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Time to Light Up Dwight...Christmas Style

by Brandon LaChance

It's almost "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" as Christmas is right around the

But before the calendar turns its last corner, Dwight has a few of its own to turn with parades and events to pregame for the last holiday of the year.

The Dwight Economic Alliance is putting on Breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m. Dec. 4 at Cherry Red Roasters. Besides breakfast with the jolly one, visitors have the opportunity to decorate Christmas cookies and face painting.

Tickets for Breakfast with Santa are available at the Dwight Village Complex, the DEA, Bank of Pontiac in Dwight, Streator Onized Credit Union, Midland State Bank, and Peoples National Bank.

The streets of Dwight will be lit with holiday spirit as the Dwight Christmas Parade will roll through at 6 p.m. Dec. 4.

"Last year we couldn't do the Christmas events because of Covid-19, so we're pretty excited to get kids back out to celebrate," said Shayla Smith, a DEA Board member. "It's always a neat time for businesses and the community to come together and have some fun.

'We can't put on the events without the businesses that are members of the DEA. All the memberships help us put on the events that we do and all of our projects throughout the year. The Village of Dwight and all

of our volunteers are a huge other Christmas event," Strief help as well. The Dwight Township High School also adds volunteers and they do a lot for us."

After the parade, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be hanging out at the DEA building, 132 East Main St. (used to be the Bank of Dwight) to smile and celebrate the holiday

Horse-drawn carriage rides will also be available after the

The events put together by the DEA on Dec. 4 are not the only lights, sparkles, and Christmas cheer Dwight will showcase.

Central Illinois Ace Hardware in Dwight and store manager, Micah Strief, are bringing back the Backwards Christmas Parade from 6-10 p.m. Dec.12.

The backwards parade concept – houses and businesses are decorated and onlookers drive through a route to witness and vote on the displays – was started last year by the DEA because of Covid-19. With the DEA deciding not to go backwards because it brought back all the forward festive activities and events, Ace decided to try its hand backwards to give the community more holiday

"I felt like it was better to have another Backwards Parade event. We're not trying to take away from the Dwight Christmas Parade, but it's fun for the community to have an-

said. "It was a no-brainer for me to put this on because it's a great time and something we should do.

"We've never done something like this before, but I have four kids and they were extremely excited to see the lights last year. Ace wants to keep it going so there are similar reactions for every child who rides through the parade."

The houses and businesses will be voted on by the people who drive through the parade to see who had the most dynamic display of holiday awesomeness.

Both residential and business will have three winners as the grand-prize winner will receive a \$50 Ace gift card, Dot's Pretzels, and an outside Christmas blowup with an \$80 retail value. Second place will receive a \$25 Ace gift card and Dot's Pretzels, while third place earns a \$10 gift card and Dot's Pretzels.

Registration forms for the houses and businesses interested in entering will be accepted by Ace until Dec. 11 and will be posted on the Central Illinois Ace Hardware Face-

Before the parade, Ace will have a hot chocolate bar and a coloring contest.

See pages 4-5 today for Christmas in Dwight times and locations for events this weekend.

IT'S LIT!

The Village of Dwight has Christmas lights up now. But Dwight is going to shine even brighter with Christmas spirit during its festive events.

Dwight Village Employees Awarded ARPA Funds

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met at their regularly scheduled time of 6:30 p.m. Monday November 22 at the Public Services Complex.

Mayor Paul Johnson reported that the Village had been approved for a \$290,000 ARPA grant to recondition two ambulances. The grant was administered through Livingston County and the mayor thanked all members of the Board and others who helped with the successful request presented to the County.

Tim Henson, as acting EMS Director, advised that a new range and hood had been installed in the EMS quarters.

Public Works Director Cory Scoles wanted to restate to the public that the winter overnight parking will be in effect as of December 1. Even though there may not be any snowfall in the forecast, residents should get acclimated to not parking on the street overnight.

Dwight Economic Alliance Director Deb Karch reported that Katie Folkers had been hired as the new DEA Coordinator. Office hours for her are

being developed. Karch also ees who were full-time as of presented information on up- December 31, 2020 and recoming events, including mained employed as full-time breakfast with Santa and the employees as of the November Downtown Christmas Parade on December 4. Santa will be available for visits afterwards at the Dwight Economic Alliance building. Streator Onized Credit Union (SOCU) will be serving hot cocoa. Representatives of the Dwight High School FCCLA will be offering a gift wrapping service on that day as well from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The service is being sponsored by the Harvest Days Committee.

Adam Dontz from the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council (GLCEDC) was on hand to express his appreciation for the Village of Dwight's continued support. He presented a spreadsheet recapping the number of inquiries from the state that come through his office for information.

The Board took the recommendation from the Administrative Committee approved the awarding of a one-time payout of \$2500 from ARPA funds to each full-time village employee. All employ22, 2021 meeting were deter mined to be eligible for this one time stipend.

The Board also voted to continue the tradition of awarding DEA gift certificates to committee members who serve voluntarily on village committees as appreciation and thanks.

Trustee Randy Irvin presented to the Board the need to update the city welcome sign at the intersection of Old Route 66 and Route 47.

Village Attorney Masching was attending his last regularly scheduled meeting after serving 38 years in that capacity. Mayor Johnson and the Board gave him thanks for his years of service and dedication.

There were no Public Forum comments. Along with Mayor Johnson, Trustees in attendance were Randy Irvin, Pete Meister, Marla Kinkade, and Justin Eggenberger. Absent were Chuck Butterbrodt and Jenny Johnson.

Shop This Week's Inserts: **ALDI Family Dollar Godley Park District** Hardee's

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

November 18: Zyeria D. Fields, 21, Bourbonnais, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

November 20: Matthew J. Ferrari, 27, Dwight, driving/no license/permit/age.

November 22: Stacy L. McPheron, 45, Filmore, IN, fail obey stop sign.

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

11 Written Warnings

Speeding – 1; Disobey Stop Sign – 6; Failure to Carry Driver's License – 1; Only One Headlight - 3.

Dwight Police Blotter

November 21: Dwight Police were dispatched to 12 W. Northbrook Dr. A trucker from TN advised, while in Love's, his satellite was stolen from his semi; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Julie Dr. for a disturbance.

November 22: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of W. Mazon Ave. for a 911 hang up. (Dwight Police respond to 911 misdials and 911 calls for assistance.)

November 23: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of W. South for a domestic situation. Arrested was Benjamin Davis, 34, Dwight. Davis was arrested for Domestic Battery, Resisting a Police Officer and Aggravated Assult to Police Officer. Davis was taken to Livingston Cty. Jail and booked in.

Traffic Stop - 13; Suspicious Vehicle – 2; Return Call – 9; Accident - 2; 911 Misdial -1; 911 Cell Hang Up - 1; Neighbor Problem – 2; Assist Agency – 2; Audible Alarm – 1; Extra Patrol -5; Theft -1; Out of Control Subject – 1; Domestic Unknown Type – 2; Illegally Parked Vehicle - 1; Walk In to DPD -7; Identity Theft – 1; Loose Dogs – 1; Burglar Alarm – 3; Fire medical, refusal.

Alarm - 1; Fire - 1; Customer Problem -1; Check Area -1; Medical Aid – 2; Panic Alarm – 1; Hit and Run -1.

Accident Reports

Saturday, November 20, 8:35 p.m., an accident was reported on N. Clinton involving a 2013 GMC Terrain, driven by Barbara Milbauer, Dwight, which struck a 2012 Jeep Wagon, driven by Kenneth White, Dwight, that was sitting at a stop sign.

Monday, November 22, 1:08 p.m., an accident was reported at 309 W. Mazon Ave. involving a 2018 GMC utility pulling a trailer, driven by Dale Stauffenburg, Braidwood, which struck the mirror on a parked and driverless 2021 Chevrolet Traverse, owned by Maggie Christensen



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 18: I-55, MVC,

November 19: Watters Dr., medical, Morris: Ctv. Hwv. 1. medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Campus; Susan, medical, St. James; Main, medical, refusal, mutual aid from MVK, Julie, medical, Riverside; Bannon, medical, St. James, mutual aid from MVK.

November 20: 2500 North Rd., trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Seminole, medical, refusal; Prairie, medical.

November 21: Scully Rd., fire; Scully Rd., fire; Mazon, medical, St. James.

November 22: 2050 E. Rd., trauma, St. James; Bannon, trauma, refusal; Union, fire; Union, fire.

November 23: Chicago, medical, refusal; Front, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; John, medical, Morris; Aldi, medical, refusal; Mazon,

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One Year Ago-Dec. 1, 2020 high 49°, low 31° trace snow

Mobile Pantry in Dwight, **Odell Monthly**

St. Nicholas Mobile Pantry, a ministry of Catholic Charities, serves those in need in the Diocese of Peoria. The van stops in Dwight, in the parking lot of St. Patrick Church, and Odell, in the St. Paul Church parking lot, on the second Thursday afternoon of each month.

This month, the date is Thursday, December 9.

Individuals are given items such as blankets, socks, cleaning products, personal hygiene products, and baby products. These items may change monthly depending on needs and what is donated.

You must fill out an application in order to utilize this monthly service. You can do so at cdop.org/catholic-charities. Click on Region 3 and then the Link button.

If you need assistance, contact the Diocese at 309-671-1550 and ask for Catholic Charities.

Santa in Morris

Santa has arrived in Morris! If you missed him in the Lighted Holiday Parade, you still have plenty of opportunities to visit him.

Santa will be in his house on Illinois Avenue to visit with children now through Sunday, December 19. Visits with Santa will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Note that on December 18, Santa will not be in his house until 4:00 p.m., when he will remain until 8:00 p.m. for all of the fun during "An Evening with Santa".

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What to Know About Early IRA Withdrawals

While you're working, you may be contributing to an individual retirement account (IRA), which can provide a tax-advantaged way to save for your future. So, is it ever a good idea to tap into your IRA before you retire?

