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He Can Be Seen Again -

Dwight United Methodist Has Lights Fixed for Stained Glass Window

by Brandon LaChance

For the last 11 years, Dwight has been a little darker.

When a natural disaster came through town in 2010, the United Methodist Church was damaged and the lights for the stained glass window depiction of God as the Good Shepherd no longer shined over the church.

With the help of some kind donations, Dwight is brighter once again.

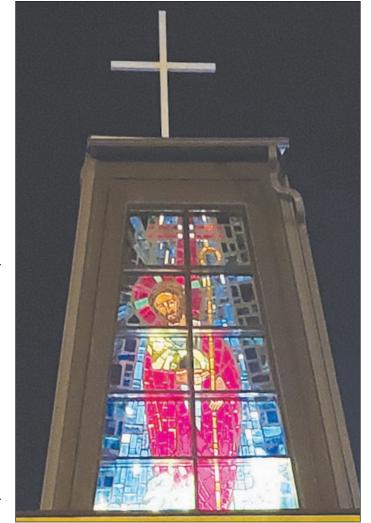
"We just got the lights fixed in loving memory of Tammy Miller Pulver, who was well known around town. She was in her early 50s and died of colon cancer this past year," said Pastor Mary Arnold, who has been the UMC directing pastor for the last year and has been a pastor for 30 years. "Tammy was very active in the church and the children's min-

"With the help of her memorial money, we were able to fix the lights. In 2010, we had a bad tornado that hit the church and the lights were damaged. We couldn't figure out why they weren't working. What it is was, when the roof was fixed, some of the cords for the lights were cut. So, we had to have it all rewired.

"Now, the lights shine out to the community to remind everyone that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. When we're lost, we can come to him and he'll bring them comfort."

Dwight native John Geschwind remembers when the stained glass became a staple of the church.

In 1975, he was the chair-



The United Methodist Church hasn't been able to light up its stained glass display since 2010 thanks to a tornado that ruined the roof. With the help of donations to the Tammy Miller Pulver memorial, God as the Good Shepherd is lit once again.

man of the building committee for the new-at-the-time United Methodist Church, located at 701 South Columbia St., as it was moving its coordinates from kitty-corner of the U.S. Post Office, where the Dwight-Gardner Health Care Center

currently stands.

"The old church was quite a big church with a lot of leaks in the roof. We were still in the old church and had decided we were going to build a new one here and had already bought (continued on page 8)

SANTA CLAUS AND MRS. CLAUS found their way to Dwight to add to the Dwight Christmas celebration Dec. 4. The festive couple joined residents for Breakfast with Santa at Cherry Red Roasters and met children downtown at the Dwight Economic Alliance headquarters. Below: Families had the opportunity to cruise the streets of Dwight in style during Dwight's Christmas activities as horse and carriage rides were offered. Other events that took place during the community-wide festivities were the Christmas parade, Allison Rhodes playing the piano and Dwight Dance and Fitness performing (at breakfast), and SOCU serving hot chocolate.

Photos by Shayla Loring Photography



IL 47 Closing at Rail Crossing in Dwight December 13

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that the IL 47 – Union Pacific Railroad grade crossing in Dwight will be closed beginning Monday, December 13.

The repairs are expected to take four days to complete.

A detour will direct motorists to IL 17 and Old US

66.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices, and be alert for workers and equipment.

For IDOT, District 3 updates on Twitter, follow @IDOTDistrict3 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler map at GettingAroundIllinois.com.











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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

November 24: Jacob D. Steidinger, 22, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

November 25: Darius M. Rodgers, 29, Kankakee, driving under influence of alcohol. November 27: Christine M. Anderson, 38, Dwight, driving

under influence of alcohol. November 28: Laquivia S. Miller, 43, Kankakee, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

November 29: Joseph Q. McCague, 23, Ottawa, pass school bus loading/unloading; Uthira Mohan, 27, Savoy, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

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

10 Written Warnings

Fail to Obey Stop Sign -5; Speeding – 4; Improper Turn Signal - 1.

Dwight Police Blotter

November 26: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Mazon Ave. Arrested for DUI was Darius Rodgers, 29, of Kankakee. Rodgers was taken to Livingston Cty. Jail; his vehicle was towed and impounded.

November 27: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 47. Arrested for DUI was Christine Anderson, 38, of Dwight. Her vehicle was towed and impounded. Anderson ner; Mazon, trauma, RMC; posted bond, was given a court date, and was released.

November 28: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Renfrew St. for a landlord/tenant dispute.

November 29: Dwight Police were notified of vandalism at the Amtrak station. A sign and electrical box were destroyed; A Dwight resident walked into Dwight Police Dept. to advise he had been a victim of Dept. of Unemployment fraud.

Return Call -12; Fire -2; Traffic Stop – 26; Out With Vehicle – 2; 911 Cell Hang Up – 3; Customer Problem – 3; Crisis Intervention – 2; Accident – 3; Medical Aid – 2; Subject Removal - 2; Well Being Check -2; Lockout – 2; Assist Agency - 3; Motorist Assistance – 2; Extra Patrol – 3; Burglar Alarm – 3; Domestic Situation – 2; Walk Into DPD – Odor Investigation – 1: Follow

Up - 3; Property Retrieval - 1; Illegally Parked Vehicle – 1; Unknown Problem Flagged Down for Assistance – 1; Hit and Run Damage to Camper - 1.

Accident Reports

Thursday, November 25, 2:30 p.m., an accident was reported at 14 E. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2004 Ford Econoline, driven by Garcia Almendarez, Houston, TX, which struck a parked 2015 Lexus ES350, owned by Shaun Carter, Florissant, MO, while attempting to back up.

Saturday, November 27, 10:29 a.m., an accident was reported at 11 E. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2005 Chrysler fourdoor, driven by Arren Layne, Dwight, which struck a fuel maintenance cover in the park-



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 24: Vermillion, medical, St. James; Main, fire.

November 25: Mazon, medical, Morris; Wilmac, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Coal City; Delaware, fire.

November 26: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, RMC, mutual aid from Gard-Prairie, medical, refusal; Prospect, trauma, refusal.

November 27: Mazon, medical, Riverside; 2900 N. Rd., trauma, refusal; 2900 N. Rd., trauma, Morris; 2900 N. Rd., trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; Clinton, trauma, Morris; Taylor, fire, mutual aid from Gardner.

November 28: Main, medical, Morris; Rt. 66, fire, mutual aid to Odell.

November 29: Julie, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Riverside; Franklin, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; Burbeck, fire, refusal; William, fire.

November 30: Mazon, trauma, refusal; Clinton, medical, refusal; Northbrook, medical, Morris.

December 1: Berta Rd., other; John, medical, Morris; Pollard, medical, refusal.

December 2: Mazon, med-6; Theft – 1; Identity Theft – 2; ical, RMC; Clinton, trauma, refusal: Clinton, medical, Morris

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Gardner Community Consolidated School District 72C

- A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Gardner Community Consolidated School District 72C will be held on December 16, 2021 at 6:55 p.m. in the Gardner Grade School Boardroom.
- **II.** The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2021 were \$638,580.71.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$670,432.00. This represents a 4.99% change over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$59,123.76.

> The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$57,000.00. This represents a 3.59% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$697,704.47.

> The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$727,432.00. This represents a 4.26% increase over the previous year.



Temps - 2021

Nov. 25 - high 40°, low 15° Nov. 26 - high 30°, low 16° Nov. 27 - high 42°, low 24° .02" precip.

Nov. 28 - high 39°, low 23° Nov. 29 - high 41°, low 27° Nov. 30 - high 53°, low 29° Dec. 1 - high 50°, low 35°

.04" precip. One Year Ago-Dec. 8, 2020 high 38°, low 30°

NWIGHT FIRE

Dwight

Fire Incidents

11/19 - 12/02

November 21: Brush Fire -

November 22: Automatic

November 23: Dryer Fire –

Fire Alarm - N. Union St.; Mu-

N. Chicago; Mutual Aid to

November 24: Appliance Overloaded – W. Main St.

November 25: Equipment

November 27: Smell of

November 29: Smell of

December 1: Mutual Aid to

Dwight FPD also responded

to 26 medical assists with

LaSalle Cty.

Sheriff Statement

on Jelani Day

Investigation

circumstances surrounding Je-

lani Day's death from every in-

vestigative angle and are

working hand-in-hand with

our federal and local law en-

forcement partners to ensure

that every lead is followed. Out

of respect for Mr. Day and his

family, and a desire to protect

the integrity of the investiga-

tion, we will not be making ad-

ditional statements at this time.

We do, however, anticipate re-

leasing additional information

as available in the coming

LaSalle County Sheriff

We continue to examine the

Smoke/Electrical – Burbeck Dr.

tual Aid to Coal City.

Fire – E. Delaware St.

Smoke – W. Taylor St.

Dwight EMS.

incidents:

Scully Rd.



History... 2009

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DWIGHT MAIN STREET VOLUNTEERS decorated the downtown area for Christmas. Setting up the decorations, left to right, are Alex McWilliams, Julie Marx, **Barb Picco and** Janice Lauritzen.



Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

House Republicans propose inflation relief tax credit

If you have been to the grocery store lately you have seen the effect that inflation is having on our wallets. A year ago the average family of four paid Dwight Fire Protection Disbetween \$880 and \$1100 a trict responded to the following month for groceries.

Today those costs are more than 5% higher, which translates to an additional \$570 to \$712 a year for the same amount of groceries.

Other costs have gone up more: eggs by 11.6%, chicken by 8.8%, and the cost of baby food has increased by 7.9% compared to a year ago.

Now we hear that home heating costs may rise by more than 50% this winter. Last month inflation went up by 6.2%, after rising for several months before. It shows no sign of slowing down. This inflation harms us all, but especially lower-income households and senior citizens on fixed incomes.

