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# **Retirement Date Set for Jancek**

## But School Days May Not be Over

by Brandon LaChance

When walking through the hallways of Dwight Township High School, there is a 100percent chance you'll hear, "Good morning Dr. J" or "Hey Dr. J, how are you?'

They're not addressing NBA Hall of Famer Julius "Dr. J" Irving, the warm welcoming is toward superintendent Richard "Dr. J" Jancek.

However, after June 30 the name Dr. J won't be heard as much as Jancek is set to retire.

On the other hand, you may still see him employed by a school as he doesn't think he will fully call it quits on education and being a mentor.

"Once you get to your full retirement status, in joking but the reality of it is, financially if you came to work you'd make a dollar," said Jancek, who is the superintendent for both the grade school and the high school. "If you stayed home on the couch and slept in all day long, you'd make 75 cents. At the point you can realize all of your years in the Teacher Retirement System, if you come back and work as a full-time employee, you're basically making 25 cents on the dollar.

"Financially, if one who retires wants to continue to work, it's better to go ahead, retire, draw your pension, and then go out and work part time. If you do that for a few years, you could have a financially sound future.

The decision to announce his retirement came after tons of thought about his career, his tenure at Dwight and what to do next.

Jancek, from Highland, attended Baker University in Kansas City to play football. After a knee injury cut his football career short, he transferred to Eastern Illinois University and graduated in 1989.

While there, he enlisted in the Army ROTC program and worked on becoming a soldier and a teacher at the same time. The knee injury showed itself during a physical exam and he was medically discharged.

Becoming an educator emerged as the main priority and he graduated from SIU Edwardsville in 1995 with a Master's Degree.

Jancek began as an industrial arts teacher and coach at Triad High School in Troy (six years), then Stillman Valley as athletic director and assistant principal (three years), Hiawatha in Kirkland as the prin-



Dr. Richard Jancek

cipal for the junior high and high school, Harlem High School in Machesney Park as an associate principal (one year), principal at Beloit Memorial High School (five years), and then took an administrator role at Auburn High School in Rockford.

"One of the biggest things that changed for me is I grew up in a small town. I lived on a farm, had cows, and bailed hav when I was a kid. I was a smalltown kid," Jancek said. "It just seemed like each one of my advancements from teacher to assistant principal to a principal at a small school to a large school associate principal to a large school principal, it got to a point where it's a big difference from going to a place like Rockford to Dwight or a place like Dwight to Rockford.

"The worst thing you had to get used to here were train horns before they quit using them. In Rockford, it's constant sirens. Every year I was at Auburn, we had at least one student who was stabbed, shot, or beat to death. There were always major things happening."

The tipping point for him to leave Rockford and look for a smaller school was when his secretary was shot and killed in her sleep by her husband. The violence was then too close to home for Jancek.

He decided he needed to get back to his roots of being a small-town guy and go to a quieter school where violence was at a minimum.

"Folks care about each other here. The school is the community and the community is the school. I started applying and interviewing," Jancek said. "I took a large cut in pay to come to Dwight, but it was more important to get out of that large city environment.

"It wasn't healthy for me at that time. I had enough and came down here. I've never regretted it. I've loved my time

Jancek cannot name specific moments or achievements as his favorites during his tenure at Dwight.

Actually, he viewed every day as a mission to make the school the best place it could be to educate the students who proudly wear the Trojan green and white.

'Whether I was a teacher, principal, or superintendent, I've always had the mindset of when we work with kids and in schools, there are no two days that are alike," Jancek said. "Every day is a new day. But at the end of the day and being at different schools, I've always prided myself and pushed myself to leave it better than I found it. That can come in different ways.

"If there were different programs, a culture or climate of a building, or the staff, I always prided myself to put the best staff in place to work with our kids because the kids always deserve the best adults to work with. It doesn't always happen, but a majority of the time it does. Those are the people you leave behind. Kids will come and go through the system and you leave a positive impact on kids. The staff you leave behind becomes part of your legacy because they're the ones you're gone."

Usually, golf is thrown out there during retirement interviews

Not for Jancek.

He doesn't want to be consistently bad at something longer than he has to and he doesn't want to spend all of his retirement time searching for golf balls that curved over the green, rough, and into the lost and not found.

Instead, he is going to look for part-time work as an educational leader and enjoy time with his wife, Keri, their three sons Hunter (24, mechanical engineer for John Deere in Dubuque, Iowa), Hayden (22, Navy, stationed in Japan with his wife Devhen and daughter Noah who was born in Nov.), and Jarrett (graduated from Dwight in 2021 and is now at Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming).

The Janceks haven't decided if they'll stay in Dwight, move toward Keri's family in (continued on page 16)

# Henson stepping aside

## Police chief believes fresh ideas needed

by Brandon LaChance

For a lot of Dwight residents, there has only been one Dwight Police Department Chief of Police.

Tim Henson has been with the department for 35 years and took the role as chief of police 29 years ago in March, 1993.

A new era is about to begin as Henson announced his retirement in September and is patiently waiting to help transition in a successor.

"My kids have brought it up. They say, 'Dad do you realize there are people in this town that you're the only one they know as chief.' That's pretty cool," Henson said. "We always played youth football in Dwight. I always liked the community and when a position became available, I applied and was luckily selected in

Henson grew up in Manville and graduated from Woodland High School in 1984. He received an Associate's Degree in criminal justice from Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby.

After his schooling, he applied for a position with Dwight and was hired for the Officer Friendly Program (school resource officer) in

Henson became a sergeant in 1991 and was promoted to chief two years later.

"I live, eat, and breathe

community. It gave me an opportunity to raise my three kids. I think for a small village, we have a lot to offer. When you're 17-19, you sometimes question yourself, 'What does Dwight have to offer?

"But I think when you grow up in the community and all of the experiences you have as a kid, once people grow up and move away from the community, they want to grow up because they want their kids to have the same opportunities that they enjoyed."

Henson has been married to his wife Diana Henson for 33 years. They have three children in Alyssa, Timothy (TJ), and Kyle.

The Chief knew he wanted Dwight to be safe for not only his children, but all children.

"One thing I love about Dwight, living on the south side of town I had zero issues with my children riding their bike from one side of town to the other," Henson said. "I was never concerned for their overall safety other than getting across Rt. 17. As far as the community itself, it's been a great, safe community for the 35 years I've been here. There is no doubt that the tradition will continue once I leave.

"I've always prided myself in making sure that I treated everybody in a way I would want to be treated. With ugly situations, you can still treat people with dignity and rethat carry the torch long after Dwight, Illinois. This is a great spect, and still get your job



**Chief Tim Henson** 

done."

Henson's successor has not been hired.

At the last board meeting, it was announced there were going to be eight interviews. Detective Gary Beier and officer Mike Nolan are the two internal interviews and six external interviews will be

"I'm a big proponent of internal hires. I feel we have a great group of guys here," Henson said. "I think it's beneficial to the community when the community knows their chief of police and the chief of police knows their community.

"I think that both Gary and Mike could pick up where I left off and even take it to the next

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# Dwight Village Board Meets Jan. 10

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board met Monday, January 10, at the Dwight Public Services Com-

In Public Forum, Kathleen Jardine addressed the Board expressing her concern regarding recent personnel changes in the EMS Program. She related a recent event involving herself and EMS staff and her input on how important it is to be fully staffed with all equipment in operation.

Mayor Paul Johnson replied with feedback that he was aware improvements were needed and that the Board and Administration were working hard to get the EMS Department back to being fully staffed. "Public safety is the highest priority of mine and the Board. There are many programs in the works, but our

first priority is to get the EMS Department back to even." In the President's Report,

Mayor Johnson brought to the Board his belief that the Administrative Committee be involved directly with all hirings for Director or Administrative level offices. The Board agreed. Additionally, two new ambulances have been ordered.

Public Works Director Cory Scoles asked for residents to be patient following snow storms, especially for the clearing of alleys.

Newly-hired EMS Director Michael Callahan reported that 2021 EMS calls were up 11.62% over 2020. Ryan Januszewski and Mathew Kaplan have been hired as fulltime Step A paramedics. He added that the hope was to have the department at full staff by the end of February. Village Administrator Kevin McNamara urged all home owners to review the need to have clear and identifiable house markings that can be seen by fire and ambulance crews. This is required by village ordinance.