Ideally, you should leave this account intact until your retirement. After all, you could spend two or more decades in retirement, so you'll need a lot of financial resources. Still, life is unpredictable, so there may be times you'll consider taking money from your IRA. You'll need to be aware, though, that if you withdraw funds before you turn 59%, you will generally trigger a 10% penalty. Plus, you'll be taxed on whatever you take out, thereby losing, at least in part, the benefits of tax-deferred earnings offered by a traditional IRA. (With a Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions free of taxes and penalties but the earnings may be taxed and penalized if you take them out before you're 591/2.)

If you need to withdraw funds from your IRA before you're 591/2, you may be able to avoid the 10% early withdrawal penalty if you meet an exception, such as one of these:

• Paying for college – You are allowed to take penalty-free withdrawals to pay for tuition and other qualified higher education expenses for you, your spouse, children or grandchildren. However, since the withdrawals may be considered taxable in come, they could reduce the student's eligibility for financial aid.

Buying a first home - You and your spouse can each withdraw up to \$10,000 from your respective IRAs to buy your first home. To qualify as a first-time homebuyer, you (and your spouse) need to have not owned a home for the two years preceding your home purchase. · Having a child - Following the birth or adoption of a child, you and your coparent can each withdraw up to \$5,000 from

your respective IRA without paying the 10% penalty. Covering medical expenses – You may be able to avoid the early withdrawal penalty if you use the money to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses (for you, your spouse or dependents) that exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income. You may also qualify to take a withdrawal without penalty to pay for health insurance premiums if you are unemployed.

In the case of a disability, the 10% early withdrawal penalty also may not apply. These aren't the only exceptions to the 10% withdrawal penalty, but they do cover many of the common reasons that people may consider an early withdrawal from their IRAs. And if you do need to take an early withdrawal, consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility for avoiding the 10% penalty.

Keep in mind, though, that you do have ways to potentially reduce the necessity of withdrawing from your IRA early One proven technique is to build an emergency fund containing at least three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. You might also consider opening a line of credit. A financial professional can help you explore other options, as well.

Ultimately, if you can leave your IRA intact until you retire, you'll be helping yourself greatly. But if you do need to tap into your account early, at least be familiar with the possible drawbacks - and how you might avoid them. Edward Jones, its employees and financial advisors cannot provide tax or legal advice. You should consult your attorney

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2009 DWIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE. The IMPACT Elves were at work promoting the group's motto, Involve Many People and a Community Thrives.

Jesse White to Expand Driver's License, **ID Card Appointment Program to Larger Facilities in Central, Downstate Illinois** Includes Morris Facility - Beginning January 6

Jesse White announced that throughout the next few months, many larger downstate and central Illinois Driver Services facilities will require appointments for behind-thewheel road tests, REAL IDs, standard driver's licenses and ID cards. Vehicle services, such as renewing a license plate sticker or applying for a vehicle title, do not require an appoint-

The beginning date for appointments at the Morris Driver Services facility, located at 425 E. Route 6, is January 6. The hours of operation are Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Other locations may be added to the list of appointment-required facilities after this rollout is complete.

Customers and employees are required to wear masks. Customers are encouraged to take their own masks.

Customers may ilsos.gov to schedule an appointment up to 10 days in advance during this phase of the program. New appointment slots will be available each day at ilsos.gov.

Secretary White emphasized that seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities and expectant ins at all of the designated appointment facilities. They also have the option to make an appointment.

For faster access to avail- to visit a facility.

Illinois Secretary of State able appointments, customers should visit ilsos.gov as new appointments are available each day. The Secretary of State is also partnering with the Chicago Lighthouse to provide an appointment hotline, which the public may call at 844-817-4649. The Chicago Lighthouse's call centers offer career opportunities for people who are blind, visually impaired, disabled, veterans and economically disadvantaged.

White noted that not all facilities will go to the appointment-based system. Many small, rural facilities will not require the appointment system because they do not experience the heavy customer volume that large facilities encounter. These facilities will all remain accessible to walk-in customers. Some facilities in the Chicago area will also continue to serve walk-ins.

There are currently 16 Chicagoland facilities that require appointments.

Expanding online renewal to address heavy customer **volume**

White's office is expanding remote renewal for driver's license and ID card holders. During this fall and through the end of 2021, the office is mailwith expired driver's licenses mothers will be served as walk- and ID cards requiring them to renew online, by phone, or by mail. The office estimates that this will eliminate the need for approximately 1 million people

In addition, White's office will continue mailing online renewal letters to drivers and ID card holders 90 days before their cards expire. Many customers will be able to renew online, by phone, and by mail, and avoid visiting facilities. Customers who must visit a facility include first-time driver's license or ID card applicants, first-time REAL ID applicants, and drivers ages 75 and older who are required by state law to visit a facility when renewing their license.

White continues to encourage people to conduct other business online at ilsos.gov. In addition to driver's license and ID card renewals for those who qualify, online services include obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, ordering a driver record and purchasing license plate stickers.

As a reminder, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates to Jan. 1, 2022. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

"During the pandemic, my office has continued to serve ing letters to eligible customers the public, including face-toface transactions, in a safe and responsible manner," White. "Throughout this time, we also greatly expanded online services. This comprehensive plan further addresses the heavy customer volume at facilities caused by the ongoing pandemic."



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Operation SOS to Collect Items for Troops During Dwight Christmas Parade

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These will be shipped in their Christmas packages.

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

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

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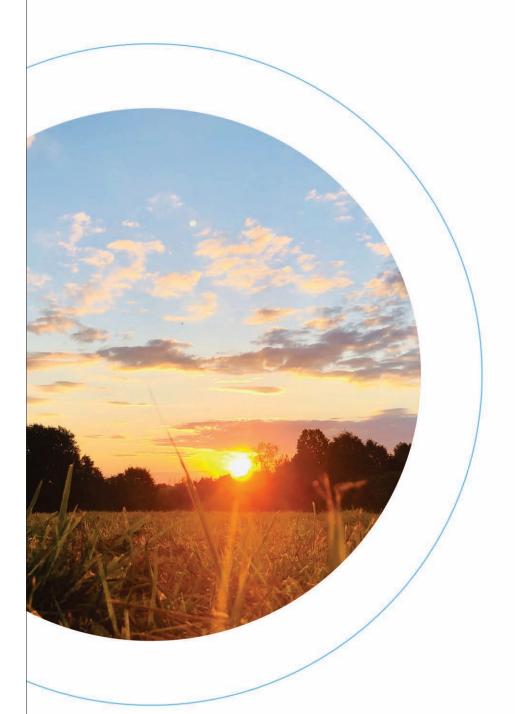
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This Public Information Session will be structured as an open house; attendees are encouraged to arrive and explore the various solar development "stations" at their own pace with assistance from our expert staff members.

A similar meeting will be held for Heritage Prairie Wind at a later date.

For more information, please visit HeritagePrairieRenewable.com









BRIAN CRAFT, Vice President of Peoples National Bank and Operations Supervisor at Dwight Banking Center, presents a \$500.00 donation to Jill Murphy for this year's Love Boxes

Odell Christmas Angels Drive Underway

The annual Odell Christmas Angels fund drive is underway, sponsored by the Odell Knights of Columbus.

All of the money donated to the Christmas Angels program will be used to purchase new clothing for Odell area children in need at Christmas time.

Donations can be dropped off at the Odell Bank or mailed to: Bank of Pontiac Odell Branch, c/o Angel Fund, 200 S. Waupansie St., Odell, IL 60460. Make checks payable to Odell Knights of Columbus and write Christmas Angels in the memo line.

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

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

We welcome your thoughts.



Dwight Christmas for Kids **Drop-off and Delivery Approaching**

All Christmas for Kids shoppers need to drop off wrapped gifts at the Dwight United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 9, between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

If you are unable to drop off wrapped gifts on the 9th, please make arrangements prior to that date for drop off.

If you wish to help deliver the gifts to families, be at the church Saturday morning, December 11, by 9 a.m.

If you have any questions, call 815-584-2179.

Morris Hospital Hosts **Community Blood Drive Dec. 15**

In response to the ongoing severe blood supply shortage, Morris Hospital is hosting a blood drive in cooperation with Versiti Blood Center Wednesday, December 15, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 2 and 3 on the lower level of Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street in Morris.

Those who donate will be helping replenish the local blood supply as Versiti supplies blood products for Morris Hospital. All blood types are needed, with O positive and O negative most in demand.

Blood donors must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and free from cold or flu symptoms on the day of donation. In Illinois, 16-year olds may donate with written approval from a parent or guardian. Donors will be required to wear a mask while inside Morris Hospital.

The entire process for donating blood takes about one hour, including registration, a brief medical screening, blood collection and refreshments. Donors should take a photo ID with proof of age. Those planning to donate should eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Appointments are recommended by calling Morris Hospital at 815-705-7386. Walk-ins are welcome.



OBITUARIES

Lucille K. Masching

Lucille K. Masching of Pontiac, Illinois passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 10:13 p.m. at Good Samaritan Home in Pontiac.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 1:00

p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac, Illinois, with Father Adam Cesarek officiating.

Burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Pontiac, Illinois.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a Rosary said at 10:30 a.m.

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

Lucille was born in Emington, Illinois to Joseph Leo and Irene (Ready) Kelly. She married Edward P. Masching on October 20, 1951 in Loretto, Illinois. He passed away January 18, 2021.

She is survived by her children: Joyce (Don) Seib of Hubertus, Wisconsin; Joan (Richard) Hyde of Island Lake, Illinois; Mark (Kristy) Masching of Pontiac, Illinois; Kevin (Joni) Masching of Odell, Illinois; and Eric Masching of Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Also surviving are a brother, Leo Kelly of Pontiac, Illinois; sisters-in-law: Delores Kelly of Cornell, Illinois and Kay Kelly of Pontiac, Illinois; grandchildren: Brian (Lindsay) Masching, Todd (Jen) Masching, Rich (Jamie) Hyde, Kara (Justin) Hoffman, Brock Masching, Kyle (Brittany)

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Kristy A. Masching

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Darren, Arya,
Troy, Hannah,
Collin, Blake,
Bryce, and Kam-

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edward; grandson, Derek Seib; and brothers, Clare Kelly and Joe Kelly.