The Governor's office claims that our budget is balanced and recently claimed that

the state would actually receive an additional \$1.7 billion in tax revenue above what was originally projected for this fiscal year. If those statements are true. then House Republicans are proposing that state government use that windfall to put some money back in the pockets of Illinoisans to help meet these high costs.

We propose a one-time, limited tax credit of \$200 for single tax filers making less than \$75,000, and \$400 for joint filers making up to \$150,000. We believe that taxpayers would rather have an extra \$200 in their pocket than continue to give it to free-spending politicians in Springfield.

At the state level we cannot change the national conditions which are driving costs up, but we can at least take a step to help Illinoisans cope with their costs. We need to move on this proposal as soon as the legislature reconvenes.

State will no longer send

unemployment benefits via debit card. Starting December 27 the Illinois Department of Employment Security will no longer send unemployment cards to state-issued debit cards, switching to paper checks instead.

The change comes after the state's vendor, Key Bank, decided to stop providing debit cards for the benefits. Those who receive their unemployment benefits via direct deposit will not be affected. Anyone wishing to switch to direct deposit need to first create an ILogin account, which they can do by visiting

ides.illinois.gov/payment

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$4,168,952,438 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$6.9 billion. It does not include debts than can only be estimated, such as our unfunded pension

Barickman Appointed to Conservation Task Force

State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) will soon be serving on a task force organized to help protect the wide movement dubbed Thirtyby-Thirty, focused protecting 30% of land and water resources by 2030.

"I love the outdoors, whether it's hiking, fishing, or hanging out on the family farm, and I want to make sure we protect our natural areas so that future generations can enjoy them as well," said Barickman. "I look forward to working with this task force to develop plans to protect our natural re-

The Thirty-by-Thirty Constate's natural resources, an ef- servation Task Force is a panel to testify on behalf of the legisfort that got a significant boost made up of members of various lation remotely via Zoom durfrom high school students in state agencies and bodies, as the 53rd Senate District. The well as stake-holders from multask force is part of a nation- tiple backgrounds. The task force will hold hearings with the goal of developing plans for how Illinois can protect 30% of its land and water resources by

The task force was created by House Bill 3928, sponsored in the Illinois Senate by Barickman and Representative Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City) in the Illinois House, was signed into law in August.

The legislation was largely

inspired by the work of students in Paul Ritter's classes at Pontiac Township High School. The students were actually able ing hearing.

"It's very exciting to see our passion and momentum reflected back to us by those joining or supporting the task force and our conservation efforts," said PTHS students Emma O'Lone, Ava Nollen, and Olivia Schickel.

On November 23, Senator Barickman was appointed to the task force by Senate Minority Leader Dan McConchie (R-Hawthorn Woods).

days.

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Retirees Fear Becoming a Burden

It's human nature to want to make things easier for our loved ones - and to have great concern about adding any stress to their lives. In fact, 72% of retirees say that one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their families, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. How can you address this fear? First, don't panic. In all the years leading up to your retirement, there's a lot you can do to help maintain your financial

independence and avoid burdening your grown children or other family members. Consider these suggestions: Increase contributions to your retirement plans and health savings account. The greater your financial resources, the greater your financial independence – and the less likely you would ever burden your family. So, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA, your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contributions, if offered, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. You may also want to contribute to a health savings account (HSA), if it's available.

Invest for growth potential. If you start investing early enough, you'll have a long time horizon, which means you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of investments that offer growth potential. So, in all your investment vehicles -IRA, 401(k), HSA and whatever other accounts you may have – try to devote a reasonable percentage of your portfolio to growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based funds. Of course, there are no guarantees and you will undoubtedly see market fluctuations and downturns, but you can help reduce the impact of volatility by holding a diversified portfolio for the long term and periodically rebalancing it to help ensure it is aligned with your risk tolerance and time horizon. Keep in mind, though, that diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining

Protect yourself from long-term care costs. Even if you invest diligently for decades, your accumulated wealth could be jeopardized, and you could even become somewhat dependent on your family, if you ever need some type of longterm care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care aide. The likelihood of your needing such assistance is not insignificant, and the care can be quite expensive. In fact, the median cost for home health services is nearly \$55,000 per year, while a private room in a nursing home can exceed \$100,000, according to Genworth, an insurance company. To help protect yourself against these steep and rising costs, you may want to contact a financial professional, who can suggest an appropriate strategy, possibly involving various insurance options.

Create your estate plans. If you were ever to become incapacitated, you could end up imposing various burdens on your family. To guard against this possibility, you'll want to ensure your estate plans contain key documents, such as a financial power of attorney and a health care directive. It's safe to say that no one ever wants to become a financial burden to their family. But putting appropriate strategies

in place can go a long way toward helping avoid this outcome. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA. Ruby and Lucy Sturms are busy writing letters to Santa Saturday morning. Cherry Red Roasters hosted the event with piano music by Allison Rhodes and of course, Santa himself! Photos by Shayla Loring Photography



Dwight Christmas for Kids, Love Boxes **Delivery Information** ~ *Volunteers Needed*

and Love Boxes need your help!

They will be delivering gifts and food boxes from the Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia St., Dwight, Saturday, December 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you can help, arrive a little before 9:00 a.m. They will once again meet in the Fellowship Hall for delivery instructions.

As soon as delivery instructions have been given, they will struction time and delivery.

Dwight Christmas for Kids ask all volunteer deliverers to Once you've completed your return to their cars and begin lining up at the front doors if you want to deliver both Christmas for Kids gifts and Love Boxes (food boxes). For those who wish to only deliver Love Boxes, line up on the south side of the church for loading at the south entrance. Volunteers will load the food and gifts into your vehicle.

Masks are recommended, but not required, during in-

delivery, return to the church to make more deliveries if you

They extend their thanks in advance in helping the cause. Both Christmas for Kids and Love Boxes would not be able to continue helping Dwight area residents without the generosity of caring people.

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



Visit with Santa in Dwight at **DEA Office**

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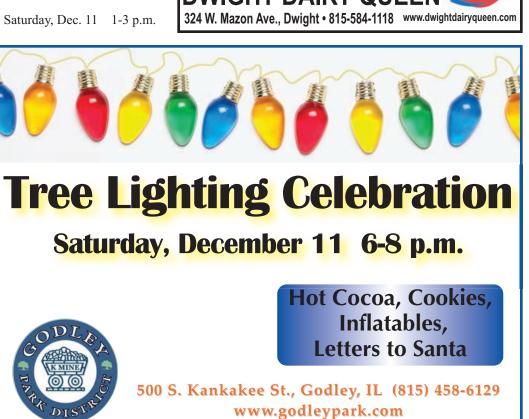
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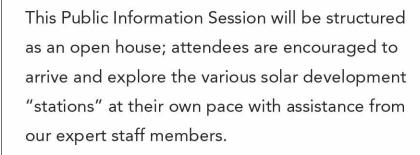
Heritage Prairie Solar

Pattern Energy and ConnectGen are hosting a Public Information Session for the Heritage Prairie Solar project. Please join us to learn more and meet with the project team.

December 15, 2021

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

For more information, please visit HeritagePrairieRenewable.com







by Brandon LaChance

The season is here.

Yes, none of us want the freezing temperatures, snow, or ice, but the cold also means it's time for Christmas and holiday spirit.

The fifth annual Cullom Christmas on Main Street is taking place 4-7 p.m. Dec. 11.

"Essentially, we hold it on Main St. and the businesses are open for an open house. They all have goodies," said Cullom Mayor Barb Hahn.

"The museum will be open and I think they're going to have popcorn balls. Skully's Saloon will have soup tasting and the kids can make ornaments. The American Legion will have soup and sandwiches. Skully's and the Legion will have vendors. There is free hot chocolate. There is free horse and carriage rides.

"It's just a few hours to get the community together and celebrate Christmas."

Hahn, who is also on the Cullom Community Advisory Board, added Santa Claus will be at the Cullom Fire Station.

Last year, the Christmas celebration was canceled in Cullom due to Covid-19. Hahn, the advisory board and the community are happy Christmas will be celebrated in grand fashion this time around.

"We need to celebrate Hahn Christmas," said. "Through a pandemic, we can responsibly celebrate together. It means a lot to us to be able to showcase what our community has to offer.

munity Market, essentially it's our grocery store in town that the people of the community own. They'll have their big meat sale and they'll have treats during the Christmas festivities. We just want to showcase we have our own grocery store and our own doctor's office.

"I've heard people who have lived here for a while say, 'I've never been in the museum before, that's really cool.' People may walk past something and not really noticed what's inside. We're small, but we're a nice community."

Gardner had its Festival of Trees on Sunday, Nov. 28.

The event featured cookies and hot chocolate from the Lions Club, invocation from Rev. Jan Chandler as Luke 2:

"We have the Cullom Com- 8-14 was read, an outdoor decorating contest (judging day is 6 p.m. Dec. 22 and will award cash prices for first, second and third place), and host Don Phillips read "A Visit From St. Nicholas".

> Mayor Mike Serena and his wife Jackie Serena welcomed all visitors and the latter was Santa's head elf.

> The lighting of the Christmas trees and the hanging of the ornament was serenaded with Christmas carols.

> There was a special guest in the crowd as Ida Schopp, who began the Festival of Trees in 2015, was able to celebrate with Gardner once more.

> "After my husband died, I spent 20 years doing volunteer and charity work," said Schopp, 94, who will be 95 in

May. "I started the food pantry. I helped raise \$14-thousand for the pantry. I helped with the Christmas Tree that was decorated the night of the festival.

"I wrote a book about my charity work called Lady B, which was on my license plate. I didn't start driving until I was 75. I applied for Lady Bug, but the U and G were already taken. I became Lady B in Gardner because of the license plate.'

Schopp enjoyed reuniting with old friends, but it was difficult to recognize people because of masks.

But the masks and not noticing everyone on first sight didn't take away from her visit to the festival she started.