In New Business, Dwight Pizza and More was granted a Class C liquor license which would allow onsite and carry out sales. Abstaining from the vote were Trustees Randy Irvin and Pete Meister. Advertising for the position of Secretary/ Utility Billing Clerk has begun as the position will soon be va-

Trustees present at the meeting were Randy Irvin, Pete Meister, Marla Kinkade, Jenny Johnson, and Justin Eggenberger. Absent was Chuck Butterbrodt. The next regular meeting will be January 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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

January 9: Jose Quezada, 41, Pekin, fail obey stop sign; Kyle H. Rowland, 19, Dwight, mufflers/1st, 2nd.

January 10: Jovita R. Williamson, 35, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Laura L. Halstead, 37, Dwight, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

January 11: Harold Bullock, 41, Chicago, DL expired more than a year.

January 12: Scott D. Johann, 36, Evansville, IN, operated uninsured motor vehicle.

January 13: Scott C. Drovitz, 44, Geneva, fail obey stop sign.

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

#### **20 Written Warnings**

Fail to Obey Stop Sign -9; Following Too Closely – 1; Fail to Yield from Private Drive – 1; Failure to Carry Driver's License – 2; No Registration Plate Light – 2; Speeding – 4; Expired Registration − 1.

#### **Dwight Police Blotter**

January 6: Dwight Police were dispatched to 1 Aldi Dr. for damage to a vehicle; Dwight Police arrested Kyle Schmitz, 27, of Braidwood, on a non-bondable Will Cty. warrant. He was transported to Grundy Cty. Jail.

January 8: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Renfrew St. for a landlord/tenant issue.

January 9: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of N. Clinton for a custody issue.

January 12: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Spencer for damage to a utility trailer.

Burglar Alarm – 6; Traffic Stop – 27; Cell 911 Hang Up – 1; Well Being Check – 3; Medical Aid -4; Check Area -1; 911 Misdial – 2; Assist Agency -2; Extra Patrol -1; Harassment – 1; Hit and Run – 1; Vehicle in Ditch – 1; Lockout -2; Walk In -7; Custody Issue – 1; Accident – 1; Land-

lord Problem - 1; Cell 911 Open Line – 1; Return Call – 10; Out with Subject – 1; Theft -1; Motorist Assist -1; Funeral Escort – 1; Suspicious Vehicle -1; Information -1; Loud Music - 1; Domestic Issue Unknown - 1.

#### **Accident Report**

Sunday, January 9, 10:25 a.m., an accident was reported at Mazon Ave. and Franklin St. involving a 2017 Dodge Du-

Monday, January 10, 12:15 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2022 Frei., which struck a parked and unoccupied 2021 Dodge 3500, then left the area.



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

January 6: James, medical, Riverside; Rt. 17, fire, mutual aid from Morris EMS.

January 7: Mazon Ave., medical, St. James; Seminole, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, RMC.

January 8: Main, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Prairie, citizens assist; Franklin, trauma, refusal.

January 9: Camelot, trauma, cancelled, mutual aid to Gardner; 2600N, trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Morris EMS -

January 10: Mazon, trauma, refusal; Wabash, medical, St. James.

January 11: Hamilton, trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; South, medical, St. James; South, medical, refusal, mutual aid from Coal City; Main, medical, Morris.

January 12: John, trauma, refusal; Rt. 66, trauma, St. James; Rt. 66, trauma, refusal; John, medical, Riverside; William, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, refusal; Howard, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell.

January 13: Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Morris - COQ.

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#### Temps - 2022

Jan. 6 – high 9°, low -5° Jan. 7 - high 13°, low -6° Jan. 8 - high 34°, low 13° trace snow

Jan. 9 - high 30°, low 7° Jan. 10 - high 20°, low 2° Jan. 11 – high 35°, low 5°

Jan. 12 – high 38°, low 24° One Year Ago - Jan. 19, 2021 high 27°, low 20°



#### **Dwight Fire Incidents** 1/7 - 1/14

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

January 8: Water Problem -Spencer St.; Automatic Fire Alarm – N. Union.

January 10: Mutual Aid to Coal City - Canceled; Motor Vehicle Accident - Rt. 17 at I-

January 12: Motor Vehicle Accident - I-55 at MM216; Burst Water Main/Fire Suppression System – N. Union.

Dwight FPD also responded to 13 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

#### Free Food to **Be Distributed** January 26

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, January 26, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday, while Love Boxes distribute food in December.

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#### **Should Inflation Affect Your Investment Moves?**

As you know, inflation heated up in 2021, following years of pretty stable - and low - numbers. And now, early in 2022, we're still seeing elevated prices. As a consumer, you may need to adjust your activities somewhat, but as an investor, how should you respond to inflation?

First, it helps to know the causes of this recent inflationary spike. Essentially, it's a case of basic economics - strong demand for goods meeting inadequate supply, caused by material and labor shortages, along with shipping and delivery logjams. In other words, too many dollars chasing too few goods. Once the supply chain issues begin to ease and consumer spending moves from goods to services as the COVID-19 pandemic wanes, it's likely that inflation will moderate,

but it may still stay above pre-pandemic levels throughout 2022. Given this outlook, you may want to review your investment portfolio. First, consider stocks. Generally speaking, stocks can do well in inflationary periods because companies' revenues and earnings may increase along with inflation. But some sectors of the stock market typically do better than others during inflationary times. Companies that can pass along higher costs to consumers due to strong demand for their goods - such as firms that produce building materials or supply steel or other commodities to other businesses - can do well. Conversely, companies that sell nonessential

goods and services, such as appliances, athletic apparel and entertainment, may struggle more when prices are rising. Of course, it's still a good idea to own a variety of stocks from various industries because it can help reduce the impact of market volatility on any one sector. And to help counteract the effects of rising prices, you might also consider investing in companies that have a long track record of paying and raising stock dividends. (Keep in mind, though, that these companies are not obligated to pay dividends and can reduce or discontinue them at any time.)

Apart from stocks, how can inflation affect other types of investments? Think about bonds. When you invest in a bond, you receive regular interest payments until the bond matures. But these payments stay the same, so, over time, rising inflation can eat into your bond's future income, which may also cause the price of your bond to drop - a concern if you decide to sell the bond before it matures. The impact of inflation is especially sharp on the price of longer-term bonds because of the cumulative loss of purchasing power. However, Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) can provide some protection against inflation. The face

value, or principal amount, of each TIPS is \$1,000, but this principal is adjusted based on changes in the U.S. Consumer Price Index. So, during periods of inflation, your principal will increase, also increasing your interest payments. When inflation drops, though, your principal and interest payments will decrease, but you'll never receive less than the original principal value when the TIPS mature. Talk to your financial advisor to determine if TIPS may be appropriate for you.

Ultimately, inflation may indeed be something to consider when managing your investments. But other factors – especially your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals - should still be the driving force behind your investment decisions. A solid investment strategy can serve you well, regardless of whether prices move up or down.

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Henson stepping aside –

While running the police department, Henson has also had other roles in Dwight.

He is the president of the school board, is a volunteer football coach for Dwight Township High School, and has helped the Dwight Economic Alliance.

Henson plans to continue these projects, but knows not being chief of police will be different after holding the position for almost three decades.

Helping young men and women reshape their lives, cruising up to a resident's driveway and saying hello while on bike patrol, and the everyday interaction with the community will be missed by the chief.

However, he'll be able to do things he couldn't always commit to on the job.

"Being a police officer for 35

years and the chief of police for 29, it does carry a lot of burden. Everyone's problem is your problem. I've missed many family functions," Henson said. "Being on call 24/7, taking my wife out to a movie or dinner, getting a call, and having to tell her, 'I'm sorry, but we have to

"Missing a kid's basketball game or a football game. But, that's one thing that I'm really proud of. My kids and my wife knew this was a passion of mine and something that I wanted to do. I can't thank them enough for giving me the opportunity to fulfill my dreams."

The thanks do not end there as he appreciates everyone in the community for believing in him and trusting to do his job for 35 years.

Now it's time to focus on other community involvement, and let a fresh face with fresh ideas be the next long-term police chief of Dwight.

"I always told myself that I wanted to retire on my own terms. That being said, I've been the chief for 29 years and there is no doubt that the Dwight Police Department can use some freshness and some fresh ideas," Henson said. "It's important to me that the DPD is a No. 1 law enforcement agency.

"I think that being here for 29 years, a new fresh set of eyes and ideas can take it to the next level. I'm not afraid to admit that I don't have all of the ideas. Law enforcement isn't an old man's game. It's a young man's game. I hope to enjoy some retirement years. I'm only 56. Whatever my next adventure is, I'm probably going to be responsible for myself and not responsible for 4,300 people."