Lucille was a graduate of Dwight High School, class of 1949. She worked in office administration for the Pontiac Daily Leader and Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac, Illinois. She later worked for Safeco Insurance in Atlanta, Georgia, and then the Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

Lucille was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac, Illinois. She enjoyed writing letters and sending cards, collecting family history and ancestry, and loved giving her sons a hard time as often as she could.

She was very proud of her Irish heritage.

Memorials may be made to Evenglow Inn in Pontiac, Illinois; Good Samaritan Home in Pontiac, Illinois; and OSF Hospice.

The family wishes to send thanks and gratitude to everyone at Evenglow Inn and Good Samaritan Home Dixie Center for the love and care they provided to their mom.

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

) No. 21-CH-5

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 24, 2021, a

certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Liv-

ingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office

addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to

B. The common address of the real estate is 303 W. Jackson

Lot 14 and the East 8 feet of Lot 13 in Block 1 of Peterdorf's

Commonly known as: 303 W. Jackson St., Cullom, IL 60929.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 2-

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: January 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N.

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story single-family home, including 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, full

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Addition to the Village of Cullom, Livingston County, Illinois.

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of

Dated this 24th day of November, 2021.

Olive Jean Parker

Olive Jean Parker, 78, of Morris passed away Monday, November 22, 2021 at Lightways in Joliet, with her loving family by her side.

Born December 20, 1942 in Morris, Illinois, she was the

daughter of the late Douglas and Addie (Wilkinson) Welsh.

Jean attended school at LaSalle-Peru and graduated from Mazon High School in 1960. On September 29, 1962, she married Dick Parker of Mazon. They have spent the last 59 years together.

Jean enjoyed working for Dr. Rest as an Optometrist Assistant for many years and then working for Chiropractor, Dr. Mark Conrod.

Family was extremely important to Jean and her love for her grandchildren was everything. Early on, she enjoyed skydiving and numerous Boundary Water family canoe trips. She loved her visits from her special friend, Ron Johnson, cheering on the White Sox and reading a good book.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Dana Parker (fiance Wayne Bacigalupo) of Channahon and Addie (Aaron) McNabb of Seneca; four grandchildren: Camryn Mullen, Isabella Bacigalupo, Brody, and Audry McNabb; four siblings: her



Also surviving are nieces and nephews: Jason Enger of

Morris; Chad and Stacey White of Coal City; Colleen White of Arizona; Amber and Bob Miskell of Morris; Ryan and Tiffany Welsh of Morris; Katie and Danny Peterson of Morris; Deidre and Jason Rhodes of Gardner; Andrea Welsh of Coal City; and Amanda and Isen Veljic of Hong Kong.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her daughter, Lissa June Parker; and her nephew, Frie White

Memorials to the Parkinson's Foundation would be appreciated.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until a Celebration of Life at 12:00 noon at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 1201 W. Route 6 at Deerpath Drive in Morris.

Interment will follow in Sample Cemetery, Morris.

For information, please call (815) 942-5040 or visit her Memorial Tribute at www.fred cdames.com where you can share a favorite memory or leave a condolence.

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- B. The common address of the real estate is 1304 Nixon Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 68 in First Addition to Westview Subdivision to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as per Plat recorded October 16, 1979, as Document Number 387228 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-16-452-031

Commonly known as: 1304 Nixon Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764

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<u>Donald R. McClarey</u> Attorney for Bank of Pontiac





Snow (and hopefully the lack thereof)

Every year around this time, checking the weather app, watching it on the news, or even better yet, reading it in *The Paper*, it gets slightly more bleak.

There's always a moment of "wow, I guess we're really doing this again," followed by a moment of consideration in moving to somewhere where there isn't despair when looking at the weather app at the beginning of December.

The thing, above all else, that really crosses the line is when those dreaded little snow icons start popping up. Until then you're just kind of moving about, blissfully unaware of what's coming...and that's the inevitable: the first snow.

While the first big snow is definitely devastating, there is something semi-romanticized about it. Like during any school year, the first snowfall was always met with real genuine excitement. The only other snow that is allowed to have that excitement surrounding it is if it snows on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day. That is also allowed to have excitement follow it around.

However, all, and any, in between those can go away and not show their face this year. No one likes shoveling. No one likes questioning if they should drive somewhere because of stuff falling from the sky. No one likes their shoes to be all wet when they take them off. I don't think anyone really enjoys snow, and that's just the matter of the facts.

Here is to hoping that global warming can rear its head in a positive way and keep the snow out of Illinois this winter.

With all that being said, I'm going to Texas for 2 weeks soon, so, enjoy the first snow.

Go Bulls.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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PIN: 15-16-451-032

Commonly known as: 1309 Nixon Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764

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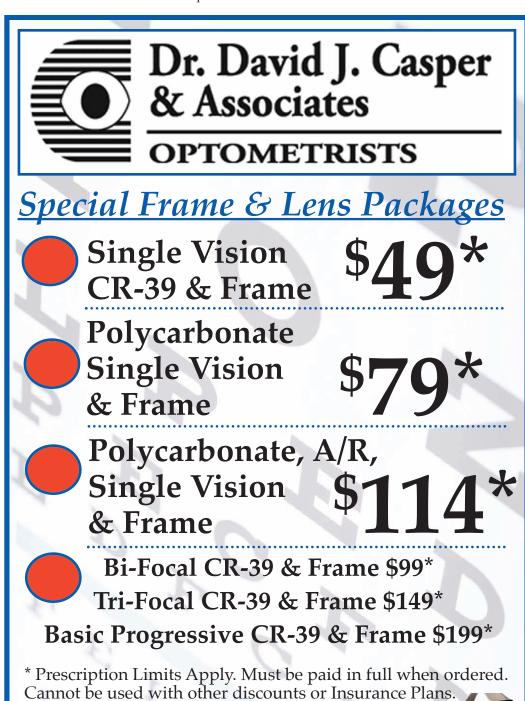
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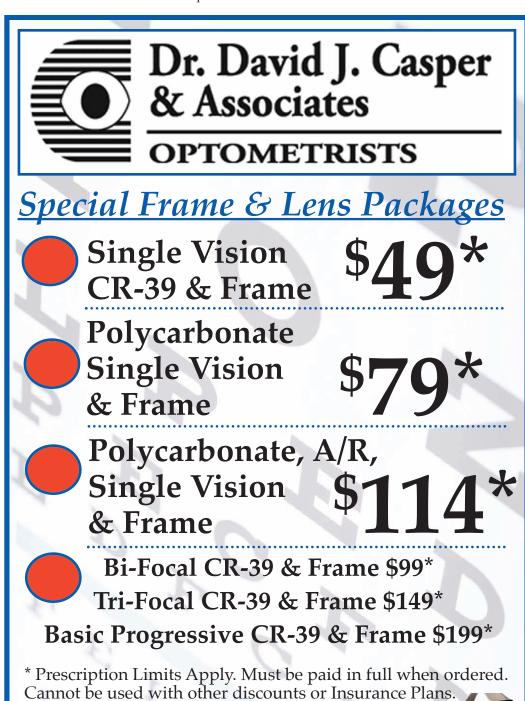
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GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 22 GSW vs. Reed-Custer

The Lady Panthers were beaten by Reed-Custer, 39-32, on November 22.

Addi Fair led with 16 points, including a three-pointer and a perfect 5-5 showing at the line. Hannah Balcom added five points on five free throws, followed by four points from Mary Clare Phillips.

three free throws, while Taeryn Lardi provided two points. Eva Henderson and Riley Klingler each hit a free throw.

Tuesday, November 23 GSW vs. Herscher

GSW dropped to 0-6 on the season after a 55-8 defeat by Herscher November 23.

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DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 22 Dwight vs. Henry-Senachwine Varsity -

The Dwight Lady Trojans dropped their conference opener November 22 to Henry-Senachwine, 33-22.

Scoring for Dwight was Njomza Asllani with five points, followed by four each from Mikalah Bregin (7 rebounds), Kassy Kodat, and Brooke Vigna (8 rebounds). Lilly Duffy (5 steals, 4 assists) and Emerson Peters each put in two points.

JV -

In the JV meeting, the Lady Trojans fell to Henry-Senachwine, 37-27.

Ellora McCullough was high scorer for Dwight with seven points, in addition to five boards. Maci Johnson and Kassy Kodat scored five points each, with Isabella Bunting scoring four points. Lilly Duffy, Njomza Asllani (7 rebounds), and Emerson Peters contributed two points each.



Tri-Point Lady Chargers Basketball

Monday, November 22 Tri-Point vs. Lexington

In a match-up with Lexington November 22 at home, the Tri-Point Chargers suffered a 43-30 loss.

Lainey Bertrand (2-2 FT) Ruiz nailed a three.

was the high scorer for the Chargers with 12 points. Lanie Woods chipped in with five points, including a three-pointer. Melina Schuette (2-6 FT) and Ronnie Matuszewski added four points each. Millie Ruiz nailed a three.



SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Monday, November 22 Seneca vs. Midland

Seneca took to the road November 22 to take on Midland, and returned home with a 50-18 victory.

"Our best effort of the year," stated Coach Holman. "Nice to see the girls learning and forming an identity. Fifty points

scored and no one scoring more than nine was awesome to see. Twelve girls hit the scoring column.

Leading the way was Kennedy Hartwig and Carly Greve, each with nine points. Emma Smith supplied seven



DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 22 Dwight vs. Oglesby Washington

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds had their season concluded November 22, following a 39-16 defeat by Oglesby Washington.

Mikayla Chambers (12 steals, 3 rebounds, 1 assist) and Delaney Boucher (8 rebounds, 3 steals) had six points each. Cloe Hall (4 rebounds, 1 steal) and Claire Sandeno (3 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist) each

scored two points. Olivia Buck provided four rebounds and three steals, while De'Lana Marsh added two swipes. Addy Sulzberger and Sophie Bastian each had one steal.

"Thank you for all your dedication and hard work this season," Coach Christine Stephens stated. "We are proud of all that you accomplished."

Cloe Hall (4 rebounds, 1 steal) Dwight's seventh graders and Claire Sandeno (3 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist) each 13-8 and as LCT champions.

