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BRITTANY CARROLL, LEFT, WAS PLACED into adoption by Christy Sawcedo, right, in 1988. When Carroll was 18, she reached out to her birth mother and they've had a friendly relationship ever since. They stay in contact and occasionally meet, which included Saturday.

# Making the Toughest, **Best Decision**

by Brandon LaChance

November is nationally known for Thanksgiving.

But, the turkey-eating event isn't the only reason to celebrate the 11th month of the year as November is also National Adoption Month.

For Christy Sawcedo and Brittany Carroll, the meaning of adoption is special and worth celebrating.

"When I was 17, I gave birth to a little baby girl named Brittany. She will be 34 in January," said Sawcedo, who is 51 and lives in Pontiac. "The more

I think of it now about what I was thinking at the time, I really can't take the credit for my decision to go into the adoption process. I wasn't making any

a child. I was trying to get away from him at the time I found out I was expecting. At first, I didn't know what I was going to do. Then the more I thought

### good choices or any good decisions then. Somehow, I was able to make a good decision for her. "It was an unplanned pregnancy with a guy who was not going to be good for me or for

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# **Concerns Expressed on Updated** Sex Ed Legislation, New Section of 2nd Grade Added at DCS

The Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education met Wednesday November 17 at 6.pm. The first order of business was recognition of the IESA state qualifying softball team. The girls were acknowledged by the board members for their successful season and state tournament appearance on September 24.

Board member Marc Ellis commended the Grade School on their annual Veterans Day flag display.

In Public Comments, citizen Tim Misener expressed his concern regarding recently enacted state legislation regarding sex education in grades K-12. The Keeping Youth Safe and Healthy Act (SB 818) creates personal health and safety standards for grades K-5 and updates and expands comprehensive sexual health education standards in grades 6-12. School districts do not have to adopt the voluntary standards unless they are teaching comprehensive sexual health education, and parents can choose to opt out. Misener pointed out some of the provisions of the act would be deemed inappropriate by many and urged the board to take that

into consideration. In Consent Agenda items the resignation of Sara Hurt, Paraprofessional, was accepted along with the retirement notice of Custodian Donald Muzyka. The employment of Kyle Henson was approved as Second Shift Custodian and Christine Stephens was approved as CLASS Basketball Co-Sponsor. In addition, the Board affirmed the employment of Sabrina Fisher as Substitute Paraprofessional and Kelly Sirk as Substitute Teacher.

Superintendent Richard Jancek informed the Board that on November 1, RES America Development and Scout Clean Energy sold interest in the proposed Solar Farm to Blue Sky Solar Energy, LLC. This would be considered a normal progression in the de-(continued on page 2)

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Healthy meals served with a smile

# Cortez delivers Peace Meals to Dwight

by Brandon LaChance

We all have to eat. It doesn't matter how, but we have to eat. Some of us can cook.

Some people make regular trips to restaurants.

Others have healthy, nutritional, prepared meals brought to their home with the help of the Peace Meals Senior Nutrition Program.

In Dwight, Dawn Cortez is seen parking her blue car and dropping off your meal from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Fri-

"It's needed. Every community really does benefit from the Peace Meals program. When I started there were only about 16 people benefitting from the program," said Cortez, who started as a volunteer and is now the Dwight site coordinator as she does the paperwork, orders and delivers the meals. "Very quickly, within one year, we were serving over 30 a day.

"I've been doing this for eight years now. From the first year until now, I have very seldomly been under 30. I pretty much range from 30-36 meals a day in our little community. They are all homebound, have difficulty leaving their homes and need our assistance in one way or another."

Peace Meals (similar program as Meals on Wheels) has been sponsored by OSF Health Care since December of 2020 after taking over seven of 14 counties from Sarah Bush Lin- issues - or congregate meals, said. "The clients are usually



Dawn Cortez, Dwight Peace Meals site coordinator

coln Health Center upon request. The counties with Peace Meal trucks delivering to site coordinators such as Cortez are Livingston, McLean, Iroquois, Champaign, Ford, Piatt and DeWitt.

The program has over 2,000 registered consumers throughout the seven counties and approximately 150 in Livingston

Clients are assessed for one of two options, home delivery – for people who cannot get out of the house because of health

which means meals are supplied at one location and clients enjoy their lunch with other seniors (60 years old or older) who are registered with Peace

The meals are prepared in Bloomington and are sent in hot bags for hot meals and cold bags for cold meals. Cortez and other drivers then hit the road.

"I appreciate being able to go to their homes and bring them a cooked, prepared meal for them. Hot is hot, cold is cold and they're ready," Cortez ready and waiting. They'll sit there with their fork and spoon ready.

"For a lot of them, this is their one 'hello' or communication for the day. Anybody that does it, you get a lot out of it. They of course benefit, but I benefit also. It's a great program."

Each stop on Cortez's route is different than the rest.

One set of instructions may say to put the meal by the door and walk away to not disturb the client.

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# **Highlights of GSW High School Board Meeting**

Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73's Board held its Regular Meeting November 17, with the following topics being discussed: Principal John Engelman re-

ported on the following:

• Curriculum meetings – Mr. Engelman, Mr. DeLong, and Ms. Kilmer have met with several teachers to discuss future courses and curriculum. They will have about four or five suggestions at next month's meeting. They would like to move forward with some new classes for next school year.

• ISU Trip – On November 3, Ms. Kilmer and Mr. Engelman took 13 juniors on a college day visit to Illinois State University.

• Western Illinois University – On November 17, a college rep for WIU was at GSW during both lunch hours. When she left, she told Mr. Engelman a lot of great things about the stu-

Mr. John Engelman, Athletic Director, reported on the following:

· Basketball season is underway -The girls team started this week playing in the Reed-Custer Tournament. They only

have 14 girls total this year, so they will be playing varsity games first, starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by JV games. The JV games will be fiveminute quarters with a fiveminute halftime. The boys teams will start up next week playing in Coal City at the Turkey Tournament.

Mr. Josh DeLong presented

- the following: • Boiler – The boiler is up and running with very few issues so far. Some larger repair work was recently done.
- Kitchen / café All of their remaining equipment is in and being put to use.
- Scoreboard The new baseball scoreboard is up and ready

for use. Superintendent DeLong presented the following:

- Triple I Conference The Annual School Board Conference was the weekend of November 19-21.
- Course changes Administration has had a lot of great feedback from the staff about potential course/curriculum changes. New courses may include: STEAM program, social/emotional classes, honor classes, recent US History and

chance to win this

revamped business classes. These have all been discussed and will be taken back to the board at next month's meeting. • Joint Committee Update -Mr. Engelman and Mrs. Heerdt

are the joint-committee. A new

law was passed that all tenured teachers only have to be evaluated every three years. • Holiday breaks - Thanksgiving break will be November 24-28. Winter break will run

December 23 through January 5, with Jan. 5 being a Teacher Plans are to hold the ceremony Institute Day and students returning on January 6. • Solar Farm update – The original company, RES, has already

sold out to Scout Clean Energy. All this means for GSW is that they have a new contact person at this point. It will most likely still be a while before work is started on this project.

• GAVC Director's Award -Jasmine Wampler, Advanced Teaching Methods – Jasmine is a senior at GSW High School and this is her second year attending GAVC.

• GEDC Committee – Mr. De-Long has been nominated to serve on the Grundy Economic Development Board. Mr. De-Long accepted this nomination

through the end of the school vear.

• Hall of Fame – The Hall of Fame committee met November 17 and selected two inductees (Richard Joyce and George Bexson). They will be inducted Friday, January 14, during the Homecoming basketball game, along with the two nominees from last school year (Leroy Brandt and David Doglio).

· Class of 2022 Graduation outside like last year, on Sunday, May 15, at noon. If inclement weather, then they will move it indoors to the gym with the same starting time.

• Estimated Tax Levy presentation – Mr. DeLong reviewed the projected EAV increase with the board. Last year, the county's projections were off, therefore Mr. DeLong recommends doing a Truth in Taxation hearing in order to ensure they capture all the levy monies that are available. While the resolution will state they are levying 7% more than last year, it is anticipated that the actual tax rate will stay steady and po-

tentially even go down. (continued on page 2)



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### **Tickets Issued** by Dwight Police

November 12: Barbara J. Anderson, regis. expiration/1st

November 13: Anastasia R. DeJaynes, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Aaron R. Hodges, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Dustin D. McCaw, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Brock S. Bauer, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

November 14: Jill R. Bliler, no valid regis./1st and 2nd, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Jordan M. Kemp, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Robert L. Drell, II, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

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

### 15 Written Warnings

No proof of insurance -1; speeding -6; fail to obey stop sign – 4; no valid registration – 2; no registration plate light – 1; improper passing -1.

### **Dwight Police Blotter**

November 10: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of Spencer for a Domestic Verbal Disturbance; Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook. An item was taken from a construction site.

November 13: Arrested on an In-State Warrant was James Sassenger, 27, of Dwight. He posted bond, was given a new court date, and was released; Dwight Police were dispatched to the Amtrak station for a possible overdose of a passenger. The subject was transported to a nearby hospital.

November 16: Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook for a suspicious subject. Arrested was Matthew Heuer, 32, of Chicago, for possession of controlled substance, drug equipment and ammunition with no valid FOID card. Heuer was taken to Dwight Police Dept. Paperwork was completed and Heuer was then transported to Grundy Cty. Jail.

Traffic Stop – 24; Verbal Domestic Issue – 1; Loose Dog – 1; Suspicious Activity – 2; Disturbance – 1; Lockout –

5; Missing Person - 1; Accident – 1; Intoxicated Subject – 1; Walk In - 8; Return Call - 7; Burglar Alarm – 3; Overdose – 1; Assist Agency – 5; Subject Removal from Amtrak – 1; Crisis Intervention - 4; Found Dog - 1; Check for Potential Child Abuse - 1; Reckless Driver - 1; Extra Patrol - 4; Motorist Assist -2.

### **Accident Report**

Friday, November 12, 1:48 a.m., an accident was reported at 1 Aldi Dr. involving a 2014 Volvo, driven by Tajudin Abdo, of Minneapolis, MN, which struck a parked 2016 Freightliner from Iowa.



### **Ambulance Runs** by Dwight EMS

November 12: 3200 N. Rd., trauma, refusal; 2600 N. Rd., medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Rt. 66, trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Seminole, refusal, medical.

November 13: Franklin, medical, Morris; Columbia, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, mutual aid from Gardner.

November 14: Julie Dr., medical, Riverside; Mazon, trauma, Morris; Clinton, medical, RMC; Susan, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; Mazon, medical, refusal; Mazon, trauma, Morris; Prairie, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

November 15: Mazon, medical, refusal; Mazon, medical, Riverside; Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gard-

November 16: Gooseberry, trauma, Morris; Mazon, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Coal City; Bannon, medical, Morris.

November 17: Jefferson, fire, mutual aid to Gardner; Prairie, medical, refusal; Mazon, fire; Pollard, medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris; Susan, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

November 18: Northbrook, medical, Morris.

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Nov. 12 - high 40°, low 32°

Nov. 13 – high 37°, low 32°

.05" precip. One Year Ago - Nov. 24, 2020 high 45°, low 29° .17" precip.



# **Dwight Fire Incidents** 11/12 - 11/19

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

November 17: Mutual Aid to Gardner; Smoke Investigation -E. Mazon Ave.

Dwight FPD also responded to 17 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

# **Accident in Rural Dwight Claims Life**

At 10:44 a.m. on November 12, Vermilion Valley E 911 Dispatch received a call about an accident at the intersection of Illinois State Route 17 and 3300 East Road in rural Dwight, involving a delivery truck and a Toyota Corola.

Twenty-one-year-old Leah E. Essendrop, of Carpentersville, was pronounced dead at the scene by Livingston County Coroner Danny Wat-

An autopsy has been or-

Assisting agencies at the scene were Dwight Fire and Ambulance, Livingston County Sheriff, and the Illinois State Police.

The accident remains under investigation by the Livingston County Coroner's Office and the Illinois State Police Reconstruction Unit.

# Cleared with 7-0 vote

STUDENTS IN MISS KELLY'S KINDERGARTEN class at Dwight Grade School celebrated

learning about the first Thanksgiving with a "friendship feast." The class made pilgrim place-

mats, pumpkin pie pudding, corn muffins, popcorn and sliced apples. Above, "Pilgrims" and

"Native Americans" are Jack, Jeremy, Bryce, Matthew, Esme and Kendahl.

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# **Mautino Committee** 'not knowing'

by Tom Tock

It was in Febuary of 2016 that you read in *The Paper* that former Dwight and Streator resident David Cooke had filed a campaign spending complaint with the Illinois State Board of Elections concerning newly-appointed Auditor General and former State Representative Frank Mautino.

Fast forward to November 16, 2021 and you are reading stories about Mautino being granted a 7-0 vote by the SBE which cleared him of any malfeasance as a Representative prior to becoming the state's number one fiscal watchdog.

Cooke's complaint primarily dealt with the alleged misspending of a quarter of a million dollars in gas and auto repairs at a Spring Valley gas

May 20 of this year the Illinois Supreme Court determined there was a violation of the campaign finance act and remanded the matter to the eight-member SBE which decided with its 7-0 vote on the 16th that the Mautino campaign violation was in "not knowing".

Mautino was cleared of any personal violation.

Cooke was quoted as stating after the meeting: "The law means nothing and campaign finance oversight and accountability is impossible when the Board ignores the law in the clear evidence of civil and criminal conduct by the Mautino campaign."

Mautino has a ten-year term as Auditor General.

# Highlights of **GSW** High School Board Meeting

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### **Action Items:**

- · Accept the resignation of Superintendent Josh DeLong, effective on June 30, 2022.
- · Accept the resignation of Dion Tjelle as custodian.
- Approve John Sippel, Jr. as part-time custodian.
- Approve Barb Harmann as part-time kitchen worker.
- · Appoint Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman as district representatives for SB committee.
- Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy. · Truth in Taxation Resolu-
- tion since the proposed levy exceeds 105% of last year's tax levy extension. Reciprocal reporting
- agreement with Grundy County State's Attorney. · Revise non-certified staff
- contracts to add the same bereavement day language as the collective bargaining agreement.