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

#### State Revenue vs. Inflation

State revenue goes up, but so does inflation. The December report from the Commis-Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) found that the ongoing coronavirus recovery was helping bring in revenue to the state treasury, but warned that the growing inflation threatened to take it right back out. Personal income tax receipts were up by \$264 million compared to one year earlier when unemployment was much higher due to the pandemic. Corporate and sales tax revenues were also up compared to the year before.

But COGFA once again warned that skyrocketing inflation was continuing to harm the state's overall budget picture. COGFA pegged the increase at 6% in Illinois just in the month of November, similar to what people across the country are

The nationwide inflation affects each and every one of us every time we buy something, but it also affects state government – and not just because prices are higher for things the state needs to buy. Higher inflation could force Illinois to start paying higher interest rates to those lenders who allow the state to borrow the millions of dollars it takes to run state government. COGFA reminded Illinoisans that our state still has one of the lowest credit ratings in the country, which means that we are already paying more for borrowing money than other states with more responsible budgeting practices.

Capitol renovations to improve access and security. The north wing of the State Capitol will undergo extensive renovations starting this spring. The north wing includes the Comptroller's office, Senate chamber and many of its offices. Once the spring session concludes, the Senate will move its proceedings to the auditorium of a nearby state building and will hold its sessions there until the project is completed in 2025.

The renovations will include new stairs and emergency exits, better fire alarms and sprinklers, more accessible bathrooms and entryways, and more up-to-date electrical and ventilation systems. An underground parking garage will be constructed in addition to a new north entrance. The Capitol building currently has only one handicapped-accessible entrance.

The Capitol was constructed just after the Civil War. It is a beautiful historic building which our state can be very proud of. The renovations will cost \$224 million, funding which was authorized by the previous General Assembly's Rebuild Illinois capital spending plan. A major renovation of the Capitol's west wing was completed about ten years ago.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$3,930,430,744 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago the backlog stood at \$5.3 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated.

#### Reddick Community Fire Protection Board 2022 Meeting Schedule

The 2022 schedule of meetings for the Reddick Community Fire Protection Board of Trustees is as follows:

February 15; March 15; April 19; May 24; June 21; July 19; August 16; September 20; October 18; November 15; and December 20.

All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustee Meeting Room.

#### **Braidwood Man Killed** in Reed Township Accident Grundy County Coroner vehicle that had been traveling

John Callahan, along with the Braidwood Police Department and Illinois State Police, are investigating a traffic crash that claimed the life of a 36-year old Braidwood man. Callahan states that on

Thursday, January 13, at approximately 5:30 p.m., the Braidwood Police Dept. and Braidwood Fire Protection District responded to a motor vehicle versus pedestrian crash near the intersection of Novy Road and Amenity Center Drive in Reed Township.

southbound on Novy Road had struck two pedestrians, leaving one of them critically injured. Both pedestrians were transported by ambulance to Morris Hospital. Wayne K. Biros, 36, was pro-

nounced deceased in the emergency department at 6:27 p.m. The other pedestrian was

treated and released.

The death remains under investigation by Callahan's Office. the Braidwood Police Dept., and

An autopsy was scheduled Authorities discovered that a for the morning of January 15.



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#### **Can First Responders Find Your House Number When It Counts?!**

Delay in getting emergency services you need could be tragic.

The Dwight Fire Department, Dwight Emergency Medical Services, and Dwight Police Department need your help. If they can't see your house number because it's absent, blends in, or is hidden, it may greatly increase their response time.

In November 2007, the Village of Dwight passed a Village Ordinance related to House Numbering. That ordinance states: "It shall be the duty of the owner and occupant of every house and place of business in the Village of Dwight to place and maintain on the building or building accessory (defined as mailbox, sign, post, or other such item) in a place visible/readable from the street, Arabic numbers showing the assigned number of that loca-

Arabic numbers must be a minimum of three (3) inches in height unless the building is set back from the street in excess of seventy (70) feet from the curb line. In those instances, the Arabic numbers must be six (6) inches in height. On buildings that are not visible from the street, the building accessory with the required Arabic number shall be located within ten (10) feet of the driveway or sidewalk leading to the build-

The Arabic numbers shall have a color that contrasts with the building accessory to which the numbers are attached and shall be visible/readable from any direction of travel from the street. Multi-tenant buildings with multiple access locations shall have the building identification on the front and rear of the buildings for each tenant. Each individual apartment in a

Other requirements are the multi-tenant facility shall be marked with an Arabic number or letter.

> Inspect where you live to see if it meets the guidelines established in the ordinance. They will provide information to ACE Hardware in Dwight so they will be able to guide you if you need to replace what you currently have. If you live in a multi-tenant building and you don't see the numerical address, neither do they. Notifiy the property owner for your own safety.

> Their Emergency Service Agencies will be creating a list of addresses that are not compliant with this ordinance. They hope to gain your cooperation to greatly increase your safety and well being.

> If you should have any questions, contact the Dwight Village Hall at 815-584-3132.



LESLIE HOUCH AND HER HUSBAND, Dwight Police Officer Charlie Houch, were joined by members of the Dwight community on Jan. 13 at the Dwight Village Hall to say thanks for Leslie's 21-years of service as the village billing clerk. She resigned to take a similar position in Florence, Ala. Leslie will be joined by her husband in the warmer climate state when he retires in the next few months. Mrs. Houch has enjoyed her position in Dwight over the last two decades. "I've made a lot of friends and I've worked with some great people in Dwight."

# **Nationwide Blood Shortage Donations Needed**

Blood donations are desperately needed as the



American Red Cross has de-

clared a "national blood crisis"

and reports experiencing the

worst blood shortage in over a

decade, causing concern for pa-

Doctors have been forced to

who receives blood transfu-

until more products become

available. Blood and platelet

donations are critically needed

to help prevent further delays

nantly due to a decrease in

blood drives as a result of the

COVID-19 pandemic. Blood

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pact whether a person is allowed to donate blood.

Upcoming blood drives in the Livingston County area: • Thursday, January 20, at Streator Park Place Conference According to the Red Cross, Center (406 Hickory St., Streator) from 8:45 a.m. to

make difficult decisions about 1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, January 25, at First sions and who will need to wait United Methodist Church (200 E. Maple St., Fairbury) from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

· Wednesday, January 26, at Pontiac Township Senior Community Center (601 N. Ladd St., Pontiac) from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment donors of all types are urged to or to find other donation locations, visit redcrossblood.org. make appointments as soon as

#### Mobile Food Pantry in So. Wilmington Jan. 24

On Monday, January 24, Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine).

Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need.

Participants are asked to stay in their cars. The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute prepacked groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information Catholic Charities, catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

## Riverside Healthcare Announces RX **Mobile Food Pantry Dates Through June**

Riverside Healthcare is partnering with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to provide healthy food options for families in need and those with chronic medical conditions. The Riverside RX Mobile Food Pantry offers fresh and

nutritious food once a month.

Monthly pantry dates for Pantry will be set up monthly

• Wednesday, January 26 • Monday, February 21

• Wednesday, March 23

• Thursday, April 28

• Thursday, May 26

• Thursday, June 23 The RX Mobile Food

from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Youth For Christ City Life Center, located at 1820 E. Court Street in

To learn more about Riverside's RX Mobile Food Pantry, visit riversidehealthcare. org/foodpantry.

#### **Regional Transportation Committee** Meeting Notice – Region 3

3 - Transportation Committee (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Ogle, and Putnam Counties) will be held Friday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom meeting.

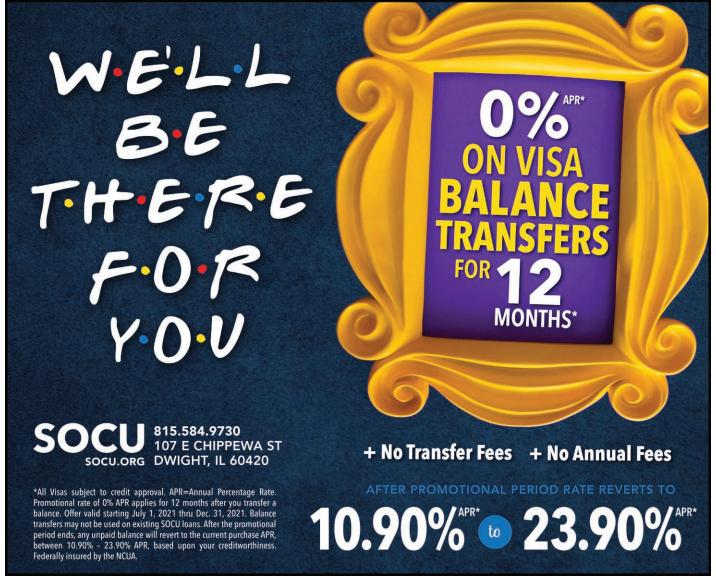
Individuals with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend, especially human service organizations serving individuals who use public transportation. If you would like further infor-

The Human Services Transmation, contact info.@ncicg. the login information.