TWIGHT TWIGHT



DTHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM hoists a third-place trophy at Woodland to conclude their run in the Route 17 Classic. The Trojans defeated St. Bede 72-69 to earn the hardware



Dwight Varsity Trojans take 3rd at Turkey Tourney



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH WRESTLING

Tuesday, November 23 Seneca vs. Tremont and Princeton

Seneca's wrestlers took to the mat November 23, falling 53-20 to Tremont, then 46-30 to Princeton. Individual results are as follows:

vs. Tremont 106: Double FF; 113: Konnor Martinn F 3:01 over Tommy Milton; 120: Bowden Delaney F 5:29 over **Jaden** Casey; 126: Josiah Grant F 1:56 over **Justin Goslin**; 132: Robbie Nelson F 5:31 over Nathan Boyd; 138: Nate **Othon** F 4:47 over Logan Poisal; 145: Asher Hamby 4-2 over Mason Mark; 152: Levi Leitner F 2:36 over Ryan Flynn; 160: Logan Stedman F :13 over Aidan Burton; 170: Lucas Wendling by FF; 182: TJ

Hamby; 195: Chris Peura F:45 over Jeremy Olsen; 220: Cooper Wendling F:34 over Alex Bogner; 285: John Rathbun F:41 over Liam Blue. vs. Princeton

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Gardner South Wilmington High School District #73

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Gardner South Wilmington High School District #73 for 2021 will be held on December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom at Gardner South Wilmington High School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Joshua DeLong, Superintendent, Gardner South Wilmington High School #73, 500 E. Main Street, Gardner, Il, 60424. 815.237.2176.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2020 were \$1,365,357.47.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$1,462,900.00. This represents a 7.14% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$320,059.54.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$320,687.50. This represents a 0.20% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2020 were \$1,685,417.01.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$1,783,587.50. This represents a 5.82% increase over the previous year.





DTHS Trojans Basketball

Monday, November 22 Dwight vs. Earlville **Route 17 Classic**

The Dwight Trojans, hosts of the Route 17 Classic, won 68-52 over Earlville November

Wyatt Thompson led all scorers with 29 points, going 7-10 from the charity stripe. Conner Telford added 16 points, hitting three threes and shooting 3-4 from the line. Kaleb Duden (1 3-pointer) and Jeremy Kapper (1-1 FT) scored seven points each, followed by Jack Duffy (2-2 FT) with four points. Landon Brown connected on a trifecta, while Gavin Wykes made good on two free throws.

Tuesday, November 23 **Dwight vs. Grant Park Route 17 Classic**

In Route 17 Classic action November 23, Dwight dominated Grant Park – winning 64-

Wyatt Thompson went off for 22 points, drilling three three-pointers and one free throw. Landon Brown hit four treys, en route to a 14-point showing. Jeremy Kapper came up with six points, followed by four each from Jack Duffy (2-2 FT) and Gavin Wykes. Dawson Carr, Kaleb Duden, and Jace Gall all made one threepointer. Conner Telford and Jack Denker both scored two points. Tyler Frauli hit a free throw.

Wednesday, November 24 **Dwight vs. Momence Route 17 Classic**

In a match-up with Momence November 24 during the Route 17 Classic, the Trojans

took a 57-45 loss. Scoring 19 points for Dwight was Wyatt Thompson (1-2 FT). Jeremy Kapper contributed 15 points, going 1-2 from the free throw line. Conner Telford was good for nine points, including a threepointer and 2-4 shooting from the line. Kaleb Duden chipped in with two free throws.

Saturday, November 27 Dwight vs. St. Bede **Route 17 Classic**

In a closely-contested battle with St. Bede for third place in the Route 17 Classic in Woodland over the weekend, the Dwight Trojans were victorious, 72-69.

In the first half, Dwight was able to keep a narrow advantage over the Bruins, taking a 36-28 lead into the half. However, the two teams would go into the fourth and final frame knotted up at 49-49.

But with big contributions late in the game from Wyatt Thompson, Jeremy Kapper, Landon Brown, and Conner Telford, the Trojans came out

Thompson wound up with 29 points, connecting on five three-pointers and going 2-3 from the free throw line. Kapper had 16 points (2-2 FT), with Brown adding 10 points (1 3-pointer, 5-8 FT). Telford added eight points (1 3-pointer, 3-6 FT), followed by four points from Gavin Wykes. Kaleb Duden (1-3 FT) and Dawson Carr (2-2 FT) came up with three and two points, respectively.

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Joshua DeLong, Superintendent, Braceville Elementary School #75, 209 N. Mitchell Road, Braceville, Illinois, 815.237.8040.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2020 were \$524,020.49.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$578,000.00. This represents a 10.30% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$95,004.56.

> The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$92,050.00. This represents a 3.11% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2020 were \$619,025.05.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$670,050.00. This represents an 8.24% increase over the previous year.





CONNER TELFORD, DTHS VARSITY TROJAN, above, takes the ball down the court for the mighty Trojans. Landon Brown, right, looks to take it to the hoop. Dwight secured a third place showing during the Route 17 Classic. Dwight will face off against Putnam County on the road at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 3.



GSW Panthers Basketball

Monday, November 22 **GSW** vs. Morris

In their first game of the 2021-22 season, the GSW Panthers lost to Morris, 55-20.

"Not the start of the season we were hoping for," said Coach Allan Wills, "but hopefully we can learn from this and improve."

Cale Halpin's 10 points, three assists, and two rebounds led GSW, while Brody Fatlan put up six points and four boards. Bennett Grant and Gabe McHugh had two points each.

Tuesday, November 23 **GSW vs. Coal City**

The Panthers were on the road November 23 in Coal City, earning a 48-42 victory.

'This was a nice win for us," Coach Wills stated. "We fought hard and we were able to hold off their run after we took a nice lead midway through the fourth quarter."

High scorer for GSW was Cale Halpin with 22 points, adding that to six rebounds. Bennett Grant contributed nine points, three rebounds, while Bryce Handzus had six points, five boards. Garrett Grant (4

(11 rebounds) scored five points each.

Friday, November 26 GSW vs. Serena

GSW was back in Coal City November 26 taking on Serena, and would drop a 64-42 decision.

"We did not play very good tonight," stated Coach Wills. "Close to 30 turnovers will not win any game."

Cale Halpin and Bennett Grant scored 16 and 10 points, respectively, to lead the Panthers. Dane Halpin had six points.

Saturday, November 27 **GSW** vs. Peotone

Gardner-South Wilmington returned to Coal City taking on Peotone November 27, falling by a score of 70-40.

"Even though the score doesn't show it, I was happy with our effort," said Coach Wills. "We still have to get a lot better, though, if we want to compete."

Garrett Grant and Cale Halpin led the now 1-3 overall Panthers with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Bryce Handzus

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DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 22 Dwight vs. Odell 8th Grade -

The Dwight Redbirds topped Odell, 42-17, when they met November 22.

"Good win - Odell has a nice team!," said Coach Joe Stevenson. "We played well great defense."

Evan Cox had 18 points, four steals, and three rebounds, with Joey Starks adding 10 points, 10 boards, and three steals. Asher Kargle contributed seven points, two rebounds, and a steal, while Zander Tarnowski came up with three points and a rebound. Jack Statler (4 rebounds, 1 steal) and Colin tively. Trevor Jensen (2 assists, Bachand (1 rebound, 1 steal) scored two points each.

The Redbirds are now 9-1 overall.

7th Grade -

On the road November 22, Dwight fell to Odell in a barnburner of a game, 55-52.

"We played poorly in the first half," Coach Conroy admitted, "but were up by three. We played much better in the second half, but Odell played better - making eight threes in the contest."

Colin Bachand's 27 points, six steals, five boards, and three assists led the Redbirds. Graham Meister added 17 points, 18 rebounds, and three assists. Blake Thetard (2 assists, 1 steal) and Bradley Thompson (2 rebounds) scored six and two points, respec-1 steal) and Matt Watchinski grabbed three and seven rebounds, respectively. Carsen Sandeno had one rebound.

The loss drops Dwight to 7-3 this season.

Victory Lanes, Dwight League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers

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Blackbird Yoga Investing in Downtown Dwight



By: Peter Babb

Our days are filled with a lot of stress and anxiety. Finding a way to relieve that stress is crucial.

Yoga is known as one of the best ways to not only relieve stress, but it's also a great way to exercise. Luckily, Dwight has its very own yoga studio.

Blackbird Yoga Studio has been a staple in the community for several years. Offering many people an opportunity to practice yoga in a calm and relaxing setting.

The owner, Jennifer Connor, has taken her yoga studio to a new location as Blackbird Yoga is now housed at 116 E.

The whole process of purchasing the new studio was difficult, especially after 2020.

"In May we were approached with the possibility of purchasing the new building," said Connor. "While we had always discussed buying another property, we were wary as we were coming off a very difficult year due to the pandemic.

"But Jeremy (her husband) and I have always been a couple that will dive right into a project, and we were anxious to have something new to feel excited about."

the first time the Connors have houses or work gatherings. invested in downtown Dwight. Jennifer owns her yoga studio and her husband Jeremy, owns his barbershop, Jeremy's Barbershop.

They want to make downtown Dwight feel more welcoming and inviting to everyone.

"We're so grateful to the couple who offered us the opportunity to purchase 116, and had faith in us to invest again in downtown Dwight," said Jennifer Connor.

The new yoga studio opened in September. Although the location has changed, the classes remain unchanged in offering a relaxing yoga course to people in the community.

"I design every yoga session for yogis of all levels to practice together," Connor said. "I will take several poses throughout the class, and slowly add options to make poses more difficult, or to stay at a spot you feel more comfortable with,"

Blackbird Yoga Studio has classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Classes are occasionally on Saturday morning.

Connor also wants to help Dwight by renting the space at

The 1,800-sq. foot room rental, which features traditional furniture, natural lighting, and limited and quaint diningware, is available for any This new endeavor is not event such as parties, open

> For yoga updates or to inquire about room rental, be sure to follow Blackbird Yoga Studio on Facebook and Insta-



GSW JV PANTHERS BASKETBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Jarrek Hirsch, Josh Conger, Spencer Conger, Alex Roge, Ryan Millette, Brad Castelli; back row, Coach

Chris Halpin, Nathan States, Nicko Cvitanovich, Cole Hampson, Damian Nuccio, Logan Conger, and Coach Trevor Sampphoto by Shayla Loring Photography son.