### **Concerns Expressed** – – – (Continued from page 1)

velopment of the site.

In the Principal's report, Julie Schultz reported that a from two sections of 27, to three sections of 18. There were several late registrations in August. Ms. Cassie Fleischauer will be the teacher for the new section. Additionally, Kara Stork has been hired as the new 6th grade English Language Arts/Social Studies teacher. This position was unable to be filled in the Fall and had currently been filled from within.

Schultz is working with various companies to finalize proposals for the upgrading of the equipment. playground Schultz's report also included data that, as expected, indicated testing scores were below average by grade level in the Fall of

2020, due to classes being remote the entire 4th quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Fall 2021 scores showed student section of 2nd grade will be growth, but the achievement added to lower the class size was still below average MAP scores. Tracking will be continued into the Winter and Spring.

> In new business, Jancek gave a presentation, detailing how Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) and the tax levy might affect future revenues. There are currently no bonds that need repayment and all funds are in healthy financial condition. Board member Mike Cornale commented that the decisions being made on this budget year will be for monies collected in 2023 and the impact of inflation should be taken into account. Discussion was also held on the urgent need for storage, and a proposal to build storage units on the Grade School grounds.

On December 8 at 7:15, a meeting of staff will be held to introduce the newly-hired Superintendent, Josh DeLong.

The full board was in attendance and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday December 15 at 6

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• Is the charity reputable? Does it use its resources wisely? Most charitable organizations are honest and dedicated to helping their specific causes. But sometimes there are a few "bad apples" in the bunch. These groups aren't necessarily fraudulent (though some are), but they may spend an inordinate amount of their donations on administrative expenses, rather than directing this money to where it's most needed. Fortunately, you don't have to guess about the trustworthiness or the ef-

ficiency of a particular group, because you can check on it. To make sure that a charity is an actual charity – one that is tax-exempt and listed as a 501(c)(3) organization – you can go to www.irs.gov, the website of the Internal Revenue Service, and hit the "Charities & Nonprofits" link. An organization called Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) tracks charitable groups' financial health and accountability, including how much is spent on administrative and fundraising costs. Generally speaking, a charitable group that dedicates more than about 30% to 35% of its total costs to administration and fundraising expenses might be considered somewhat inefficient, though you'd want to evaluate each charity individually, since extenuating circumstances can occur. Keep in mind, though, that smaller charities may not have the same resources as a national organization to provide the reporting necessary for Charity Naviga-

• Will my employer match my contribution? You can make your charitable gift go a lot further if your employer matches it. Typically, companies match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at 2:1 or even higher. Check with your human re-

sources department about your company's policy on charitable matches.

• Are my charitable gifts tax deductible? A few years ago, Congress significantly raised the standard deduction, which, for the 2021 tax year, is now \$12,550 for single taxpayers, \$25,100 for joint filers and \$18,800 for heads of household. As a result of this increase, many people no longer itemize and thus have less financial incentive to make charitable contributions. If you still do itemize and you're thinking of making charitable gifts, you generally have a choice between giving cash and another asset such as stocks. Each type of gift could earn you a tax deduction, but a gift of appreciated stocks could be more beneficial because you may also be avoiding the capital gains tax you might incur if you eventually sold the stocks. You should consult with your tax advisor and the charity (not all accept investments) before making the cash-versus-stock deci-

Even if you don't itemize, you could still get a tax benefit from making a charitable contribution. That's because Congress has extended part of the COVID-19-related legislation that allows taxpayers to claim charitable deductions of \$300 (for single filers) or \$600 (for married couples) if they claim the standard deduction. The charitable donations must be made in cash, not

Giving Tuesday comes just once a year, but your gifts can have lasting benefits. So, be as generous as you can afford – and enjoy the good feelings that follow.

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The library soon will offer games, puzzles, CD players, Walkmans, and cake pans for borrowing. If anyone has any of these items they no longer

Prairie Creek Library, lo- wish to keep, take them to the library for donation. All puzzles and games should have all pieces.

> The library also has resumed accepting donations of books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. If anyone is planning on doing a little holiday cleaning, keep the library in mind.

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# **MVK Seniors Hold November Meeting**

On November 16, the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Seniors met at the Mazon American Legion Hall for lunch thru the Community Nutrition Network from "The Whistle Stop" in Coal City.

President Sherry McIntosh called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge of Allegiance. There was then a silent prayer.

Get Well cards were sent to Rita Mills, Barbara Simov and Marlene Claypool.

Happy Birthday was sung to Shirley Peterson and Shirley Matzen, and Happy "71st" Anniversary to Bob and June Elam. A reading was read by Sherry McIntosh – "Thanksgiving".

Door prizes went to Bob Elam, Carol Bryant, and Linda

Poppleton. Gift prizes went to Shirley Matzen, Jan Alsbury, Joe Sereno, Nancy Brian, Helen Griffiths, Marilyn Lapka, and Bob Hollenbeck. A motion was made by Frank Sereno to give \$25 to Marge Ferguson for retiring, and was seconded by Bill McCormick.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read. Bob Elam motioned to adjourn and Frank Sereno seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting. Anyone 60 or older is invited to join for a small donation. Be sure to call the CNN at 815-941-1590 and make a reservation.

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

# Help with home heating available

As we move into the coldest months of the year, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is reminding Illinoisans that utility bill assistance remains available through the (LIHEAP) Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program.

Because of inflation and a nationwide increase in the price of natural gas, home heating prices are going up to levels not seen in many years. The program has been expanded this year to provide benefits between \$750 and \$1,000 to eligible households in order to help them avoid falling behind on energy bills this win-

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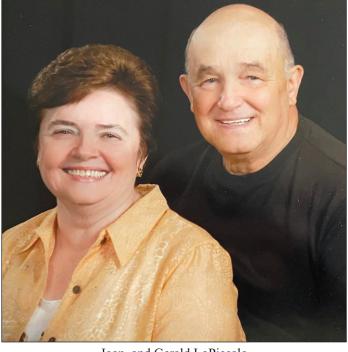
Revenue up, but warnings about inflation. Everywhere you go it seems that prices are rising. We see the effects of inflation at the gas pump, at the grocery store, and just about everywhere else. Now state government has gotten a warning about the effect inflation will have on the state's finances.

The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accounta-(COGFA) issued

October revenue report and found continued revenue growth for the state, but warned about the effect that continued inflation will have. Funds flowing in from the federal government increased substantially last month compared to a year ago.

Tax revenue from Illinois' new sports wagering law leveled off during the summer and early fall, but information from the Illinois Gaming Board suggested that might be due to the popularity of betting on football and basketball which were in their off-seasons during the summer. Inflation was at the highest level it had reached in 30 years. This is going to continue to be a serious problem for consumers in Illinois and nationwide. It also threatens our already-shaky state budget as prices rise for things which the state buys in large amounts, from gasoline for snowplows to food for state facilities and much more.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois \$4,668,423,292 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$8.4 billion. This figure does not include debts that can only be estimated.



Joan and Gerald LoPiccalo



# Gerald and Joan LoPiccalo to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Gerald and Joan LoPiccalo will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, December 2.

Joan Elaine Verdun and Gerald Thomas LoPiccalo were married December 2, 1961, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell.

They are the parents of four send them a card.

daughters: Julie (Jeff) Gabor. Maria (Dan) Marciniec, Michelle (Ron) Stelter, and Denise (Anthony Barone - deceased) (Jim) Rakas.

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# Cortez delivers Peace Meals -

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Another instruction reads to put the bag in a cooler left on the porch.

And other clients want to chat with Cortez as long as they

"I have to make it quick, but I try to make it meaningful. It's the only communication they have; it's crazy," Cortez said. "A lot of them don't have friends or family that are checking on them on a regular basis. They look for my 'Hello.' They look for my everything. I love them, they mean a lot to me.

"It's a well-being check for them whether they have family or not. The families want them to get their meals and the wellbeing check so they know they're OK. I have found people on the floor and have to call for help. Out of my eight years, there have only been three people who left us for Heaven. Three seems like a lot to me."

Colleen Kennedy has been with Peace Meals for the last 91/2 years.

She started as a volunteer driver and is now the home delivery coordinator who receives the referrals for a new client and then coordinates with the site coordinator to have an additional meal added to the route.

"My daughter started and was the delivery person in Pontiac for a summer. I substituted for her when she had camp to go to," Kennedy said. "I decided that I liked Peace Meals and wanted to join the program. I started in Pontiac and then I switched to the Home Delivery Coordinator for McLean County and Livingston County.

"I get the referrals from phone calls or emails from our offices. Then I contact the client or their family and do the assessment. When I'm done with that, I contact the site supervisor which would be Dawn in Dwight. Then we work together to get the new clients included in the route.

"She's one of the many dedicated mission partners working for Peace Meals that interact with our clients daily Monday through Friday. We have a good working relationship and she is very dedicated."

The meals are obviously important, but so is the relationship with the clients and the well being check.

If you ask Erin Kennedy, OSF Manager of Center for Healthy Lifestyles who helps lead the Peace Meals Senior Nutrition Program, the meal and the check have equal importance.

"We like to really focus in on improving food and security within the communities for those that are malnutritioned. Part of the program that is really cool is that we provide daily wellness checks to everyone in the program," said Erin Kennedy, who has been with OSF for 22 years and is not related to Colleen Kennedy. "We knock on the door, deliver the meal, and ask them if everything is OK and if they have all of the resources that they need.

"Sometimes when people are referred into the program, it's so we will check in on them every day. That's what this program does. It allows someone to deliver a warm, healthy meal and a friendly face to check on them to make sure our clients are OK. It provides support to the family. It provides support to the individual. And it is just a great program."

Erin Kennedy has her day to day operations and budgets to fill, but one of her most important duties is to oversee the teams in each of the seven counties to insure the senior population is satisfied with the meals provided.

Through the help of the funding and the volunteers and workers shuttling the communities, the meals continue to bring clients peace.

"We're fortunate to be part of such an intentional program. We get federal, state and local funding from the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging," Erin Kennedy said. "We thankfully exist because of the agency. They are a fabulous partner for us, which allows us to continue to serve meals to our senior population. The meals are nutritional and they're available to anyone in the community. It's not just the poor or the underserved. It's not for just any special population. It is available

for anyone 60 years old or older.

"All of the meals are developed by a registered dietician. They are supported by the requirements of senior nutrition. Some of the more popular, wellreceived meals are meatloaf, fried chicken (which is really baked), and taco salad. Those are the three biggies. Anytime those items are on the menu, we get praise and positive comments, and they always want more.'

Erin Kennedy added Cortez has been a great addition to Peace Meals as she continues to strengthen her positive relations with the clients in Dwight.

Not only is the relationship beneficial to the consumer, but to Cortez as well.

"She knows the community. She lives in the community, Erin Kennedy said. "Her daily visits with the clients not only make our clients' days, but I really think they put an extra skip in Dawn's step as well.

"It's super rewarding for her." Cortez is happy with her role with Peace Meals.

She is also proud to be doing something for the community and recommends everyone to get involved.

"I encourage people in the community to come out and find something to do to help the community," Cortez said. "There are things we can do with our kids and with our grandchildren that help the community. I started as a volunteer because I had free time. Then I obtained my grandchildren (Ashley, Dominic, Kataleya and Jonah) and I couldn't give it up because if I didn't do it, there wasn't anyone to take it over.

"I've remained with it and involved my grandchildren. They look forward to it. They look at it like it's having a lot of grandparents. They're not afraid of the seniors. They love them, will give them hugs, tell them stories, and like being around them. They have respect for the elders. Doing things like this has taught them how important it is to do things for other people."

Brandon LaChance can be reached at (815) 876-7941, blachance20@gmail.com or on Twitter @LaChanceWriter.

### **OBITUARIES**

# Joshua Wayne Folkers

Joshua Mr. Wayne Folkers, age 39, passed away Friday, November 5, 2021.

He was born June 12, 1982 in Streator, Illinois to Wayne Eldon Folkers and Jean Nancy Weiss Folkers.

Mr. Folkers was a resident of

Freeport, Florida. He was Catholic by faith. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, and friend.

He graduated from Dwight High School in Dwight, Illinois. He also graduated from Arkansas University, receiving his Bachelors in Horticulture. He worked as the Superintendent at Windswept Golf Course for over 10 years. He also worked as the Lead Service Advisor with Bill Cramer Chevrolet in Panama City, Florida.

He was an avid boater, fisherman, outdoorsman, and also

enjoyed playing all sports with a Busch Latte in hand.

> Mr. Folkers is preceded in death by his paternal grandpar-Augusta Folkers and Ena Folkers; and his maternal grandparents, Don Weiss Sr. and

Charlotte Weiss.

Mr. Folkers is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Chrystal Folkers of Freeport, Florida; his son, Wyatt Austin Folkers of Freeport, Florida; two brothers: Justin Folkers and his wife, Audrey, of Odell, Illinois and Ryan Folkers of Tacoma, Washington; one sister, Melanie Thacker and her husband Steve of Dwight, Illinois; four nieces: Cheyenne, Lily, Olivia, and Kamryn; nephew, Dalton; and his beloved dogs, "Wrigley" and "Chloe," and his cat, "Socks."

### Beverly J. Cockerham

JASPER, IN-DIANA - Beverly J. Cockerham, age 78, of Jasper, Indiana passed away at 10:24 p.m., Wednesday, November 2021 in Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Beverly was born in Harrisburg, Illinois on

October 1, 1943, to Isaac and Madge (Disney) Heiple.

She was a 1961 graduate of Petersburg High School.