"I wanted to go so bad. I've been ill for the last year or so

and haven't been out doing much. But, I wanted to go because I had a truck load of Christmas items I had bought at stores on 75 percent clearance after a previous Christmas season. I had it all ready for the

The Paper

"I'm at Heritage Health right now and they arranged for a bus to pick me up and take me to the festival. My son Gordon met me and it was such a great evening. I'm so happy that I got to go. There were so many things there that had my name

"They lit the Christmas tree and Don Phillips mentioned I was in the crowd. They just roared. They were so glad to

Livingston County SWCD Accepting Director Nominations

The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting nominations from all persons of legal voting age who own or reside on land located within the boundaries of the Livingston County SWCD.

Nominations are now being accepted for the twoyear term of the office of Director of the Livingston County SWCD at the District's Office at 1510 W. December 30.

Reynolds St., Pontiac, during their normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of Director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the District.

Interested persons must respond by 4:30 p.m. Thursday,

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House Passes Two Kinzinger Cybersecurity Bills

Representatives passed two bipartisan cybersecurity bills introduced by Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-IL). The first, H.R. 4055, the American Cybersecurity Literacy Act, which was led by Rep. Kinzinger and Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA), would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), an agency within the Commerce Department, to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign to increase knowledge and awareness of cybersecurity risks among the American public, including best practices

Last week, the House of for preventing cyberattacks. The second bill, H.R. 2685, the Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act, again led by both Reps. Kinzinger and Eshoo, would require the NTIA to submit to Congress a comprehensive report examining the cybersecurity of legacy wireless networks and vulnerabilities to cyberattacks and surveillance by adversaries.

"Offensive cyber operations conducted by America's adversaries and cyber criminals are growing more prevalant and more sophisticated by the day. More must be done to push back, and I'm pleased to see two of my bipartisan cybersecurity the House today," said Reprebills pass the House with overwhelming support today. Taken together, these bills will strengthen our cyber posture by educating the public about best practices to keep them more secure, and by identifying vulnerabilities in our mobile telecommunications networks Literacy Act establishes a cyberand infrastructure," said Congressman Kinzinger. "I thank my colleague, Ms. Eshoo, for our continued partnership, and I hope to see the Senate take action on these bills soon."

"I'm proud that two of my bipartisan bills to strengthen our nation's cybersecurity passed

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sentative Eshoo. "The Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act gives policymakers a better understanding of the state of cybersecurity in our wireless networks, which is a matter of national security. The American Cybersecurity security literacy campaign to give the people of our country the tools to identify cybersecurity risks and protect themselves from attacks. These bills take important steps to ensure our wireless networks are safe and protect the privacy and security of the American people.'

Join Us! Saturday, Dec. 11

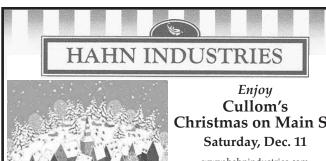
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The teen craft will be a stained glass light cover. Teens will create from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 22. However, sign-up is required by December 17. This craft is for students in grades six through 12.

Grade school students (K-5) will be making a gift they can give someone special from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. December 21. This is an open room craft, so kids can go and leave when done. The parent or adult accompanying the child should stay inside the library. Again, sign-up by December 17 is required.

To sign up for these free programs, stop by the circulation desk or call 815-584-3061.

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DTHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY organizes S.O.S. fund-raiser. The Dwight Township High School National Honor Society planned and organized a Hat Day at DTHS on November 30. All profits were donated to the Dwight S.O.S. organization. With a minimum donation of \$1, students received a bracelet, which read, "We support our soldiers - DTHS proud". At the end of the event, a total of \$575.00 was collected from students and staff. Carol Dippon, who represents S.O.S., stopped by the high school to receive the donation. Pictured, from left, are Lola Furbee, Emelia Eitenmiller, Rachel Heath, Carol Dippon, Alayna Airgood, and Jordan



DCS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for November, pictured, front row, from left, are Callan Kucera, Willow Miller, Sadie Burke, Jonah Fleming, Abraham Paulsen, Freya Bowman, Isabella Ferrari, Evelyn Hansen, Allison Wilkey; back row, Allie Hansen, Chase Wilkey, Cason Johnson, Addie Taylor, Jason Stukel, Honorine Mwizierwa, Brooklynn Todd, Melanie Colon, Ace Eggenberger, Lidia McClelland, Avery Watters, and Greta Flott. Not pictured is Lyndon Strachan.

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OBITUARIES

Willard 'Bud' Perkins

Willard "Bud" Perkins, age 95, of Gardner, Illinois passed away Sunday morning, November 28, 2021 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Born February 5, 1926 in rural Herscher, Illinois, Willard Eldon was

a son of Alva Willard and Kathryn L. (Brockman) Perkins. He was raised in the Gardner area and graduated from Gardner South Wilmington High School with the Class of 1944.

Following graduation, Bud went on to honorably serve in the United States Army Air Corps through the conclusion of WWII. On June 7, 1947, Bud married Dorothy Papach in Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City.

They lived their first 20 years of marriage in Gardner before moving to Plainfield. Following the death of Dorothy in 2001, Bud returned to Gardner, where he resided in the Senior Citizen apartments until moving to Heritage Health four years ago.

Following his discharge from service, Bud worked for the family business, A.W. Perkins Lumber Company, before he went on to owning and managing the Braidwood Lumber Company. Following the sale of the lumber yard in 1966, Bud gained employment with Caterpillar Tractor Company in Aurora, where he worked until his retirement.

Bud was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington; the V.F.W. and the Gardner American Legion. He belonged to the Will County Wood Carvers, as well as the Grundy County Woodworkers.

In addition to his love and talent in wood working and wood carving, Bud was active in Scouting for many years. He received the Silver Beaver Award, was a past Cub Master of the Gardner Pack, and was Sea Scout Leader of the Braidwood Post. Bud enjoyed fishing, hunting, trap shooting and spending time in Michigan.

Survivors include his three children: Patricia Weiskop of Joliet: Thomas A. (Karen) Perkins of Gardner; and James

DWIGHT

Ronald Gosteli, 82,

of Dwight passed

away at 4:05 a.m.,

Friday, December 3,

2021 at Evenglow

Lodge in Pontiac,

held at 11:00 a.m.,

Tuesday, December

7, 2021 at the First

Congregational

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lawn Cemetery, Dwight.

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Dwight with Pastor Grant

Burial followed in Oak-

Visitation was from 4 until

7 p.m., Monday, at Hager Me-

morial Home in Dwight and

for one hour prior to the service

be left to the First United Con-

gregational Church of Christ,

Healthcare Center in Pontiac,

Illinois, or the American Can-

Dwight handled the arrange-

Hager Memorial Home in

Ronald was born April 2,

1939 in Dwight, Illinois, a son

of Melvin and Margaret

(Hehman) Gosteli. He married

Joanne H. Humbert on April

27, 1963 in Dwight, Illinois.

She passed away July 1, 2016.

by two daughters, Pam Nelson

of Dwight and Brenda (Chris)

McAlister of Peoria Heights,

Illinois; two grandchildren,

Paige (Sean) Russell of Braid-

wood and Tod (Tara Ceylor)

Nelson of Forsyth; brother,

Roger (Phyllis) Gosteli of Pon-

tiac; sisters, Sandy Sullens of

Fairbury, and Lori (Marvin)

Turner of Pontiac; sisters-in-

He will be greatly missed

Memorials in his name may

Hospice, Evenglow

His funeral was

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Ronald Gosteli

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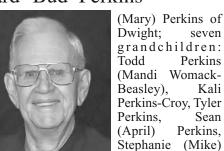
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Morehead, Michael Perkins, and Katie (Scott) Mackinson; 28 greatgrandchildren; and one greatgreat-grand-daughter; sister-in-law, Joyce Perkins of Gardner; and numerous nieces

and nephews. Bud was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 54 years, Dorothy in 2001; brother, Thomas H. Perkins; and his son-in-law, G. Lee

Weiskop. The family received friends for a visitation at Reeves Funeral Home, 203 Liberty Street, in Gardner on Thursday, December 2, 2021 between 4 and 8 p.m.

Funeral services followed on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 165 Rice Road in South Wilmington. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Stanley Drewniak. Face coverings were required for all those attending the Mass.

Those wishing to participate in the services virtually were welcome to join the live stream on Friday beginning at 11:00 a.m. A link was available on Bud's memorial page.

Burial: Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, with Bud being laid to rest with his late wife, Dorothy.

Pallbearers: Dan M. Perkins, Todd C. Perkins, Tyler T. Perkins, Michael W. Perkins, Zachery A. Perkins and Calvin T. Croy.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Bud's memory to St. Lawrence Catholic Church or to a food pantry of the donor's choosing.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guestbook, upload photographs, and share Bud's memorial page online by logging onto: www. ReevesFuneral.com/obituary/ WillardBud-Perkins.

Funeral arrangements were made under the care of Reeves Funeral Homes in Gardner.

law, Shirley (Bill)

Bloomington, Illi-

Gosteli of Flana-

gan, and Marilyn

Washington;

lifelong friends of

the family: Rick

Carol

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Humbert

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nieces

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He was preceded in death

by his parents; wife; parents-

in-law; brother, Merwin Brent

Gosteli; brothers-in-law, Dale

and Gary Humbert, Bill Sul-

lens: and sister-in-law, Mary

Grace Shapland of Herscher,

First Congregational United

Church of Christ. He held

many board positions at the

church and played on the dart-

ball team. He graduated from

Saunemin Grade and High

nelley after 32 years, in 2001.

Afterwards, he worked at

Kendall/Grundy FS, was a

driver for Dempsey Dodge

Chrysler, NAPA Auto Parts,

Fisher and DeLong Ford

DGS and DTHS sports. If it

had a ball, he was there. He

was also an avid Cubs and

to a stranger, they would both

leave having made a new

friend. He will be loved and

missed by all who knew him.

