitute Teacher Substitute Teacher Sign-Up Day Dec. 9

The Regional Office of Education #17, serving DeWitt, Livingston, Logan, and McLean Counties, is in need of substitute teachers.

Authorization Process with 888-5120, to learn more. ROE #17 allows you to substitute for any of the 29 public school districts they serve.

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There are two license options: the SUB requires a bach-

elor's degree and the STS requires an associate's degree or 60 hours of college credit. Visit their

roe17.org, or call them at their (STS) license. Completing the Substitute Bloomington office at 309-

ROE #17 will be offering one final Substitute Teacher Sign-Up Day for the semester Thursday, December 9, at their office. They will have drop-in hours from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and again from 1:00-3:00 p.m. They will have BUSHUE Fingerprinting on-site.

This is a one-stop shop for individuals interested in completing the Substitute (SUB) or website, Short-Term Substitute Teacher

> To districts that will have Student Teachers in January, the STS License is a great option for those students. This allows your Student Teachers to be licensed in the event that vou need to use them as a substitute teacher. You can also pay them for days that they work as a substitute.

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### **OBITUARY**

### Zachary L. Alton

Zachary Alton, age 29, of Godley, Illinois passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, November 9, 2021 in Dwight, Illinois.

He was born November 1991 in Kankakee, Illinois. In his youth he enjoyed playing baseball, bowling,

karate. He was also a Cub Scout for six years in Gardner, Illinois. His time as a Cub Scout gave him much knowledge and love for the outdoors. He preferred to be out in nature, whether it was camping, fishing, swimming, or mushroom hunting.

Zak was also an avid Chicago Blackhawks, Bears, and Sox fan. He held a strong catholic faith, which helped him overcome obstacles in life and also provided him with

Surviving are his mother, Pamela Alton-McClintock of Gardner; father and stepmother, Jerry, Jr. and Roxanne Alton of Godley; sister, Destiny Joy (Tim) Sample of Coal City, Illinois; step-brother, Don

(Jeanette) Foote of Mattoon, Illinois: three nephews: Tyson, Isaiah and Kayden; one niece, Lorra Jean; pagrandternal mother, Edna Alton of Godley; step-grandmother, Jean Willis; and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles. and friends.

Preceding him in death were his maternal grandparents, Paul "Boots" and Mary Wiggins; paternal grandfather, Sonny Alton; step-grandfather, R.A. Willis; uncles: Carl Wiggins, Keith and Kevin Willis; and cousins: Alexis Wiggins, Tony Willis, and Shane Bon-

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A celebration of Zak's life will be held at a later date.

R. W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpatter sonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

### LTLD Has Programs Planned Throughout November

ship Library District (LTLD) as they continue holding programs throughout November.

Storytime, for preschool children, is on Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. in person with Mr. Austin. Next week, it will be with Ms. Holly on Facebook.

Pre-K Steam Workshop gears up again on Wednesday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. in their meeting room. Try out a fun science demonstration with Mr. Austin. This month, they are doing a salt crystal demonstration using their microscope. This program is for children going into kindergarten in 2022.

Thursday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m., they are holding an Introduction to Smart Phones class. Learn the basic functions of a smart phone and how to make it work for you.

Cooking with the Season with Austin will be held Mon- Contactless Curbside Service is day, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. Join Austin as he shares a tasty recipe for 815-939-1696, e-mail at Southwest Pork Flautas.

They are having Writer's **Group** Tuesday, November 23, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. They plan limestonelibrary.org, for more to edit and critique each other's

Join the Limestone Town- work, becoming better writers in the process. Take some of your writing work to share with others.

> Indoor Plant Care will be held on November 24 at 6:00 p.m. They will discuss how to keep those lovely indoor plants alive during the winter months.

> Every Saturday, they have a new Take-and-Make Craft available for pick-up. These are geared for children in first through fifth grade. For Saturday, November 20, the craft is Cornucopia.

> Every day that the library is open, their first hour is reserved for those community members/patrons with compromised immune systems and seniors. Their remaining hours are open to all members of the community.

Masks are required for all visitors from the age of two and up while in the library building. also available.

Any questions? Call them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message us at Facebook or Instagram. Visit their website, information.

# Gas Prices For This Week

Consumers caught a little break as the national average price for a gallon of gas leveled off at \$3.41, down a penny since last week. Since October 30, the national average has fallen on nine different days, after having risen steadily each of the previous 31 days. A slight dip in gas demand, possibly due to seasonal driving habit changes, is contributing to some price relief at the pump, unfortunately, the ongoing tight supply of crude oil will likely keep gas prices fluctuating, instead of dropping, for some time. Today's national average of \$3.41 is 11 cents more than a month ago and \$1.29 more than a year ago, and 81 cents more than in 2019.

City/Village	November 15	November 8
Dwight	\$3.40	\$3.41
Kankakee	\$3.38	\$3.50
Streator	\$3.47	\$3.52
Pontiac	\$3.37	\$3.29
Gardner	\$3.59	\$3.59
Braceville	\$3.36	\$3.49
Morris	\$3.50	\$3.53
Herscher	\$3.55	\$3.55
Chicago	\$3.68	\$3.72
Illinois	\$3.56	\$3.60
U.S.	\$3.41	\$3.42

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### 'One Proud Parent'

I was just really impressed with the recent DTHS performances of "The Imaginary In-

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I particularly loved the comedic message of the play, when the main character becomes proactive and self-re-

I was touched by the dramatic depth of the student actors' performances, and their dedication to and memorization of the script was evident and exemplary.

Thank you to everyone involved for producing such wholesome live theatre.

> One Proud Parent, Jonathan Bulthuis Dwight

### Mass Schedule Changing St. Patrick, St. Paul Churches

The following changes have • St. Paul has Mass at 4:30 p.m. been made to the Mass schedules at St. Patrick Church, Dwight, and St. Paul Church, Odell:

Saturday, November 27 No Mass at St. Patrick

Sunday, November 28

• No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Paul • Bishop Tylka at St. Patrick at 10:30 a.m.

### **Dwight Community Thanksgiving Service Nov. 21**

New Life Assembly of God, church's Ecumenical Group, is 903 South Old Route 66, is hosting a "Dwight Community Thanksgiving Service" at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21.

donating the offering to help those in need in the greater Dwight region.

Drinks and desserts will be The event, being held by the enjoyed afterward.

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> Michael Fogarty Michael Edward Dwyer Steven John Gall Commissioners of said District

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### **Betting**

Sometimes I will place bets on sports games; wagers if you will. Usually they're relatively small in amount, and abide by the number one rule of placing wagers: don't ever bet more than you are willing to

Given how much professional athletes make now, there's really no reason for them to fix games, or to try to do so. There have been breakdowns on what the max payout could be from fixing a game, what big players' salaries are, and the numbers never really get to a point where it would be worth risking it.

However, sometimes...sometimes you just wonder. Take, for example, a game this past Sunday between the New Orleans Saints and the Tennessee Titans, which had a spread of -3, with the Titans as the favorite. (In very basic terms, it just means the Titans had to win by more than three for the bet to win.

New Orleans missed an extra point earlier in the game, and that led to the Saints getting the ball down eight on the very last drive of the game. Betting a team to win by three, and the other team has the ball, down eight is one of the most terrifying things you can be faced with.

This is because the team can score a touchdown, and then be faced with the need to convert a two-point conversion.

Low and behold, this is exactly what happened in this game. With two minutes left, New Orleans was down two trying to get the two-point conversion to tie the game. Since, at this point in time, we were within that three-point total.

They, of course, did not convert on the two-point conversion. The Titans then ran out the clock and won the game by two points.