GSW SPIRITLINE. Pictured, front row, from left, Tess Brooks, Katy Wallerich, Molly Conger, Abbey Granger, Hayden Partilla; back row, Coach Holly Swisher, Alexis Riggs,

Emma Simms, Katelyn Farris, Ella Sandeno, Ava Brassard, Maddi Handzus, and Coach Nicole Leigh.

photo by Shayla Loring Photography

Piper City Library Celebrates Family Reading Night

Eight kiddos and two adults dressed in their pajamas and took their bedtime buddies with them to Piper City Library November 18 for Family Reading Night.

Three other mothers also joined them.

Mindy Breen was their guest reader. She read Mrs. Murphy's Chowder, about some awful soup; A Little White Table, about a little come home; and The First Thanksgiving.

After the children explained why they took their favorite

book from home, Miss Taylor and Miss Debbie handed out popcorn and juice boxes for a

As Misses Taylor and Debbie bid the children goodnight, they gave each child a book to take home as a gift.

Children all over the state of Illinois had a special reading time. Family Reading Night is sponsored by Secretary of State Jesse White, Illinois State Liwhite table set in honor of a brary and Illinois Centers for Vietnam soldier who didn't Books in cooperation with IRead – a program of the Illinois Library Association and Illinois Reads – a project of the Illinois Reading Council.



PIPER CITY LIBRARY held its Family Reading Night Nov. 18. Mindy Breen was the guest speaker for the children.



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Gas Prices For This Week

Crude oil prices initially tumbled more than \$10, to \$68 a barrel, on Friday after news of the Omicron COVID-19 variant broke. Meanwhile. consumers caught a little break as the national average price for a gallon of gas dropped to \$3.39, down a penny since last week. It's too soon to tell if fears of a global economic slowdown caused by the Omicron variant will push oil prices lower for the long term. But for now, the upward pricing pressure due to tightened supply and high demand seems to have abated, and that will likely result in pump prices stabilizing. Today's national average of \$3.39 is a penny less than a month ago and \$1.27 more than a year ago.

City/Village	November 29	November 22
Dwight	\$3.39	\$3.40
Kankakee	\$3.47	\$3.53
Streator	\$3.47	\$3.50
Pontiac	\$3.36	\$3.38
Gardner	\$3.35	\$3.55
Braceville	\$3.29	\$3.43
Morris	\$3.48	\$3.51
Herscher	\$3.55	\$3.55
Chicago	\$3.68	\$3.70
Illinois	\$3.54	\$3.57
U.S.	\$3.39	\$3.40

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

Gasoline price data collected by The Paper and brought to you by Steve's Tire.



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Holiday Food Safety

As we enter the busy holiday season, the Iroquois County Health Department is promoting important food safety practices by encouraging residents to follow some simple tips to avoid foodborne illnesses, such as Salmonella, E. coli, and Campy-

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), there are 31 pathogens known to cause foodborne illness. Every year there are an estimated 48 million cases of illness, 128,000 hospitalizations, and 3,000 deaths in the United States due to foodborne diseases. Symptoms can vary depending on the illness, but some common symptoms are diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and nausea. It is difficult to say with certainty which microbe is causing a given illness without laboratory testing.

The following simple precautions should always be followed by cooks and food service workers to reduce the possibility of anyone becoming sick:

Separate: Use a separate cutting board for cooked foods and raw foods and always wash them after use. Do not cut raw vegetables on the same cutting board as raw meat. Avoid cross contamination. Wash any utensil after preparing one food item before going on to the next item. Clean: Always wash hands before touching any food. Wash hands and surfaces often during food preparation and afterward. Cook: Make sure all meats are thoroughly cooked by using a meat thermometer: turkey, stuffing, and other poultry to 165°F; whole cut veal, beef, and lamb roasts to 145°F; and ground meats including pork and beef and egg dishes to 155°F.

Chill: Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within two hours. The refrigerator should be maintained at 41°F or lower and the freezer should be at 0°F or lower. Keep hot foods hot, 135°F or hotter, and cold foods cold, 41°F or below. Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw food in the refrigerator, in a cold-water bath, or in the microwave. When using a microwave, meat must be cooked immediately after. Marinate foods in the refrigera-

For more information, visit usda.gov, cdc.gov, fightbac.org. You can also contact Ryan P. Wheeler, MPH, LEHP, Director of Environmental Health, at 814-432-2483.

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• Thursday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. to noon - Piper City Library in Piper City.

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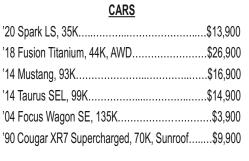
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OBITUARIES

Leslie Ann Barna

Leslie Barna, age 60, of East Brooklyn, Illinois passed away Friday, October 29, 2021 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, Illinois.

Leslie was a caring nurse for the past 40 years. She

previously worked for Silver Cross Hospital and Loyola Medical Center. She currently worked as the stroke coordinator at St. Joseph Medical Center, where she won the Life Saving Partners Award in

Leslie was a passionate patient advocate, then serving her surrounding community as a home health nurse for the past two years.

She was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Blackhawks fan. She was a devoted alumni of Gardner South Wilmington High School and continued her love of sports by supporting her daughters and their fellow Kohawks at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Leslie's greatest love was her daughters, Sophie and Celia, and being able to see them continue her legacy as nurses themselves.

She was a longtime member of the United Methodist

Church in South Wilmington.

Surviving are her mother, Estelle M. (nee Sarti) Sorensen of East Brooklyn, Illinois; two daughters, Sophie Barna and Celia (Carter Rodman) Barna, both of Cedar Rapids,

Iowa; two brothers, Greg (Mona) Sorensen of South Wilmington and Steve (Cathy) Sorensen of Gardner; four special nieces and nephews: Nicole (Aaron) Halpin, Krista (Bobby) Netrval, Sorensen, and Jamie Sorensen; and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, and a special fur friend, Chewy.

Preceding her in death were her father, William H. Sorensen; and uncle and aunt, Mario Jr. and Ruth Sarti.

Visitation was at the R. W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 from 4 until 8

Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Thursday, November 4, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Kevin Boesen officiating.

Interment followed in Braceville - Gardner Cemetery in Braceville, Illinois.

Hines VA Hospital Outreach Team Returning to Morris and Channahon

The Edward Hines Jr. VA Channahon they will be at the Hospital Outreach Team, along with the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission, will be enrolling Veterans and answering questions about VA health care and other veterans' benefits in Morris Monday, December 6, and in Channahon Wednesday, December 8.

The team will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day.

The outreach team consists of the team coordinator, a nurse, and a member of the eligibility staff. The Grundy County VAC will also have a veteran service officer in atten-

Seasonal flu shots are available for eligible veterans. Information regarding other vaccinations is also available from the nurse.

The Morris location is the American Legion at 212 W. Washington Street, and in

Village Hall at 24555 S. Navajo Drive.

You may be eligible for VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn't receive a dishonorable discharge. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, you must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty. Take a copy of your DD214 and a photo ID. There are other criteria that may also make you eligible for VA health care. If you do not have a copy of your DD214, the Grundy County VAC can assist you with get-

If you would like more information about the Hines VA outreach program, call Patrick Grimes at 708-904-2293.

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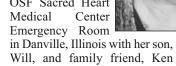
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Elizabeth Ann Bossert Holycross

(Beth) Bossert Holycross, 72, of Perrysville, Indiana passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, 4:40 p.m. EDT, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical



Boruff, by her side. She was born April 9, 1949 in Streator, Illinois to Ivan and Faye Annette Bossert.

She was the youngest and only girl with three brothers. She was raised on a farm in rural Illinois in the 50's and 60's. She would work hard on the farm to do her part for her family and do her school studies at night. She was a lover of animals, having taken care of chickens, horses and cattle. At the age of four she was gathering hundreds of chicken eggs daily.

Later in life, she enjoyed being with her grand-dogs, Lilly, Jerry Lee and Oreo, and taking care of her many barn cats, having a unique name for each one. She enjoyed feeding and watching wild birds in the winter.

Beth graduated from Reddick, Illinois High School in 1967; graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1971 with a degree in music and education. She completed her masters degree at Indiana State University in 1973. In 2001 she became an ordained minister through Vision Bible College and The Church of

Beth married Richard Holycross on July 22, 1972 in the Reddick United Methodist Church, Reddick, Illinois. She will be greatly missed by her husband; son, Will Holycross; daughter, Carrie (Harlan) Akers; and grandchildren, Alexis Holycross and Wade Akers.

Also surviving are older brothers, Robert (Sharon) Bossert of Essex, Illinois; Rolland (Rosemary) Bossert of Shorewood, Illinois; and Bruce (Gloria) Bossert of Dwight, Illinois. She had many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents; a sister-in-law. Betty Bossert; and a niece, Carmen Bossert. She always enjoyed visits and holiday gatherings with her Bossert/ Elliot family and the Akers/Newby

She had multiple types of jobs over the years. She was fortunate to stay home and care for her children in their early years. She taught music and other subjects at Veedersburg, Kingman, Rabb School, North Vermillion and Danville Christian Academy. She previously worked for Warren County REMC as a meter reader. Former Secretary and As-



pany. Most recently she served as Associate Pastor and worship leader at Coal Branch Independent Church.

C. Burnside & Com-

She taught piano lessons and tuned pianos for approximately 40 years. Played piano, organ and sang for many years for weddings, events and for Perrysville United Methodist Church, Coal Branch Independent Church and Southside Nazarene Church in Tilton, Illinois.

She had a talented gift of singing perfect pitch. She was a 10-year 4-H member, 4-H Junior Leader, taught 4-H for many years, won many 4-H awards and was involved in the Home Economics Club.

She made an amazing blueberry pie with homemade crust that her family won't be able to duplicate. Their frequent family outings to Monical's Pizza just won't be the same without her.