> The Regional Transportation Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of the HSTP. HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, at 815-433-5830. and veterans.

The Illinois Department of portation Plan (HSTP) - Region org or call 815-433-5830 for Transportation has formed an agreement with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) for the purposes of preparing, implementing, and updating the plan for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) and Region 3. For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Katie Korn





#### **Area COVID-19 Stats**

	Total Tosts		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Town	Total Tests Performed	Cases	
Dwight	22,107	1,007	
Herscher	5,392	453	
Gardner	4,891	431	
Odell	5,040	329	
Mazon	3,503	324	
Braceville	3,661	299	
Essex	2,365	228	Numbers
S. Wilmington	1,859	153	
Cullom	2,841	144	as of
Saunemin	2,322	139	1/17/21
Verona	1,489	131	
Reddick	1,790	122	Statistics via:
Cabery	1,703	111	dph.illinois.gov
Ransom	1,518	103	opiniminoio.go v
Buckingham	1,341	99	
Kempton	1,474	89	
Emington	1,010	84	
Blackstone	1,007	65	
Kinsman	1,107	41	
Campus	688	24	
Union Hill	238	17	
County	<u>Tested</u>	Cases	<u>Deaths</u>

416,094 25,652 Kankakee 331 LaSalle 402,145 23,961 338 131,911 11,214 111 Grundy 205,713 119 Livingston 8,930 Iroquois 94,803 6,180 94 60,368 3,718

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 2,589,640; Deaths: 29,099; Probable Deaths: 3,433; Total Tests Performed: 47,949,094.

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

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'05 Ranger XL, 113K	\$9,900
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## **Livingston Wind Project to Invest \$378 Million** and Add Hundreds of Jobs to Local Economy

Wind project will spur \$208 million in new economic output during construction and \$12.8 million a year once in operation

Cullom - According to an economic study, the Livingston Wind project would represent an investment of up to \$378 million and generate hundreds of new construction jobs in Livingston County. Construction is expected to begin in 2023 or 2024, with the facility operational by the end of 2025.

The study, conducted by Dr. David G. Loomis, Professor of Economics at Illinois State University and Co-Founder of the Center for Renewable Energy, concluded that once completed and in operation, the Livingston Wind project would generate more than \$104 million in property taxes over the life of the project. According to Dr. Loomis, "This study found that the Livingston Wind project will bring a significant influx of economic activity into Livingston County. The effects of this project, including new jobs, increased earnings, and property tax revenue will reverberate throughout many different industries, resulting in a positive net impact for the residents of the county and state."

The study shows that the project would create short- and long-term benefits in Livingston County through new jobs, income and tax revenue, construction spending, and long-term operations and maintenance activities. The proposed Livingston Wind project is located on leased land primarily in Broughton and Sullivan Townships, with additional leased land extending into eastern Union and southern Round Grove Townships. The wind turbines and project facilities would occupy less than 2% of



Wind Project site.

this land, allowing area farms to diversify their revenue streams while continuing farming practices. The project is estimated to generate enough power for more than 113,000 homes thereby contributing to the region's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

New jobs and income. The study estimates the project would create up to 414 new jobs and generate \$23.3 million in new local earnings during the construction period. EDF Renewables and its affiliates operate two wind farms in Illinois – the Kelly Creek and Pilot Hill wind farms in Ford, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties. To date, these projects have paid over \$15 million in landowner payments, with an additional \$68 million to be delivered in the future. The construction and operation of the Livingston Wind project will similarly spur economic activity in Central Illinois. The resulting boost in local household

income will create benefits to over the life of the project. Acother sectors such as retail and services. Neighboring areas will benefit as well. The study estimates \$85 million in new earnings during construction across the State.

Once in operation, the study found that the Livingston Wind project would generate \$1.4 million in new long-term earnings for Livingston County annually, in addition to supporting up to 33 new long-term jobs.

New tax revenues. In addition to new jobs and income, the study found Livingston Wind would be a significant source of new tax revenue for the county. The project would generate estimated property tax revenues of more than \$104 million over the life of the project, going directly to Livingston County, Broughton, Sullivan, Union and Round Grove Townships, and local school and fire districts. This includes over \$66 million in tax revenue to area school districts

cording to American Clean Power, renewable energy projects in Illinois generated nearly \$70 million in state and local tax revenue in 2020 - crucial funds that are used to support schools, improve roads and bridges, and fund emergency services.

Livingston Wind is being developed by Livingston Wind Project, LLC, an affiliate of EDF Renewables, Inc. EDF Renewables is a leading independent power producer and service provider with 35 years of expertise. The company delivers grid-scale wind, solar and storage projects along with distribution-scale projects, and onsite solutions for commercial and industrial customers. EDF Renewables' North America portfolio consists of 20 gigawatts (GW) of developed projects and 13 GW under service contracts. EDF Renewables owns and operates several other wind projects in the area.

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#### **Gas Prices For** This Week

Since last Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has held steady. According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks rose by 7.9 million bbl to 240.7 million bbl last week. On the other hand, gasoline demand decreased from .17 million b/d to 7.91 million b/d. Winter weather and the COVID-19 omicron variant are the likely culprits behind this demand dip. Typically, pump prices decline due to lower gas demand and a rise in total stocks, but continued growth in the price of crude oil has helped to elevate pump prices. As crude prices continue to climb, pump prices will likely follow suit.

City/Village         January 19         January 12           Dwight         \$3.26         \$3.20           Kankakee         \$3.37         \$3.43           Streator         \$3.43         \$3.44           Pontiac         \$3.14         \$3.19           Gardner         \$3.34         \$3.39           Braceville         \$3.37         \$3.43           Morris         \$3.36         \$3.36           Herscher         \$3.39         \$3.43           Chicago         \$3.57         \$3.56           Illinois         \$3.44         \$3.44           U.S.         \$3.31         \$3.30				
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Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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



#### **Chris Mortensen Graduates** from WIU

Chris D. Mortensen, of Dwight, is a recent graduate of Western Illinois University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies.

A total of 528 students earned academic degrees or post-baccalaureate certificates after the fall 2021 semester at WIU. Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 308 graduates, including 43 Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degrees.

#### **Dwight FFA Alumni Auction** Rescheduled

The Dwight FFA Alumni Auction, previously scheduled for January 29, has been postponed until Saturday, April 2.

The event will be held at the VFW Hall in Dwight, with dinner being served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and a live auction starting at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to help support the Dwight FFA, or if you have any questions, contact Dan Parker at 815-228-

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# YEAR IN REVIEW...YEAR IN REVIEW...YEAR IN REVIEW...

(continued from 1/12/2022 edition)

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#### **Irv Masching Set to Retire After Practicing Law 46 Years**

Irv Masching, Dwight's Village Attorney who practiced law for 46 years, retired November 30, and ceased all law practice December 31.

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

Ella Kargle Wins Heisman High School Scholarship

Ella Kargle was selected from an applicant pool of thousands as the School Winner from DTHS for 2022 of the Heisman High School Scholarship.

#### **Award Winning Mead**

Unpossible Mead, located in Dwight and owned by Brian Galbreath, took home a plethora of awards for his custom-made meads from the Orpheus Cup (Blackberry Forager - Silver; Basswood Blossom - Bronze), the Mazer Cup (Blackberry Forager -Gold), and the Mead Crafters Competition (Love Apple – Gold; Mega Meme - Silver; Another Man's Treasure and Tastes Like Toffee – Bronze).

His collaboration mead with Rt. 66 Old School Brewery in Wilmington won gold at the Mazer Cup and bronze at Mead

Crafters.

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#### **Dwight Village Employees Awarded ARPA Funds**

The Dwight Village Board approved the awarding of a onetime payout of \$2,500 from ARPA funds to each full-time employee (as of December 31, 2020 and who remained full-time as of November 22, 2021).

#### Bishop Louis Tylka Visits St. Joseph Rap Session

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.

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Wed., Jan. 19: Beef stew w/ vegetables, green beans, Jell-O w/ mixed fruit, roll, surprise dessert.

reservations -

Thurs., Jan. 20: Chicken tetrazzini, honey glazed carrots, tossed salad w/ dressing pkt., hot fruit

crisp. Fri., Jan. 21: Cheese salad, hearty vegetable & bean soup, pickled beets, grapes, bun.