How the people who set the lines always seem to thread exactly what happens in the game, even with things as happenstance as what took place here, never ceases to amaze me.

I know nothing nefarious probably took place to get this outcome, as it was still a fairly common ending to an NFL game...sometimes...sometimes, you just wonder.

Go, Bulls.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Paper welcomes letters to the editor on topics of current local interest. All letters must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. No letters will be published with fictitious names or if unsigned. All letters should be typed or neatly printed and should not exceed 250 words. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household. Political letters will not run the week prior to an election.

The Paper reserves the right to edit or reject any or all submitted items. Address letters to: Editor, The Paper, P.O. Box 245, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420.

We welcome your thoughts.

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

MICHAEL S. BYRNS, JENNIFER BYRNS, SHANNON BRAINARD, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

No. 21-CH-33

### **NOTICE**

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

The North 50 feet of Lot C and the South Half of Lot F in Babcock's Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illi-

PIN: 15-22-217-012 Commonly known as: 740 N. Mill St., Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is MICHAEL S. BYRNS. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on May 22, 2014 and recorded on May 28, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 629082, and a Mortgage Modification Agreement executed on December 19, 2019 and recorded on December 23, 2019 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2019R-05041. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 21-CH-33 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before November 30, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2021.

/s/ LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois



SENECA FFA attended and participated in the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. In addition to receiving awards and enjoying the vibrant sessions and massive Ag Career Expo, the trip included several other educational tours and activities.

### **Seneca FFA Attends National FFA Convention**

Seneca FFA were in Indianapolis, IN last week for the 94th National FFA Convention, which was held in-person for the first time in two years.

The convention is a highlight of the FFA year, as the entire country celebrates the accomplishments of its members and chapters for the past year. The high-energy sessions include many award presentations, motivational speakers, talented performers, and retiring addresses from the national officers.

A large component of the convention experience is the Ag Career Expo that has displays and recruiters from hundreds of agricultural colleges, organizations, and companies.

It's all at your

to meet and hear from Ryan Schaefer, the 1999-2000 Seneca FFA President, who is the Senior Director of North American Sale of CASE IH.

On stage, the Seneca FFA was recognized as a three-star chapter, the highest ranking given on the national level. In addition, the Seneca FFA was one of the top 10 chapters in the nation in the "Strengthen Agriculture" division of the national chapter award. Levi Maierhofer and Madison Bromberek represented Seneca in the presentation process and the award ceremony.

As a result of winning the state event, the Nursery/Landscape CDE team was able to compete in the national compe-At the Expo, Seneca FFA mem-tition. The team, consisting of

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Thirty-five members of the bers were privileged to be able Levi Maierhofer, Jenna Goslin, Emelia Traina, and Jessica Daggett ranked silver as a team. Goslin earned a scholarship by placing 10th in the

> Dylan Woodard and Ian Wilkinson, 2019 SHS graduates, were awarded the American FFA Degrees, the highest ranking offered in the FFA.

> In addition to attending the high-spirited sessions, the members visited several educational sites including the Tippecanoe battlefield and museum, the National FFA Center, the Indianapolis Speedway, Kelsay Farms, NCAA Hall of Fame, the Indiana State Museum, Victory Field baseball stadium, and the Indianapolis

### **Christmas** in Dwight

It's Christmas time in the Village.

Tickets will be on sale soon for Dwight's Breakfast with Santa at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 4, at Cherry Red Roasters, 207 E. Delaware St. in Dwight.

The Christmas Parade will be the same day at 6:00 p.m., and will bring Santa to town. Mr. Claus will stick around after the Parade for visits.

More information is forthcoming. Stay up to date on the Dwight Economic Alliance Facebook page, facebook.com/ dwighteconomicalliance.

### Dwight Village Board

### Walsh Hired as New EMT, Street Lights On Order

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board met Monday November 8 in the Public Services Complex. Present were Paul Johnson, Village President, and Trustees Marla Kinkade, Randy Irvin, Chuck Butterbrodt, Jenny Johnson, and Justin Eggenberger. Pete Meister was ab-

In the President's report Mayor Paul Johnson acknowledged the efforts of the newly formed Dwight Beautiful group and their improvements in the downtown walkway adjacent to the Dwight Economic Alliance building. The decorations they added created an attractive picture-taking environment for individuals and families, and an enhanced downtown environment in gen-

Public Works Director Cory Scoles reported that the recent E-Recycle event produced three full semi trucks of material. He reminded resi-

dents that leaves left for pickup by the city crews are required to be in bags and that the annual ban on street parking for snow removal goes into effect on December 1.

The on-going investigation into sewer flow problems during rainstorms continues. In conjunction with city engineers, flow meters are being placed at strategic locations around town to help isolate the origin of the problem.

Over the next three months, ComEd arborists will be performing vegetation management (tree trimming) around the city.

The board discussed a newly proposed wind farm that would run in the general vicinity of Dwight to Herscher, and that caution needed to be taken so that it did not interfere with the Dwight Megasite east of Dwight.

Prior to the regular meeting, a Services, Health and Safety Committee meeting was held. The Committee produced a recommendation that Cassandra Walsh be hired as full-time EMS Basic at Step C \$36,036 of the Basic Salary Schedule with a six-month probationary period. The full board later voted to approve the hire. In another matter, the SHS committee made the judgment that a car part in a resident's yard would be treated as a lawn ornament.

In Old Business, Trustee Randy Irvin inquired on the status of the lampposts and lights for the downtown area. Village Administrator Kevin McNamara reported that they were ordered a couple months ago with a projected delivery at the time of 12-16 weeks.

In New Business, the board referred to the Board of Appeals a zoning variance request from a resident at 301 Julie Drive in the construction of a shed at that location.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Monday November 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Services Complex.

### **Irv Masching Set to Retire**

(continued from page 1)

In 1981, Masching caught his current view for the first time as he moved to the East Chippewa address and began his sole practice.

"I stuck with it. I was born and raised in the Dwight area and then I came back here," said Masching, who served on the Dwight School Board for 25 years and was the president for a majority of his tenure. "I went in with an attorney who was here at the time and then I went in on my own in 1982. I have been a sole practice since.'

"At one time I did some trial work, but I don't do much trial work any more. I do some real estate, probate and business law for people. Some of the court contested matters, over the years it just got to be where it wears on you. It's a tough way to make a living. People do well and enjoy it, but I just didn't feel like fighting all of the time. I decided to do more of an office practice. Real estate transactions and buying, selling farms and such matters may mean going to a bank or to a title company to close, but it's not going to court."

Along the years, the lawyer has worked many cases of all varieties.

Some were rewarding and some were tough to take on whether it was the type of case or the surrounding elements.

"Some things that were kind of nice were when an adoption worked out well. That was a nice thing to do, getting families together," Masching said. "I used to do divorces, but don't do that anymore. You have two people who are not getting along and it usually doesn't get any better through the proceed-

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ings. Usually there are kids involved and sometimes parents put their own intentions in front of the kids, whether intentional

"You can have a good case but a bad client, or you can have a good case with a good client. There may be a judge where sometimes, it's nothing personal, but they see things differently than you do. That's not criticizing the judge because they're like everyone else and have opinions. Sometimes you have a client who gets on the stand and seems like they're not being honest, even if not telling a lie. Sometimes judges latch onto that subconsciously. We all try to be fair but we have our prejudices."

With this said, Masching adapted to working at the office a majority of the time instead of standing in front of a jury.

He knew what he was good at and how he could help his clients the best.