Beth enjoyed all church activities and took the lead in many roles. She enjoyed spreading the word of God, studying the Bible, gardening, sewing, mathematics, word and number puzzles. She rarely watched TV but she would enjoy an occasional old TV show or watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy with her family. She had a unique sense of humor that only those close to her could truly appreciate. She was a great listener and truly gave you her full attention. She was always the quiet busy person in the background that did it all but never wanted any recognition or tooted her own horn. Two of her college friends described her as a very caring person, one of the most modest people they had ever met, and that she had a gift for learning. She was most certainly a giver and rarely, if ever, a taker. She lived simply, gave more and expected less. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Beth's family is very appreciative of the dedicated volunteers of the Perrysville Fire Department and Illiana EMS staff that responded that day.

In lieu of flowers her family asks that a donation be made in her memory to Coal Branch Independent Church, P.O. Box 433, Perrysville, Indiana 47974; Perrysville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 179, Perrysville, Indiana 47974; or Love, Inc., 100 N. Franklin, Danville, Illinois 61832.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. (EDT), Sunday, December 5, 2021 at Sunset Funeral Home Covington Chapel, 420 3rd St., Covington, Indiana with Pastor Tracy Taulman officiat-

Visitation will take place from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the

Per her wishes, Beth will be cremated.

Private interment burial services will be held at a later date at the Danville National Cemetery.

Please join her family in sharing memories through her Tribute Wall at www.sunsetfuneral home.com

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AS PART OF OCTOBER'S National Bully Prevention Month, Dwight Common School's third and fourth grade students participated in a poster contest. The winners of the contest, pictured, from left, were Skyler Burke, Greta Flott, Natalie Heikkila, Jaslyn Holloway, Lilliana Noriega, and Riley Wicks. Dwight Pizza & More, Dwight Dairy Queen, DCS, and Dwight Police Department's Officer Friendly Program assisted with the contest.





LTLD Gets Ready for Christmas

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) is hosting a bevy of programs in the month of December.

Storytime, for preschool children, is on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. It will be in-person with Mr. Austin on December 7. Storytime will be with Ms. Holly on Facebook December

They are having Chess Club Thursday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. Go to improve your skills or learn a new

Their signature Christmas event, Evening with Santa, takes place on Monday, December 6, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Families will have five-minute time slots to visit with Santa. Each child will receive a goody bag, a Christmas book, a wearable craft, and a craft to take

Science Demonstration with Ms. Faith and Ms. Holly takes place on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:00 p.m. on Face-Watch as they demonstrate a science experiment, using items you can find in your home. For kids in third limestonelibrary.org.

through sixth grade.

On Thursday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m., they are having an Intro to Cybersecurity class. They will start with a power point presentation about cybersecurity with a question-andanswer period afterwards.

Every Saturday, they have a new Take-and-Make Craft available for pick-up. These are geared for children in first through fifth grade. For Saturday, December 4, the craft is a Christmas Candy Cane Card.

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

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

Any questions? Call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message them at Facebook or Instagram. Visit their website at

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BANK OF PONTIAC,)
an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,)) No. 21-CH-1
vs.)
SHAWN P. HOLMES, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bid-

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. Mc-Clarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 1401 Nixon Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 88 in First Addition to Westview Subdivision, City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as referenced on a Plat recorded October 16, 1979, as Document Number 387228.

PIN: 15-16-451-031

Commonly known as: 1401 Nixon Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Split-level single-family home, including 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full basement, and 1-car attached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: January 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

I. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Donald R. McClarey Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

Public Reminder from Livingston Cty. Health Dept.

Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) has issued a reminder for the public individuals who smoke and/or vape may be at a higher risk for complications should they contract COVID-19.

Cigarette smoking is responsible for more than 480,000 deaths per year in the United States, including more than 41,000 deaths resulting from secondhand smoke exposure. This is about one in five deaths annually, or 1,300 deaths every day.

While quitting may not be easy, people who smoke and/or vape are not in their fight alone. Created in partnership between the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the American Lung Association of Illinois, the Illinois Tobacco Quitline is a tobacco cessation program offering a wide range of free resources, including counseling and nicotine replacement therapy.

If you need help quitting tobacco, contact the Quitline at 1-866-QUIT-YES or visit QUITYES.org.

Families are welcome to visit LCHD (310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac) Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for COVID-19 vaccina-

Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson are all available



free of charge to the public for first, second, third, and booster doses, including Pfizer pediatric doses for ages five

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

Masks must be worn when interacting with LCHD staff. For those with limited mobility, your vaccination may be taken to your vehicle.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit lchd.us.

Do you have your COVID-19 vaccination?

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,

and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

No. 21-CH-35

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:

Lot 6 in Block 22 in Fell's Second Addition to Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-27-129-013

Commonly known as: 701 S. Vermillion St., Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is MICHAEL J. KENNEDY. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on June 18, 2003 and recorded on June 23, 2003 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 546443, a modification of mortgage executed on July 26, 2013 and recorded on July 31, 2013 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 624514, a modification of mortgage executed on August 25, 2015 and recorded on September 1, 2015 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2015R-636014, a modification of mortgage executed on July 27, 2016 and recorded on August 1, 2016 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2016R-03032, and a modification of mortgage executed on October 11, 2019 and recorded on October 15, 2019 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2019R-03992. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 21-CH-35 is currrently 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 December 31, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2021.

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

Area COVID-19 Stats as of November 29 Total Tests

<u> 10tal lests</u>				
	Town	Performed	Cases	
	Dwight	18,314	751	
	Herscher	4,613	338	
	Gardner	4,088	319	
	Mazon	2,939	239	
	Odell	4,201	225	Numbers
	Braceville	3,000	208	
	Essex	1,936	177	as of
	S. Wilmington	1,581	121	11/29/21
	Cullom	2,235	95	
	Saunemin	1,946	91	Statistics via
	Verona	1,238	84	dph.illinois.go
	Reddick	1,521	85	
	Buckingham	1,145	77	
	Cabery	1,366	74	
	Ransom	1,296	76	
	Kempton	1,140	61	
	Emington	803	52	
	Blackstone	805	46	
	Kinsman	820	30	
	Campus	620	23	
	Union Hill	202	13	
	County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
	Kankakee	357,733	19,184	264
	LaSalle	330,121	15,884	294

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,784,900; Deaths: 26,313; **Probable Deaths:** 2,945; **Total Tests Performed:** 38,528,321.

109,286

173,270

80,484

49,582

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

8,022

6,233

4,544

2,626

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The end of the year is often a popular time to volunteer, as the spirit of giving that's synonymous with the holiday season compels millions of people to make an effort to support local charities and nonprofit organizations. In years past, that might have made it difficult for prospective volunteers to find organizations in need of volunteers. However, as the world continues to confront the COVID-19 pandemic, charitable organizations and nonprofits may have a host of opportunities for prospective volunteers. The rollout of three successful vaccines will no doubt compel more people to volunteer in person as 2021 draws to a close, and there should be plenty of opportunities to help charitable organizations in need. There are still plenty of chances to embrace remote or virtual volunteering.



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B. The common address of the real estate is 118055 E. 2160 N. Rd., Pontiac, IL 61764

C. The legal description of the real estate is: TRACT 1:

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 19 in the Village of Cayuga, situated in the County of Livingston, in the State of Illinois, EXCEPT the West Half of Lot 4 in Block 19 in the Village of Cayuga, and that portion of the East-West alley which adjoins said lots to the North.

TRACT 2:

Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Block 19 in the Village of Cayuga, Livingston County, Illinois, together with the South Half of the vacated alley adjoining the North line thereof.

PIN: 10-31-154-011

Commonly known as: 18055 E. 2160 N. Rd., Pontiac, IL 61764

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 3,200 sq. ft. commercial storage building with septic system on 1.86-acre lot.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

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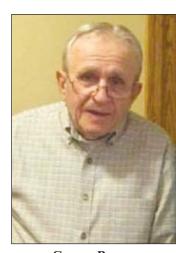
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Gardner-South Wilmington Welcomes Two New Members to Its Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

The Gardner-South Wilmington Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Committee met November 17 to assess several nominations for the induction class of 2022.

Two candidates were chosen after the votes were finalized, and GSW welcomes the two newest members of the Hall of Fame: Mr. George Bexson and Mr. Richard Joyce.



George Bexson

Mr. George Bexson is well known within the GSWB villages, as well as the surrounding communities. He is an exemplary example of character with a multitude of accomplishments in his lifetime so far.

South Wilmington is where George grew up and where he began his working life by peddling newspapers. He was in the first graduating class in the new South Wilmington Grade School in 1954. In High School, George participated in many activities: Class President, 1, 2, 4; Student Council, 1, 3; Basketball, 1-4; Football, 1-3; Cross Country, 4; Newspaper Staff/Sports Editor, 4; Junior Play; BBA, 3, 4; and King's Court/Sweethearts Ball, 1.

Along with maintaining his school activities, George worked as a farmhand for various farmers and was a lifeguard at the Essex Sportsman's Club. Remarkably, he was even able was drowning.

George has always loved challenging himself with hard work and the pursuit of learn-

ing new things. While attending GSW, he met Donna Yedlicka, who was raised and educated in Braceville. They married in 1962. They built their own home five houses down from the GSW HS, where they still reside. They raised three children - Brian, Pat and Teresa. All attended Gardner Grade School and GSW HS and were involved in sports, honor roll, Student Council, band and/or other extra curricular activities. The ethics of doing one's best, kindness/generosity and empathy resonated throughout the Bexson household.

Following graduation in 1958, George served his country by volunteering for the US Army. He completed basic training in Fort Leonard Wood. He completed six months of teletypewriter repair school in CA. From there, he was stationed in Korea for 13 months, followed by one year at Joint Communication Agency, Maryland, before being honorably discharged in 1961.

George worked for several manufacturing and chemical companies in the Joliet area. He also owned his own carpet cleaning business, Bexson Carpet Cleaning, for a number of years until his son, Brian, took it over. Around 1963 (about age 23), George was diagnosed with a debilitating autoimmune disorder, Ankalosing Spondylitis (AS), which is a crippling arthritis that has caused him to have five hip replacements, a back fusion, degenerative bones and joints, and constant pain throughout his adult life. AS placed him in a position to fight for disability after 13 years of employment with Amoco Chemicals in 1974.