Mon., Jan. 24: Chicken pot pie, Nantucket vegetables,

#### **Dwight Peace Meals**

Home delivery apricots, whole grain Monday - Friday biscuit, hot fruit com-60 and up homepote. bound-Must make

Tues., Jan. 25: Taco salad w/ meat, lettuce, beans, tomatoes & salsa, pears, taco chips, sugar free pudding.

Wed., Jan. 26: Country fried chicken white gravy, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian veggies, pineapple, whole grain bread.

Thurs., Jan. 27: Baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, cranberry salad, roll.

dav. For reservation, call: 1-800-543-1770.

Milk served each

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#### Pet of the Week

Hello there! I'm Sega, a 7 year old English Mastiff mix! If you can't tell from my pictures, I'm a big boy! 160 lbs to be exact! I am the definition of a gentle giant! I am so sweet, loving, and laid back! And I really enjoy cuddles, so you better have space in your bed for me! I get so excited when I see people that will give me attention and I



do a little dance! The ladies call it my "happy feet"! I also love treats and I will sit and shake for a yummy snack! I walk great on a leash too! I would love a family that will go on long walks with me! I love getting some fresh air! I have not yet been tested with other dogs and cats but my description will be updated when that has been com pleted! Please come meet me and give me a chance! I may be older, but I will surely make the perfect companion!

#### **Livingston County Humane Society**

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#### The Paper **Deadline** is Friday at noon.

The Paper is located at 204 E. Chippewa St., Dwight Office hours are: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: 815-584-1901, Fax: 815-584-2196 E-mail: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net Online: www.thepaper1901.com

#### **ISP Announces First Year Success of New Crime Reporting System**

The Illinois State rest trends, and has in-Police has announced since becoming certified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on The January 1, 2021, over 300 law enforcement agencies have now converted to the new Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program's National Incident Based Reporting System

Illinois NIBRS captures details on each crime incident, as well as on separate offenses with the same incident. including information on victims, known offenders, relationship between victims and offenders, arrestees, property involved, and weapons used in all violent crimes. The system can track crime Director Brendan F. trends, crime rates, ar-

(NIBRS).

teractive mapping capabilities to capture a total of 58 Index Crimes. certification process spanned six months and involved 40 local law enforcement agencies.

"Advancing fighting against violent crime through enforcement of the law is one of the core missions of the ISP. We are committed to providing our personnel and law enforcement partners the tools, technology, and resources necessary to accomplish this objective. The increased functionality of the Illinois NIBRS repository further enhances criminal investigations with critical data," said ISP

Kelly.

#### **LEGAL**

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

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

Gardner CCSD 72C School District/Joint Agreement Name

598 N Elm Street Gardner, IL. 60424 Address

815-237-2313 Telephone

7:30-3:30

Office Hours

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

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

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	480,763	486,286	55,906	35,655	54,448		11,532	102,606	11,529
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000									
State Sources	3000	1,024,457			85,102					
Federal Sources	4000	257,844	7,620		3,313					
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		1,763,064	493,906	55,906	124,070	54,448	0	11,532	102,606	11,529
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		1,699,876	354,668	56,588	162,890	51,043	228,002		95,702	19,933
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		(12,000)	(140,002)	0	32,000	0	188,002	(68,000)	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		833,191	2,050,684	12,107	7,893	101,518	44,914	126,401	128,411	54,256
Other Changes in Fund Balances										
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		884,379	2,049,920	11,425	1,073	104,923	4,914	69,933	135,315	45,852

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

Gardner CCSD 72C 24-032-072C-04

#### **GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
		Cassi Carlson	Janelle Biros	Michael Merritt
		Sara Countryman	Katie Johnson	
		Betsy Hennessy	Laura Mund	
		Laura Lenzie	Mary Pierard	
		Austin McDowell	Angie Tjelle	
		Heather Muzzarelli		
		Sara Sancken		
		Mandi Smith		
		Haley Woods		

#### GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
Kristi Harrington	Verna Morecraft	Craig Rury	Mike Cornale
Amie Olsen			
Sam Siano			
Linda Tyler			
Kathy VanDuyne			
Jessica Wilson			
Paula Wade			
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#### Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

#### Gardner CCSD 72C

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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Columbia Pipe & Supply	2,735.29
RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC	2,928.00
EXPLORE LEARNING	2,965.50
COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC SYS	3,859.64
Fusion	4,088.10
CONVERGING NETWORKS GROUP	4,250.00
Peter Perella & CO	4,590.00
Mc Graw-Hill School Educ. Holdings, LLC	5,837.49
HEALY, BENDER, PATTON & BEEN ARCHITECTS	6,542.82
FOLLETT School Solutions	6,860.16
IMAGE SYSTEMS & BUSINESS	6,972.00
DEMCO	7,253.22
CloverLeaf Farms	7,274.35
Gassensmith & Michalesko	7,850.00
South Wilmington Grade	7,940.61
SISTEK SALES & SERVICE	8,247.50
CROWTHER ROOFING AND SHEETMETAL	8,900.00
Midwest Environmental Consulting Services Inc.	9,084.00
Common Goal Systems, Inc.	9,956.55
AEP ENERGY	10,084.83
COM ED	10,142.19
KINSALE CONTRACTING GROUP	10,317.00
CORPORATE MASTERCARD	11,750.41
Constellation Gas Divisio	12,491.09
APPLE COMPUTER, INC	14,084.00
CHAMLIN ASSOCIATES	14,800.00
ComTech Holdings XCELL MECHANICAL SYSTEMS	15,189.04
Gardner-So. Wilmington H.	16,553.79

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
GORDON & BACKHUS GLASS	18,491.89
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ROBBINS, SCHWARTZ, NICHOL	23,751.25
PSIC ILL Sch Dist Liq Asset F	27,049.00
FRIENDLY SIGNS, INC.	33,650.00
Performance Foodservice - Chicago	35,036.14
RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES INC	45,657.29
BMO Harris Commercial	51,313.50
Farmers State Bank of Emden	56,587.50
Illinois Central	154,297.35
Hometown National Bank	200,000.00
CONSTRUCTION BY CAMCO	228,001.69
Grundy Co. Spec. Ed.	321 705 49



# Senior Living

# 'It keeps me going' Peg Pfeifer, 84, faithful to Crossfit

by Brandon LaChance

When Crossfit classes first came to the gym in Dwight, everyone was being asked to join the new trend.

If you said you couldn't do the exercises or that you're too old, the name Peg Pfeifer was stated immediately.

Why?

Because she was 80-years old and could do everything the teacher threw her way.

"In my head, if I exercise, I'm going to stay healthy," said Margaret "Peg" Pfeifer, who has lived in Dwight since she was in the fifth grade. "Plus, I

have good genes. My mother, Margaret Sampson, lived until a week before she was 104. I've been going to the gym since my youngest grandchild, Kirkland Pfeifer, started kindergarten. He is now 21, so about 16 years ago.

"When I was 80, the owner (Jennifer Blackburn) started a master's class for Crossfit at the gym. I was asked to join and I said, 'Yes.' Whenever she would approach someone and ask them to join, she would say, 'I have someone who is 80 in my class' to get them to join."

Pfeifer, now 84, has continued to show up every week.

Actually, she arrives ecstatic about her love for fitpromptly at the Sweat Factory for class Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to do all of the hourlong activities with the teacher, Shayla Smith.

She is the oldest in the classes and often pairs up with Marilyn Christiansen, who is

"Her husband, Brady, always tells her to be careful at class. She tells him, 'Well, I have to keep up with Peg," Pfeifer said. "He'll tell her she doesn't have to keep up with me and she tells him that she

Everyone Pfeifer knows is

ness and her dedication to be at every class.

Her three children – Beth Riccolo, Amy Jensen, and Greg Pfeifer – nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren love to brag about Peg.

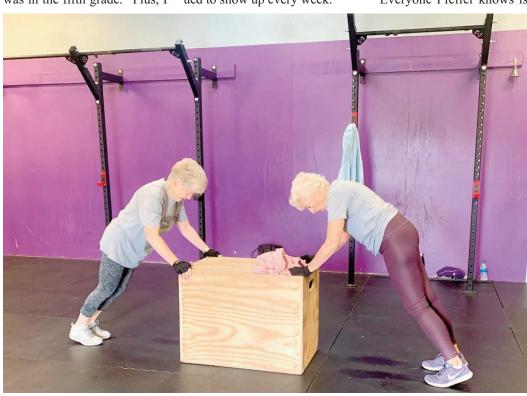
"It's either in your head that you like to exercise or it's not," Pfeifer said. "My children and my grandchildren love that I'm active. They tell everyone, 'My nana does Crossfit.' I used to do physical activities like walking, bike riding and boating with my grandchildren, but now they're all grown up and they all work.