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Jewell Harry Carlson

DWIGHT Jewell Harry Carlson, 98, of Dwight passed away Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

He was born September 4, 1923 in LaRose, Illinois, the son of Harry Eleanor and Bergquist Carlson.

He married Marguerite Rhode He was listed as missing for on May 17, 1947 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Dwight.

Surviving are four daughters: Linda (Dana) Rosendall of Lake Wales, Florida; Marcia (Phillip) Fayhee of Bloomington, Illinois; Laura Carlson (Mike Henderson) of Dwight; Kimberly (Jerry) Diss of Ransom, Illinois; and his two sons: Douglas (Catherine) Carlson and Robert (Christopher Palmer) of Pasadena, California.

Seven grandchildren: Jennifer Robison, Rebecca Vandenberge, Brenton Fayhee, Sarah Stead, Megan Wright, Jeffery Carlson and Ashley Carlson; and nine great-grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife, who passed away January 25, 2019, and his par-

Visitation was Friday, December 3, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, Illinois.

Funeral services followed at 11:00 a.m., also at the funeral home.

Burial followed in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

He graduated from LaRose High School in 1941 and Chill-

icothe Business College in 1943. He was a survivor of the June 5, 1942 Joliet

Arsenal Explosion in Elwood, Illiblown nois. through the roof of the building when the explosion occurred at 2:45 a.m.

two days. The explosion, so powerful it was felt 100 miles away and shattered windows in the southern fringes of Chicago, was said to have felt like an earthquake to residents of the northern suburbs along Lake Michigan.

Mr. Carlson served in the U.S. Army from 1943 - 1945 during World War II in the China/Burma/India Theater, spending two years in the jungles of India as a member of the 745th Railway Operating Battalion.

He moved to Dwight in 1946, starting a 32-year career as a railroad agent employed by first the Chicago and Alton; then the Baltimore & Ohio; then the Gulf Mobile and Ohio: and finally, the Illinois Central Gulf railroads.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Jewell will be remembered as a kind, gentle and caring man who loved nature and had a soft spot for animals. He also had a lifelong interest in anything automotive.

Memorials may be made in memory of Mr. Carlson to Livingston County Humane Society, 21179 N. 1358 E. Road, Pontiac, Illinois 61764 -1chumanesociety.com

Carol J. Simmons

DWIGHT -Carol J. Simmons, 86, formerly Campus, passed away November 27, 2021 Riverside Hospital in Kankakee.

Carol born January 17, 1935, in Jamaica, Illinois, daughter of Eldon and

ried Charles Simmons on February 26, 1953 in Fairmount, life. That was evident by her Illinois. He survives in Dwight.

Also surviving are her daughter, Diana (Glen) Leerhoff of Clark, Missouri; sons: David Simmons of Campus; Dale (Valerie) Simmons of Buckingham; and Douglas (Lori) Simmons of Braidwood; 12 grandchildren; 20 greatgrandchildren; and a sister, Ann Millikin of Danville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother,



Dale Rosnett. Carol worked as the owner of a beauty salon in Campus. She also developed one of her hobbies (crafts) into a small business. The crafts kept her busy from producing items to attending and participating in

According Ruth (Lane) Rosnett. She mar- to Carol, family was her greatest accomplishment and joy in selfless attention to family needs. Always the optimist, Carol's smile and contagious laugh could and would light up any room. She was a pleasure to be around.

Memorials may be made in Carol's name to Uplifted Care of Kankakee.

This obituary may be read and guestbook signed at www. hagermemorial.com

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:

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First, with a hometeam announcer you need just a little bit of bias, and a little bit of homerism along with some rose colored glasses. Stacey, given that he was a member of the beloved 90s Bulls, easily embodies and carries that into his calling of the games. He is always good to get on the refs when they're making some questionable calls that aren't going the Bulls way.

Secondly, you need fun with a hometeam announcer, and this is probably Stacey's biggest strength. He's animated, always. He comes up with these semi-ridiculous, but also endearing catch phrases that he gives out to almost every player on the team. There aren't many people calling games who have legitimately made me laugh and Stacev is able to do that at least a few times a game, with some off the cuff phrases that you weren't expecting. He's also very good at weaving them into very tense game situations that can alleviate the tension and remind you that you're just watching a game and something that should be enjoyed.

As a third pillar of being a good announcer, you have to understand and explain the game to people who might not understand it on the same level as you. I think Stacey, again given he was a former NBA player, is able to do this very well. He calls out players when they make the wrong decision and explains what they should've done without making it seem like he's shouting down at you for being dumb and not understanding. I could probably add even more in terms of my enjoyment and appreciation of Stacey, but I will leave it at this. He's great at his job and I"m glad he's in the Chicago market.

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LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

VS.

JASON H. GROVES AKA JASON GROVES; AMY M. BALLES AKA AMY BALLES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2021 CH 28

Property Address: 316 W. South Street, Dwight, IL 60420

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, JASON H. GROVES AKA JASON GROVES; AMY M. BALLES AKA AMY BALLES, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 20 IN BLOCK 4 IN NEWELL'S ADDITION TO DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

P.I.N.: 05-05-09-106-020 Said property is commonly known as 316 W. South Street, Dwight, IL 60420 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2017R-03953 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by

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Bishop Louis Tylka Visits St. Joseph Rap Session

by Brandon LaChance

Every summer there is always some kind of bible study or youth camp held by numerous churches.

If you ask the nine students who went to the Summer Youth Faith Formation held by Father Chris Haake and the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight every Thursday for 10 weeks from June to August, it wasn't a camp, it was a rap session.

"It was a lot of fun. We called it the St. Joseph Rap Session," said Lilly Wolf, 10, who went to the summer program with her two older brothers Graham (14) and Evan (12). "We were all sitting on a bench and Father Haake said he's done similar programs before and one of his previous students called it St. Joseph Rap Session. We thought, 'It sounds like a lot of fun, let's call it that.'

"We read books and it was about an uncle and a nephew talking together about the Devil. The Devil was working on a patient. The patient wanted to be closer to God. You could focus on that and say, 'The Devil will try to get you to do other stuff but you just want to learn about God.' That helped me focus on that."

Wolf also enjoyed the trip to a rocket ship park and playing sports such as basketball, twohand touch football, baseball, kickball, and throwing a Fris-

There was more to the summer formation as Father Haake tried to find the perfect mix of religion, teaching, and fun.

"We did the program in the three parts. We had a prayer and then opened with a study of the faith. We read a book by C.S. Lewis called the Screwtape Letters. We did 10 chapters, one chapter a week, where



BISHOP TYLKA

they read it and we would discuss it," said Father Haake, who leads both St. Patrick and St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell. "We had a lot of fun with that and had good conver-

"Then we'd go into church for some substantial prayer time. We prayed some vocal prayers and then some mental, quiet time, prayers to sit with the Lord. Weather permitting, we would go to Renfrew Park to play some kind of game or sport. If not, we went to the parish hall and did something

"The parents said they never complained about it and they kept coming back, so they must have enjoyed it."

The St. Joseph Rap Session was just the beginning of the

Along with the summer activities, Father Haake thought it would be beneficial to bring in special guests to interact with the youth.

Because of a late start to the program, the guest list was hard to create, but not impossible as Father Haake landed Bishop Louis Tylka of Peoria.

Tylka visited St. Patrick on Nov. 28 as he celebrated Mass and had lunch with the St. Joseph Rap Session.

"I thought of it late and almost didn't do it at all because we planned it last year and then Covid-19 stopped it," Father Haake said. "It was almost last minute. I reached out to the bishop and we found a date that worked for everyone. He celebrated holy Mass for us at 10:30 a.m. and then gathered with the youth of the program and their families for lunch.

"I had told the youth I was inviting some special guests. I was hoping for it to be a surprise, which I think this past weekend was a surprise in terms of who was coming. One of the kids said right away, 'If it was a bishop, that would be so cool.' Inside, under my breath, I was chuckling. We were able to get the bishop to come and it worked out for everyone."

The surprise paid off.

"It was a lot of fun. It was definitely a really big surprise," Wolf said. "He was really nice. He sat at a table with us and wanted to get to know us. It was a lot of fun meeting him.

"His favorite prayer was Come, Holy Spirit. He says it every day to give himself a reminder that God is there. I knew the prayer, but I didn't really know how to use it."

Carrie Lovell, who has been a Catholic in Dwight for 41 years and has taught religion at St. Paul in Odell for 16 years, helped with the summer program and helped arrange the bishop's visit.

She was happy with how everything worked out and could tell the children enjoyed themselves and the special op-

"It turned out well. The bishop came and met with these kids that came to our program over the summer. We did a question and answer with



THE ST. JOSEPH RAP SESSION was joined by a special guest, Bishop Louis Tylka of Peoria, on Nov. 28 as he said Mass and ate lunch with participants of the St. Patrick Catholic Church's summer program. Enjoying the special event were, left to right, Tiffany Legner, Zach Legner, Bishop Tylka, Graham Wolf, Lilly Wolf, and Joey Groves.

him," Lovell said. "He gave all kinds of neat stories about his childhood and what life was like before he became a priest. We played some religious trivia. It may not sound fun to everyone, but it was a blast.

"We had parents, grandparents and siblings involved. He met with everyone, which was really cool because we're a small dot on the map. We're the most northern church in our diocese, so for someone of his level from Peoria to come and say Mass, eat with our kids, meet us, and know all of our names, it was a blessing."

In his sermon, Bishop Tylka spoke about waiting for Jesus and what we can do in preparation to meeting him.

Lovell thought it was a special Mass for the state of American society.

"We're in a world right now where we ask, 'Where is God?

Why is all of this terrible stuff happening? What are we supposed to do to change it?' It feels like everything is so out of control," Lovell said. "We want to instill in the kids that you have to have that relationship with God because things are going to fall apart.

We can't question if God is there because he always is, but you have to reach out for him in those times of difficulty."