She was a homemaker, worked for the Dubois School System, and then retired from Kimball Electronics, where she had worked for 25 years.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Jasper Moose, where she enjoyed Wednesday quilting.

She enjoyed playing golf, fishing, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. She also loved to travel, especially to Florida and the beach.

Surviving are three children: Alecia (Ronald) Phillips, Westminster, CO; Keith (Martha) Cockerham, Dwight, IL; and Brian (Annalisa) Cockerham, Mahomet, IL; seven grandchildren: Michelle Emig; Renee Phillips, Tyler com.



Chloe, (Kaity), Mykala Cockerham, and Molly Cockerham and Abby Cockerham and fiance, Lukas Graves; one greatgrandson, Clayton Cockerham; two brothers, Mick Evans-Heiple, ville, IN; and Gary Peters-Heiple, burg, IN.

Preceding her in death are one brother, Bill Heiple, and one sister-inlaw, Sheila Heiple.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with burial following in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Indi-

A visitation was held from 4 until 8 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2021, and from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service on Tuesday at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. The Jasper Moose conducted a ritual at 6 p.m., Monday, at the funeral

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be Phillips and fiance, Peter made at www.becherkluesner.

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Dated: November 24, 2021

Patricia S. Rosenbaum **Dwight Township Supervisor**  Janice Masching Dwight Township Clerk

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### Vivian Murphy

Vivian Murphy, age 92, of Dwight, Illinois and formerly of Osakis, Minnesota, passed away Tuesday, November 16, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Born April 26, 1929 in Osakis, Minnesota, Vivian Rosemary was the

daughter of Michael and Marie (nee Brouns) Collins. She was raised and educated in Osakis and graduated from Osakis High School in 1947, attended business school, and worked for Reinhart's in Minneapolis for many years. It was there that she met Francis "Frank" Murphy, the love of her life. The two married in Belle River, Minnesota, on August 31, 1963. Vivian then retired and dedicated her life to raising her family, and the family relocated to Dwight, Illinois, in 1971.

Vivian was a member of Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight, where she participated in the Altar & Rosary Society. She was an active member of the Dwight Woman's Club, and served on the Dwight Public Library and the Bank of Dwight boards.

She was a gifted painter of porcelain china and enjoyed playing Bridge and Whist. Above all, her family was her pride and joy. She devoted herself to being the best mother and grandmother she could be and cherished the memories she made with her family over her lifetime.

Survivors include two daughters: Mary (Tom) Hogan and Erin (Eric) Frobish, both of Morris; five grandchildren: Aindrea "Daah" Hogan, Shannon Hogan (fiance Denny Entwistle), Ethan Frobish, Elaina

"Ellie" Frobish,

and Emma Frobish: one brother, Gary (Judy) Collins of Carlos, Minnesota; and one sister, Kathleen (the late Darwin) Hetland of Osakis, Minnesota; two sistersin-law: Beverly Collins of Osakis, Minnesota, and Elizabeth Murphy of Chicago; and numerous nieces nephews.

Vivian was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank, on August 10, 2016; one brother, David Collins; and one brother in infancy; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, George (Mary) Murphy, Robert Murphy, and Anna Mae Murphy; and nephews, Shaun Collins and Gary Heath.

Visitation was Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in St. Nicholas Catholic Church of Belle River, in Carlos, MN, followed by a Funeral Mass.

Interment was in St. Nicholas Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

Local arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Morris. (815) 942-2500.

### more obituaries appear on page 15

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# **Larry Hassinger Family**

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Abry Nieces ~ Lisa, Lori, Leslie; Nephew Andy Diane Hassinger Hammond and Steve

> **Kyle Hammond Family** Kim Brooks Family

# **NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

Sunbury Township Annual Audit Report Available for Public Inspection

An audit of the funds of the Sunbury Township for the year ending January 31, 2021 has been completed by the audit firm Mack & Associates, P.C., certified public accountants. A copy of the audit has been filed with the Livingston County Clerk and is available for public inspection upon request.

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-11-01** ALLEN TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING AS TO A PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET

WHEREAS, this Board desires to adopt an Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance relevant to the district's current fiscal

AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, this Board now desires to set a public hearing on such;

NOW WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Henry "Frank" Hepner and the District's Attorney are directed to publish legal notice at least 30 days prior to January 19, 2022 that a public hearing will be conducted at the Fire Station in Ransom at 7:00 P.M. on January 19, 2022 as to an Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, a draft copy of which is available at the law firm of Burton, Fuller & Associates, P.C. in Ottawa, IL.

Passed and approved this 17th day of November, 2021.

By: Jayne Corsini, President

ATTEST:

By: Henry F. Hepner, Secretary ProTem





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# A Little Turkey Trivia

1. In what U.S. town did the first American Thanksgiving take place

2. Which U.S. president issued the first official presidential turkey pardon and began the annual tradition?

3. What is the Guinness World Record for the fastest turkey carving time, set by Paul Kelly of the U.K. in 2009?

4. What is the average number of calories an American consumes on Thanksgiving, according to the Calorie Control Council.

5. In what year was the meatless alternative for turkey known as Tofurky introduced?

6. How many feathers does a mature wild turkey typically have on its body, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

7. How fast can a wild turkey run?

8. How many pounds of glitter are used in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade design each year?

9. Which state leads the U.S. in turkey production?

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Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

1. Plymouth, Massachusetts

2. George H.W. Bush

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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

# 'Crafts with Santa' **December 4 in Emington**

The Emington Community Association will be hosting "Crafts with Santa" Saturday, December 4, at Santa's Work-

When not at the North Pole, his workshop is temporarily located at Marcia Drach's, E. 2200 North Rd. in Emington.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there between 1:00-4:00 p.m. Stop by and get a framed picture with Santa in his sleigh reindeer, especilly Rudolph, will still be resting at the North Pole), and be sure to take your Christmas Wishes, as well as your smile, make a craft or two to take, all while enjoying Mrs. Claus' delicious cook-

They will also be signing Christmas cards and coloring pictures for Operation SOS servicemen and women to include in their Christmas package. If interested, the Emington Community Association will also be collecting donations of gum, hard candy, beef jerky, individually wrapped or small packs of cookies, cheese and crackers, breakfast bars, or licorice to include in their packages, or

ies and hot cocoa.

Santa says, "Ho, Ho, Hope to see you there!"

take non-perishable canned or

boxed goods for the Food

# Library Seeks Artists, Crafters for Christmas Ornaments

Dwight is looking for creative people who would like to make an ornament to be featured in the library's display cabinet.

adult, who would like to create an ornament, can stop by the li-

Prairie Creek Library in brary, starting Wednesday, December 1, and pick up an ornament supplied by the library. The artists can take the ornament home, decorate it, and then return the ornament to the Anyone, ages 12 through library to be displayed in the cabinet throughout the holiday

**Dwight Lighted Christmas Parade** Dec. 4 @ 6

# **Adult Craft Night at** Prairie Creek Library Dec. 2



Prairie Creek Library, 501 Carriage House Lane in Dwight, will provide a fun and creative evening out with an adult craft night. Anyone is invited to go to the library at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 2, to create a holiday candle holder.

Registration is required because of supplies needed; however, there is **no cost** to attend. Registration must be completed by Wednesday, November 24. Register for this free Their building is accessible and event by calling 815-584-3061

or stopping by the main circulation desk at the library.

Prairie Creek Library is mindful of its patrons with disabilities and aims to accommodate them as best they can and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are disabled and plan to attend a program at the library, you are invited to call them in advance at 815-584-3061 to make sure they are aware and prepared to meet your needs. equipped with an elevator.

# Award winning mead



by Brandon LaChance

Before the last three mead competitions Brian Galbreath entered, Unpossible Mead had only won one professional medal.

Fast forward to after the Orpheus Cup, the Mazer Cup, and the Mead Crafters Competition final results were official, Galbreath upped his total to 11 with eight medals solely awarded to Unpossible Mead and two medals for a mead made in collaboration with Rt. 66 Old School Brewery in Wilmington.

"It's really nice. I've been here for three years and we had only won one professional medal until now," Galbreath said. "It's just nice to have recognition by our peers. Mazer Cup is the big one. I've won one as a homebrewer, but to now have one as a professional, that's the one I'm the proudest of because it's so competitive and it's the largest mead-only competition in the

'It also means, I make some pretty good stuff.

At the Orpheus Cup, Blackberry Forager won silver and Basswood Blossom earned

Galbreath had many meads in the Mazer Cup medal rounds, but Blackberry Forager's gold was the only medal he took home.

'Tastes Like Toffee received a 98 out of 100 on the score sheet, but it's so competitive I didn't medal," Galbreath said. "It was like, 'Yay, that's awesome,' but I didn't get a medal. It was a little soul-crushing, but at the same time, it just shows how many great meads were in that category.

"I'd like to say getting a 98 out of 100 is an honor, but at the same time, I'd really like to have had a medal. That's just part of competitions."

The Mead Crafters Competition, which is held by the National Honey Board, saw Unpossible Mead take home gold with Love Apple (green tomato and lemon), silver with Mega Meme, and bronze with both Another Man's Treasure and Tastes Like Toffee.

The collaboration mead won gold at the Mazer Cup and took home the bronze at Mead

Galbreath has two beverages in competition in Texas, but the results won't be known until Christmas. This is the last competition of the year.

Unpossible Mead will be closed for January and February, and March may be a possibility depending on the weather.

However, production will continue as new rules have shifted focus to kegs for breweries as guest taps and Unpossible Mead will still be supplied to liquor stores.

"For next year, we're going to change up some of the traditional meads we're making. We want to do one with sourwood blossom honey out of Appalachia and a sweet clover mead," Galbreath said. "I want to play with some other fruits. I've been using the standard fruits, so I want to do a little more variety.

"I'm focusing on a packaging change, too. With a lot of the shortages, I may be switching bottle formats again. It's just a crazy world. Prices have gone up and you have to pick and choose what you're buy-

Galbreath and his wife Jessica Galbreath are expecting their second child between now and Christmas, so the mead maker will be busy outside of Unpossible Mead.

The creating won't stop though as a cheesecake series in December will feature strawberry, blueberry, cherry, and a barrel age series will include Tastes Like Toffee and a peach pecan mead.

# OPERATION S.O.S. (Support Our Soldiers)

# **Operation SOS to Collect Items for Troops During Dwight Christmas Parade**

Our Soldiers) will be walking in the Dwight Christmas Parade Saturday, December 4, collecting items for our troops.

These will be shipped in their Christmas packages.

Individually packaged items like rice krispy treats, fruit snacks, candy canes, Slim Jims, hot chocolate packets, candy, granola cheese/peanut butter crackers, and gum are being sought. Christmas cards are also appre-

Operation SOS (Support ciated, but don't put them in envelopes.

> Operation SOS currently has 37 names on their list. Cash donations are always appreci-

After walking in the parade, the packages will be assembled at the fire station. Anyone wishing to walk in the parade or help with the packages is encouraged to attend. Meet in front of the fire station at 5:45

# Marvel's New Film Is **Eternally Mediocre**

By: Peter Babb

Marvel's Eternals is the newest iteration of their cinematic universe. Despite all of the great action, acting and clever storytelling. Eternals feels more like a dud than a blockbuster film.

Eternal's follows a group of super-powered beings, whose names are the same as mythological and legends. They must stop an alien group, known as the Deviants, from ending the

The Eternals also have to ponder their purpose on Earth as well. As they cannot interfere with human conflicts, including the Avengers fight with Thanos in Avengers Endgame.

Eternal's reputation from their rotten tomatoes ratings does not mean it is a terrible movie. However, there are significant flaws that hinder the story and the development of the characters.

The first two acts of Eternals did a great job setting up the characters, giving them more depth. However, by the end of the film, the characters felt hallow and unable to connect with the audience.

The pacing and storytelling were amazing until the final thirty minutes of the film. The

Deviants that the Eternals were hunting the vast majority of the film felt more like a side character. Despite being labeled as the Big Bad of the film.

The ending of Eternals also felt abrupt and somewhat unfinished. As I had to wait until the end credit scene to understand the ending of the film. Which took an extra ten minutes of my time. By the end of the film, I felt as the Eternals was Marvel's shallow version of the Justice League. With less memorable characters, story and villains.

Overall, I felt Eternals was a good overall film until the last 30 minutes of the film. As it completely fell apart by the end.

However, compared to other Marvel films we have seen over the past few years. Eternals is one of the more disappointing Marvel films in their cinematic universe.

Eternals is not a bad film by any means. The CGI, acting, cinematography and music are amazing. Sadly, it lacks completeness and punch compared to its predecessors in terms of characters and storytelling.

Eternals is a good movie to watch with friends and family on the weekend. It just doesn't give you a bang for your buck.

Want to decorate your house?

Entries must be received by Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. Forms available at ACE. **Dwight** 

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Sunday, December 12 @ 5 p.m.

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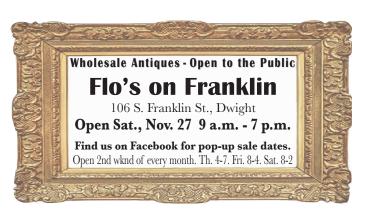
GSWB VARSITY CLUB had former GSW High School graduate Madelyn Storm in to speak November 18. Madelyn is currently a sophomore at Kankakee Community College and a member of the women's basketball team. While attending GSW, Storm played basketball, softball, and volleyball before choosing KCC. In addition to being involved in athletics, she also took part in various groups such as SADD, Student Pubs, and Orange Crush. Madelyn accumulated many individual and team accolades in all three sports during her high school career. She led her basketball team as the captain her junior and senior seasons, and her team won the River Valley Conference in her sophomore and junior seasons. During her senior season, her team also won a regional title while advancing to the Sweet 16. Going back to her junior year, she competed at Illinois State in the IHSA 3-Point Showdown, finishing in the top 10. After completing her basketball career at KCC, Storm plans to attend Illinois State next fall and major in **Business.** 



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# **Redbirds Win Big Over MVK**

Thursday, November 18 Dwight vs. MVK 8th Grade -

The Dwight Redbirds and Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Mavericks faced off November 18. with Dwight coming out on top in their first IVC conference game of the season, 50-21.