"One of my grandson's (Hunter Riccolo) just joined the Army and he even brags to his Army friends. He tells them I do Crossfit. It makes me feel

good. It keeps me doing it. I love being part of the class. It's

Through the years, Kirkland would go with me to the gym. Now he goes all of the time. He's really faithful. He goes before work and after work sometimes. At his high school graduation, the speaker told the audience his grand-

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PEG PFEIFER (RIGHT), 84, from Dwight, and her friend Marilyn Christiansen, 77, perform modified burpees at the Sweat Factory. Pfeifer has been in the gym since her 60s and says Crossfit and working out "keeps her going."



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(continued from page 7) mother used to bring him to the gym when he was in grade school. Hunter is just as dedicated as Kirkland. He's at Fort Polk in Louisiana. If I text him, he's usually at the gym."

Even the doctor knows about Pfeifer working up a sweat at the factory.

And if you show interest, she'll ask you to come join her. "Another thing that makes me feel good is if I happen to go to

a doctor and if my girls go with me, they'll tell the doctor that I do Crossfit. The doctor just looks at me kind of wide-eyed. They're surprised. That's pretty neat, too.

"One of my daughter's friends (Jamie Oelschlager) is in my class. She retired a couple of years ago and I happened to see her and asked her to come to the class because she was getting bored being retired. She comes all the time now."

#### 'It keeps me going' - - -Earlier in life, Peg would will be burpees and lifting

walk and bike ride almost every day. She grew out of it.

Then she would go to the gym and do monotonous workouts on machines.

It soon became flat and she needed something else.

"When I used to go to the gym, I would just do the treadmill and after a while it got boring," Pfeifer said. "Now when you go to Crossfit, every class is something different. There weights. It's kept me strong. We also do things that help with our balance.

"What's nice is everybody does what they can do. For me, the younger ones in the class will do a certain exercise, and Shayla will figure out something that I can do that will not hurt me in some way. She watches everybody and figures out what's the best for them. When all this started, the master's class was for 50 and over. Once Covid hit, a lot of people quit coming and now the class is a mixture of everyone. Shayla adapts all of the different movements according to what you can do. It's really nice."

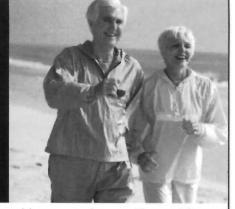
Having an 84-year-old classmate is cool, until it is her birthday.

Pfeifer giggled when she said the class had to do 14 burpees on her birthday since there were six classmates and 84 divided by six is 14.

She wonders what they will say when she turns 85, 86, 87, 88, and on because she doesn't plan on not being at class anytime soon.

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

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Though family history is not necessary for an individual to develop Alzheimer's, the AA notes that researchers have

identified hereditary Alzheimer's genes. For example, researchers estimate that between 40 and 65 percent of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's have the APOE-e4 gene. APOE-e4 is characterized as a risk gene because it increases the likelihood of developing Alzheimer's but does not guarantee it will happen.

The gene is inherited from a parent, and people who inherit two copies of APOE-e4 from their mother and father have a higher risk for Alzheimer's than those who inherit one



copy of the gene from their mother or father. The AA also notes that researchers have found deterministic genes that cause Alzheimer's. However, these genes are rare and have only been found in a few hundred families across the globe, accounting for 1 percent or less of all Alzheimer's cases.





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# Senior Living

# Live a Long, Healthy Life

On January 17, 2022, Betty White would have celebrated her 100th birthday. The actress, most well-known for her role as Rose in the sitcom Golden Girls, passed away peacefully on New Year's Eve after a very successful career that lasted over the span of seven decades – all while keeping herself active and healthy throughout her life.



**Dr. Jeremy Carrier** *OSF HealthCare family medicine* 

The shocking news of White's passing, in combination with the start of a new year, has many people wondering what they can do to live as long as she did. Dr. Jeremy Carrier, an OSF HealthCare family medicine physician, discusses the important role that preventative care plays in staying healthy and living a long life.

"Preventative care is an allinclusive thing for many aspects when it comes to health care. Often, that's preventative screenings like lung cancer, colon cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer. A lot of times those are of paramount importance for diagnosing and picking up some of those things early," says Carrier.

Not only are annual screenings such as mammograms and



**Betty White** 

colonoscopies a crucial part of preventative care, but other measures such as lab works, blood tests, and regular blood pressure checks can help you get a baseline and better understanding of your health – and will help determine if any part of your lifestyle needs to be modified to get you in the best possible position for continued wellness.

"There is heart disease, the importance of blood pressure regulation, watching cholesterol levels, and other risk factors you can work with your doctor on adjusting or modifying – whether it be tobacco usage or whatever else," Carrier explains.

Family history also plays a big role in determining your risk factors for certain diseases and knowing your family history will help your provider come up with a health care plan tailored to your specific needs – including timing of screenings, frequency of visits to the doctor, and so on.

Diet and exercise also play big roles in your health and the earlier you develop healthy habits, the better. Shortly before her passing in December, White spoke with People magazine about her secret to a long, healthy life, saying: "I try to avoid anything green. I think it is working." Instead, White was known to joke about opting for hot dogs and vodka as part of her diet. While much of that was said in a humorous manner, Dr. Carrier emphasizes the critical role that our daily choices do play in our overall health.

"I saw the comment about how not eating greens was the secret for Betty White. But all joking aside, I think the best things you can focus on remain to this day, and have been for quite some time, are the importance of diet and exercise and lifestyle modification – that is still the bottom foundation of that pyramid. And I think a good, long-lasting relationship with your physician and going

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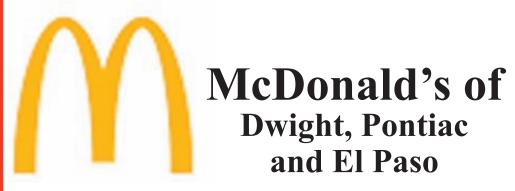


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# Live a Long, Healthy Life

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over and stressing the importance and reinforcing preventative measures such as screenings, immunizations, and risk factor reduction," Carrier

Additionally, both health experts and White alike have been known to say for years that positivity, laughter, mind exercises, and staying active all aid in a healthy life. Another piece of advice that White lived by for keeping healthy included being kind to others.

"Kindness and consideration of somebody besides yourself keeps you feeling young," said White.

Dr. Carrier recommends people of all ages find a primary care provider that works best for them. Most importantly, do not wait until you are

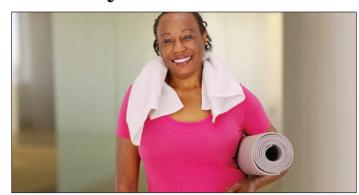
"I should have come sooner! Heritage Woods of Dwight has improved my

personal family life. I don't feel like a burden, and we can now enjoy our

sick to see a doctor.

"Sometimes I feel, just from experience too, that even though things might seem okay and you're not acutely having any symptoms or necessarily suffering from anything – that's awesome and we want that for you – but sometimes establishing with a doctor and walking through your health care together are some of the best, most productive visits. I think somewhat in part of the reasoning for that is a lot of times that gives us the opportunity to go over those preventative measures," advises Carrier.

If you do not yet have a solid baseline of your health, scheduling an annual appointment with your primary care provider is a good way to start your journey toward living a long, healthy life. If you do not have a primary care provider,



find one at osfhealthcare.org.

And in the words of White: "Don't try to be young. Just open your mind. Stay inter-

ested in stuff. There are so many things I won't live long enough to find out about, but I'm still curious about them."

Did you know?

According to Gallup's 2021 Economy and Personal Finance survey, the average individual in the United States is retiring

earlier than many people might

expect. Gallup found that the average retirement age was 62,

which is two years earlier than the working respondents indi-

cated they planned to retire. Canadians are retiring a little bit

later than their American coun-

terparts, as Statistics Canada reports the average retirement age

in Canada is just over 63 and a

half. The average retirement

age is worth noting, as studies

routinely find that many work-

ing professionals greatest concern about retiring is that they

won't have enough money

saved to meet their needs. By

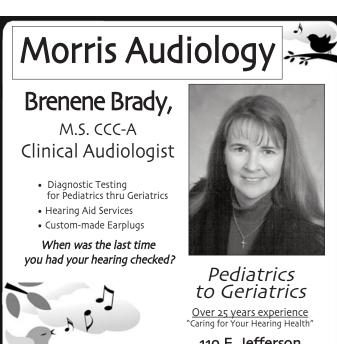
recognizing that they may end

up retiring earlier than they initially planned, professionals can make a concerted effort to save more money in the years ahead.