With a strong work ethic to save the life of a girl who and problem-solving skills,

George didn't allow the debilitating pain of AS and being on disability to stop him from providing for his family. He continued to manage Bexson Carpet Cleaning and began making all kinds of beautiful wooden toys to sell. During this challenging time, George and Donna switched stereotypical roles to the husband taking care of the home and the wife being the breadwinner. Donna went to waitress at the Coffee Table and went to school to earn a Business Certificate, which led her to her 23-year career at the Dwight Correctional Center. This transition showed their kids that despite the circumstances life may give, there's always a solution to a problem. It probably isn't easy, but it can be done.

Throughout all of George's pain, he always demonstrated strength, tenacity, and generosity. In 1977, George and a family friend gave their time, talents and money to open and manage the POW Amateur Boxing Club in Gardner at the old Opera House (where the new fire house stands now). Boys of all ages were welcome to train and compete in boxing matches amongst themselves and official competitions throughout the state. Boxing provided physical and mental training involving discipline, respect and structure. Matches gave the novice boxers opportunities to show off their honed skills and learn the value of winning and losing on an individual and team basis. George and other coaches took care of all the expenses. There was no cost or fees to the young boxers. Doing so gave those that traditional school sports may have not been a fit for a chance to learn life lessons, forge friendships and gain the experience of being a team player.

In 1982, George was given the opportunity to get off of disability and fully provide for his family like he always intended. George never felt that being on disability for his lifetime was an option. That's when a family friend offered George equal partnership and management of West Side Rentals in Joliet. The company rented everything from champagne fountains to backhoes. West Side Rentals gave George ample opportunity to utilize his many skill sets and knowledge on so many levels. His sons made their careers at the business and his daughter worked part-time as needed. The operation of West Side Rentals provided numerous people a good living. It also gave some second, third and more chances in life to gain skills and employability for other careers.

During his 20 years in business, George faced many obstachanging economy, evolution and stress of the operation, serious medical problems with both his sons, his own struggles with health, among many other factors. Yet, George never hesitated to help someone. Whether it was giving someone spare cash who's down and out, showing someone how to fix a piece of equipment, sponsoring a local sports team, or donating some needed inventory from his business. George's generosity comes from a place of helping someone so that they may learn to help themselves. This was never to belittle, and always help, without the expectation of

Among all of his other undertakings, George served his community by being a member of the Gardner Grade School Board, a trustee for 28 years of Greenfield Township, and the treasurer of the Illinois Amateur Boxing Association. He also assisted coaching Gardner Boys Little League Baseball Programs. One of which he helped to organize was the beginning of what is now called "Travel Ball" in the area.

Chock-full of constant examples of hard work, generous giving, and persevering despite struggling circumstances, George Bexson's life and times prove him to be one of a kind. To this date, George can be found putting in a full day's work in and around the house, especially in his garden, and helping family and friends with the hopes of them helping themselves. He manages to do all of this even with physical pain he has endured for more than 60 years.



Richard P. Joyce

Richard Joyce grew up on a family farm near South Wilmington.

He attended South Wilmington Grade School and graduated at the top of his class in

He attended Gardner-South Wilmington High School and graduated as class Valedictorian in 1969.

He was a State Scholar and earned an Academic Scholarship to Lewis College.

Joyce graduated with high honors and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Lewis College in 1973.

He was awarded a graduate assistantship and received a Master of Arts in History from Illinois State University in 1980. His master's thesis dealt with the early days of the local

coal industry and it won the Helen Cavanagh Award as the history department's best thesis in 1980.

Joyce has made nearly 100 presentations to various groups regarding the history of the local coal industry. He has published several articles and his research has been cited by several historians.

He taught for 34 years at Wilmington High School, including the subjects of American History, Civics, Consumer Economics, Sociology and Local History. He also taught several semesters at the University of St. Francis in Joliet as an adjunct professor in the history department.

Richard Joyce served as Greenfield Township trustee from 1981 to 1990. He served 10 terms representing the southern part of the county on the Grundy County Board (34 years from 1984 to 2018) and served as Vice-Chairman from 2006 to 2010. He chaired numerous committees, including Personnel, Law Enforcement, Planning and Zoning, Emergency Management, etc.

He continues to serve on the Grundy Zoning Board of Appeals, the Grundy Board of Health, the Grundy Emergency Telephone System (911) Board, and the Kendall-Grundy Community Action Board.

Joyce has served as a precinct committeeman for over 40 years and is currently the chair of the Grundy County Democratic Central Commit-

He is a former member of Laborers' Local 75 and worked on numerous area construction projects.

He currently lives in Coal City with his wife, the former Cathy Erickson. He is a former member of the District 1 Learning Leadership Team.

The two will be inducted during the Homecoming games on January 14, 2022.

Author Denise Swanson to Appear at Prairie Creek Library

ing author Denise Swanson Agatha Award and a Mary Higwill make a public appearance gins Clark Award. at Prairie Creek Public Library, 501 Carriage House Lane, in Dwight. She will greet fans at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 7, in the library's community

Swanson writes mystery and romance books after having served as a practicing school psychologist for 22 years. Her best-selling Scumble River Mysteries series is set in a fictional town in Illinois.

New York Times best-sell- She has been nominated for an

This program is free and open to the public; however, due to COVID restrictions, registration is required. To register for this event, call 815-584-

Prairie Creek Library is mindful of its patrons with disabilities and aim to accommodate them as best they can and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are disabled and plan to at-



tend a program at the library, you are invited to call them in advance at 815-584-3061.

Alpha Beta Chapter Celebrates Its Founders

Beta Chapter of DKG gathered at Edinger's Filling Station, Pontiac, to celebrate the 12 women who founded the chapter back on April 21, 1941. Program presenter Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal) searched old newspapers along with genealogy websites to track the lives of these women and their teaching ca-

Martha Adams (Pontiac) taught 31 years in Pontiac and won a \$50 war bond for her article supporting rationing during World War II. Inez Butz (Dwight) taught in Nevada Township and served in the WACs in New Guinea. Lois Flug (Wenona) was a science teacher at Wenona High School who earned a Masters from Columbia University. Bernice Healy (Chenoa) taught in rural schools and Minonk. Hattie Heinhorst (Forrest) was a commerce teacher at Forrest High School and predicted all the winners of the state high school basketball tournament one year. Mary Lamb Kiley (Pontiac) taught in area rural schools and attended the 60th birthday celebration of the chapter.

Marbel Marlar (Strawn) taught at Forrest-Strawn-Wing, was a superintendent in 1940, and later had a photography class so students could produce Dodds (Minonk) taught in Minonk, served as an elementary principal, and later taught at universities. Ruby Sticklin Boles (Toluca) was a commercial teacher at Toluca High School and later worked in Texas. Agnes Thomsen (Minonk) taught in the Dwight area and later in Crystal Lake where she owned a yarn shop. Jean Vance Thompson (Dwight) taught second and third grades in Dwight and was active in community civic affairs. Audrey Wheeler (Long Point) taught at Long Point and Ottawa and was an accomplished harpist with a Masters from Northwestern University.

Marcia Wahls (Chenoa) has sent information to local newspapers advertising applying for the Alpha Beta \$200 grant for a junior college woman majoring in education. Call 309-830-9856 or e-mail awahls@gmail.com. The deadline for applying is Decem-

Co-Pres. Jacobs shared information about HB2778 that is being presented to the legislature. The Illinois Education Association reported that a number of unions representing public education employees support statewide standards for COVID-19 administrative

On November 13, Alpha a newspaper. Anne Meierhofer leave for educational employees and support paycheck protection for non-instructional employees.

> Because of Veterans Day November 11, Elaine Cunningham (Minonk) led members in singing service songs for the Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Army.

> Janet Beyer (Cropsey) reminded members of the scholarships and stipends available to them if they have been a member for at least three years, along with sharing brochures. The application deadline is January 9, 2022.

Members will be sent information about the upcoming Illinois Convention which will be held April 29 through May 1 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. A pre-convention tour to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is planned for Friday afternoon.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 8, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Rich Frankenfeld, Director of Outreach with the Teacher Retirement System, will present "TRS Question and Answer Time on Pension and Insur-

For more information, visit dkg.org or contact Carol Hughes at chughes@mtco.com.

A Word With Senator Patrick Joyce

November is traditionally a time we give thanks for our blessings. Even in these challenging times, we have so many reasons to be thankful.

We honor and salute the thousands of Illinoisans who have signed up to defend our freedoms and put their lives on the line in selfless sacrifice on Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. But we should be thankful throughout the month, and every day, for the men and women who truly put public service first. I am extra thankful for those in the 40th District who joined us in our call to send cards and letters to local veterans who now live at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Manteno to let them know we will never forget

Back at home, I am thankful for my father-in-law Don Scott. A veteran of three wars who spent 20 years in the Army, this man is a marvel at 95 years old. He still lives by himself and is active with the local VFW. When he won a sizeable prize in the Queen of Hearts raffle at the post, he donated it back to help pay for repairs to the concrete parking lot.

I was busy traveling the district for events this Veterans Day and wasn't able to be with him. But I am so appreciative of his example of lifelong self-

Alzheimer's Diseease is the sixth-leading cause of death in our country, and most common form of dementia in as many as 80 percent of diagnosed cases. While these numbers are staggering, I am thankful for the doctors and health care experts who are working every day to



help those with this devastating disease and to find a cure as soon as possible. We recognize your efforts in November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

In my role as Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I strive to make soil conservation a priority as we know our next harvest is only going to be as good as the ground can produce. I am thankful for the leadership shown by the Illinois Conservation Foundation in offering four annual college scholarships of \$2,000 each to high school seniors who are committed to preserving and protecting our natural resources. Visit the ICF website to learn more and to apply: ilconservation.org/.