Lovell wasn't the only parent excited about the program and the meeting with the bishop.

Ann Wolf, the mother of Lilly, Graham, and Evan, thought having a 10-week program instead of one week where the kids go every day gave them something to do throughout the entire summer in a location where there isn't a lot going on.

Throw in the special visit Twitter @LaChanceWriter.

from Bishop Tvlka and she was pleased with everything Father Haake put together for the chil-

"All the kids had smiles on their faces at the end of the day. None of them looked miserable," said Ann Wolf. "It's nice when the kids are more involved and have that kind of programs. Being in a small community like this, it's nice for the kids to get together and you don't have to worry about who they're hanging out with.

"The bishop was so nice and he was super young. He said he is the fourth-youngest Bishop. He gave the kids 100 percent of his time. He answered all of their questions and gave them all of his time.'

Brandon LaChance is a journalist with The Paper. He can be reached at (815) 876-7941, blachance20@gmail.com, or on

Dwight Economic Alliance Has New Coordinator



Katie Folkers

The Dwight Economic Alliance (DEA) has announced tion, and tourism. Katie Rieck Folkers has been hired as the new coordinator for their organization.

The Alliance, a volunteerbased non-profit organization, merger of existing Village organizations: the Dwight Chamber of Commerce, Dwight Main Street, IMPACT Dwight, and Dwight Economic Development. It is guided by a volunteer nine-member Board of Directors and exists due to the generosity of member dues. Its mission and goal is to improve the greater Dwight area through business development, community development, com- her.

munity and business promo-

Katie Folkers, a graduate of Dwight Township High School and the mother of three, is excited to begin work promoting Dwight, its businesses, and the was formed in 2015 with the small town quality of life enjoyed in Dwight.

New office hours at the DEA's new location, 132 East Main Street (the former Bank of Dwight building) will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Friday from noon to 3:00 p.m. The phone number remains 815-584-1830.

Katie invites everyone to go in, see the new office, and meet

Dwight United Methodist - - -

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the property where the church stands now, it used to be a farm house," said Geschwind, who has been an active member of the UMC since 1956. "We had a bad wind and it blew a big glass window out and did a lot of damage to the old church. We didn't have a choice and were then motivated to build the new church. The new church has worked out real well being next to the schools.

"The design was from Philip Miller, who had an architecture firm in Bloomington. They came up with the design. The stained glass was part of the original design. At the time, someone said the same image was on a smaller picture at the Zion Lutheran Church."

The former chairman added there was nothing but nice remarks about the window and everyone appreciated it in 1975.

Pastor Mary has received the same comments from the community with the lights returning to working order.

"People are thrilled to see it. The lights bring hope and it

isn't so dark here anymore,' Pastor Mary said. "When I first came here a year ago, I asked, 'Why is our church so dark?' We had to get something done about that and now we have.

"It brings comfort to people, especially out at night when you're driving around. It's nice to see something lit all of the time and not just at Christmas."

When you walk into the church during the daytime, the sun is all the light the stained glass needs to decorate the

cross on the altar wall with brilliant shades of blue and red.

Pastor Mary mentioned the church has blue for royalty and red for passion. During Easter service, it is quite clear the red in the stained glass appears on the altar wall as the blood of Jesus because it is what the congregation assembles to celebrate.

The symbolism adds to God as the Good Shepherd.

"The theme of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is very prevalent in Christian theology, especially in Luke 15 where Jesus talks about the lost sheep," Pastor Mary said. "In John chapter 10, he talks about being the Good Shepherd. When you look at those, you can see how he is comforting the sheep and the sheep are happy to be around him.

"In Christian theology, people of faith are often called sheep, Jesus is the shepherd and we often wander around lost without a shepherd. That is what the stained glass depicts.'

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Jordan Schultz Earns Daily Journal All-Area Volleyball Honorable Mention

senior, Schultz, was recently recog- leyball Honorable Mention leyball player at DTHS.

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THE DWIGHT JV TROJANS recently took on the Putnam a defender; right, Drew Anderson looks to take it to the County Panthers. Pictured, above, Jack Groves trys to elude bucket.

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DTHS Trojans Basketball

Tuesday, November 30 **Dwight vs. Prairie Central**

The Trojans were taken out by Prairie Central, 75-51, on November 30.

Wyatt Thompson led Dwight with 18 points, going 1-2 from the free throw line and making a three-pointer. Jeremy Kapper added 14 points, shooting 2-2 from the line. Landon Brown went 8-11 from the charity stripe and ended up with 10 points. Connor Telford hit three free throws, with Dawson Carr, Kaleb Duden, and Jack Duffy each supplying two points.

Friday, December 3 **Dwight vs. Putnam County**

On December 3, the Dwight Trojans lost to Putnam County, 47-43, in their first conference game on the road.

"We need to learn to travel better," said head coach Jeremy Connor. "We have a lot of guys getting their first taste of varsity basketball - I know we will get better."

Dwight hung with the Panthers throughout much of the contest. The two squads were knotted up at 20 at halftime. but P.C. pulled away in the second half.

Wyatt Thompson had a team-high 15 points, hitting one three and going 4-6 from the line. Kaleb Duden added 10 points, including two threepointers, followed by eight points by Jeremy Kapper. Landon Brown knocked down two trifectas, with Dawson Carr and Connor Telford each providing a bucket.

GSW Panthers Basketball

Tuesday, November 30 GSW vs. St. Anne

The Panthers suffered a 53-42 loss at the hands of St. Anne November 30.

Cale Halpin and Bennett Grant were high scorers for GSW, with 16 and 10 points, respectively. Garrett Grant followed with seven points, while Gabe McHugh had six.

Friday, December 3 **GSW vs. IL Lutheran**

GSW faced off against Illinois Lutheran December 3, and

took a tough 55-52 loss, dropping them to 1-5 on the season.

"We made a nice run in the third and took an eight-point lead, then they answered with a run of their own," said Coach Wills in the post-game. "Both teams fought hard."

Cale Halpin led the Panthers with 17 points, seven rebounds, while Bennett Grant contributed 11 points and 10 boards. Brody Fatlan, Dane Halpin, and Bryce Handzus had six points each.

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SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Tuesday, November 30 Seneca vs. Morris

The Fighting Irish took their first loss of the season November 30, falling to Morris, 61-52, at home.

Coach Witte afterwards. "Morris dictated the physicality of that game and we didn't respond until the second half. five points, but couldn't get one basket.

over the hump. It was great to see the kids respond in the second half, though. We learned a lot about how to play the game tonight.'

Carter Ellis (3 3-pointers) "We need to learn to start and Noah Quigley (3 3-pointgames much, much more ag- ers) each had 13 points, with gressively defensively," stated Paxton Giertz (3-5 FT, 3pointer) scored 10. Lane Provence put up eight points, going 2-4 from the line. Calvin Maierhofer added six points, Cut the lead a couple times to with Kysen Klinker sinking



TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL

Saturday, December 4 Tri-Point vs. Iroquois West

The Chargers were at home December 4 taking on Iroquois

West, and despite a game-high

27-point effort from Connor

Cardenas, Tri-Point fell, 58-44.

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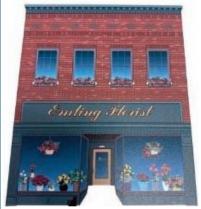
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DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 29 Dwight vs. Marquette Varsity -

The varsity Lady Trojans were defeated by Marquette 52-30 November 29.

Dwight came out strong in the first quarter, but foul trouble slowed them down during the second quarter and they could not cut the lead in the second half.

Brooke Vigna led with 10 points, followed by six points each from Mikalah Bregin and Kassy Kodat. Lilly Duffy, Njomza Asllani, Skyler Horrie, and Ellora McCullough had two points each. JV-

In the JV meeting, despite a good first half – Dwight lost to Marquette, 40-12.

Kassy Kodat was high

scorer with five points. Njomza Asllani added four. Lilly Duffy chipped in with two, while Ella Legner nailed a free throw.

Thursday, December 2 Dwight vs. Roanoke-Benson Varsity -

Dwight was beaten by Roanoke-Benson, 46-20, at home December 2.

The Lady Trojans started with a great first quarter, however cold shooting hampered them in the second quarter leading to a 20-13 deficit at the half, from which they could not recover.

Brooke Vigna led with 11 points, going 1-2 from the line. Kassy Kodat added five points, hitting one three. Mikalah Bregin (2-2 FT) and Lilly Duffy each scored two points.

Tri-Point Lady Chargers Basketball

Monday, November 29 Tri-Point vs. IL Lutheran

The Lady Chargers were in action at home November 29, taking a tough 47-40 loss to Illinois Lutheran.

Lainey Bertrand led Tri-Point with 12 points, going 3-8 from the line and connecting on a three-pointer. Alli Schuette (2-4 FT, 3-pointer) and Melina Schuette (5-6 FT) came up with seven points each, with Millie Ruiz scoring bucket.

Thursday, December 2 **Tri-Point vs. Central**

It was Senior Night in Cullom December 2, and the home team did not disappoint, with Tri-Point defeating Central, 55-

Senior Melina Schuette led with 18 points, going 12-17 from the free throw line. Following closely were seniors Lanie Woods (3 3-pointers, 1-2 FT) and Mikaayla English (1 3-pointer) with 12 and nine points, respectively. Kadie Hummel had eight points, shooting 2-2 from the line. Lainey Bertrand provided six points, hitting 2-4 free throws. Kyra Cathcart added a bucket.

Monday, November 29 Dwight vs. GSWB 8th Grade -

Dwight earned another victory November 29, defeating GSWB 54-19.

"Played well – nice conference win," stated head coach Joe Stevenson. Evan Cox outscored GSWB by himself, putting up 23 points to go with six steals and four rebounds. Joey Starks supplied 11 points, five boards, and four steals, with Maddox DeLong (2 steals) and Asher Kargle (1 steal) each adding six points. Jake Wilkey contributed four points, a steal, and one rebound. Jackson Launius (4 rebounds, 1 steal) and Filemon Ortiz (1 rebound, 1 steal) chipped in with two points each.