"Started slow, but had a great second quarter," Coach Stevenson stated – as his team outscored MVK 20-4 in that frame and would continue the onslaught in the second half.

Putting up 18 points, six boards, and two steals was match-up, as he provided 32 Evan Cox. Colin Bachand fol-points, seven rebounds, seven

lowed closely with 17 points, steals, and two assists in the four rebounds, and two steals. Asher Kargle added nine points, four steals, while Zander Tarnowski (1 steal) and Maddox DeLong (1 rebound, 1 steal) scored four and two points, respectively.

For the Mavs, Brant Roe was leading scorer with six points. Cameron Shriey contributed five points and six rebounds 7th Grade -

It was the Colin Bachand

Show in the seventh grade

Redbirds' 47-13 beating of MVK

Dwight's Matt Watchinski came up with eight points, 10 boards, a steal, and one assist. Graham Meister (5 rebounds) and Trevor Jensen (2 steals, 1 assist) added four points each. Carson Sandeno chipped in with two points, two steals, and an assist. Bradley Thompson had two swipes and dished one assist, with Blake Thetard supplying a steal.

The Mavs' Colton Baudino scored nine points.



### Monday, November 15 Dwight vs. Flanagan 8th Grade -**Livingston County Tournament** The Redbirds were domi-

nant in their opening game against Flanagan in the Livingston County Tournament November 15, winning 40-9.

"Nice win – great defense," stated Coach Stevenson after the game. Evan Cox was top dog with

22 points, six steals, and five boards. Asher Kargle (4 steals) and Jake Wilkey (1 rebound, 1 steal) each scored four points. Maddox DeLong (2 rebounds), Colin Bachand (3 steals, 1 rebound), Jackson Launius (6 rebounds), Ethan Pakula (2 rebounds), and Filemon Ortiz (1 rebound, 1 steal) had two points each.

### 7th Grade -**Livingston County Tournament**

The seventh graders from Dwight also won big over Flanagan in the Livingston County Tourney, 35-17.

"Good opening game of the LCT," said Coach Conroy.

Colin Bachand had 20 points, seven boards to lead the Redbirds. Graham Meister added 15 points, seven steals, two rebounds, and one assist.

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Matt Watchinski (4 steals) and Trevor Jensen (4 assists) grabbed nine and seven rebounds, respectively. Bradley Thompson (1 steal) and Ethan Marquis each pulled down one rebound. Blake Thetard had

### **Tuesday, November 16** Dwight vs. Pontiac 7th Grade -**Livingston County Tournament**

one swipe.

Dwight took its second loss of the season November 16, dropping a 37-22 decision to Pontiac.

"We played very poorly in the first half," admitted Dwight's Coach Conroy. "The effort in the second half was much better."

Colin Bachand led the Redbirds with 16 points, five rebounds, four steals, and two assists. Blake Thetard added four points, one steal, while Graham Meister put up two points, four boards, and a steal. Matt Watchinski contributed four rebounds and a steal, with Trevor Jensen (2 steals, 2 assists) and Carson Sandeno (2 steals) each snagging one re-

### bound. Dwight vs. GSWB 6th Grade -

In sixth grade basketball

play, Dwight fell to rivals GSWB, 27-18, on the road.

Evan Olson had six points and 11 rebounds to lead the Redbirds. Kayden Wood supplied six points, nine boards, with Sawyer Kucera scoring four points. Jude Hurt chipped in with two points.

"B" -In the "B" game, Dwight

prevailed, 24-11. The Redbirds offense was led by Kyler DeLisle with ten points. Cason Johnson did a great job directing the offense, scoring six points in addition to five steals and four boards. Axel Kargle (5 steals), Logan Pakula (3 steals), and Walter Bradley (4 rebounds) each scored two points. Alex Ortiz led the team with nine boards.

### Wednesday, November 17 Dwight vs. Odell 8th Grade -**Livingston County Tournament**

The Dwight Redbirds held off a pesky Odell squad November 17 to win, 39-38, and advance in the LCT.

"Nice semifinal win over a tough Odell team," Coach Stevenson said in the postgame.

Evan Cox (10 rebounds, 4 steals) and Colin Bachand (6 rebounds, 2 steals) put up 18 and 13 points, respectively. Jake Wilkey provided three points, three boards, while Zander Tarnowski and Jack Statler both added two points and a rebound. Jackson Launius connected on a free throw and came up with a steal.

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# **MVK MAVERICKS BASKETBALL**

### Monday, November 8 MVK vs. Pontiac St. Mary's

8th Grade -On November 8, the MVK Mavericks fell to Pontiac St. Mary's, 47-25.

Brady Sheedy scored 11 points in the game. 7th Grade -

In the seventh grade matchup, the Mavs lost to St. Mary's,

Colton Baudino led MVK with 13 points.

### Wednesday, November 10 MVK vs. Marseilles 8th Grade -

In eighth grade boys basketball play November 10, Mazon-Verona-Kinsman won over Marseilles, 35-12.

Cameron Shriey was the game's leading scorer with 11. Brady Sheedy followed with nine points on three third quarter three-pointers. Devon Daemicke added five points and six steals. 7th Grade -

MVK's seventh graders took a 30-9 loss, with Colton Baudino scoring seven of his squad's points.

### Thursday, November 11 MVK vs. Milton Pope 8th Grade -

In basketball action November 11 against Milton Pope, the Mavericks won by a score of

Cameron Shriey led the way with 15 points, 11 boards,

while Brady Sheedy chipped in with 12 points.

### 7th Grade -

Milton Pope defeated the Mavs in the seventh grade game, 51-21.

Colton Baudino scored 10 points for MVK.

### Tuesday, November 16 MVK vs. Elwood 8th Grade -

The MVK boys basketball team came back from a 13-2 first half deficit to win 28-22 in their first Illinois Valley Conference game, in Elwood, November 16.

Brady Sheedy led the 4-1 Mavs with 19 points. 7th Grade -

In the seventh grade matchup, the Mavericks won big, 38-4. Brant Roe scored 15 points, followed by 12 from Kolton Pfeifer.

MVK moves to 2-3 with the

### Wednesday, November 17 MVK vs. ICS 8th Grade -

The eighth grade Mavericks defeated ICS 42-10 November

Brady Sheedy scored 16 points, followed by Brant Roe with 10.

### 7th Grade -

The seventh grade game ended with MVK on top, 46-

Kolton Pfeifer led with 13 points, with Brant Roe scoring

# DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

### Monday, November 15 **Dwight vs. Morris** 7th Grade -

In a meeting with Morris November 15, the seventh grade Lady Redbirds won, 24-

Claire Sandeno (7 rebounds, 5 steals, 1 assist) and Mikayla Chambers (12 steals, 5 assists, 3 rebounds) each scored eight points. Delaney Boucher (2

steals, 2 rebounds) and Kit Connor (2 rebounds, 1 assist) had two points each. Sophie Bastian added five boards and a steal, while Addy Sulzberger (2 rebounds) and Madlynn Lucus (1 rebound) chipped in with three and two steals, respectively. Cloe Gall (1 steal), Olivia Buck (1 assist, 1 steal), De'Lana Marsh, and Lauren Snyder each grabbed three and two rebounds.

# **Church Dartball League**

Church Dartball League started November 15, and results are as follows:

Zion Lutheran Herscher #2	<u>W</u> 1 2	<u>L</u> 2 1
Herscher #1 Dwight Meth.	1 2	2 1
Emmanuel Luth. Trinity Lutheran	1 2	2
New Life Dwight Cong.	1 2	2 1

League Standings			
	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	
Dwiht Meth.	5	1	
Dwight Cong.	5	1	
Emmanuel Luth.	4	2	
Herscher #2	4	2	
Herscher #1	2	4	
Trinity Lutheran	2	4	
Zion Lutheran	1	5	
New Life	1	5	

The next day of play is Monday, December 6, at 7:00

# **Gas Prices For This Week** After stubbornly staying above \$80 a barrel

since Labor Day, the price of crude oil tumbled this week into the mid-\$70s. Fears of slowing economic activity in the U.S. and Europe due to a resurgence of COVID-19, along with reports that the Biden Administration is calling for a simultaneous release of stockpiled oil by large oil-consuming nations, including the U.S., China, Japan and South Korea, is putting downward pressure and South Korea, is putting downward pressure on crude prices. The national average price for a gallon of gas is \$3.40, down a penny since last week. The price of crude oil accounts for about 50%–60% of what consumers pay at the pump, so a lower oil price should translate into better gasoline prices for drivers, but until global oil production ramps back up to pre-pandemic levproduction ramps back up to pre-pandemic levels, this recent dip in the price of crude may only be temporary.

City/Village	November 22	November 15
Dwight	\$3.40	\$3.40
Kankakee	\$3.53	\$3.38
Streator	\$3.50	\$3.47
Pontiac	\$3.38	\$3.37
Gardner	\$3.55	\$3.59
Braceville	\$3.43	\$3.36
Morris	\$3.51	\$3.50
Herscher	\$3.55	\$3.55
Chicago	\$3.70	\$3.68
Illinois	\$3.57	\$3.56
U.S.	\$3.40	\$3.41
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# **Victory Lanes** League Results

**Commercial League Bowlers** 

HSG: Eric Knobbe, 262; Kevin Oelschlager, Sr., 246; Ken Benson, 244; Michael King, 223; Blain Wilkey, 217 -Jessica Bzdusek, 192; Brandi Farcus, 173; Kaitlin Kenny, 165; Jackie Oelschlager, 164; Michelle Bzdusek. HSS: Eric Knobbe, 709; Ken Benson, 663; Kevin Oelschlager, Sr., 620; Blain Wilkey, 594; Nick Gosteli, 593 - Brandi Farcus, 488; Jessica Bzdusek, 438; Shelah Gaston, 426; Anne Sporrer, 422; Jackie Oelschlager, 417. HSG/HHG: Benson Racing #19, 1010. HSS/HHS: Benson Racing #19, 2848.

League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Whiskey Cav.	12	0
Benson Racing	9	3
Pumpkin Patch	8	4
Maxwell Truck.	6	6
Cherry R.R.	6	6
Agritile	5	7
Willy's Pub	5	7
Gaston Construct.	5	7
Dairy Queen	5	7
Coleman/Son	5	7
Victory Lanes	4	8

### **Sportsman League Bowlers**

HSG: Bosco Gassman, 266; Brandon Petry, 258; Chris Cook, 238; Jeff Saltzman, 237; Doug Gassman, 229. HSS: Bosco Gassman, 700; Brandon Petry, 675; JD Gernentz, 649; Doug Gassman, 635; Jeff Saltzman, 632. HSG: Victory Lanes, 987. HHG: Victory Lanes, 1019. HSS: Star Trucking, 2829. HHS: Victory Lanes, 2906.

League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Star Trucking	13	3
Victory Lanes	12	4
Jensen BP II	12	4
Jeremy's Barber	10	6
Rockey's Pub	8	8
Rury's Tap	8	8
DeLong Ford	8	8
Cafe 110 West	7	9
Willy's Pub	7	9
Jensens I	6	10
Rambo Construct.	5	11

### **Once A Month League Bowlers**

HSG: Terry Wilkey, 204; Paul Seabert, 197; Nick Page, 189 - Sherri Colebank, 183; Sarah Knobbe, 173; Anne Rodosky, 168. HSS: Terry Wilkey, 544; Kevin Webb, 517; Paul Seabert, 502 – Anne Rodosky, 481; Sarah Knobbe, 422; Lori Stevens, 400.

League Standings	<u>w</u>	<u>L</u>
Living On/Prayer	8	0
Coyne's Team	7	1
Kamikazee	4	4
Sunday Funday	4	4
The Originals	4	4
Future Tree Serv.	3	5
Lickety Splits	3	5
Pauly's People	1	7
Froelich-Pittenger	1	7
Sandeno-Meister	1	7
Calls & Kious	0	8
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Saturday, November 20

On November 20, the sev-

enth grade Lady Redbirds de-

feated Marseilles in the first

round of regional action, 20-4.

eight points, seven steals, four

boards, and one assist. Claire

Sandeno added five points,

Mikayla Chambers led with

Dwight vs. Marseilles

7th Grade - Regional

# Redbirds Beat St. Mary's to Win LCT Dwight's 7th Graders Take 3rd Place

Saturday, November 20 Dwight vs. Pontiac St. Mary's 8th Grade -**Livingston County** 

**Tournament** The Dwight Redbirds were crowned Livingston County Tournament champions November 20, as they defeated

Pontiac St. Mary's, 53-50. "Tough game! We played well and played great defense," stated Coach Stevenson.

Evan Cox had 24 points, five boards, and two steals to lead his team. Joey Starks con-

tributed 12 points and six re- Dwight vs. bounds, while Asher Kargle Prairie Central came up with six points and a steal. Zander Tarnowski added five points and one steal. Maddox DeLong (3 rebounds), Colin Bachand (4 rebounds, 1 steal), and Jackson Launius (2 rebounds, 1 steal) each scored two points.

"Big, big win," added Coach Stevenson. "Proud of these young men - played

Dwight is now 8-1 on the

7th Grade -**Livingston County Tournament** 

In the seventh grade matchup with Prairie Central, the Redbirds hung on to secure the third place spot in the LCT.

"Quite a game," said head coach Tom Conroy. "We led the whole way but it was rough out there and we were in serious foul trouble but hung on for the

Colin Bachand led the way with 22 points, six steals, five rebounds, and two assists. Graham Meister had 13 points, eight boards, with Trevor Jensen (4 rebounds, 4 assists) and Blake Thetard (2 rebounds, 2 steals) each scoring two points. Matt Watchinski provided eight rebounds and three steals. Carson Sandeno (1 rebound) and Bradley Thompson each had one steal.