"I've seen some things, but I have not seen it all. I never tried a murder case," Masching said. "I never had a big case, but I did a few civil trials. That's not my forte. I never wanted to do a murder case or a big trial. If someone came to me for one, I'd tell them they would need someone well versed in criminal law. Especially in a murder case where years ago there was a death penalty and you don't want to screw those up.

"Just like anything else, you want to be confident in the area you're working in. That's why sometimes you have to specialize or not do everything because it's kind of difficult in today's world to be confident in everything. You want to be confident and properly represent your clients.'

Whether it be the wars in the courtroom, the abundance of paper work and files on the computer-less desk – computer work is dictated to assistants Lynne Cain and Janice Lauritzen – or the amount of time preparing and finishing cases, Masching sees the writing on

It is time to close the long written law chapter of his jour-

"In part because being in a sole practice, if you were to get sick or injured, you kind of leave your clients in a lurch," Masching said. "If you were to die or to get killed in an accident, there would be cases going on and left open for someone else to take care of.

"I decided to get out on my own time so I could finish client work and do it in a right

way. At 71, I'm in good health and so is my wife, Lynn, but we both have worked hard for quite a few years. I've known people who worked for a corporation or the government and they've been retired for 15 years. They're in Florida and I'm here working in the winter. It's just a matter of you never know how long you're going to be healthy to be able to do things in retirement."

Irv and Lynn Masching, who have three daughters in Alexandria "Alex", Lauren, and Grace, realize it's time to finish what they've started outside of their professions.

The great outdoors and a new chapter is calling.

"One of the things Lynn and I have been doing the last several years is we are trying to go to all of the national parks,' Masching said. "We're kind of into hiking and that kind of thing. We want to get to all of the national parks. We're in good health and I think we can go see all of them.

"There are 63 of them and there is a new one in West Virginia. We have been to some of the bigger ones and they really are the crown jewels of America. Nature is really astounding sometimes. I remember looking over the Grand Canyon in late fall or early spring and it started to snow. The rocks are coral colored, the sun was shining and snow was falling. It was absolutely gorgeous.'

"I've been working 50-60 hours a week for my entire career. I've thought about retirement and realize that is a lot of hours to fill in a week. I've also talked to some people who have retired and they say, 'You know, it's pretty easy to fill the time. You can do things you've always wanted to do that you never had time to do.'

The trains will still come. Businesses will still open and close.

Expansion of family trees will continue.

Masching will just be viewing from a different location.

"I've been looking out these windows for almost 47 years down Main Street and have seen a lot of things change. Some businesses are gone and some have come," Masching said. "This has been the desk

saw a reason to change it. "At some point you just get used to the train.'

I've had the whole time. I never

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Ella Kargle

### Ella Kargle Wins Heisman **High School Scholarship**

The Heisman Trophy Trust and Acceptance Insurance has announced the 2022 School Winners for the Heisman High School Scholarship, presented by Acceptance Insurance.

Ella Kargle was selected as the School Winner from Dwight Township High School for 2022.

From an applicant pool of thousands of high school scholar-athletes graduating with the class of 2022, more than 5,700 have been named School Winners in the Heisman High School Scholarship competition, awarded by The Heisman Trophy Trust and Acceptance Insurance.

### **Dwight, Seneca Football Standouts Earn Special, Honorable Mention** on All-Conference Team

The Vermilion Valley Con- Special and Honorable Men- Hamby (Seneca). ference recently announced its tion. All-Conference Football Team, Earning Special Mention and it features players from were: Orren Webster (Dwight); both the Dwight Trojans and Pat Griffin (Seneca); Colin

Seneca Fighting Irish receiving Wright (Seneca), and Asher

Receiving Honorable Mention were: Dillon Sarff (Dwight) and Blake Hooker (Seneca).



CONGRATULATIONS to Dwight Trojans Orren Webster, right, and Dillon Sarff for being selected to the VVC All-Conference Team as a Special Mention Defensive Tackle and as an Honorable Mention Defensive Back, respectively.



### DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 8 Dwight vs. MVK 7th Grade -**IVC Tournament** 

In IVC Tournament action November 8, the Lady Redbirds were defeated by Mazon-Verona-Kinsman, 20-9.

Olivia Buck led Dwight with three points and two steals, followed by Claire Sandeno (7 steals, 2 rebounds, 1 assist), Cloe Gall (1 steal, 1 rebound), and Kit Connor (3 steals, 1 assist, 1 rebound) with two points each. Addy Sulzberger (2 rebounds) and De'Lana Marsh (1 rebound, 1 assist) each had three swipes, with Lauren Snyder coming up with two of her own. Madlynn Lucus chipped in with a steal and a rebound. Sophie Bastian pulled down two boards.

### Tuesday, November 9 Dwight vs. Saratoga 8th Grade -

Dwight's eighth grade Lady Redbirds suffered a 45-22 loss to Morris Saratoga in the IVC Tournament November 9.

Delaney Boucher had eight points, 10 boards, and a steal, while Makayla Wahl-Seabert scored six points, swiped six steals, and snagged one rebound. Mikayla Chambers added four points, six steals, and three boards. Sophie Buck (4 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 assist) and Sarah Parker (2 assists, 1 rebound, 1 steal) each scored two points. Ryan Bean came down with four rebounds, adding that to one assist and a steal. Dori Wilson had one rebound; Kamryn Folkers, one assist.

### Wednesday, November 10 Dwight vs. Saratoga 7th Grade -**IVC Tournament**

The Lady Redbirds placed fourth overall in the Illinois Valley Conference Tourney, following a 20-3 loss to Saratoga November 10.

Dwight battled hard, led by Kit Connor with two points, one rebound, and a steal. Claire Sandeno supplied a free throw, four steals, and four boards. Sophie Bastian came up with four steals and three rebounds. Cloe Gall (2 rebounds) and Addy Sulzberger each had two steals. De'Lana Marsh added five steals, an assist, and one rebound, with Olivia Buck pulling down two rebounds. Lauren Snyder had three steals; Madlynn Lucus, one rebound.

### Thursday, November 11 Dwight vs. GSWB 8th Grade -

Dwight took on rivals GSWB November 11 in IVC Tournament play, winning by a score of 24-17 – earning a third

place finish in the tourney. Makayla Wahl-Seabert led the Lady Redbirds with eight points, seven boards, three steals, and two assists. Delaney Boucher followed with six points, nine rebounds, and three steals, while Sophie Buck put up four points, 17 rebounds, and four steals. Mikayla Chambers (8 rebounds, 6 steals), Sarah Parker (8 rebounds, 6 steals), and Ryan Bean (4 rebounds, 4 steals) scored two points each. Dori Wilson came down with two boards.

### Monday, November 8 Dwight vs. Bishop Mac 8th Grade -

The Dwight Redbirds took on Bishop Mac November 8, taking a 50-17 loss.

"They couldn't miss!" admitted Coach Stevenson in the post-game. "We struggled shooting.'

Leading the Redbirds was Evan Cox with nine points, six boards, and four steals. Joey Starks put up six points, four rebounds, and a steal. Asher Kargle scored two points.

7th Grade -The seventh grade Redbirds won big over Bishop Mac, 39-

"We started out hot and cruised to a victory," said Coach Conroy.

Colin Bachand went off for 21 points, seven steals, six assists, and four rebounds. Blake assist, with Carson Sandeno scoring four points. Bradley Thompson (1 steal), Matt Watchinski (6 rebounds, 3 steals), Ethan Marquis (5 rebounds), and Graham Meister (9 rebounds, 2 steals, 3 assists) each had two points. Trevor Jensen came down with two rebounds and came up with one steal. Joey Farris dished one as-

### Tuesday, November 9 Dwight vs. Nettle Creek 8th Grade -

Dwight was dominant in its 48-18 win over Morris Nettle Creek November 9.