7th Grade -

In the seventh grade matchup, the Redbirds won 42-16.

"Good all around game," said Coach Conroy. "Everyone got a lot of playing time."

Colin Bachand was high scorer with 12 points, adding that to six steals, five boards, and two assists. Bradley Thompson (2 rebounds, 1 steal) and Graham Meister (8 rebounds) each scored eight points, while Blake Thetard added six points, two assists, and a steal. Matt Watchinski contributed four points, 13 rebounds, five steals, and two assists. Trevor Jensen (5 rebounds, 3 steals) and Carson Sandeno (2 steals, 1 rebound) each had two points. Joey Farris came up with one steal. Dwight vs. Limestone

6th Grade -

The sixth grade Redbirds traveled to Limestone November 29, losing by a score of 28-8.

Leading Dwight offensively was Axel Kargle with four points, with Evan Olson adding two points and leading the team with six boards. Kayden Wood and Jude Hurt each snagged five rebounds.

Dwight's "B" team prevailed 12-10 over Limestone.

The Redbirds were led by Logan Pakula's six points. Casson Johnson did a stellar job of directing the offense and scored four points. Walter Bradley added two points, with a teamhigh six rebounds. Dane Frobish and Ty Turner grabbed three and two rebounds, respec-

Tuesday, November 30 Dwight vs. Morris Saratoga 8th Grade -

The winning continued for the Redbirds November 30, as they topped Morris Saratoga,

"Nice win - tough game," Coach Stevenson said after the contest. "We played well."

Putting up 18 points, four boards, and two steals was Evan Cox. Joey Starks followed with 10 points, six rebounds, and two swipes. Colin Bachand (2 rebounds, 2 steals) and Asher Kargle (2 steals, 1 rebound) added six and three points, respectively. Zander Tarnowski (3 steals) and Maddox DeLong rounded out the scoring with two points each. 7th Grade -

DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Dwight's seventh grade squad sailed to a 50-16 win over Saratoga, after jumping out to an early advantage and never looking back.

Colin Bachand had 22 points, six steals, five rebounds, and five assists to lead the Redbirds. Matt Watchinski (6 rebounds, 4 steals) and Graham Meister (7 rebounds, 1 steal) each added eight points. Blake Thetard (3 rebounds, 1 steal) and Trevor Jensen (6 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal) scored four points each. Joey Farris and Carson Sandeno (1 rebound, 1 steal) each had two points. Bradley Thompson provided a rebound and a steal. 6th Grade -

The Dwight Redbirds fell to Morris Saratoga, 24-4, in the sixth grade game.

Axel Kargle and Kyler DeLisle each had two points. Jude Hurt and Evan Olson snagged seven and five rebounds, respectively. Walter Bradley came down with three boards. "B" -

In "B" game play, Dwight would go down 10-6.

Rylan Woodin led the way with four points, with Evan Olson adding two. Walter Bradley led the team with eight rebounds, with Alex Ortiz following with five boards. Ryker

Anderson and Dane Frobish had three and two off the glass, respectively.

Thursday, December 2 Dwight vs. Seneca 8th Grade -

Dwight moved to 12-1 after a 37-9 beatdown of Seneca December 2.

"Played well – defense was excellent," Coach Stevenson said after the game.

Evan Cox had 16 points, seven steals, and two rebounds, while Joey Starks supplied 10 points, five steals, and two boards. Maddox DeLong added four points, one steal, with Ethan Pakula putting up three points, three steals, and a rebound. Zander Tarnowski (9 steals) and Jake Wilkey (2 rebounds, 2 steals) scored two points each.

7th Grade -

In the seventh grade game, the Redbirds upped their record to 10-3 with a 51-19 win over Seneca.

Colin Bachand went wild, coming up with 31 points, nine steals, six boards, and four assists. Graham Meister had eight points, seven rebounds, and a steal, while Matt Watchinski added four points, six boards, and five steals. Trevor Jensen (5 rebounds, 1 assist), Blake Thetard, (3 assists, 2 steals), Bradley Thompson (3 rebounds, 1 steal), and Carson Sandeno (4 rebounds) scored two points each. Joey Farris contributed an assist and a re-

five points, including a three. Lanie Woods wound up with four points, going 2-2 from the charity stripe. Mikaayla English put up three points, while Rosmond Prisock added a

GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 29 **GSW vs. Grant Park**

On November 29, the Lady Panthers were put down by Grant Park, 43-24.

Hannah Balcom (3-4 FT) and Chloe Wells (5-10 FT) led their squad with seven points

each. Aspen Lardi provided four points, with Eva Henderson hitting a three-pointer. Mary Clare Phillips put up two points, with Grace Olsen making a free throw.

Gardner-South Wilmington falls to 0-7 on the season.

Monday, November 29 Seneca vs. Putnam County

The Lady Irish improved to 4-2 on the season following a big 38-16 win over Putnam County November 29.

"Ten girls scored again tonight, with no one over seven points," said Coach Holman. 'Great ball movement and execution against a well-coached, disciplined PC team."

Kennedy Hartwig and Harleigh Varland each scored seven points. Addie Eltrevoog and Alyssa Zellers each added five points.

'We're taking steps in the right direction and it's fun to see the girls get more confident

in their roles."

Tuesday, November 30 Seneca vs. Reed-Custer

On November 30, Seneca soared to a 47-30 victory over Reed-Custer.

"Came out and executed early, which is something we've been working on," Coach Holman stated. "Nice to have nine girls score again tonight."

Leading the way was Kennedy Hartwig with 16 points. Emma Smith and Cassia Buchanan scored eight points each.

Thursday, December 2 Seneca vs. Henry

SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

The Lady Irish were at home December 2, taking a 37-25 loss to Henry.

"We only made three twopoint baskets all game; 7-16 from the free throw line. Give credit to Henry, they were excited and ready to play and took it to us for three out of four quarters," stated Coach Holman. "We'll keep trying to find a mix that's ready to compete night in and night out."

Kennedy Hartwig had eight points to lead Seneca.

Saturday, December 4 Seneca vs. Annawan

The Seneca Lady Fighting Irish had a big second half in their match-up with Annawan December 4, but it wasn't enough to get the "W", as they went down 62-53.

"This is the effort we're looking for the rest of the year," stated Coach Holman. "Fun game to be a part of against a good, aggressive Annawan team. Hopefully we take a lot of positives from the level at which we competed today."

Kennedy Hartwig was huge, hitting five three-pointers, en route to a 35-point showing. Emma Smith added nine points.

Seneca is now 5-4 overall.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65 for 2021 will be held on December 15, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. in the resource room at Ransom Grade School, 400 S. Lane, Ransom, IL 60470.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Mary Pat Baima, Superintendent of Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65, 400 S. Lane, Ransom, IL 60470 (Phone number: (815) 586-4611).

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| Braceville | \$3.49 | \$3.29 |
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DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Dwight vs.

8th Grade -

Regional

Thursday, December 2

Dwight had its 2021 cam-

paign come to a close Decem-

ber 2, as they fell to Wenona

Fieldcrest, 40-21, in the second

with seven points, seven

boards, and two steals. Ryan

Bean (4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 as-

sist) and Mikayla Chambers (4

rebounds) each added six

points. Sophie Buck chipped in

with two points, four rebounds,

two steals, and two assists. De-

laney Boucher and Sarah

Parker both pulled down three

boards. Claire Sandeno and

two rebounds each. Kit Connor

contributed one steal.

Makayla Wahl-Seabert led

Wenona Fieldcrest

round of regionals.

Tuesday, November 30 **Dwight vs. Putnam County** 8th Grade -Regional

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds won in first round regional action November 30, 24-17 over Putnam County.

Sophie Buck (6 rebounds, 3 steals) and Makayla Wahl-Seabert (6 steals, 3 rebounds, 1 assist) each scored six points. Ryan Bean (6 rebounds, 4 steals) and Mikayla Chambers (6 steals, 5 rebounds, 2 assists) added four points each. Delaney Boucher contributed three points, seven boards, and a steal. Claire Sandeno came up with five rebounds, one assist, and a steal, while Cloe Gall (1 steal) and Kit Connor each dished one assist. Sarah Addy Sulzberger (1 steal) had Parker had one steal; Dori Wilson, one rebound.

Victory Lanes, Dwight League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: JD Gernentz, 268; Brandon Petry, 266; Bosco Gassman, 249; Jeff Gallup, 247; Doug Gassman, 238. HSS: Bosco Gassman, 677; JD Gernentz, 677; Rob Teno, 647; Mike King, 641; Brandon Petry, 639. HSG/HHG: LTG Shuttles, 1063. HSS/HHS: LTG Shuttles, 3001.

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Wednesday, December 1 Seneca vs. Morris and Sandwich

In wrestling action December 1, Seneca topped Morris 42-36, then dropped a 36-34 decision to Sandwich. Individual results are as follows: vs. Morris

106: Double FF; 113: Brandon Anderson F 3:21 over Tommy Milton; 120: Ella Mc-Donald F:40 over **Bill Farcus**: 126: Jaden Casey F:58 over Ian Wells; 132: Nick Grant by FF: 138: Ryker Terry by FF: 145: **Owen Feiner** F 1:43 over Levi Wilson; 152: Asher Hamby by FF; 160: Aiden **Burton** by FF; 170: AJ Franzetti by FF; 182: Josh Loza by FF; 195: Chris Peura F 2:13 over Jorge Loza; 220: Daniel Riley F 1:16 over **Alex** Bogner; 285: Justin Hemmersberg F 4:34 over **Liam Blue**.

vs. Sandwich

106: Double FF; 113: Anthony Sparti 4-1 over Tommy Milton; 120: Kadin Kern F:44 over Bill Farcus; 126: Miles Corder 2-1 over Jaden Casey; 132: Robbie Nelson 8-0 major Decision over Sy Smith; 138: Nate Othon by FF; 145: Owen Feiner by FF; 152: Asher Hamby F :24 over Nolan Bobee; 160: Aiden Linden by FF; 170: Sammy Dale by FF; 182: Devon Blanchard by FF; 195: Alex Alfaro by FF; 220: Chris Peura F 4:40 over Kaiden Gustafson; 285: Liam Blue by FF.