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

The Redbirds improve to 7-2 in 2021.



### eight steals, three rebounds, phie Bastian and Madlynn and an assist. Cloe Gall (3 Lucus each grabbing one resteals, 1 rebound) and Olivia

Buck (3 steals, 2 rebounds)

scored three points each. Kit

Connor contributed a free

throw, an assist, a rebound, and

one steal. Delaney Boucher had

five steals and four boards,

while Addy Sulzberger added

three swipes. De'Lana Marsh

chipped in with two steals and

a rebound. Lauren Snyder had

a steal and one assist, with So-

Tuesday, November 16 **GSW** vs. Grant Park Reed-Custer Thanksgiving **Tournament** 

The GSW Lady Panthers outscored Grant Park 14-7 in the fourth quarter of their contest November 16, but it wasn't enough, as they fell 36-32 in their first game of the season – part of the Reed-Custer Thanksgiving Tournament.

Addi Fair led Gardner-South Wilmington with 16 points, including three threes. Hannah Balcom had nine points, with Chloe Wells adding three points. Eva Henderson and Riley Klingler scored two points each.

Wednesday, November 17 **GSW** vs. Wilmington Reed-Custer Thanksgiving Tournament

GSW was back at Reed-Custer November 17 taking on Wilmington, and would suffer a 40-28 loss, despite a 21-point effort from Addi Fair that included two three-pointers.

Hannah Balcom added three points to the Lady Panthers' score, with Eva Henderson hitting a bucket. Chloe Wells and Aspen Lardi each made a free

throw.

7th Grade Lady Redbirds

**Top Marseilles in Regional** 

Thursday, November 18 **GSW vs. Coal City** Reed-Custer Thanksgiving **Tournament** 

On November 18, the Lady Panthers took a 40-15 loss to Coal City in the Reed-Custer Thanksgiving Tourney.

Eva Henderson was high scorer with five points, including a three-pointer. Hannah Balcom put up four points, with Chloe Wells adding a bucket. Riley Klingler and Addi Fair each hit two free throws.

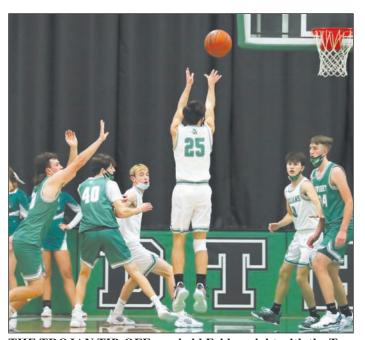
Saturday, November 20 **GSW vs. Yorkville Christian** Reed-Custer Thanksgiving Tournament

The GSW Lady Panthers were beaten by Yorkville Christian, 68-20, at Reed-Custer November 20.

Addi Fair led with five points, including a three. Eva Henderson and Hannah Balcom both scored five points, with Grace Olsen, Madison Buck, Mary Clare Phillips, and Aspen Lardi chipping in with two points each. Riley Klingler made a free throw.



DCS REDBIRD SOFTBALL TEAM was recognized at the November 17 Board Meeting for making it into the post season. The girls won both regionals and sectionals to earn a spot at state.



THE TROJAN TIP-OFF was held Friday night with the Trojan JV and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball players and Cheerleaders spotlighted.





# **DTHS L**ADY Trojans Basketball

Monday, November 15 Dwight vs. Fieldcrest **Integrated Seed** 

**Thanksgiving Tournament** 

The Dwight Lady Trojans lost their season opener November 15 to Fieldcrest during the Integrated Seed Thanksgiving Tournament.

Kassy Kodat led Dwight with nine points and two steals. Njomza Asllani added five points, going 3-4 from the charity stripe and grabbing six rebounds to go with three assists. Brooke Vigna put up two points, three blocks, with Lilly Duffy providing three steals and two assists.

Tuesday, November 16 Dwight vs. Flanagan **Integrated Seed** 

**Thanksgiving Tournament** In Integrated Seed Thanks-

giving Tourney play November 16, the Lady Trojans notched their first victory of the season by taking out the hosts, Flanagan, 53-46.

Dwight led from the start of the game, pulling out to an 11point advantage at the end of the third quarter.

Leading the way for the Lady Trojans was Kassy Kodat with 14 points, going 6-8 from the line. Mikalah Bregin added 12 points, while Skylar Horrie had nine points, including two threes on the night. Njomza Asllani and Brooke Vigna

scored seven and six points, respectively. Lilly Duffy supplied five points.

Thursday, November 18 Dwight vs. Ottawa Marquette **Integrated Seed Thanksgiving Tournament** 

The Dwight Lady Trojans fell to 1-2 on the season with a loss to Ottawa Marquette November 18, 59-22, in the Thanksgiving Tournament.

Leading scorer for Dwight was Kassy Kodat with 10 points, in addition to eight rebounds. Brooke Vigna and Njomza Asllani each scored four points, with Lilly Duffy (4 steals) and Skylar Horrie scoring two points each. Mikalah Bregin had a team-high eight rebounds.

Saturday, November 20 Dwight vs. Seneca **Integrated Seed Thanksgiving Tournament** 

In the final round of the Integrated Seed Thanksgiving Tourney November 20, Dwight was defeated by Seneca, 49-10.

Njomza Asllani, Mikalah Bregin, and Ellora McCullough each scored three points for the Lady Trojans. Lilly Duffy added a free throw.

Kassy Kodat was selected to the Integrated Seed Thanksgiving Tournament All-Tournament Team.

Dwight drops to 1-3 on the season.

# Monday, November 15

Seneca vs. Herscher **Integrated Seed** Thanksgiving Tournament

The Lady Irish began their 2021-22 campaign with a 43-35 loss to Herscher November 15 in the Integrated Seed Thanksgiving Tournament.

"Tough way to start against a good Herscher team," said Coach Brian Holman. "Thirtyplus turnovers won't win you many games. We're inexperienced and will get better as we

Emma Smith led Seneca with 14 points and 10 boards. Kennedy Hartwig had 11 points, with Carly Greve adding four points and seven rebounds.

Wednesday, November 17 Seneca vs. Hall **Integrated Seed Thanksgiving Tournament** 

Seneca sank Hall 43-32 in Integrated Seed Thanksgiving

Tourney action November 17. "Good bounce back win," stated Coach Holman. "Happy for the girls that their hard work got rewarded. We were really good in the first and third quarters, which made the difference.'

Kennedy Hartwig's 10 points led the Lady Irish. Zoe Hougas and Faith Deering each added six points.

Friday, November 19 Seneca vs. Serena **Integrated Seed Thanksgiving Tournament** 

SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

During the Integrated Seed hanksgiving Tournament November 19, Seneca was defeated by Serena, 44-33.

"Terrible start, but the girls fought hard," said Coach Holman. "Serena is a very good, well coached team and we played with them for three quarters. We'll keep working hard and get back to it!"

Emma Smith and Kennedy Hartwig led the Lady Irish with 11 points each.

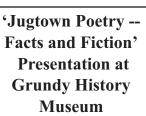
Seneca drops to 1-2 overall following the loss.

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# Making the Toughest Best Decision

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about it, it was pretty clear, adoption was the best option for her. It was more important for me to protect her, more than being selfish and wanting to have her in my life."

Two of the main factors behind Sawcedo's decision to share Carroll were the guy who helped her conceive was bad news and she couldn't support a child while still in high school.

After Sawcedo gave birth to Carroll, she had to wait 72 hours before she could sign off her rights to the child. The birth mom took every second she could to sing to her, pray with her and talk to her.

Sawcedo still vividly remembers her baby crying as they took Carroll from her arms and walked down the hallway.

"I want people to understand adoption. It's terribly difficult," said Sawcedo. "It's the best thing you could do and at the same time it's one of the hardest things you could ever do. It's not about you at that point, it's about the child. What was really hard is what I call, having empty arms. You come home from the hospital after having a child and you don't have the baby to hold. From my perspective, it was really difficult.

"People didn't understand it. People would say mean things like, 'I can't believe you gave

### **NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

Sunbury-Esmen-Nevada Multi Township Tax Assessment District Annual Audit Report Available for Public Inspection

An audit of the funds of the Sunbury-Esmen-Nevada Multi Township Tax Assessment District for the year ending March 31, 2021 has been completed by the audit firm Mack & Associates, P.C.. certified public accountants. A copy of the audit has been filed with the Livingston County Clerk and is available for public inspection upon request.

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"It was cool to see that even though I was put up for adoption, my birth mother really did love me." Brittany Carroll, on reading letters sent to her by her birth mother, Christy Sawcedo

your baby away.' If I was upset, I remember people being cruel and saying, 'Why are you upset? You didn't care enough to keep her.' It was just such a misconception of the situation.

"The truth is, some of the other options are not better like keeping a baby you know you can't care for. In my position, I felt like I could be putting her in harm's way with the father, who is currently in prison. He was always going to be in prison, but I didn't know that at the time. People wanted to say I was being selfish and that I didn't care, but really it was the opposite."

Carroll, who is now married and has two children of her own, knows the decision was out of love and not quitting or being unwanted.

The bundle of joy was taken in by Dane and his wife at the time, who also adopted three other children besides Carroll. After a split when Carroll was 8, Dane married Jacquie and she has become the woman Carroll feels is her true mother.

The parents collected letters Christy had sent over the years and when Carroll was 18, she was given the option to receive a box of her birth mother's con-

"My parents got divorced when I was in elementary school. My dad wasn't the one who was writing Christy for the first eight years or so, it was my mom. When my mom left the picture, that's when the communication stopped," Carroll said. "But my dad kept all the

letters she had written to me. I still have all of the letters and the photos.

"My dad had always told me, 'When you turn 18, you can have all of this information and do what you want with it.' When I was younger it was for my safety to not give it to me because you never know what you're walking into. Right when I turned 18, I got the box of stuff. I went through it, read the letters, and it was super emotional.

"It was cool to see that even though I was put up for adoption, my birth mother really did love me. She really did what was best for me at the time. I really saw it in the letters and I knew she was someone I definitely wanted to meet."

In the box, a letter from Sawcedo's father included a phone number. Carroll called the number after she was 18, but since it was the father's landline Sawcedo was no longer connected to, Carroll was given the correct number.

They spoke and within two weeks visited each other for the first time since January of

"It was something I had always thought about. In my mind, I had my parents and I didn't feel I had a void in my life," Carroll said. "But, it was something I was curious about and I wanted to meet Christy. I wanted to know if I looked like anybody. Being adopted, I didn't look like anyone in my family, so I was

look like.

"It was something in the back of my mind I wanted to do, but nothing I had to do. If Christy wouldn't have picked up the phone, I think I would have been fine with it but it turned out really great for us."

The two have found they have similar personalities, likes, and mannerisms.

Carroll also found out Sawcedo has three more daughters in Brenda (2½ years younger than Carroll), Leah and Jenna.

At first, it was tough to realize she had other people who could be family, but over time she has slowly adopted them into her circle.

"Meeting her for the first time was nerve-racking. It was a lot all at one time, which was my choice," Carroll said. "I met her mom and dad, and her daughters. It was overwhelming. I had my own family, so in the beginning, it was like, 'OK, this is great to meet evervone, but I have a family. If I see them again, that will be cool,' but I didn't have a longing to want to be with them all the time.

"Over time, the more I talked to Christy, I found we have a really good bond and that's what I was looking for. We've grown our relationship and I've gotten to know her daughters. It's been really cool to get to know her. I feel like we're good friends."

When asked about her current relationship with Carroll, Sawcedo slightly giggles, takes a breath, and says, "It's amazing."

For someone who openly admits she wasn't making good decisions when she was

interested to see who I did 17, she somehow found it in her to make one of the best decisions of her life.

"I really feel like God was with me through the whole thing," Sawcedo said. "Even though I wasn't really looking to him, I feel like he knew what the right decision was. He had to know we would reconnect and have the relationship we do now. I feel like it's supernatural that I was able to make that kind of decision during such a cruddy time in my life.

"I do feel like it was still a good idea. It's hard sometimes because I missed things, but she had a good family. Even those 10 years that I didn't have any information, I thought to myself 'I hope she doesn't contact me' because that just means she's content with the life she has."

This is another part of the bond Sawcedo and Carroll have almost 34 years after the adoption because Carroll backs the decision and is happy with how things turned

"I have a lot more respect for Christy that she was able to give up her child because I feel like it's the most selfless thing you can do," Carroll said. "I couldn't imagine having to do that. I don't fault Christy at all. I wouldn't be the person I am if she didn't put me up for adoption.

"I'm very grateful that I have the parents that I have and that I grew up the way I did. I know her intentions were for that."