"Shot much better tonight," Coach Stevenson said afterwards. "We played well."

### DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Evan Cox outscored Nettle Creek's entire team – putting up 23 points, 10 steals, and four rebounds. Joey Starks contributed 10 points, nine rebounds, and three steals. Zander Tarnowski added four points, four steals, and two rebounds, with Asher Kargle scoring three points and getting two steals. Maddox DeLong (4 rebounds), Jack Statler (2 rebounds), Jackson Launius (7 rebounds, 2 steals), and Jake Wilkey (1 rebound, 1 steal) had two points each.

7th Grade -

Dwight's seventh graders earned another lopsided win November 9, this time over Nettle Creek, 48-8.

"Small gym, but we got used to it in a hurry," stated Coach Conroy. "Everyone got to play and contribute."

The man with the hot hand Thetard added six points, one was Colin Bachand with 28 points, four steals, four assists, and three rebounds. Graham Meister scored 10 points to go with five rebounds, an assist, and a steal. Trevor Jensen added four points, six assists, and five boards. Blake Thetard (1 steal), Carson Sandeno (2 steals, 1 rebound, 1 assist), and Bradley Thompson (2 rebounds) each scored two points. Matt Watchinski supplied six rebounds and two steals, while Ethan Marquis (4 rebounds) and Joey Farris (2 rebounds) dishing one assist each.

### Dwight vs. Morris 6th Grade -

At the sixth grade level, Dwight hosted the Morris Braves and came away with a 19-10 win.

Kayden Wood had 13 points, eight steals, and six rebounds. Rylan Woodin provided two points and three steals, with Jude Hurt scoring two points and grabbing a team-high 11 rebounds. Sawyer Kucera rounded out the scoring with two points, while Evan Olson snagged four

In the second game of the evening, Dwight came out on top, 10-4.

Leading the Redbirds was Cason Johnson's four points. Jude Hurt, Axel Kargle, and Kyler DeLisle all scored two points and had four steals. Ty Tyner led the team with seven rebounds.



### Victory Lanes, **Dwight**

### League Results

### **Sportsman League Bowlers**

HSG: Kent Jensen, 277; Brandon Petry, 267; Bosco Gassman, 267; Joe Stevenson, 256; Kevin Vernia, 244. HSS: Brandon Petry, 670; Bosco Gassman, 625; Gregg Jensen, 613; Kyle Battle, 609; JD Ger-607. HSG/HHG: nentz, Pub, Rockey's 1025. HSS/HHS: Rockey's Pub,

2910.		
League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Star Trucking	8	4
Rockey's Pub	8	4
Victory Lanes	8	4
Jensen BP II	8	4
Rury's Tap	7	5
Willy's Pub	7	5
Jeremy's Barber	7	5
Cafe 110 West	6	6
DeLong Ford	5	7
Rambo Construct.	4	8
Jensens I	3	9



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### **Dwight's October Gaming** Still Over \$700,000

Illinois added 101 new video gambling terminals at eight additional locations during October. There are now 41,151 terminals in operation throughout the state.

\$711,782 was gambled in shown below.

Dwight's 44 terminals, with the village realizing \$9,328. The state's take from the local action was \$54,103.

Dwight and Gardner October results by location are

### **Dwight**

Oct.	Funds In	<b>Funds Out</b>	NTI*	<b>State</b>	<b>Dwight</b>
Aly Ann	e's 61,038	42,385	18,652	5,409	932
Cherry F	Red's 7,266	5,333	1,932	560	96
Lili Mae	e's 152,643	110,729	41,903	12,152	2,095
Love's	211,316	157,139	54,176	15,711	2,708
VFW	131,504	98,375	33,128	9,607	1,656
Vic. Lan	es 27,394	19,695	7,698	2,232	384
Virbapa	11,107	8,875	2,231	647	111
Willy's	109,514	82,673	<u>26,840</u>	<u>7,783</u>	1,342
TOTAL	<b>:</b> \$711.782	525,217	186,564	54,103	9.328

### Gardner

Oct.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	<b>State</b>	<u>Gardner</u>
Buddies (3)	2,083	1,971	111	32	5
Marks (5)	<u>39,729</u>	30,385	9,343	2,709	<u>467</u>
TOTAL:	\$41.812	32,356	9.456	2.742	472

\*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.

Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBLER.



### **LCHD Partners With Local Schools to Offer COVID Vaccination**

With the recent approval of cember 6. the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for ages five to 11, the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is helping Livingston families vaccinate their children in time for the

Partnering with local schools, the LCHD is offering vaccination opportunities to families across Livingston County on the following dates:

 Odell Grade School – Wednesday, November 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

• Saunemin Grade School -Wednesday, November 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pontiac Junior High -Thursday, November 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

All students ages five and up are welcome to attend any Livingston County schoolbased clinic and must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Second dose clinics will be scheduled for the week of De-

Families may also visit the LCHD, 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for COVID-19 vaccinations. Moderna, Pfizer, and J&J are all available free of charge to the public for first, second, third, and booster doses, including Pfizer pediatric doses for ages five to 11.

Appointments are strongly encouraged for those under age 18, and all children ages five to 17 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Adult walk-ins are welcome, and must have their driver's license/state ID, as well as their vaccination card

for all doses except the first. Masks must be worn when interacting with LCHD staff. For those with limited mobility, your vaccination may be taken to your vehicle.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit

### Area **COVID-19 Stats** as of November 15

**Total Tests** 

<u>Town</u>	<b>Performed</b>	<u>Cases</u>	
Dwight	17,851	741	
Herscher	4,401	333	
Gardner	3,928	307	
Mazon	2,824	227	
Odell	4,053	219	
Braceville	2,857	195	
Essex	1,847	171	Numbers
S. Wilmington	1,515	119	as of
Cullom	2,152	95	11/15/21
Saunemin	1,895	91	11, 10, 21
Verona	1,189	81	Statistics via:
Reddick	1,486	81	dph.illinois.gov
Buckingham	1,108	74	apii.iiiiiois.go
Cabery	1,325	72	
Ransom	1,231	66	
Kempton	1,115	59	
Emington	769	52	
Blackstone	743	42	
Kinsman	730	24	
Campus	607	22	
Union Hill	196	13	

<u>County</u>	<b>Tested</b>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Kankakee	346,312	18,582	262
LaSalle	316,156	15,488	291
Grundy	104,741	7,715	90
Livingston	167,487	6,106	99
Iroquois	78,020	4,397	81
Ford	47,965	2,563	59

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,735,586; Deaths: 26,077; **Probable Deaths:** 2,909; **Total Tests Performed:** 37,016,510.

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

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually, Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Dwight Common School District #232 School District/Joint Agreement Name

801 S. Franklin St., Dwight, IL 60420

(815) 584-6217 Telephone

M-F 8:00-4:00 Office Hours

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	3,226,629	450,866	213,627	258,540	106,033	275,322	98,809	140,844	
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0			WY 3	*
State Sources	3000	1,130,683	0	0	66,868	0	0	0	0	-
Federal Sources	4000	699,346	30,628	0	0	1,325	0	0	0	
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		5,056,658	481,494	213,627	325,408		275,322	98,809	140,844	
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		4,485,930	523,410	212,940	179,254	154,613	1,000		84,006	(
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		35,533	0	0	0	0	0	(35,533)	0	
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		1,528,841	367,995	5,805	278,762	154,650	(84,785)	1,143,966	463,374	Č
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		2,135,102	326,079	6,492	424,916	107,395	189,537	1,207,242	520,212	

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

within your district/joint agreement administrative office for public inspection.