I am thankful for leaders in our higher education system such as Tim Killeen at the University of Illinois and Cheryl Green, who leads Governors State University in serving the south suburbs. They recently hosted an important discussion about how their campuses are

handling the supply chain issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic. They deserve tremendous credit for keeping our students' educational careers on track after nearly two years of historic challenges. With pandemic restrictions

on evictions finally over, many Illinoisans now need help finding and affording housing. I am thankful that, as the winter months arrive, we have leadership in Gov. Pritzker's Administration that refuses to let people fall through the cracks. The Illinois Rental Payment Program starts Dec. 6 - visit illinoishousinghelp. org/ to learn more.

Finally, for Thanksgiving, I am thankful for you: my dear family, friends and neighbors who allow me to serve you in Springfield, and who always step up to help us help others in need. I am thankful for your sacrifices during a health care crisis, your determination to help our school children get the education they need, and your relentless spirit to support our small businesses and families who have fallen behind.

As we head into the final weeks of 2021, we will continue to help people bounce back. I urge you to contact me anytime I can help: 708-756-0882, or at senatorpatrickjoyce.com/. I will continue to share the latest news on my website and on my Facebook page, facebook. com/senPatrickjoyce40/.

> Sen. Patrick Joyce D-Essex, 40th State Senate District

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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 entrance.

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

Pre-meal ticket sales are un- 689-2110, ext. 302.

Tri-Point High School's derway, with the meal price increasing the day of the event.

They will also sell fourpacks of cinnamon rolls in the drive-through line while supplies last.

class activities like prom and graduation.

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If you have questions, contact Alison Buckley at 815-

'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 (the reindeer, especially 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 to see you there!"

Mrs. Claus' delicious cookies and hot cocoa.

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 packes of cookies, cheese and crackers, breakfast bars, or licorice to include in their packages, or take non-perishable canned or boxed goods for the Food

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Galley of Trees Now Open at **Kankakee County Museum**

The Kankakee County Museum, 801 South 8th Avenue in Kankakee, invites you to the 43rd Annual Gallery of Trees. now open throughout the entire month of December – with the exception of December 24, 25, and 31.

This year, the Museum is filled with over 30 trees decorated by area non-profit organizations. Over 3,000 visitors go during the month of December.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

There is a suggested donation asked per person.

Additionally, Friday, December 17, the Museum will remain open until 7:00 p.m. for its annual hot chocolate and ugly sweater event.

Be a part of this local event – and take your camera!

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Decorate Piper City Library Christmas Tree December 8

Taylor and Debbie are inviting the Piper City children to go to the Library Wednesday, December 8, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to make Christmas decorations and then trim the tree.

They will have refreshments afterwards.

Call the library at 815-686-9234 by Monday, December 6, to make reservations so they know how much material for the decorations, and how many refreshments, to have on hand.

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Written by Vince Guaraldi and Lee Mendelson for the 1965 television special "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Classic Movies Return to Prairie Creek Library

Prairie Creek Library in Dwight will ring in the season with their classic movies pro-

December's film will be a showing of "White Christmas" with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye Friday, December 10.

A classic movie is shown on the second Friday of every month. The film will start at 10:00 a.m. This program is free and open to the public, but due to COVID restrictions, seating is limited. To sign up for this program, call 815-584-3061. Future films will include "Cheaper by the Dozen", "An Affair to Remember", and "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town".

Prairie Creek Library is mindful of its patrons with dis-



abilities and aim 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. Their building is accessible and equipped with an elevator.

Let's Learn! **Library Studies Christmas Around the World**

Dwight's Prairie Creek Library will continue its new program for homeschool families with students in grades K-5. December lessons will center on Christmas Around the World. The "Let's Learn!" program presents bi-monthly lessons on a variety of topics that start at 11:00 a.m. and last up to an hour. There is no charge for this program.

On Tuesday, December 7, participants will learn about the continents, practice locating places on the globe, utilize the A-Z World database to find how Christmas is celebrated in different countries, and make a

gingerbread house as a STEM project. Tuesday, December 21, students will review lessons from the previous meeting, discuss why America is called the Melting Pot, learn the meaning behind some Christmas symbols, and make crackers, which is a part of Christmas in England.

Note the December 21 meeting will be about 30 minutes long and will be followed by a children's craft time. If your child would like to stay, register them separately for the craft time.

Registration is required. To register for this free program or for more information,



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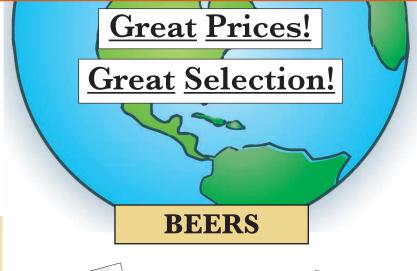
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GSW Lady Panthers Basketball

Monday, November 22 **GSW vs. Reed-Custer**

The Lady Panthers were beaten by Reed-Custer, 39-32, on November 22.

Addi Fair led with 16 points, including a threepointer and a perfect 5-5 showing at the line. Hannah Balcom added five points on five free from Mary Clare Phillips.

three free throws, while Taeryn Lardi provided two points. Eva Henderson and Riley Klingler each hit a free throw.

Tuesday, November 23 GSW vs. Herscher

GSW dropped to 0-6 on the season after a 55-8 defeat by Herscher November 23.

Leading the Lady Panthers throws, followed by four points was Eva Henderson with four points. Addi Fair and Taeryn Chloe Wells made good on Lardi added two points each.



Monday, November 22 Dwight vs. **Henry-Senachwine** Varsity -

The Dwight Lady Trojans dropped their conference opener November 22 to Henry-Senachwine, 33-22.

Scoring for Dwight was Njomza Asllani with five points, followed by four each from Mikalah Bregin (7 rebounds), Kassy Kodat, and Brooke Vigna (8 rebounds). Lilly Duffy (5 steals, 4 assists) and Emerson Peters each put in two points.

In the JV meeting, the Lady Trojans fell to Henry-Senachwine, 37-27.

Ellora McCullough was high scorer for Dwight with seven points, in addition to five boards. Maci Johnson and Kassy Kodat scored five points each, with Isabella Bunting scoring four points. Lilly Duffy, Njomza Asllani (7 rebounds), and Emerson Peters contributed two points each.



TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 22 **Tri-Point vs. Lexington**

In a match-up with Lexington November 22 at home, the Tri-Point Chargers suffered a 43-30 loss.

Lainey Bertrand (2-2 FT) Ruiz nailed a three.

was the high scorer for the Chargers with 12 points. Lanie Woods chipped in with five points, including a threepointer. Melina Schuette (2-6 FT) and Ronnie Matuszewski added four points each. Millie



SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Monday, November 22 Seneca vs. Midland

Seneca took to the road November 22 to take on Midland, and returned home with a 50-18 victory.

"Our best effort of the year," stated Coach Holman. "Nice to see the girls learning and forming an identity. Fifty points

scored and no one scoring more than nine was awesome to see. Twelve girls hit the scoring column.

Leading the way was Kennedy Hartwig and Carly Greve, each with nine points. Emma Smith supplied seven



DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 22 Dwight vs. **Oglesby Washington**

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds had their season concluded November 22, following a 39-16 defeat by Oglesby Washington.

Mikayla Chambers (12 steals, 3 rebounds, 1 assist) and Delaney Boucher (8 rebounds, 3 steals) had six points each. Cloe Hall (4 rebounds, 1 steal) and Claire Sandeno (3 re-

scored two points. Olivia Buck provided four rebounds and three steals, while De'Lana Marsh added two swipes. Addy Sulzberger and Sophie Bastian each had one steal.

"Thank you for all your dedication and hard work this season," Coach Christine Stephens stated. "We are proud of all that you accomplished."

Dwight's seventh graders end the season with a record of bounds, 3 steals, 1 assist) each 13-8 and as LCT champions.

Dwight Varsity Trojans take 3rd at Turkey Tourney



DTHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM hoists a third-place trophy at Woodland to conclude their run in the Route 17 Classic. The Trojans defeated St. Bede 72-69 to earn the hardware.







SENECA FIGHTING IRISH WRESTLING

Tuesday, November 23 Seneca vs. Tremont and Princeton

Seneca's wrestlers took to the mat November 23, falling 53-20 to Tremont, then 46-30 to Princeton. Individual results are as follows:

vs. Tremont

106: Double FF; 113: Konnor Martinn F 3:01 over Tommy Milton; 120: Bowden Delaney F 5:29 over **Jaden** Casey; 126: Josiah Grant F 1:56 over Justin Goslin; 132: Robbie Nelson F 5:31 over Nathan Boyd; 138: Nate **Othon** F 4:47 over Logan Poisal; 145: Asher Hamby 4-2 over Mason Mark; 152: Levi Leitner F 2:36 over Ryan Flynn; 160: Logan Stedman F :13 over Aidan Burton; 170: Lucas Wendling by FF; 182: TJ Conner TF 16-0 over Kyle

Hamby; 195: Chris Peura F :45 over Jeremy Olsen; 220: Cooper Wendling F:34 over Alex Bogner; 285: John Rathbun F:41 over Liam Blue. vs. Princeton

106: Double FF; 113: Tommy Milton by FF; 120: Ace Christiansen by FF; 126: Justin Goslin F 3:44 over Mike Kurth; 132: Matthew Harris F:38 over Robbie Nelson; 138: Nate Othon F 3:00 over Preston Ankels; 145: Augie Christiansen F 2:37 over Ryan Flynn; 152: Asher Hamby by FF; 160: Carson Etheridge F:41 over Aidan Burton; 170: Kyle Hamby by FF; 182: Anthony Viganow by FF; 195: Drew Harp 15-5 over Chris Peura; 220: Jessie Wright F: 46 over Alex Bogner; 285: JJ Wicaryus F 3:57 over Liam Blue.



Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Gardner South Wilmington **High School District #73**

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Gardner South Wilmington High School District #73 for 2021 will be held on December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom at Gardner South Wilmington High School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Joshua DeLong, Superintendent, Gardner South Wilmington High School #73, 500 E. Main Street, Gardner, II, 60424. 815.237.2176.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2020 were \$1,365,357.47.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$1,462,900.00. This represents a 7.14% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$320,059.54.

> The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$320,687.50. This represents a 0.20% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2020 were \$1,685,417.01.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$1,783,587.50. This represents a 5.82% increase over the previous year.