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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:

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Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@www.isbe.net. SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention 8 Safety
Local Sources	1000	3,152,164	868,130	1	375,613	101,447	124,476	66,979	208,607	
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0		6,5111111		
State Sources	3000	730,191	20,000	0	29,789	0	0	0	0	
Federal Sources	4000	247,717	2,952	0	0	3,427	0	0	0	
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		4,130,072	891,082	1	405,402	104,874	124,476	66,979	208,607	
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		3,586,061	660,442	0	426,895	132,923	532		118,279	
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	(12,119)	0	0	0	19,263	(7,144)	0	
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		4,579,953	993,851	37	403,015	127,401	85,316	755,694	95,235	
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		5,123,964	1,212,372	38	381,522	99,352	228,523	815,529	185,563	

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

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

Dwight Twp High School District #230

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# GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000 Chuck Butterbrodt; Rob Caridi; Justin Eggenberger; Justin Gund; Jamie Oelschlager; Chuck Prong; Clark Reamer; Bud Schultz; Andrew Smith; Jared Steck; Kathy Stewart; Tammy Stolzenbach Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999

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

Amy DeMarse; Patricia Farrell-Levange; Tamara Fritchtnitch; Jeff Froelich; Eric Hall; Melissa Harri; Sid Krople; Paul Lebryk; Anthony March; Devi Pappas; Todd Severns: Luke Standiford: Rebecca Stipanovich; Mitch Thompson; Steve Tumer, Kathy Wiemken

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Salary Range: \$90,000 and over Richard Jancek; Andy Pittenger

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Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000 Mjellma Asllani; Elizabeth Bland; Joe Bloxam; David Brooke; Cathy Burke; Chloe Butterbrodt; Kyle Cahill; Keli Chambers; leremy Connor; Tom Conroy; Katie Crouch; Ruben Diaz; Dan Edwards; Alycia Ferrari; Susie Fox; Marc Gamble; Tiffany Gamble; Kathleen Gettinger; Jonathan Golden; Angie Goley: Abigayle Groves; James Gussman; Melinda Gutzman; Tyler Gutzman; Corilyn Hensel-McCullough; Madisen Herlan; Angela Logan Murray Hilt; Alica Home; Barb Hyatt, Michael Johnson; Doug Jorstad; Diana Kinnamon; Jim Kinnamon; Maria Kreush; Tesha LaGrange; Larry Lane; Susan Legner; Jane Lemke; Marvin Lemke; Dezirae Lenoard; Eric Link: Frank Mackovitch; Stephen Mann; Chad Miller; Eugene Mortensen; Kevin Murphy: Coreen Perschnick; Lori Schade; Allison Schantz; Nick Schultz: Sharon Scrivner; Jocelyn Sims; Emily Soto; Jamie Stanton: Bruce Statler; Jen Statler; John Steurer; Kathy Steurer; Kristen Telford: Randy Thomas; Brian Trainor, Greg Wargo;

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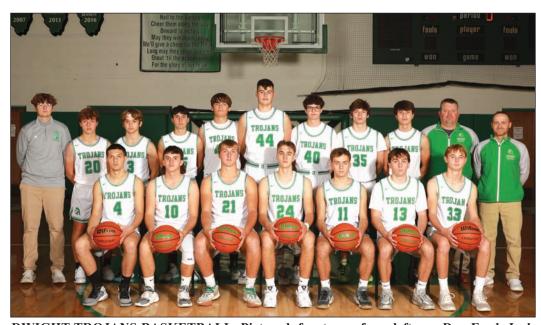
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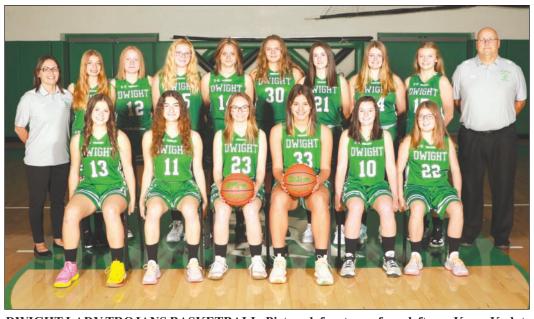
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Rival5 Technologies	\$ 10,802
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Skyward Accounting Dept	\$ 7,206
Symmetry Energy Solutions	\$ 8,830
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Wright's Furniture	\$ 4,437



# WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW



DWIGHT TROJANS BASKETBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Dan Ford, Jack Denker, Jeremy Kapper, Kaleb Duden, Carter Butterbrodt, Landon Brown, Gavin Wykes; back row, Manager Noah Scott, Jack Groves, Conner Telford, Jack Duffy, Luke Gallet, Wyatt Thompson, Jace Gall, Tyler Frauli, Dawson Carr, Coach Dunlap, and Coach Jeremy Connor.



DWIGHT LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Kassy Kodat, Njomza Asllani, Alayna Airgood, Brooke Vigna, Lilly Duffy, Ella Legner; back row, Coach Thompson, Ashley Thompson, Mikalah Bregin, Ellora McCullough, Erica Vigna, Issy Bunting, Maci Johnson, Skylar Horrie, Emerson Peters, and Coach Butterbrodt.



# **DTHS Trojans Basketball**

**Head Coach:** Jeremy Connor (3 Years) JV Coaches: Todd Severns Dennis Dunlap 2020-21 Record: 9-8

The newest members of the Tri-County Conference, the Dwight Trojans, are readying themselves for the 2021-22

season, and head coach Jeremy Connor is excited to get back to

"We have a great combo of height and speed," Connor says. "If everything goes right, we should have a deep bench.'

With their gaze set on taking the top spot in the TCC, coupled with regional title hopes, the Trojans know they've got to put in the work.

In regards to necessary improvements, Connor says "Shooting and not turning the ball over are keys we need to work on to have great success.

"Starting in a new conference this year, so we will be playing a lot of schools that we know little about - it will be a great challenge for us."



### Chuck Butterbrodt (2nd Season)

JV Coach: Amie Thompson **2020-21 Record:** 6-7

Dwight's head coach Chuck Butterbrodt began his coaching as the Lady Trojans' head coach during the abbreviated 2020-21 season, so he is looking forward to the 2021-22 run for a multitude of reasons mainly, to get back to winning basketball.

"We are a hard working group," says Butterbrodt. "The work ethic these girls show day in and day out is fantastic. We are a quick group, which will

lead to some exciting basket-

**DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL** 

ball. Coach Butterbrodt knows he has a young group of ballers, and they are working to learn how to play together as a unit.

"We graduated five seniors from last year's squad. Kassy Kodat is our only returning starter from last season. As we adjust with new players, we need to make sure we take care of the basketball and limit turnovers."

The team's hope is to improve every time they take the court, looking to compete every game.

This will be Dwight's first

season in the Tri-County Conference, but the Lady Trojans are familiar with some of the teams.

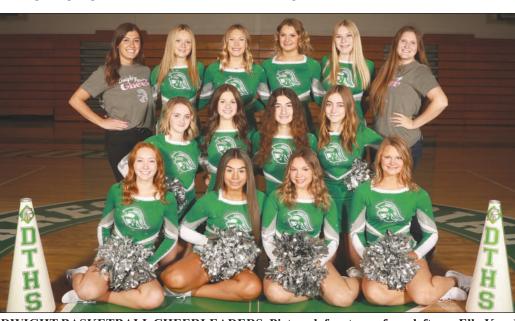
"We have played a few teams in the past. Seneca, an old Interstate Eight conference opponent, will always be fundamentally sound. Ottawa Marquette and Putnam County are programs that we have seen in the past and are expected to be solid this year, as well. Roanoke-Benson is a team that we typically have not seen in past years, but they are always competing for the top conference spot. It will be interesting as we get into conference play this season for the first time."



DWIGHT TROJANS JV BASKETBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Drew Anderson, Jack Groves, Owen Dunlap, Ryan Hilt, Owen Woods, Gunnar Severns (water boy); back row, Coach Dennis Dunlap, Tristan Chambers, Brayden Jensen, James Stogner, Luke Gallet, Tristen Larkin, Andrew Gartke, Will Trainor, and Coach Severns.



DWIGHT LADY TROJANS JV BASKETBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Kassy Kodat, Ashley Thompson, Maci Johnson, Lilly Duffy, Ella Legner; back row, Coach Thompson, Njomza Asllani, Ellora McCullough, Issy Bunting, Emerson Peters, and Erica Vigna.



DWIGHT BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS. Pictured, front row, from left, are Ella Kargle (S), Leticia DeLara (S), Jordan Schultz (S), Alexis Thetard (S); middle row, Tru Connor (F), Kassy Kodat (So), Njomza Asllani (So), Brynn Connor (F); back row, Coach Mjellma Asllani, Ava Kargle (J), Eloise Becker (So), Kaitlyn Thetard (So), Brianna Kosek (J), and Coach Jor-



# **DWIGHT BASKETBALL SIDELINE CHEER**

**Head Coaches:** Jordyn Tilley (1st Season) Mjellma Asllani (2nd Season)

**Team Strengths:** The DTHS cheerleaders have the ability to adapt to changes quickly and provide support to not only football and basketball teams, but for the entire student body and school. They also help the

community show support and practice good sportsmanship at basketball games.

this Season: Due to the prior year and COVID, the team is working on rebuilding. Having no contact impacted stunting that the cheer team would normally do. After a year of not

stunting, the team is working from the ground up to rebuild the skills they once had.

Team Improvements Needed Goals for the Season: The DTHS cheerleaders' goal for this season is to support the basketball team and share their Trojan spirit. Getting the crowd involved in cheering on their Trojan basketball team.

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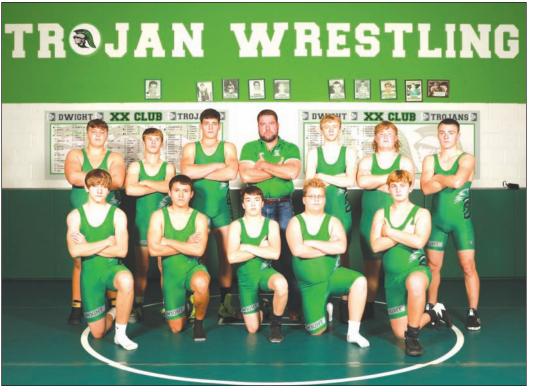
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DWIGHT TROJANS WRESTLING. Pictured, front row, from left, are Seth Robertson, Domingo Ramirez, Dylan Crouch, Garrett Leach, Evan Sandeno; back row, Terry Wilkey, Dillon Sarff, Samuel Edwards, Coach Edwards, Emmett Emmons, Dalton Galloway, and Austin Burkhardt.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Austin Burkhardt	J
Dylan Crouch	F
Samuel Edwards	S
<b>Emmett Emmons</b>	S
Dalton Galloway	S
James 'Garrett' Leach	So
Ryan Martin	F
Domingo Ramirez	So
Seth Robertson	J
Evan Sandeno	So
Dillon Sarff	S
Kyler Starks	So
Terry Wilkey	So

# SENECA FIGHTING IRISH WRESTLING

**Head Coach:** Todd Yegge (25 Years) **Assistant Coaches:** Stan Crews Alex Shreve Bill Hamby

**2020-21 Dual Record:** 33-2

Fighting Irish head coach Todd Yegge and his young wrestling squad from Seneca are ready for action in 2021-22, and looking to replay their impressive showing a year ago.

"We have a good mix of veteran and young talent, but we are definitely young this year compared to last season," says Yegge.

"We have incoming freshmen with experience and a ble of beating good competicouple that were state-caliber in IESA. We have eight returning sectional qualifiers off our well-tested and tough-schedule-season last year. We have a

lot of strength and experience in the middle weights, but our weakness resides in the upper weights with losing a very good senior class," admits Coach Yegge.

Owen Feiner returns as a state place-winner, and Jaden Casey looks to be Seneca's senior leader and captain.

Yegge adds, "Our depth is not as strong as last season, but if we stay healthy, we have a very strong team, in my opinion, even after losing that good group of seniors.

"We are not a top 10 caliber team," states Yegge, "but we should be tough and still capation this season. If this very strong freshmen/sophomore group stays together and improves – we should be very, very good quickly."

		Probable Cert.	<u>20-21</u>	<u>20-21</u>
<u>Name</u>	<b>Year</b>	21-22 Wt.	Record	Tourn. Wt.
Kyler Hahn	J	106	23-5	
Jaden Casey	S	120	32-7	113
Nate Othon	So	132	20-6	120
Owen Feiner	S	138	40-6	126
Asher Hamby	So	145/152	25-8	138
Collin Wright	J	152/160	22-13	145
Will Milton	So	132/138	6-3	152
Chris Peura	So	182/195	24-11	170
Kyle Hamby	S	182/195	20-13	195

Others likely to wrestle varsity in 2021-22: Justin Lavarier (So); Robbie Nelson (F); Ryan Flynn (F); Tommy Milton (F); Alex Bogner (So); Liam Blue (So)

# **DTHS Trojans Wrestling**

**Head Coach:** Dan Edwards (4 Years) **Assistant Coaches:** Jim Gussman Paul Warner Daniel Gutierrez

In the past three seasons, the Dwight Trojans' wrestling program has qualified nine individual wrestlers for the State Tournament, and the 2021-22 team looks to continue the winning ways.

Dwight will have three or four veterans returning to the mat, in addition to a couple of new kids who are showing promise, according to head coach Dan Edwards.

"The less experienced

wrestlers will need to step it up and start producing," states Edwards, who has plans of qualifying as many wrestlers as his squad can for both sectional and state action this season.



GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Bryce Handzus, Cale Halpin, Alic Gill, Noah Wise, Dane Halpin, Ryan Cacello, Keith Page; back row: Coach Trevor Sampson, Coach Chris Halpin, Jacob Ozee, Bennett Grant, Brody Fatlan, Trey Schweitzer, Garrett Grant, Ethan Mack, Glenn Torri, Coach Allan Wills. Not pictured: Gabe McHugh.

# **GSW Panthers Basketball**

**Head Coach:** Allan Wills (4th Season) JV Coaches: Trevor Sampson Chris Halpin **2020-21 Record:** 9-9

Following a funky, postseason-less 2020-21 run, the GSW Panthers, led by head coach Allan Wills, are hoping Clifton Central and Mofor a more successful 2021-22 campaign.

"With only three returners that got any time last year, we will need to (and will) play hard and together,"

Wills states. "We lack in experi-

ence, so it might take a while to get comfortable playing at the varsity level," admits Wills, whose goals for his squad this season are "To learn a lot, work together, work/play hard, and to be at our best for the postsea-

With the addition of mence, the River Valley Conference will be a lot more competitive than it has been.

There are a handful of teams that could compete for the crown - hopefully we will be one of them."