"We wrestled with a lot more aggressiveness and saw huge improvements as an entire team in this dual, compared to our opening dual," Coach Todd Yegge stated. "We are proud of the effort we made and look to build off this performance with our young squad."



MVK Mavericks Basketball

Monday, November 29 MVK vs. Odell 8th Grade -

A shorthanded Mavs team lost to Odell November 29, 40-

Colton Baudino scored 15 seven points.

points, hitting three threes. Brant Roe added eight points. 7th Grade -

MVK's seventh graders took a loss to Odell, 30-19.

Colton Baudino led with

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| '90 Cougar XR7 Supercharged, 70K, Sunroof | \$9,900 | |
| VANS and SUVS | | |
| '20 Explorer LTD Hybrid, 18K, 4WD | \$48,900 | |
| '20 Escape Titanium, 8K, AWD | \$36,900 | |
| '20 Explorer XLT, 31K, RWD | \$34,900 | |
| '17 MKX Reserve, 44K, AWD | \$33,900 | |
| '17 Escape Titanium, 33K | \$24,900 | |
| '17 Edge Titanium, 81K, AWD | \$25,900 | |
| '14 Escape SE, 156K, FWD | \$10,900 | |

'14 Escape SE, 92K, FWD.....\$14,900 '14 Escape SE, 95K, FWD.....\$13,900 '13 Edge LTD, 128K.....\$13,900 '10 Escape LTD, 199K, 4WD......\$6,900 '07 FJ Cruiser, 256K.....

Herscher Tigers Basketball Preview

Head Coach: Brent Offill (1st Season) JV Coach: John Wakey

2020-21 Record: 8-8

Herscher head coach Brent Offill will have some big shoes to fill, as he takes over a Tigers program that was spearheaded for decades by hall-of-famer Ron Oloffson – but Offill is up to the task and ready for action.

"We will have some nice senior leadership this season,"

he says of his new squad, "and the junior class will also supply some added offensive power."

With their goals set on a conference championship, a 20-win season, and a regional title, Offill knows his team will have to take care of the ball better in order to compete.

"It should be a competitive conference," Offill adds, "and we hope to be in the conversation towards the end of the season."

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

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

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

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- 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 303 W. Jackson St., Cullom, IL 60929.
- C. The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 14 and the East 8 feet of Lot 13 in Block 1 of Peterdorf's Addition to the Village of Cullom, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 18-23-385-011

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

- D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 2story single-family home, including 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, full basement, and 2-car detached 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.
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Donald R. McClarey Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, |))) No. 21-CH-6 |
|--|-------------------------|
| vs. |) |
| SHAWN P. HOLMES, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, |) |
| Defendants | , |

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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

- D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 1story single-family home, including 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, no 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.
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Donald R. McClarey Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

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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

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

| BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, |))) No. 21-CH-8 |
|---|-------------------------|
| VS. |) |
| SHAWN P. HOLMES, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants. |))) |

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NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

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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.

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.

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> Donald R. McClarey Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

Seasonal Sickness is No Joke

How to Know the Difference Between COVID and the Flu

by: Peter Babb

Winter is coming, the joys of the season and the spirit of the holidays spread throughout the community. Winter is also known to be the seasonal spreader of diseases.

The most common disease during this time of the year is the flu. According to the CDC, the highest peaks of Flu cases occur between December and February.

Although the flu is already a difficult virus to get through, especially during the holiday season, there is still another threat looming. This threat is still COVID-19.

COVID-19 will be here for the holidays for the second year in a row. With COVID and the Flu both here, it is difficult for

<u>Town</u>

Dwight

Herscher

Gardner

Braceville

S. Wilmington

Mazon

Odell

Essex

Cullom

Verona

Reddick

Cabery

Ransom

Kempton

Emington

Kinsman

Campus

County

LaSalle

Grundy

Iroquois

Ford

Livingston

BANK OF PONTIAC,

and non-record claimants.

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

Pontiac, IL 61764

PIN: 15-16-451-031

Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

der.

an Illinois Banking Corporation,

SHAWN P. HOLMES, and unknown owners

Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

October 16, 1979, as Document Number 387228.

rooms, full basement, and 1-car attached garage.

Kankakee

Union Hill

Blackstone

Buckingham

Saunemin

Area COVID-19 Stats

as of December 6

Cases

768

340

335

247

241

215

187

128

96

94

90

87

78

79

76

61

59

46

30

23

14

Cases

19,783

16,385

8,340

6,421

4,743

2,696

Total Tests

Performed

18,820

4,725

4,202

3,018

4,317

3,074

1,988

1,616

2,317

1,991

1,272

1,552

1,174

1,418

1,316

1,183

850

823

857

629

208

Tested

365,058

339,245

112,096

176,894

82,494

50,904

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,835,076; Deaths: 26,535;

tests that are not, at this time, IDPH-approved tests.

Probable Deaths: 2,986; **Total Tests Performed:** 39,650,009.

Probable cases are individuals who have been tested and are

found to have a positive test result by a local clinic using "rapid"

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Clarev, McClarev Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9.

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

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

Lot 88 in First Addition to Westview Subdivision, City of Pon-

tiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as referenced on a Plat recorded

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

Split-level single-family home, including 3 bedrooms, 2 bath-

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

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10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N.

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

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people to distinguish the differ-

Although the CDC says that COVID spreads faster than the Flu, how is COVID different from the Flu?

ence between the two viruses.

According to the CDC, there are a lot of similarities between the two. The reason is

Numbers

as of

12/06/21

Statistics via:

dph.illinois.gov

Deaths

268

296

90

105

83

59

) No. 21-CH-16

that COVID-19 and the flu both have similar symptoms.

Ah-choo

These symptoms include a cough, fatigue, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and more.

However, the difference between the two is not what the symptoms are, it's when you start showing symptoms.

The CDC says that people with the flu would "experience symptoms anywhere from one to four days after infection." While people with COVID-19 "experience symptoms 5 days after being infected, but symptoms can appear 2 to 14 days after infection," according to the CDC.

With the Delta and the new Omicron variant, people infected with COVID-19 could experience symptoms faster and more aggressively.

Staying healthy this fall is important, especially with both viruses out and about. Erin Fogarty of the Livingston family and friends, safe. From County Health Department, both COVID and the flu.

stresses the importance of protecting yourself and your family this winter.

"Getting vaccinated for both the seasonal flu and COVID-19 are the best ways to protect not only yourself from the serious effects of these viruses, but it's also the best way to protect your family, friends, and community.

"Other ways people can keep themselves healthy this season are by washing their hands frequently, eating healthy and drinking lots of water, and getting plenty of rest. To help keep others healthy this season, people should stay home when they're sick, get tested for COVID-19 if they are experiencing symptoms or have been in close contact with a positive case, social distance, and wear a mask when in public."

Getting the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 and the Flu is one of the best ways to protect yourself.

"For information regarding COVID-19 and flu vaccinations at the LCHD, as well as local stats for COVID, people can visit our website. Individuals are also strongly encouraged to visit the CDC's site for up-to-date information," said Fogarty.

Although it may be the most wonderful time of the year, it is important to keep yourself,

Grundy County COVID-19 Update

The Grundy County Health anyone 18 years and older, re-Department (GCHD) provides information about vaccination efforts, cases, county and regional metrics.

Vaccination

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) data shows that 51.22% of the Grundy population is fully vaccinated as of November 29.

Vaccine for residents 12 and older is available at the GCHD, 1320 Union Street in Morris, each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in December from 9:00 a.m. to noon, or by appointment by calling 815-941-3404. First, second, and third doses are available for residents 12 years and older. increased COVID-19 risk in Booster doses are available for the county.

gardless of medical condition or work setting.

All three vaccines are intended to be available at each walk-in clinic, as supplies last. Unless obtaining a first dose, vaccine record of previous doses must be presented.

Cases

Presently, the GCHD is following 83 people who have recently tested positive and are in isolation, and each of their close contacts.

Grundy County remains an "orange" status in the measurements of risk, which indicates that there are warning signs of

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PIN: 15-16-451-032

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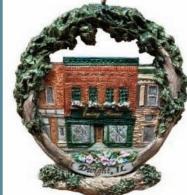








pieces, its annual ornament and Cats Meow piece in 2021.



Limited edition. Limited supplies. \$25.00 ea.

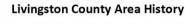
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will be Available at the **DEA office -**132 E. Main, Tues., Th. 10-1; Fri. 12-3, Franklin Corner, and

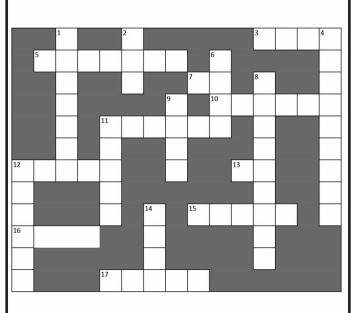
Dwight Village Hall.

Linda and Gary Emling and Emling Florist began business September 16, 1979 at 138 East Main Street after purchasing Country Village & Gifts. The business moved to 144 East Main Street after purchasing the former Baker Furniture building in September, 1990.

Emling Florist closed its doors for a final time on May 29, 2021, after 41 years in business in Dwight.