Dwight Common School District #232 17-053-2320-02

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

5	Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000
Crystal	Aukland; Hannah Bookheimer; Tom
Conroy	Abigayle Groves; Eric Hall; Susan
Legner;	Steven Mann; Cassie Maxard; Amy
Nielsen	Jamie Oelschlager; Tanner Regez
Linda R	osenbaum; Nick Schultz; Chelsey
Stacy; 5	Sara M. Taylor; Kristen Telford;
Linda T	homas; Kathleen Warner

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999 Jennifer Boudreau; Emily Brownfield; Emma DeLong; Megan Gorga; Sarah Maddox;

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 Danielle Battles; Brittani Dahlman; Amie Gallois; Sarah Jones; Amy Kargle; Jana Kinkin; Jessica Law; Jessica Legner, Suzanne Schall; Mary Schultz; Andrew Smith; Jared Steck; Christine Stephens: Barbara Svornik

Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999 Patricia Aldrich; Samantha Beier, Kelly Bruce: Chuck Butterbrodt; Justin Eggenberger, Carol Fink; Catherine Gartke: Stinnett Gettinger; Richard Jancek; Jeremy Jenkins; Jeanette McCloskey; Joy Meister; Laura Reamer; Julie Schultz; Kathy Stewart; Tammy Stolzenbach; Laura Vigna

### GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000 Bovelle; isabella Burkhardt; Chloe Butterbrodt: Martha Cockerham: Bryaan Colclasure; Bailey Conroy; Ruben Diaz; Karen Donovan; Margaret Donovan; Destinie Drapeau; Susan Fox; Jane Fritsch; Jeff Froelich; Angela Goley; Wendy Groves; Lynn Dee Hale; Linda Hansen; Corilyn Hensel-McCullough; Kyle Henson; Angela Hilt; Sara Hurt; Kathy Johnson; Tracey Karstens; Marion Kennell; Diana Kinnamon Tesha LaGrange; Dezirae Leonard; Rhonda Miller; Donal Muzyka; Anna Oelschlager; Ethan Olson; Coreen Perschnick; Shanna Peterson; Mary Pokamey; Elizabeth Riccolo; Abe Rieke; Nellie Rieke; Dan Rodosky; Allison Schantz; Cal Schultz; John Scott; James Soto; Jen Statler, Joe Stevenson. Melissa Stewart; Sofia Swink; Jordyn Tilley; Brian Trainor, Kim Trainor, Tracie Wargo;

Emily Weissmann; Haydee Wiles; McKenzie

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999 Linda Brady; Paul M. Bruce; Deb Conroy;

Heidi Hooker; Julia White; Deb Wolf

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999

Salary Range: \$60,000 and over

23,278

### Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

This listing must be published in the local newspaper, sent to ISBE, and retained within your district/joint agreement administrative office for public inspection

Dwight Common School District #232 17-053-2320-02

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	
Ace Hardware	S	5,845
Allred Floor Service Co.	s	4,569
American Fidelity	s	61,583
Apptegy	s	5,900
Arbor Management	S	251,354
Bank of Pontiac	\$	588,384
BR Bleachers	s	4,393
Bushue HR	S	3.660
Camelot Education	\$	74,237
Condenser People Inc	\$	13,000
Dearborn National	\$	3,732
DTHS Activity Fund	\$	4,000
Dwight Education Association	s	24,188
Engie Resources	\$	36,767
Equitable	s	12,000
Far East Holdings	\$	2,531
Health Alliance	s	526,082
Hillman Pediatric Therapy	\$	33,966
Humana	\$	35,776
Illinois Association of School Boards	S	3,739
IL Dept of Employment Security	\$	5,218
IL Dept of Revenue	\$	123,698
IMRF	S	97,772
ISCorp	s	4 800

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggre	gate Amount
Village of Dwight	S	24,060
WIPFLI, Inc	S	8,150
Wright's Furniture	\$	20,620

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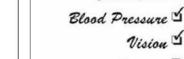
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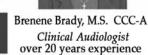
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### Winter is Coming

By Brandon LaChance

An extra layer of clothing, a thick jacket, a stocking hat, and gloves are ways to protect, prepare humans from cold weather.

But what about an automo-

Sitting in the winter elements of cold, ice, snow, and/or hail take a toll on a vehicle. Add movement as our schedules don't slow down just because Mother Nature decides to freeze everything, and other vehicle intangibles could become faulty and in need of repair or replacement.

wash as much salt off it as you can during the winter," said Tech-N-Kolor owner Nate Bissey. "Running it through a regular car wash and keeping it as clean as you can is important. When it's cold, these new plastic bumpers are real brittle and any light touch to a snowbank or parking block is known to crack them.'

Bissey, 30, has worked at the auto body shop in Dwight for 11 years and has owned it for a little over a year.

He has seen many vehicle issues caused by winter.

"If windows are covered in ice, don't try to roll them down "I would say the best way to cause you could ruin the intertake care of your vehicle is to nals (motor)," Bissey said.

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## How to Help Your Vehicle Survive the Cold

"Starting and warming up vehicles is pretty important because you don't want to drive it when it's completely ice cold. You want everything to run for a little bit to get the oil and everything moving inside to warm

Jose Ochoa has owned and run Broadway Auto, an auto salvage yard and full-auto service, in Braceville since 1999.

When asked which car part is the most purchased, Ochoa answers quickly.

"The most popular part is the battery, of course. It's always batteries, batteries, and more batteries," Ochoa said. "In about two weeks when it gets really cold until March or April, we'll have a lot of people coming in for batteries. Batteries are the common winter part because they'll go out to start their car, it won't start, and they come to us for a new battery.

"Radiators are also a part people come to get more in the winter than the rest of the year."

Driscoll Motors will sell you a new car if the winter has TKO'd your vehicle, but it also does its fair share of repairs and normal checkups.

"Routine maintenance for the winter is to check your antifreeze to make sure it's ready for – 35-50 degrees," said Jim Ligori, who has worked at the Driscoll service desk for 35



NATHAN BISSEY, TechNiKolor AutoCrafters owner, works on a vehicle in his shop recently.

in the winter, but you have to

keep them at the correct tire

pressures because the cold will

from each vehicle. Cars are

usually around 35 PSI (pounds

"The tire pressures vary

years. "Water pumps and radiators leak because of the cold. Thermostats don't operate correctly and those have to be corrected to get the right temperatures. Those are the biggest things through the win-

Ligori added anti-freeze should be flushed every 150,000 miles or every five years to renew the anti-freeze and make sure it's doing its job.

And of course, a vehicle's shoes are important.

"You need to maintain your but could be highs of 60 PSI in

tire pressure," said Ligori, who the front and 80 PSI in the is from Streator. "You want to back." keep it maintained properly so Cars, trucks, vans, SUVs, they wear better, drive better, and all other vehicles could use some tender loving care during and fuel economy is better. Tires don't wear any differently the winter season. But don't

> forget to be patient as well. "If the roads are bad or icy, give yourself more time to get where you're going; Don't rush," Bissey said.

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### Indicators that it's time to change air filters

affect it.

ehicle maintenance can protect drivers' investments and help their automobiles run efficiently. One area drivers should pay particular attention to is their vehicles' air filters. When operating at optimal capacity, an air filter improves fuel efficiency while ensuring vehicles accelerate smoothly without taxing the engine. But when air filters are clogged, fuel efficiency is

reduced and emissions are increased, a 1-2 punch that costs motorists money and hurts the planet at the same time. Drivers can check their owners' manuals to determine the recommended intervals to replace air filters, but the following are a handful of indicators that suggest it's time to change them.