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No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Position</b>
2	Bryce Handzus	S	5'9"	G
3	Ryan Cacello	J	5'8"	G
11	Dane Halpin	J	5'6"	G
12	Noah Wise	J	5'8"	G
13	Glenn Torri	S	5'11"	F
14	Cale Halpin	So	5'10"	G
15	Ethan Mack	S	5'10"	G
20	Brody Fatlan	J	6'2"	F
21	Jacob Ozee	J	6'0"	F
23	Keith Page	J	5'11"	F
25	Garrett Grant	S	5'11"	G
30	Bennett Grant	So	6'0"	F
33	Alic Gill	S	5'9"	F
34	Gabe McHugh	F	5'9"	F
42	Trey Schweitzer	S	6'3"	C

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GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Brianna Graefen, Taeryn Lardi, Aspen Lardi, Mary Clare Phillips, Maya Cacello, Grace Olsen, Chloe Wells; back row, Coach Adam Leigh, Annabelle Pumfrey, Eva Henderson, Addi Fair, Hannah Balcom, Riley Klingler, Hailey Johnston, Madison Buck, and Coach Kevin Ward.



# **GSW L**ADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

**Head Coach:** Adam Leigh (14 Years) JV Coach: Kevin Ward 2020-21 Record: 12-4

Despite a successful 12-4 run last season, the Lady Panthers from GSW want more in 2021-22.

"We're working hard to improve our skills," says head coach of 14 years, Adam Leigh. "We've got some players who will be stepping up to fill some major spots in our rotation this year."

Leigh is aware that his team is short on upperclassmen, and in the experience department, so there will be a learning curve. But GSW is primed and ready for the challenge.

In an expanded River Valley Conference, with Central and Momence being the recent additions, Coach Leigh says "It the Lady Panthers have their will be interesting to see who eyes set on another conference comes out on top, as there are championship, with a regional some good teams in the confer- championship on top.

It may be a tough road, but

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Height</u>	Position Position
1	Eva Henderson	So	5'3"	G
3	Chloe Wells	J	5'1"	G
4	Riley Klingler	S	5'5"	G
10	Grace Olsen	F	5'3"	G
11	Addi Fair	So	5'4"	G
12	Taeryn Lardi	J	5'4"	G
14	Madison Buck	F	5'5"	G
15	Mary Clare Phillips	So	5'4"	G
20	Aspen Lardi	So	5'4"	F
21	Hannah Balcom	F	5'8"	F
22	Brianna Graefen	So	5'4"	F
23	Maya Cacello	F	5'3"	F
24	Annabelle Pumfrey	So	5'4"	F
34	Hailey Johnston	J	5'5"	F

# Tri-Point Chargers Basketball

nor Cardenas and Bobby

starting line-up is Ayden Mc-

Neill, Jose Amador, and Bren-

Rounding out the possible

Mogged.

dan Likes.

**Head Coach:** Justin Cox (16th Season at T-P) **Assistant Coaches:** Brendan Elens **Aaron Robbins** 2020-21 Record:

**Conference:** River Valley Conference

The Tri-Point Chargers enter the 2021-22 campaign without standouts Chace Cath-

No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	Height	<b>Position</b>
2	MJ McDermott	F	4'11"	G
3	Anthony Harrell	F	5'3"	G
4	Brendan Likes	S	5'11"	G
5	Jose Amador	S	5'8"	G
10	Connor Cardenas	S	5'7"	G
11	Kaden Weber	J	5'8"	G
12	Mihreteab Gilleland	J	5'9"	F
13	Frankie Barriga	J	5'6"	G
14	Ayden McNeill	S	6'3"	F
15	Spencer Moreno	F	6'1"	F
20	Paul Langer	S	5'8"	F
22	Bobby Mogged	S	6'5"	F
23	Donovan Conner	J	5'10"	G

Nate Smith So 6'2"

cart and Tyler Platz - two sen-"All three of these seniors iors lost to graduation. And bring different strengths to the though they will be sorely team," says head coach Justin missed, this year's senior crew Cox. "Our other senior, Paul (six total, with five playing all Langer, is a first-year player in four years) will be led by althe program and is still getting ready-1,000-point-scorer Conhis feet wet."

A few juniors that can help impact the success of this season for the Chargers, and will play an important role on this squad, are Frankie Barriga, Donovan Conner, and Kaden

Possible new-comer to the Tri-Point school and basketball program, sophomore Nate Smith, has shown signs that he can at least give T-P some valuable varsity minutes, according to Cox.

With only 13 players throughout the entire program, Coach Cox says all players will play a significant role in the success of the program and should see some type of floor time, varsity or otherwise, and get valuable game experience.



**Head Coach: Brad Harmon** JV Coaches: Brittany Janz Loren Fosdick **2020-21 Record:** 7-5

The Lady Indians are ready to hit the floor for the 2021-22 season, and head coach Brad Harmon says the group is starting to learn how to play together.

"I know it is 'coach speak', but we only have a couple of kids with very much varsity ex-

# PTHS LADY INDIANS BASKETBALL

perience," Harmon admits. "So our goal is to improve each

Of the improvements his team needs to make this season, Harmon says "We are short, so we are going to have to rebound as a team.'

In a conference with clearfavorite St. Joe posing the biggest threat, Pontiac's coach says "I would bunch about six teams in the next six spots – including us and Prairie Central."

Roster

Kenzie Coates Jayonnah Einhaus Aaliyah Daily Mikayla Fisher Reese Bohm **Brooke Collins** Cadence Helms **Bailey Masching** Makyah Hartfield Haylie Lindley Mariah Fletcher Brianna Hilleary Riley Foster Brynn Pickett Sam Johns

# TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS BASKETBALL

**Head Coach:** Will Patterson (8 Years) JV Coach: Aaron Robbins 2020-21 Record: 5-8

The Tri-Point Lady Chargers are back for the 2021-22 season, and their coach, Will Patterson, is getting them ready to go hard in the paint.

"I feel like overall team

speed is a strength of ours," he says. "Hopefully, this will lead to a strong defense – another possible strength."

In a conference spearheaded by Beecher and Gardner-South Wilmington, T-P's coach says "We need to find scoring and need to do a better job of rebounding the ball. Winning the conference is always a goal, but that is a tough task again this year. If we can improve, develop depth, and play to our strengths, I would like to think we have a chance to make noise come regionals.'

The task gets a little tougher with Central joining the River Valley Conference this year but the Lady Chargers are ready to answer the call.



# **SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL**

**Head Coach:** Brian Holman (1st Season) **Assistant Coach:** Mariah Bolin JV Coach: Jen Baxter Freshman Coach: Allie Lardi

**2020-21 Record:** 11-1

The defending Tri-County

hopefully we have enough talent to get by in the early stages of the season," states first-year head coach Brian Holman. "By January, the hope is we have a team ready to compete for a regional championship."

The Lady Fighting Irish lost 3rd Team All-State point guard Brooklyn Giertz and All-Conference center Madison Brombarek to graduation; however junior Kennedy Hartwig (2nd Team All-Conference) and senior Carly Greve return to the hardwood to offer some leader-

New contributors include be very competitive this year," starting seniors Emma Smith (starting forward – 4 ppg) and Addie Eltrevoog (starting guard - 3 ppg), in addition to freshmen guards Alyssa Zellers and Lainie Olson.

"The area has the chance to

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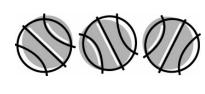
Holman says, emphasizing the challenges his team may face in Roanoke-Benson, Ottawa Marquette, and Henry. "So we hope to be in the top half of those teams, as well as the top half of our conference."

**Year Height Position** 



### Conference Champions from Seneca are ready to defend the conference crown in 2021-22, but things may look a little different on the court this season. "We'll be inexperienced, but

2	Paige Baudino	J	5'5"	G
3	Haley Einhaus	S	5'7"	G/F
4	Neely Hougas	J	5'4"	G
5	Caitlyn O'Boyle	J	5'4"	F
10	Allie Arwood	S	5'6"	G
11	Cassia Buchanan	J	5'2"	G
12	Zoe Hougas	S	5'7"	G/F
13	Kennedy Hartwig	J	5'5"	G
14	Addie Eltrevoog	S	5'6"	G
15	Alyssa Zellers	F	5'1"	G
20	Emma Smith	S	5'10"	F/C
21	Carly Greve	S	5'9"	F
23	Callee Bauer	J	5'4"	F
24	Harleigh Varland	S	5'9"	F
25	Jessi Bertrang	J	5'5"	G/F
30	Lainie Olson	F	5'5"	G
31	Faith Deering	S	5'10"	C
40	Ella Sterling	F	5'10"	F



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ADDISON FAIR AND RIANNA PLATT, Gardner-South Wilmington High School sophomores, have been selected to represent GSW at the 2021 Leadership Seminar – designed for high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their home, schools, workplace and community. The students will participate in hands-on leadership activities and meet state leaders in such areas as business, government, education, media and the non-profit sector. Each September, every accredited public, private and charter school in the country is invited to select and register outstanding sophomores as representatives to their local state seminar. Currently, nearly 9,000 sophomores, representing as many high schools nationwide, attend HOBY Leadership Seminars annually. Addison is the daughter of Dana and Jodie Fair of South Wilmington, and Rianna is the daughter of Rodney and Dawn Platt of Braceville.



# Saunemin **Grade School Honor Roll**

**High Honor Roll** 

Sixth Grade: Bailee Burger, Crouch, Avery Doughan, Daisy English, Angelyn Lee, Nevaeh Lee, Jacob Oelschlager, Rosalia Todino.

Seventh Grade: Kierra Meier. Grade: Nicholas Eighth Doughan, Anjolie Duck, Kayla Finedore, JoAna Leiter, Caleb Mozdzierz, Brynn Runyon.

### **Honor Roll**

Sixth Grade: Addyson Austin, Lane Burkhardt, Brayden Sancken.

Seventh Grade: Theresa Heger, Jaxon Jones, Cameron Palmer.

**Eighth** Grade: Elizabeth Logan, Faith Mercado, Trov Terry, Tysen Walker.



THE SENECA FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Team placed 13th in the country at the National CDE held at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Pictured, from left, are Levi Maierhofer, Jessica Daggett, Jenna Goslin, and Emelia Traina.

# Seneca FFA Nursery/Landscape Team **Competes at Nationals**

ing and Nursery Career Development Team placed 13th in the country at this year's competition at the National FFA Convention. Jenna Goslin placed tenth overall as an individual and earned a scholar-

Traina, and Jessica Daggett ment, and over 50 plant ail- tionals by virtue of winning the were the other team members.

National FFA Convention in Indianapolis as a result of advancing from the virtual portion of the contest that was held in August.

The intense Career Development Event covered knowl- knowledge, the event chal-

The Seneca FFA Landscapedge and skills needed to be lenged students' written, verbal, successful in the landscaping and nursery industry. Components of the competition included a written test covering plant science and landscaping knowledge. Members were required to identify over 125 pieces of plants, 80 Levi Maierhofer, Emelia nursery/landscaping equipments. They also had to state Horticulture Career De-The team competed at the complete several practical velopment Event last spring. skills assessments related to the landscaping industry, including proper and safe equipment usage, wall construction, and plant propagation.

and math skills with a series of practicums that required them to communicate with judges face-to-face as they solved problems, work as a team to solve mathematical landscaping challenges, and compose a business letter to clients.

The team advanced to na-The competition is an extension of the horticulture curriculum at Seneca High School.

The National Landscape and Nursery Career Development In addition to technical Event is sponsored by Kubota and Haviland.







# Tri-Point **National** Honor **Society Veterans Day**

TRI-POINT TIONAL HONOR SOCI-ETY organized a Veterans Day program for the high school November 11, that included a presentation and community service project. The group presented information about Veterans Day and highlighted the new **Charger Military Board that** pays tribute to Tri-Point alumni who served or are currently serving in the military. Students and staff also worked to make 20 tie-blankets that will be donated to the Veterans Home in Manteno. They also wrote Christmas cards that will be handed out to the Manteno residents during the holiday



# - Club Spotlight -DTHS FFA Succeeding and Serving

By: Peter Babb

Future Farmers of America (FFA) is one of the largest clubs at DTHS. FFA not only competes with other FFA clubs in the area but also serves the

Dwight community. Last week, the Dwight Township High School FFA club competed in a job interview and public speaking competition at Peotone High School. Four DTHS students placed in the top three in sepa-

rate competitions. Alayna Airgood placed third in Job Interview, Katy Parker placed third in her prepared speech, and Harlie Boucher placed third in her extemporaneous speaking. Issy Bunting took home first place in creed speaking and will advance to district to continue competing in Mav.

Not only was FFA succeeding at competitions to be one of the best FFA clubs in central Illinois, but also helping serve



DWIGHT FFA competitors, I to r, Alayna Airgood, Harlie **Boucher, Katy Parker and Issy Bunting** 

the community. As part of the celebration of Veterans Day, DTHS FFA went to the Mc-Dowell cemetery to help clean off headstones of those who served in the U.S armed forces.

Cleaning of the headstones was a sign of respect and recognition of those who served and paid the ultimate price serving the United States. FFA students also got the

opportunity to choose a veteran and honor them by placing an American flag on their grave.

The DTHS FFA lives up to the FFA motto in both competition and in serving the Dwight community. "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve."



FFA MEMBERS. Pictured I to r, are Dylan Crouch, Ryan Turner, Landon Burkhardt, Gavin Wykes, Jake Maccani, Luke Stevenson, Dillon Sarff, Maci Johnson, Harlie Boucher and Gabe

# Berkot's Super Foods in Dwight Looks Great!

Berkot's Super Foods in Dwight recently installed an electronic sign to alert customers to weekly specials in the

The parking lot got a new coat for winter on the roadway side of the store.

Great to see our merchants continue to bring us the best service possible.