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## The Cost of **Waiting to Save** for Retirement

Patience is a virtue, but waiting can be costly in regard to saving for retirement. A 2019 report from the Economic Policy Institute found that nearly half of families have no retirement account savings at all. Individuals who have delayed saving for retirement could find themselves in difficult situations as they near retirement

Assuming an 8 percent rate of return on money deposited into a retirement account like a 401(k), an individual who begins depositing \$6,000 annually at age 20 will have roughly \$1.7 million in that account in 40 years.

By waiting until age 40 to begin making the same annual contributions and assuming the same rate of return, an individual would end up with less than \$300,000 in his or her retirement account at age 60. That's a sizable disparity and one that could make the difference between a comfortable retirement and one plagued by financial difficulties. Catch-up contributions allowable by the Internal Revenue Service can help men and women over 50 build their retirement savings. However, the most effective way to save for retirement is to begin early and to continue doing so

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78, of Murray, Kentucky

passed away Saturday, January

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ing Home and Rehabilitation

1943 in Streator, Illinois to the

late Michael Andrew Louis and

Geraldine Hopkins Louis. He

was a retired grocery store

manager and was of the

Catholic Faith. Mr. Louis liked

to fish, hunt, and was an avid

follower of the Chicago Bears

was preceded in death by his

grandparents, two nephews,

Maryann Hilt Louis; they mar-

ried on December 15, 1964 in

Urbana, Illinois; one daughter,

Valerie Louis Pilgreen and hus-

band, David, of Fouke,

Arkansas; one son, Randall

Louis and wife, Dawn, of Ben-

ton, Kentucky; one aunt, Gert

Wiemken of Dwight, Illinois;

two uncles, Bill Hopkins and

Norm Hopkins, of Arizona;

three brothers: Michael Louis

and wife, Nancy, of Dwight,

Illinois; Daniel Louis and wife,

In addition to his parents, he

Survivors include his wife,

and Chicago Cubs.

and one niece.

Mr. Louis was born July 19,

Center in Benton, Kentucky.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Daniel J. Doglio

Daniel J. Doglio, age 61, of Coal City, Illinois passed away unexpectedly Satur-January 8, day, 2022.

He was born September 30, 1960 in Morris, IL to the

late Albert T. "Dutch" and Darlene C. (nee Togliatto) Doglio. Dan graduated from Gardner-South Wilmington High School with the class of 1978.

He formerly owned and operated "Dutch's" Servicenter in South Wilmington and currently was employed as the manager for Fisher Auto Parts in Morris for the last 29 years.

He previously served on the South Wilmington Village Board for many years and was also the co-founder of South Wilmington Party in the Park. Dan was a member of the Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City and was a third degree knight with the Braidwood Knights of Columbus Council #1574; member of the Moose Lodge in Joliet; and the Eagles in Morris, Illinois.

His family meant the world to him and his smile said it all. He was also a die-hard proud Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bears fan.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, Kim (nee Doszak) Doglio, whom he married October 16, 1993 in Joliet; two children: Danny and Emma Doglio, both at home in Coal

Also surviving are two brothers, David (Pamela)

Dwight was reunited with her

late husband, Jack Hatfield, Sr.

on January 8, 2022. She was

peacefully called to heaven

from the ICU unit at Riverside

Hospital, suddenly, and unex-

Christian, West Virginia, she

was the daughter of the late Ott

In addition to her parents,

and husband, she was preceded

in death by her siblings:

Brenda Sue Toler, Linda

Collins Wilcher, Saundra Toler,

wrestling, the Marvel Movies,

eating Reese's Cups, playing

lottery tickets, and above all,

spending time with her chil-

dren, grandchildren, and great-

and gentle Mother, Grand-

mother, Great-Grandmother,

and friend. Everyone who met

her always said she is the

sweetest person they've ever

memories are her four chil-

dren: Jennifer (Randy) Shep-

herd, Jack (Lisa) Hatfield,

Those left to carry on her

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Patricia was a loving, kind,

Patricia enjoyed watching

and Ruby Toler.

and Kenneth Toler.

grandchildren.

Born November 22, 1947 in

pectedly to those left behind.

Doglio of South Wilmington (Kerrie) Joseph Doglio of Coal City; one sister, JoEllyn (Greg) VanDuyne of Wilming-ton; fatherin-law, Bob Doszak

of Arizona; brotherin-law, Chris Doszak of Wisconsin; nieces and nephews: Katie (Jacob) Olson, Kara (Zach) Claypool, Ashley and Brianne Doglio; Jessica Doszak and Jaxon Doszak; and great-nieces many nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; mother-inlaw, Judy Doszak; and brotherin-law, Bobby Doszak.

Visitation for Dan was at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Wednesday, January 12, 2022 from 4 until 8 p.m.

Funeral services were from the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Coal City, Illinois for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m.

Interment followed in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church would be appreciated.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to: rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

(Schuyler) Hatfield; her grand-

Hensel, Collin Tindle, Emmy

Shepherd, Curtis George,

Becky, Logan, and Maddie

(Jack) Hatfield, Chance,

Keaton (Caroline), Autumn

(Noah) and Jaedyn Casares,

Katie, J.T., Sophia, Joshua and

Mary Ashfield, Mackenzie,

Grayson, Wyatt, and Lucas

Also surviving are her

great-grandchildren: E.J., and

Kaylee Hensel, Xeriah Tindle,

Kinsley Lindstrom-Casares,

Zayden and Melanie Binns; her

siblings: Jean (Leonard) Simp-

son, Clarence (Carrie) Toler,

Frances Toler, Ott Jr. (Marv)

Toler, Kathy Bolden, and

Robin Toler. She also leaves

behind many dear relatives and

held on a later date to celebrate

the life of a soul so generously

loved. Following Patricia's

wishes, family and friends will

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(date to be determined), where

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Patricia Ann Hatfield

Patricia Ann Hatfield, 74, of Joanna Hatfield, and Bret

Burkhardt, age 89, Heritage Senior Care.

Richard was born October 29, 1932, in Gardner, the son of the late Orville and Jennie (Goldie) Burkhardt. Dick proudly served his country with the

Dick spent many years of his life as a member of the South Wilmington Beach Club, where he enjoyed fishing and camping. Back in the day, Dick dabbled a bit with woodworking in his garage to pass time. There may be a few of you out there today who were lucky enough to receive one of his pieces. Dick enjoyed his DQ runs, especially when his wife, Fern, had a taste for ice cream. It was not uncommon for him to drop everything on a dime to

In his later years, he enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in sports. Dick was a guy who told it like it was at face value. At sporting events you always knew where he was sitting by his loud voice that carried when he didn't agree with a call. Quite honestly most people got a kick out of him, but most importantly his family sure did. It wasn't surprising to walk into his home and hear him screaming at the TV.

He was an avid Cubs and Bears fan, but you knew when he was not happy with their performance. He spent countless hours at the local barbershop laughing, and gossiping with all of his buddies. For those of you who knew him, you would likely describe him as a gentle soul.

He had a great passion for

Richard Paul Louis Linda, of Evans, Colorado; and Mark Louis of Dwight, Illinois.

> Also surviving are six grandchildren: Mathew Neal, Mark Neal, Luke Neal, and Sarah Neal of Texas; Shelby Louis of Lexington, Kentucky; and Austin Ditto of Tennessee; five step-grandchildren: Jenna Ditto, Kyle Hopkins, Markie Hopkins, Jackie Pilgreen, and Jessie Pilgreen; as well as four great-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the Murray City Cemetery with Pastor Jim Dunn officiating.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, Thursday, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Humane Society of Calloway County, P.O. Box 764, Murray, Kentucky 42071 or to the Mercy Hospice Lourdes Foundation, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, Kentucky 42003-99ß70.

Online condolences may be made at: www.thejhchurchill funeralhome.com

#### Richard Burkhardt

Richard "Dick" of Dwight, Illinois passed away peacefully Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Health

United States Army from 1949-1953 as a PVT-2. He married the love of his life, Fern, on September 24, 1955. Dick worked for Caterpillar for 35 years before retiring. He was a trained volunteer Fire Fighter in the community.

run to grab her a sweet treat.

his family, and the close friends around him. He will be greatly missed by all of those whose lives he touched.