Gas mileage: Unless you just purchased your vehicle, you likely know how many miles you can drive on a full tank of gas. If that gas mileage is suddenly slipping and you find vourself visiting the filling station more frequently, then it might be time to replace your air filter.

Engine light: Drivers may be alerted to engine issues when the "Check engine" lights up on the vehicle's dashboard. This light may come on to indicate a problem with the air filter, as clogged air filters reduce air flow to the engine, resulting in an imbalanced air-fuel mixture that adversely affects the engine.

Starting and idling problems: Vehicles sometimes don't start in as smoothly as they once did, and drivers may also notice vehicles are not idling smoothly. These symptoms may indicate misfiring spark plugs that are being polluted

(and made less effective) by a dirty air filter that is reducing the flow of air to the engine.

Acceleration difficulties: Automobiles that are operating at peak capacity accelerate quickly. But dirty, worn out air filters adversely affect acceleration. Drivers who notice that their cars are struggling to accelerate when stoplights turn green or on highways may need to replace their vehicles' air filters.

Dirty air filter: Perhaps the biggest indicator that an air filter needs to be replaced is the filter itself. If you cannot find the air filter on your own, consult your vehicle owner's manual to determine where it is Once you find the air filter, examine it in broad daylight. Clean air filters are white, so if the filter has darkened, it may need to be replaced.





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### **How To Check Your Tire Pressure**

1. Invest in a decent tire pressure gauge for each of your vehicles. Keep them in the glove box.

2. At least once a month, check your tire pressure.

3. When you check your tire pressure, be sure to do it when the tire temperature is consistent. This is because changes in tire temperature change the air pressure reading.

NOTE: To get consistent readings, measure your tire pressure at the same time each day. If you measure your tire pressure before you go to work, then measure it again after your commute is over, you'll get two different read-

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### **Preparing for Winter**

Old Man Winter can be unkind and unforgiving to your vehicle. Whether you drive a coupe or an SUV, winter conditions can pose many challenges on the road.

You can get ready for the winter months by following these simple steps to keep you and your passengers safe when driving in challenging conditions.

What does it mean to winterize a

When you winterize your car, the purpose is to make sure that you and your vehicle are ready for inclement weather. Winter weather can provide a mixed bag of snow, sleet, freezing rain, and wind not to mention frigid temperatures. 10 tips for winterizing your car Examine your tires

As the part of your vehicle that makes contact with the road, tires are your main defense against snow and ice. If you haven't examined your tires in a while, it may be a good idea to do so before the first snowfall. Check out this Tire Safety Checklist by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for detailed infor-

Even if your tires are new or in good condition, you may still want to check their pressure after the first cold night. Fluctuations in temperature can cause tire pressure to vary by 1-10 psi per 10°C.1 If you need help checking the tire pressure or putting air into your vehicle, follow these steps.

Stock an emergency kit

When it comes to stocking an emergency kit, it may be better to be over-prepared. Having essentials like water and a blanket could be important if you become stranded during a snowstorm.

Here are some useful items to include in your emergency kit-Blanket, Clothing layers, First aid kit, Flashlight with extra batteries,, Flares or emergency light sticks, Jumper cables, Small shovel, Nonperishable food items, Water bot-

### Replace your wiper blades

Old and worn wiper blades can be a problem when driving in the winter. Instead of clearing the precipitation from your windshield, ineffective rubber stripping could make it harder to see.

If you haven't replaced your wiper blades in a while, give them a thorough examination. Check to see that the metal arms are straight and the rubber isn't hard or worn

### Inspect your battery

Freezing temperatures can be cruel to your engine, especially the battery. And unlike other parts of your vehicle, batteries may not give a warning before they stop working.

- To ensure your battery is ready for winter, try this quick checklist: • Examine the cables for cracks
- and breaks · Make sure the terminals fit
- tightly • Measure the battery fluid level
- and refill with distilled water if necessary

If you are uncomfortable inspecting your battery, visit a certified mechanic or service technician to perform the work

### Check your coolant/antifreeze

In the warmer months, coolant/antifreeze prevents your engine from overheating.

In the winter, however, this very same liquid prohibits your engine lines from freezing. Therefore, it's important to have a proper

level of antifreeze in your radiator to avoid engine damage and keep your vehicle safe to drive.

### Add winter-blend windshield washer fluid

Winter-blend windshield washer fluid can be very helpful in colder climates. If you live in an area where they salt the roads, the blend of slush and salt can create a thick coating on your windshield. Try to carry a spare jug in your trunk to have extra fluid on hand. Check hoses and belts

Take a quick look at the hoses and belts under the hood — this isn't as hard as it sounds. Look for any cracks in the material or if the belt seems loose. The fasteners that keep hoses attached should be checked for rust and wear

### Keep the gas tank half full

You may not want to pump gas on a cold day, but it's vital to keep your tank half full. The reason is that it cuts down on condensation, which can cause lines to freeze. Also, if you are stranded, you need to run your car to keep warm. With a full gas tank, you can stay safe until help arrives.

### Check the weather

Winter weather can change at a moment's notice — temperatures can plunge and moisture in the air can turn into freezing rain or snow quickly. Before you leave — make sure you won't be driving into hazardous conditions.

### Put safety first

Whether you love winter or want to hibernate until April, you can't ignore the change in driving conditions. Getting your vehicle ready for winter driving won't only keep you safe; it will keep others on the road safe as well. Buckle up and drive safe!

When you keep your car in top condition for winter driving, you'll be making sure you and your passengers are safe, no matter what Old Man Winter is up to.

### Four Reasons To Check Your Tire Pressure Regularly

Tire pressure is important. It down. can effect safety, performance, and the service life of your tires. Here's some info on what tire pressure is, how it's measured, and four reasons you should check it regularly.

### What is Tire Inflation?

Tire inflation is the measurement used to refer to tire pressure, and it is usually given in pounds per square inch (or PSI) in the USA and Canada. You may find the recommended PSI for your vehicle tires in:

- Your vehicle's owner man-
- · Stickers that are located on the inside of your vehicle's glove compartment
- Printed on a sticker on the inside of the driver's door
- Printed on a sticker on the inside of the door for your gas

You should make a point of regularly checking the tire pressure to ensure that your tires are neither under-inflated or overinflated for the following rea-

### 1. Safety

Safety is always your primary concern, and checking tire pressure is about safety as much as it is about anything else. Having the correct tire pressure ensures that you are able to control your car at all times, especially when driving at high speeds. Properly inflated tires will also have the best grip, which is important when braking and slowing 2. Performance and Service

The correct tire pressure increases the performance and service life of your tires. Improperly inflated tires wear out faster, and they can even wear unevenly which will can cause wheel vibrations, excessive tire noise, and poor ride

### 3. Fuel Economy

One of the best ways to improve your vehicle's fuel economy is to make sure your tires are inflated properly. If a tire is over- or under-inflated, it has more rolling resistance, which can reduce your vehicle's gas mileage 3-5%. On a pickup truck that averages 15 mpg, for example, a 3% decrease in fuel economy amounts to an extra \$10 spent on gas for every 150 miles traveled.

In other words, checking your tire pressure can save you gas money.

### 4. Prevent Vehicle Rollovers

Over-inflation and under-inflation lead to heat build-up in the tires. This increase in temperature is likely to cause unnecessary tire squirm and sidewall flexing, both of which increase the likelihood of your vehicle rolling at highway speeds. Tread separation where the tire tread separates from the main tube of the tire – is usually caused by overheated tires. In the early 2000's, many Ford Explorers rolled over because of under-inflated

### **Next to Santa Claus** By Brandon LaChance

Santa Paws is Coming to Town

Dogs of All Breeds Can Smile

Christmas is a special time. We usually take a lot of photos so we can look back and remember the holiday season and our loved ones we spent it with.