By Wm. J. Fulton - Nov. 2021



3. Primary material mined in the county

5. Mining Ghost Town in northeast part of county 7.Gov. agency that formerly operated a hospital on Rt. 17, Dwight

10.Texas heartthrob actor of "Grandview, USA" filmed in Pontiac 11. Chicago to St. Louis railroad based in Decatur

12. Streator born astronomer who discovered Pluto, 13. Atchison, Topeka, and Santa

15. Saunemin H.S. band teacher who (100+ years ago) was also a comedian and musician on the WLS Barn Dance, Ted_

16. Former teen girls' heartthrob (1960 era), also in "Grandview USA" _ 17. Dwight farm machinery maker who switched to guitars and mandolins, Adams Hay

1. Cowboy hero (Books ,movies, TV - author from Streator) Hopalong 2. No. of steam and electric railroads in the County, steam era. (Same as now, but all but

4. Long history of quarrying this material in the County

6. Country music star who once played "Harvest Days". John R.

9. Natural fertilizer / soil amendment once quarried south of Chatsworth

12. Well endowed actress from "Grandview USA" who tried on underwear in the

8. Canadian family who slowly WORKED their way west through this area. Many believe they mined coal at Fairbury. Brothers Wm. (Bat), Jim, and Ed, all served as lawmen in

Pontiac J.C. Penney store without using the changing room. Jamie Lee 14. Dwight "medical" enterprise - The Keeley

11. Major railroad disaster - The Chatsworth

Photos by j7 images and Shayla Loring **Photography**

> Thank You to everyone involved in the Weekend's Festivities in the Village of Dwight. You did a great job!

Livingston Cty. Health Dept. Offering **COVID-19 Vaccination Opportunities**

The Livingston County Health Department is again partnering with local schools to offer vaccination opportunities to families across Livingston

All students ages five and up are welcome to attend any of the following school-based clinics for their first or second dose, with no appointment necessary (must take vaccination card for all second doses):

- Odell Grade School Wednesday, December 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Saunemin Grade School -Wednesday, December 8, 3:30-

• Pontiac Junior High -Thursday, December 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Appointments are strongly encouraged for those under the

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

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

schedule an appointment, visit

For more information or to

Illinois State Police Announce Progress In the Reduction of FOID Backlog

After implementation of a streamlined process of FOID renewals and the hiring of additional Firearms Eligibility Analyst Trainees, the Illinois State Police (ISP) has announced great progress in the processing of FOID renewals.

The ISP Firearms Services Bureau is currently processing FOID renewal applications in 38 calendar days. Statutory mandate requires FOID renewal applications to be processed within 60 business days. The FOID renewal backlog reached 138,722 in November 2020, **28,648** in September 2021, and is currently down to

"The Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau is committed to a firearms back-



good guys and hard on the bad guys. We continue to improve Brendan F. Kelly.

ground check sytem focused on our workflow and these update safety, not bureaucracy. We numbers show we are defiwant to make it easy on the nitely headed in the right direction," said ISP Director

Limestone Township Library District Gets Ready for Christmas

The Mitten Tree has returned to Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) for the month of December. You can donate mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves to decorate the tree. All donations will go to the Herscher School District.

Join them for a variety of programs.

Storytime, for preschool children, is on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Storytime will be with Ms. Holly on Facebook December 14. It will be in person with Mr. Austin on Decem-

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

On Thursday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m., they are having an Intro to Cybersecurity class for adults. They will start with a PowerPoint presentation about cybersecurity with a questionand-answer period afterwards.

Adult Book Club takes place Tuesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. They are picking out their selections for the 2022 calendar year. If you go, take individually wrapped items to share.

They are having Chess Club Thursday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. Go to improve your skills or learn a new

Adult Craft Night is scheduled for Monday, December **20, at 6:00 p.m.** Join for a night out to make a fun craft that is great for the season.

Every Saturday, they have a Take-and-Make Craft available for pick-up. These are geared for children in first through fifth grade. For Saturday, December 11, the craft is a Christmas Wreath.

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 commu-

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, limestonelibrary.org, for more information.



LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY DISTRICT has raised its mitten tree once more. The tree is waiting for donations of mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves to decorate it before being delivered to the Herscher School District for children in need of winter clothing. Have questions? Call them at 815-939-

Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care Wins Chicagoland Top Workplaces 2021 Award

According to a Chicago so proud of our team. Their • Work independently Tribune report published November 5, Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care has been named a 2021 Top Work-

Founded in 1982 as Joliet Area Community Hospice, Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care is an independent, nonprofit healthcare provider licensed in 11 counties in northern Illinois. The organization provides serious illness care, hospice care and grief support for adults and children.

The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by Energage, LLC. The anonymous survey measured 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization.

Lightways CEO Mary Kay the organization honored. "I am needs to thrive

commitment to providing exceptional end of life care is unparalleled. Our reputation for excellence and satisfaction scores above the state and national averages say so much about our staff."

Lightways employs approximately 200 people who live and work throughout northern Illinois. "The majority of our care is provided in the patient's home or a care facility, so we want our staff to be close. Recently we've expanded into Kane, McHenry and Lake Counties, and we are building teams in those areas."

Lightways is currently seeking nurses, CNAs and social workers who can:

- Deftly handle a caseload of patients
- Work to assure every patient Sheehan was delighted to have has every resource he or she

 Are passionate about improving the quality of life

The organization offers competitive salaries, outstanding benefits, generous PTO and a uniform allowance.

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Cynthia Christensen, Superintendent, at the South Wilmington Grade School, 375 Fifth Ave., P.O. Box 475, South Wilmington, IL 60474. 815-237-2281.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$758,964.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$802,673. This represents a 5.49% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$30,988.

> The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$30,825. This represents a 0.52% decrease.

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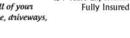
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Investigations Open in Livingston County

Odell Gas Station Robbed, Gambling Machines Burglarized in Cullom, Campus

by Brandon LaChance

The Livingston County Police Department has opened three investigations in the last week.

At 9:33 p.m. Nov. 27, Fast Stop in Odell was robbed at gunpoint.

Three days later, the county deputies were dispatched at 7:17 a.m. for a break-in not in progress at the American Legion in Cullom and at 7:45 a.m. at Trails End in Campus. Both calls were for burglarized gambling machines.

Detective Blake Krewer is on the case for the gas station

"We have a few leads and we're hoping for some more information from the public to help us identify this guy," said Detective Krewer, who has been with the Livingston County Police Department for 11 years. "There wasn't a lot of actual evidence to use from the scene except the video footage.

who saw the pictures or the video can either identify the person or possibly an article of clothing they're wearing. We're hoping someone can say, 'I know so and so has this kind of coat.' We're just looking for any lead we can go off of."

Fast Stop's operating manager Raj Patel and the employee working at the time of the robbery, Tabitha Hessa, have been cooperative with Krewer and the LCPD.

Hessa, 28, has been employed by the gas station since Sept. 27 and was never expecting a robbery in a small town like Odell.

"I was sitting in my little chair doing my paperwork," Hessa said. "All of a sudden, I looked up to a gun barrel in my face. It was over our CBD rack. He started yelling at me to, 'Get the money bag.' He said the green money bag, but our bag isn't green. When I said, 'I don't have a green money bag,' he

We're just hoping that someone told me to get the women (customer) in the back. I asked him, 'What did she do to you?'

> "I turned around and ran back there, plowed the door open and told her, 'I'm getting robbed right now.' By the time I turned around and came out of the gambling machine room, he was already walking around the corner toward the slot machines. I told him, 'All I have is change back here.' He was already in the process of taking my customer's money.

> "He screamed at me, 'Give me all the money in the register.' I tried to hesitate, but he yelled 'Hurry.' He ran out the door and ran to the right. I ran to lock the door and then called 911. I was shocked, I never had anything like that happen to me, ever. It was scary. It was so fast. It was definitely an experience. I'm shaking just talking

> Hessa was able to give a description of the man with the gun as he was wearing black sunglasses, a red bandana over

could only see a part of his white forehead, a tan winter coat that was dirty in the front, and a black stocking hat.

She was the only employee at the store during the robbery and there was only one customer. Hessa said the cameras showed the man outside the store before the event took place as he waited for the 9 p.m. rush of customers to

"We watched him on the cameras and he walked behind the building and along my car before he came in the store," Hessa said. "When he came out after the robbery, he ran the other way, but was still behind the building. He circled the whole building.

"I think he did case the store. Usually, when we use the money bag, all the lights are off in the store and we use it after close. The doors are already locked. He knew there was a bag and he knew there was a woman in the back. He didn't say person, he said woman."

this twice as Fast Stop was also robbed on April 17.

The manager and Detective Krewer said the two robberies were different and were not

"He came inside the door a little after 9:30 p.m., had a gun, and pointed it at my employee. He asked for the money. It was a typical robbery for the most part," Patel said. "I don't think it's our location. The two robberies were different. They were looking for money, but didn't get much. The robber probably got about \$250. He got \$100 from our customer. According to the register, he got \$150 from us."

However, the LCPD does

burglaries in Cullom and Campus are linked as the video footage shows the same silhouette breaking into the machines.

Detective Chase is leading the investigation in both Cullom and Campus.

If you have any information or can identify the subjects in either case, photos are on the Livingston County Sheriff Facebook page, at (815) 844-2774 or bkrewer@livingston countyil.gov for Detective Krewer and dchase@livingston countyil.gov for Detective Chase.

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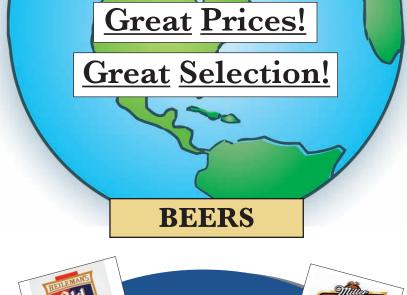
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ELectra Moscato 750 ml. Bodega Norton Malbec 750 ml. Bread + Butter Wines 750 ml. Terra D'Oro Zinfandel 750 ml. 19 Crimes Wines 750 ml. (Snoop Dogg \$9.99) White Claw Hard



Seltzer 12-pack cans

Rum Chata GIFT SETS 750 ml.