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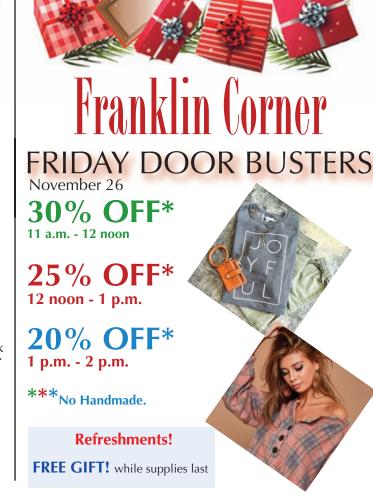
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Marilyn L. Rygh

# Tri-Point Chili, Cinnamon **Roll Supper December 3**

Tri-Point High School's classes of 2024 and 2025 will host a chili and cinnamon roll supper Friday, December 3, at the high school in Cullom.

The meal includes chili, a cinnamon roll, and crackers; the supper will be a drivethrough style by the main en-

Serving times are from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Pre-meal ticket sales are un-

derway, with the meal price increasing the day of the event.

They will also sell four-Odell packs of cinnamon rolls in the away drive-through line while sup-

Proceeds are used to fund class activities like prom and graduation.

If you have questions, contact Alison Buckley at 815-689-2110, ext. 302.



THE GOTHIC CHURCH in Dwight was host to the Dwight Food Pantry November 17. Food pantry visitors were able to pick up a turkey or ham, and other food items, for Thanks-

# Giving Thanks with Food

by Brandon LaChance

There is no such thing as too much food at Thanksgiving.

However, if there was a time to make this claim, it may be now as the Dwight Township Food Pantry set up shop Wednesday, Nov. 17 at the Gothic Church in Dwight to offer food to those in need.

"There are just some people out there that don't have what they need. We're not a big food pantry, but we try to give them as much as we can," said Patricia Rosenbaum, who is the Dwight Supervisor for the food pantry. "They're going to get a week's worth of groceries out of this. Our numbers have been lower since Covid-19. At one time, we were between 70-80 people and now we're between

"We don't have a large number, but we're able to help someone out. We usually have bags left over from the pantry.

Thursday morning, so if anyone missed the pantry, I can still get them some food from what we have left over."

During the food pantry on Nov. 17, residents could select items such as ham, turkey, chicken, brats, hamburger, and all of the fixings. There was also a giant, brown bag of dry goods such as cereal, rice and more.

The food pantry is available the fourth Wednesday of each month for the first 10 months of the year. November is the

special handout for Thanksgiving and December's food donations are handled by another program.

"We do Thanksgiving. We haven't done any other major holidays except maybe something a little bigger for Easter,' Rosenbaum said. "Love Box does December, so we don't have the pantry in December. We have regular pantries January-October.

"Thanksgiving is the big one every year and we try to make sure they have a little extra. We give them mashed potatoes, turkey or a ham, and then hamburger, chicken, brats, and other things to make sure they have more."

Rosenbaum, who was the Dwight Township clerk, became the supervisor of the food pantry in 2010 after the sudden passing of Tony Thorsen.

Although she knew she had big shoes to fill. Rosenbaum I have office hours on has taken the position in stride and enjoys helping the commu-

"We have a wonderful staff. We just kind of gave it to God," Rosenbaum said. "We're not going to worry about the food pantry. If we let him take care of it, we would never run out of anything. That's been our motto and it's worked out. He's taken very good care of us."

Brandon LaChance can be reached at (815) 876-7941. blachance20@gmail.com, or on Twitter @LaChanceWriter.



PASTOR RANDY is pictured with Patti Rosenbaum, Village of Dwight Supervisor for the pantry.



# **OBITUARIES**

Marilyn L. 77, Rygh, passed Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at her home.

Her service was held Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Duffy Baier - Snedecor

Funeral Home in Pontiac with Deacon Jim Wallace officiat-

Burial followed in St. Paul Catholic Cemetery in Odell. Cremation rites were ac-

Visitation was Tuesday, November 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the fu-

neral home. Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, is in charge of arrangements.

Marilyn was born August 23, 1944 in Streator, Illinois to Carl Frazier and Jessie Telford. She married John K. Rygh on August 17, 1963 in St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell, Illinois. He preceded her in death on November 1, 2006.

She is survived by her daughters: Donna Nabors of Odell, Illinois and Suz Jones of Pontiac, Illinois; grandson,

Nabors, Logan Nabors, and Evan Nabors; Sparrow

Jayden K. Jones

of Pontiac, Illi-

nois; step-grand-

children: Karley

sister, Sheryl (Richard) Dwight, Illinois; and sister-in-law, Carole Frazier of Shorewood, Illi-

nois. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John; one son, John "Och" Rygh; and one brother, Charles

"Chuck" Frazier. Marilyn was a graduate of Dwight High School, class of 1962. She had been a waitress

and bartender at Rentz's Tap in Odell for many years. She was an avid Chicago White Sox fan, enjoyed board games and playing cards with her family and friends, and loved crossword puzzles. She particularly enjoyed her grand dogs! Memorials may be made to

St. Paul Catholic Grade School, Odell, the Julie Sullivan Scholarship Fund, or to the family.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: duffyfuneralhome.com or visit us on Facebook.

### Linda Sue Cook

DWIGHT - Linda Sue Cook of Dwight, Illinois passed away at St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Illinois on November 19,

According to Linda's wishes, cremation rites were accorded.

Memorials in honor of Linda may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

Linda was born November 27, 1950 in Dayton, Ohio, a daughter of Leroy and Cona (Stockwell) Walls. She married James "Jim" Cook on December 18, 1971 in Plano, Illinois. He survives in Dwight, Illinois.

Also surviving are her children: Tonya Steele of Kentucky and Eric Cook of San Antonio, Texas; brother and sisters: Debbie, Jennette, Marsha, Eva, Brenda and Darrell, all of Arkansas; sister-in-law, Fran Hank of Dwight; nieces, Janet Landstrom of Odell and Debbie Wayland of Plainfield, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Buddy Walls.

After graduating from high school, Linda worked for ExXon Mobil. She loved to read, sew and express herself artistically.

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# **Prairie Creek Library Announces Writing Contest**

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test. A box will be displayed at the main circulation desk through the month of December. Participants are asked to write a short story of what they think the box contains.

Children, ages six to 12, can write a poem or a short story with a minimum of 100 words.

Teens, ages 13-17, can write a poem or a short story with a minimum of 300 words.

Adults, ages 18 and older, can write a poem or a short story with a minimum of 500 words.

The contest begins Wednesday, December 1. The deadline for entries is Thursday, December 30. Contestants may enter one original work for their appropriate age category. This work may be either a short story or poetry.

Work published previously in any copyrighted newspaper, magazine, book or other medium is ineligible. Entries may be e-mailed or handed in at the main circulation desk. If the entry is sent by e-mail, in-



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ley of Campus, Illinois passed away at Riverside Medical Center on November 19, 2021.

According to Janet's wishes, cremation rites were accorded and no services will be held. Instead, she'd ask that you admire the falling leaves, feed the birds, and most importantly, spend time with loved ones.

Heart Association.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrange-

Janet was born June 14,

# Janet L. Smalley

CAMPUS - Janet L. Smal-

Memorials in honor of Janet may be made to the American

ments.

1948 in Ottawa, Illinois, a daughter of Hershel and Martha (Woodruff) Martin. She married James H. Smalley, Jr. on May 11, 1976 in Morris. He survives in Campus, Illi-

Also surviving are her daughter, Dana (Micheal) Bennett-Tejes of Campus, Illinois;

grandson, Gunnar Tejes of Campus, Illinois; nieces: Cathy Elzer and Carol Baker; nephews: Joseph Elzer. Michael, Martin and Mark Het-

She was preceded in death by brother, Donald Martin; and sisters, Darlene Elzer and Delores Hettel.

She graduated from Ottawa Township High School. After high school she worked for Pinkerton Security. Janet loved her family and spent the last 30 years as a homemaker.

She was immensely proud of her grandson, Gunnar. She loved listening to him sing and play music. She could beat just about anyone at Yahtzee and had a special talent for finding four-leaf clovers just by looking down at the grass.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

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### Debra P. Witt

Debra P. Witt, 68, of Dwight, Illinois passed away Sunday, November 21, 2021 at Morris Hospital after a brief illness.

Born April 20, 1953, in Joliet, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Clifford and

Dorothy (Windom) Kuder. Debra grew up in the Mazon area and attended the schools in Mazon, graduating from Mazon High School with the class of 1971.

On July 12, 1986, she married Brian Witt of Mazon.

Debra enjoyed being around people and went to work at the County Grundy Nursing Home, where she would become an Administrative Assistant under Director Sue Morse.

Family was extremely important to Debra, and her love for her grandchildren was everything. She enjoyed her monthly lunches with her friend, Vicki.

She is survived by her husband; two children: Laura (Austin) Handzus of Missouri and Brian II (Sarah Rupar); three grandchildren: Brantlee, Charlotte and Kiah; her mother-in-law, LouElla Witt; several nieces and nephews; siblings: and Larry (Nancy) Kuder, Karen Vaughn John (Cynthia) Kuder. Preceding

her in death were siblings: Barb, Banita, Marie and her

twin at birth, Yvonne, and Robert. Memorials may be made in

Debra's name to the donor's choice. Visitation will be held from

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at the U. C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home in Morris. A Celebration of Debra's Life will immediately follow at noon with Pastor Tyler Carrel officiating. Burial will follow in

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

An online guestbook has been created for the family, which you may sign, share memories and photographs. You may visit our website at www.ucdaviscallahan.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the U. C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, located at 301 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois 60450.

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- Strobel 2-box seed tender, power-fold auger, talc. applicator, Honda GX160 eng. w/elec. start, tandem axle, bumper hitch, SN 1B1325153

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- 2013 Brent 557Q gravity wagon, hyd. doors, lights, brakes, 425 truck tires (new), SN B30660138
- 2004 Brent 544 gravity wagon, lights, brakes, 425 truck tires (new), SN B20780181

- 2019 Woods BW15.50 15' batwing mower, (6) laminated tires, front & rear chains, 540 PTO, SN 10006872268002
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Must have an Illinois Driver's License, a high school diploma (or equivalent) and the ability to obtain a CDL within 6 months. Maintenance, construction, or repair experience is desirable. The Village will provide opportunity for additional licensing and certification.

Offers of employment are subject to successful completion of background check, physical and drug screen. APPLICATIONS MAY BE LEFT AT THE VILLAGE HALL LOCATED AT 213 S. FRONT ST., ODELL, IL.

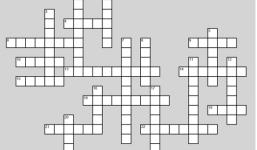
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- 9: The activity or process of learning about something by reading, memorizing facts, attending school, etc.
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# Pet of the Week

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This Week's Crossword Puzzle brought to you by Prairie Creek Library, Dwight

14: A large, mostly flat area of land in North America that has few trees and is covered in grasses.

15: The Library of Congress was founded by this man. 18: A person who works in a library

19: Use this to check out a book 21: The main book shelves in any library

22: Prairie Creek's neighbor to the west

23: Developed the library classification system 24: A written text that can be published in printed or electronic form.

# down:

1: The act of mentioning something in speech or in writing.

2: The library is underground at this university city. 3: A building or room in which books, periodicals, and newspapers are kept for use.

5: Relating to or involving people in general, rather than being limited to a particular group of people.

7: Knowledge that you get about someone or something.

8: Making little or no noise. 11: Former librarian at PCL

12: A building, room, or organization that has a collection, especially of books, for people.

16: Good, acceptable, or satisfactory. 17: A large vehicle with four wheels that is pulled by a horse and that carries people.

20: A book containing a list of things that you can buy, use, etc., and often pictures. 23: Required or expected to happen

Answers to this week's puzzle will appear on thepaper1901.com

- 6: Philanthropist responsible for many local libraries.

# **LaSalle County** Sheriff's Office **Has Free Hats** and Gloves

With winter approaching and the temperatures getting colder, the LaSalle County Sheriff's Office has free hats and gloves available for kids provided by LaSalle County M.A.P. Christmas for Kids.

If your child is in need of hats and gloves, stop by the LaSalle County Sheriff's Office, 707 W. Etna Road in Ottawa, and pick up a pair.

Remember to stay warm!



THE ODELL FOOD PANTRY received a generous holiday donation from St. Paul School November 18. Students, families, and faculty worked together to collect hundreds of items including paper products, personal care items, cleaning supplies, and non-perishable food. Today's St. Paul students carry on the school's long tradition of service to the food pantry.





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

# **Small Business Saturday** isn't Small Anymore

By: Peter Babb

With the holiday season in full swing, businesses around the nation will be busy keeping up with the demands. Whether it would be getting Christmas decorations, last-minute food items or gifts for friends and families.

Businesses are recognized by the deals they offer following Thanksgiving. Days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday come to mind, where millions of people try to get the best deals as quickly as possi-

The focus is on large retail stores as they are seen as having the most to offer. Leaving local businesses out of hundreds of thousands of dollars they rely upon to keep their business going.

Luckily, nearly a decade ago, there was an initiative to drive people to help local businesses during the weekend shopping spree. Thus began Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday began on Nov. 27, 2010, as a campaign by American Express to help small businesses gain exposure and encourage people to shop within their communities.

This was done to help small businesses that were reeling

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2007 to 2009.

Small Business Saturday grew even further the following year. Endorsements and support from governors, senators and even former U.S President Barack Obama encouraged people to shop local during the holiday season.

American Express took the campaign a step further in 2012. Allowing small business owners to promote their business even further, with free ads that they can spread across the

As the years have gone on, the success of Small Business Saturday has grown as well. According to American Express, an estimated \$19.8 billion was spent on small businesses in 2020. That figure outgained Cyber Monday by nearly \$9 billion that same

American Express also says that 67 cents out of every dollar spent at a small business go back into the local community.

This Saturday will mark the 10-year anniversary of the start of Small Business Saturday. The success of Small Business Saturday has allowed hundreds of thousands of small businesses to continue to grow.

Even though we do not see the effects at first, shopping locally is one of the best ways to from the Great Recession from help the community.

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