Our dogs are a huge part of the festivities and Guardian Angel Basset Rescue is throwing an event 9-11 a.m., Nov. 20 at 413 West Waupansie St. in Dwight to snap a special moment between your dog and Santa Claus.

We're keeping it simple and fun. It's for any breed of dogs," said Ashley Maskel, who organized the photo session. "It's \$5 per dog and they'll receive a digital photo so they can print it themselves or use it on their Christmas card or as their Facebook profile photo.

"It used to only be Basetts and our donors. We're expanding it to anybody whether they're from Dwight or near Dwight. They're more than welcome to come."

Santa Claus is coming in from Morris and is not afraid of dogs' vicious snarl or caught in droopy puppy eyes. Maskel added Santa is well aware he could be peed on.

Guardian Angel Basset Rescue has a large outdoor area for dogs to run around if there is a wait time. Tables and chairs will be available and hot apple cider and cookies will be

Maskel, who grew up in Dwight but lives in Morris, is excited for the doggy and Santa photos as the organizer and as the dog owner of Rufus, a Basset Hound, and Millie, a Bea-

"I don't have kids, so my dogs are my kids and I'm happy we have something like this. It's just something fun and a



good way to get together with dog people, especially this time of year when dog parks are not packed.," Maskel said. "It's nice to be able to visit with people and socialize the dogs.

"It's not too long and it's early in the day. I know holidays are coming up and it's a crazy time of the year."

GABR President Larry Little knew the holiday event needed to be bigger than it previously was.

"We always have pictures with Santa at our building and it's usually our donors and for other people. They come but it's never been well attended," Little said. "We decided to open it up to the community. We have another building in Hampshire. The Hampshire community has really gotten behind it and it's unbelievable.

"We want to duplicate that in Dwight. We will open our facility for little kids' birthday parties and events like photos with Santa. A lot of people love to have their dog's photo taken with Santa. Jake Carr of J7 Photography is our official photographer. He's really good. They'll be Christmas card worthy or whatever you want to do with them."







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- Manage student behavior and support social emotional learning within the classroom set
- Adhere to the policies and procedures as established by the Board of Education and Ad-
- Work harmoniously with students, parents, colleagues, and the administrative team to build relationships within the school commu-

### Salary/Benefits

Salary is based upon the negotiated teacher contract as well as experience and level of ed-

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### **Joyce Urges High School Seniors** to Apply for Conservation **Achievement Scholarship**

Achievement Scholarship is now accepting applications, and Senate Agriculture Chair Patrick Joyce (D-Essex) invites eligible Illinois high school seniors to apply.

The Conservation Achievement Scholarship will award up to four scholarships of \$2,000 each to outstanding high school seniors in Illinois who demonstrate effective, voluntary, longdedication to the preservation, protection or enhancement of the state's natural resources.

"This scholarship program awards our best and brightest students for their hard work and dedication to conservation stewardship," Joyce said. "I en-

The annual Conservation courage all eligible high school seniors to take advantage of this opportunity and apply."

The scholarship funds may be used for tuition, college or university fees, textbooks, or room and board. Funds are mailed directly to the college or university of the successful ap-

Detailed instructions and the 2022 application form can be accessed through the ICF website. Applications must be received by the ICF by March 1,

Questions should be addressed to the Illinois Conservation Foundation 217-785-2003 or:

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### **Recycle Your Leaves to Improve Your Garden Soil**

leaves drop relentlessly into yards leaving homeowners to rake, bag, and haul them out on the curb. But what many don't know is that those golden-hued leaves are gold in the garden.

"After raking leaves this fall, think about recycling them on your property rather than bagging them for curbside picksays Nancy Kreith, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

Fallen leaves are one of the most readily available forms of organic matter for home gardeners. Decomposing leaves increase organic matter in the soil, can be used as mulch for garden beds and lawns, and are a valuable addition to compost piles.

Break down leaves with a leaf shredder or mulcher. Or, run over raked leaves with a lawnmower to cut them into smaller pieces. This initial breakdown allows for improved air circulation and more surface area leading to quicker decomposition.

The rate of decomposition for leaves will depend on the leaf size, tree species and moisture level. Brown leaves break down faster if they are shredded and moistened. If un-shredded leaves are applied as mulch, they tend to mat together and suffocate the soil or vegetation.

Another easy way to recycle garbage bags with small holes naturally. Wetting the leaves and having holes in direct contact with the earth, where more microbes are present, will speed up the decomposition process.

Every fall, an onslaught of The end result is referred to as leaf mold or partially decomposed leaves.

"Leaf mold can then be used as mulch or saved as a carbon source for adding to your compost pile in the summer when there is less readily available 'brown' materials," Kreith says.

Brown or dry materials are typically high in carbon and will help balance the "green" or wet nitrogen-rich materials in a compost pile.

Leaves serve as a wonderful soil conditioner and increase organic matter in the soil, which has a variety of benefits. More organic material will increase the amount of microbial activity which includes beneficial bacteria, fungi, and other microorganisms that aid in plant growth. Organic matter also coats finer clay particles in the soil providing more air space and binds sandy soils allowing for better water retention.

Ideal garden soils should test at 5% organic matter. A standard soil test will provide the percentage of organic matter in soil. For information on soil testing kits and labs, contact a University of Illinois Extension office at go.illinois.

edu/ExtensionOffice. "By recycling leaves on your property, not only will you be improving your garden soil, you will also be making an environleaves is by storing them in mentally conscious choice to ployees to have a consciencekeep vour vard waste on-site that allow leaves to break down rather than having it hauled off

> To learn more about the basics of composting, visit extension.illinois./edu/global/ composting-resources.

as waste," Kreith says.

### Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

### **Common application** for Illinois' state universities

state universities just got a little easier, thanks to the rollout of a common application for admission. The Common App allows prospective students to easily and quickly apply or start the transfer process to any state university in Illinois.

Schools will still maintain their existing application system, but the app makes it easier for students to apply to several different schools using the same application. The Common App has additional features, including letting students make their request for a fee waiver. More than 400,000 such waivers were granted in the 2019-2020 school year through the Common App.

Students who need assistance with applications for college or for financial aid can find help from the Illinois Student Assistance Commis-sion at www.isac.org

Legislation passed to license midwives in Illinois. During the fall veto session the House passed legislation which would offer full licensure to recognize midwives as health professionals. In so doing, Illinois joins 35 other states in licensing midwives as certified professionals. Mid-wives are often chosen by healthy mothers as an alternative birthing process that does not involve

Applying for Illinois' 12 hospitals, but instead can allow for home-births or use of a specialized birthing center.

> Thank you to our veterans. Last week we celebrated Veterans Day and say thank you to all those who have served our great nation. Every day we live in peace and freedom because brave, selfless Americans answered the call and served our country. We must always remember their sacrifice and that of their families. We should also be mindful of those who are currently serving far from home and their families. Thank you to our veterans and our servicemembers for all that you have done and all that you continue to do for our community and our nation.

> How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$4,926,133.705 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$7.8 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as our unfunded pension liability which is subject to a wide range of factors and has been estimated to be more than \$141 billion.

### **New COVID-19 Law Signed by Governor**

By: Peter Babb

On November 10, Governor J.B Pritzker signed into law that would allow those who refuse the COVID-19 vaccine to face potential repercussions. The new law strikes down the use of the 1978 Health Care Right of Conscience Act.

Pritzker's new law is another attempt to quell COVID-19 cases around the state. However, Pritzker has faced resistance in response to the vaccine.

Lawsuits have been filed by employees claiming that they cannot be punished for refusing the vaccine because of the Health Care Right of Conscience Act. Allowing embased exemption.

"Masks, vaccines, and testing requirements are life-saving measures that keep our workplaces and communities safe," said Pritzker.

Pritzker applauded Democratic lawmakers for passing the bill and making sure the law "is no longer wrongly used against institutions who are putting safety and science first."

In the law, individuals' employment can be terminated and individuals can be excluded from schools or places of employment if they do not comply with the bill.

The new law passed the Illinois House and Senate along party lines. It will go into effect on June 1, 2022.

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**ORDINANCE 2021-06** 

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING TAX FOR THE PRAIRIE CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF GRUNDY, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON STATE OF ILLINOIS. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 2021 AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF **JUNE 2022** 

WHEREAS, the President and the Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Public Library District in the counties of Grundy, LaSalle, and Livingston and the State of Illinois, did on the 14th day of September, 2021 adopt the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2021-04) for said Library District for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was duly published as provided by law after its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESI-DENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PRAIRIE CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF GRUNDY, LASALLE, AND LIVINGSTON, AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section One: That the total sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-

SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$237,488.50) composed as follows: the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOU-SAND, THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY-TWO CENTS (\$186,394.42), being the amount required for the necessary Corporate purposes of the Prairie Creek Public Library District, Grundy, LaSalle and Livingston Counties, Illinois: the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,500.00) being required for payment of employer contributions of Prairie Creek Public Library District to the Social Security Fund; the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$6,000.00), being required for the payment of employer contributions of Prairie Creek Public Library District for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; the sum of TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (\$2,089.08) being required for the payment of the professional opinion of an accountant and other auditing expenses from an Audit Fund; the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIVE DOL-LARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,505.00) for the purpose of payments of premiums due for the purchase of liability insurance, property damage (e.g. fire) insurance, worker's compensations, unemployment compensations, and legal fees for defending or other protecting itself against liability from a Liability Fund; the sum of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$26,000.00) being required for the maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment from a Maintenance fund be and the same is hereby levied and assessed upon and against all taxable property within this Public Library District according to the full fair value established and ascertained for the State and County purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and the Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Public Library District having on the 14th day of September duly passed and adopted the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and said Ordinance having been duly published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Public Library District, this Board find that the specific purposes and the specific amounts provided for in said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part thereof, are required to be levied for the necessary purposes of the Prairie Creek Public Library District.

Section Two: The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Public Library District is hereby directed to file a duly certified copy of the Ordinance with County Clerks of Grundy, LaSalle and Livingston Counties, in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, on or before the last Tuesday of December, 2021; and said County Clerks are hereby authorized and directed to extend the said tax so levied by this Ordinance, according to law, against all taxable property within the Prairie Creek Public Library District. The Secretary of the Prairie Creek Public Library District shall also file on or before the last Tuesday of December 2021, duly certified copies of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and this Ordinance with the Prairie Creek Public Library District, where they shall be available for public inspection as provided by law.

Section Three: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Public Library District and approved by its President November 9, 2021.

Board of Trustees of the Prairie Creek Public Library District President: <u>Teresa Bradley</u>

ATTEST: Susan Strickland Secretary

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### **Veterans Day**





DWIGHT COMMON GRADE SCHOOL, above, paid tribute to veterans with a mass display Eric Hall, at left, prepares to play each military branch's theme song at the Dwight VFW Post of the stars and stripes. Above, right, the Dwight Township High School band, lef by director 2608 on Veterans Day.



### Vagasky Running for Livingston County Sheriff

By Brandon LaChance

The next election for Livingston County Sheriff may be a ways away as primaries have been pushed to June 28, 2022.

However, Tom Vagasky started his campaign in July to hit the ground running in order to get his name and what he stands for out to the public.

"I started talking about running a couple of years ago," said Vagasky, 50, who is originally from Streator and currently lives in the country between Pontiac and Fairbury.

"About two years ago when I was running the Task Force, I wanted to expand it to come back to this area because this county was in it a long time ago. I had all of the police chiefs who were interested at the time into coming back into Task Force 6; the state police is the umbrella agency for it.

"The sheriff (Tony Childress) wouldn't do it. He gave me a bunch of excuses which I knew were not factual as far as I'm concerned. That's when I started talking about running."

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Tom Vagasky

paign comes from 26 years of

Here is his background:

- Illinois Department of Correc-

tions with Pontiac and Sheridan

- Illinois State Police, started in

District 6 in Pontiac as a

- Promoted to special agent,

- General policing with Zone 5

- Task Force 6, undercover drug

law enforcement duties.

prisons, 4 1/2 years

trooper

Joliet area

agent, 2015

in Pontiac, 2014

- Parole agent, 4 years

- Retired from state police on

During his campaign, Vagasky has talked to communities at fairs and other events, discussed needs with all but one (Pontiac) of the Livingston County's police chiefs, chatted with residents at pancake breakfasts, promoted signs asking voters to vote for Vagasky and a Facebook page, Vagasky4Sheriff, has been created.

His want to take over as Livingston County Sheriff starts with drugs because working narcotics has been a chunk of his career resume.

But there is more behind his campaign.

"There is fiscal mismanagement. I don't think money is missing, but it's not being spent where it should be," Vagasky said. "As a county sheriff, he should not be in Washington D.C., not at work, at the border complaining about drugs coming in through immigrants. He's not helping the county. He's not bringing back grant money, not

- Promoted to Task Force 6 Ser- doing anything extra for drug trafficking. I don't know how many dogs he has bought and he's patrolling the interstates.

"The drugs on the interstate are not stopping in Pontiac. The drugs on the interstate are going to Chicago. Then the Chicago residents are bringing them down on the request of someone or someone from our area is going there to get them. My concentration would be to pull the deputies off of the interstate and let the state police handle the interstate like it's supposed

"We need to get back to county patrols. A few of the smaller towns I've been in that don't have police forces have told me they haven't seen a county deputy driving through on the county roads in months. My focus on the patrol side would be to pull them back into the county and actually do county enforcement. We need to get the county police back into the county to work our communities.'

Vagasky added the heroin problem in Livingston County is a real issue and needs to be a

main focus of the local law enforcement.

The county sheriff nominee wants to initiate a more organized approach for the county's proactive drug unit as Vagasky has seen some dysfunction with the "Three Cities" Pontiac, Fairbury and Dwight pulling their officers from the unit.

According to Vagasky, the proactive unit used to roster a county head, two county officers and a sergeant, while the Three Cities would each supply one officer.

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"The drugs are not just in Pontiac or in one town. They come from all the surrounding little towns, the little towns get them from Pontiac, and Pontiac gets them from Chicago," Vagasky said. "A joint effort is each department only has to use one officer and they get six guys in return. If one of the towns had a drug problem or case, they would have an officer from the five or six other departments and a Police Sergeant, Agent and Commander of the unit to

"The town wouldn't need to pull from its uniform patrol for search warrants and other matters. I wanted to bring that up here and Sheriff Childress didn't want it.'

The election's primary was pushed from March, 2022 to June 28, 2022 because of delays in re-redistricting.

With dates being rescheduled, the official petition to add Vagasky's name to the ballot will be available Jan. 13. He will then have 60 days to collect his signatures.

"I was eligible to retire once I turned 50 back in May. It got to the point where work and trying to run the campaign around work was too much," Vagasky said. "So, I decided to retire so I could campaign full-time. I thought campaigning was just going to be after hours, but there is a lot more to it.

"I'm not a politician, by no means, so there is a lot of learning and I'm doing it as I campaign."

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