Surviving are his son, Thomas (Sandy) Burkhardt Dwight; his five

grandchildren: Amie (Mikey) Graham of Dwight; Angela Baggett of Dwight; Faith (Nick) Lavezzi of Braidwood; Justin (Shelly) Burkhardt of Emington; and Katie (Pete) Stanton of Chicago.

Also surviving are 11 greatgrandchildren: Blake and Logan Graham of Dwight; Lennox Baggett of Dwight; Payton (Kellen) Christensen of Effingham; Sydney Christensen of Chicago; Lola Lavezzi of Braidwood; Austin, Lane, and Waylon Burkhardt of Emington; and Owen and Claire Stanton of Chicago.

Also surviving are his sister-in-law, Shirley Burkhardt of Joliet; several nieces and nephews; and a lifelong friend, Bill Wilkey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 65 years, Fern Burkhardt; daughter, Connie Burkhardt; two brothers, William Burkhardt and James Burkhardt; and four sisters: Dian Burkhardt, Aileen (Harold) Gentry, Patricia (John) Landers and Helen (Lyle) Christensen; and best

friend, Sam Edwards. Dick has entered the pearly gates to be with his wife of 65 years; his daughter, Connie; and many of his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to St. Jude's, VFW, or any charity of the donor's choice.

A private service for family and close friends will be planned for a later date.

Arrangements are by Hager Memorial Home in Dwight,

Illinois. The family would like to thank Heritage Health in

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#### Wordle

Sometimes (a lot of times), internet trends end up being very dumb and maybe that's part of the point. But every once in a while, one shines through and is less dumb and sometimes even a good thing.

This has recently happened, and I have to admit, I have given in. I am now a part of the trend. It's so big that there's a chance you've seen or heard of it at this point.

It's a word game called Wordle. Aptly titled. Even more aptly titled when you consider the creator's last name is Wardle. He originally made the game for the person he was dating. The article I was reading on it didn't specify if they went on to get married, but if someone creates you a website specifically for you to play a game each day, I'd say that's about as serious as it gets.

This thing is so big that everywhere I was ordering a bagel yesterday, and the person next to me was playing, I considered telling him the word as he was nearing his last guess...but I refrained. There's only one word per day, so you either get it, or you don't.

The other interesting part is it's a website, not an app. If you Google "Wordle" it will most likely be the first thing that populates. It gives you one word each day to guess, and then, based on your guesses, it lets you know if the letters you guessed were either correct, or correct AND in the right place.

Based on how quick, brain-activating, and mostly fun this game is, I would implore all of you to join in on the Wordle craze. My best attempt yet is guessing the word in 3 guesses out of the 6 that are allotted for you. There's also a fun "share" feature, which I think helped it take off as well.

I sign off as this being a productive addition to soci-

Thank you, Mr. Wardle.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

# We do it for *The Paper*.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### 'Thank You'

On behalf of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Livingston County Committee, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2021 Relay For Life event sponsored our event, bought luminaria, or came to honor the survivors, we thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Our 2021 event marked the 25th anniversary of Relay For Life in Livingston County. Since 2011 our county has raised over \$2,274,480.00 to go towards the American Cancer Society mission to provide free resources to cancer patients and fund lifesaving research.

I want to thank the Relay For Life of Livingston County Committee. Each member volunteers their time to plan our events and truly believes in our mission. Many of our committee members have been with us since the start of Relay For Life in Livingston County. Their

dedication to American Cancer Society Relay For Life is what makes our events what they are and we would not have Relay without them

As many of our committee on Friday, August 6, 2021. members who have been with Whether you donated money, us for the last 25 years take a step back, we are needing new volunteers to join our committee. In order for Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society mission to continue in Livingston County, we need to have new volunteers to help plan and coordinate our fundraisers and our big Relay event in August each year.

> If you are interested in how you can help or volunteer your time, please contact Megan Barton at mmbarton14@gmail. com or through our Facebook page – Relay For Life of Livingston County IL.

Again, thank you for your continued support for American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Livingston County.

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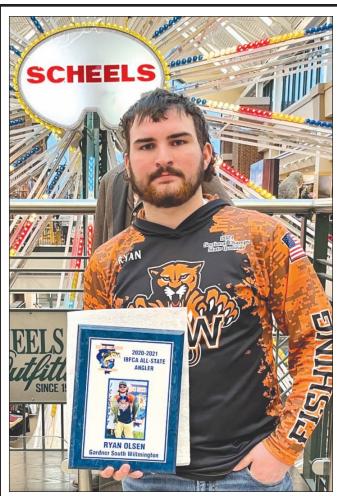
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# SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS



RYAN OLSEN, a junior at Gardner-South Wilmington High School, received his IBFCA (Illinois Bass Fishing Coaches Association) All-State Angler plaque. He was honored in Springfield on January 8 at Scheels. Ryan is the son of Jerry and Amie Olsen of Gardner. Congrats, Ryan!



#### **MVK MAVERICKS BASKETBALL**

#### Thursday, January 13 MVK vs. Seneca 8th Grade -**IVC Tournament**

The eighth graders from Mazon-Verona-Kinsman defeated Seneca in the Illinois Valley Conference Tournament scored eight points.

third place game January 13, 33-18. Brady Sheedy was high

scorer for MVK with 16 points. Brant Roe and Cameron Shriey each added six points.

For Seneca, Brayden Simek

# GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL

#### Tuesday, January 11 **GSW** vs. Momence

In a varsity match-up between Gardner-South Wilmington and Momence January 11, the Panthers lost by a score

"We got off to a nice start, but couldn't put together a complete game," said Coach Wills. "We need to do a better job on defense and taking care of the ball."

Bennett Grant led with 15 points and four rebounds, with Gabe McHugh adding 14 points, four boards, and three blocks. Cale Halpin had 13 points, three steals, and two as-

#### Friday, January 14 **GSW vs. Reed-Custer**

The Panthers, originally slated to face off against Tri-Point (the Chargers had to postpone), ended up taking a 56-24 loss to Reed-Custer Jan-

"Overall, I was happy with our effort on the defensive side," Coach Wills stated. "We just shot the ball very poorly tonight."

Cale Halpin led GSW with six points, followed by four points each from Gabe McHugh, Garrett Grant, and Bennett Grant.

With the loss, the Panthers are now 5-15 (1-5 in conference) for the season.

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## **Tigers Top Trojans, 59-57**

#### Tuesday, January 11 Herscher vs. Dwight

Herscher hosted their area rivals from Dwight on their home court January 11, winning in a nail-biter, 59-57.

The Tigers were dominant in the first quarter, carrying a 20-7 lead into the second. The Trojans would return fire, but Herscher would go into the half up 31-21.

Things remained tight between the two teams up until the final frame - when Dwight's offense went off for 21 fourth quarter points.

as the Tigers held on for a 59-

Leading Herscher was Joe Holohan (4 3-pointers, 2-4 FT) and Brock Wenzelman (2-2 FT) with 16 points each. Carson Splear put up 14 points, shooting 4-5 from the line, while Trey Schwarzkopf (2 3pointers, 2-3 FT) had a 10point performance. Cody Lunsford rounded out the Tigers scoring with three points (1-2 FT).

1-1 in TCC), Jeremy Kapper playing some good ball."

However, it was not enough, (5-8 FT) and Wyatt Thompson (2 3-pointers, 2-2 FT) led the way with 17 and 16 points, respectively. Gavin Wykes put up 11 points, connecting on one three and going 2-4 from the charity stripe. Conner Telford added 10 points (6-8 FT), with Landon Brown drilling a three.

"After a not-so-good first quarter, we played hard the rest of the game to climb within two points," Dwight's head coach Jeremy Connor commented. "Once we can put four For the Trojans (7-8 overall, quarters together, we should be



#### Friday, January 14 Dwight vs. Morris

In an overtime thriller at home January 14, the Trojans defeated Morris 54-52 to move to 8-8 on the season.

Dwight found themselves down early, but fought to stay distance within striking throughout the contest. Then in the fourth quarter, they would outscore the Morris Basketball Team, 16-11 (including a monster game-tying three from Wyatt Thompson with three seconds left in regulation), to force OT – where Thompson put up four of his team's five points in the frame, with Gavin Wykes nailing a free throw to

**DTHS Trojans Basketball** 

"Wyatt Thompson and Jeremy Kapper both played huge games tonight," Coach Connor said post-game. "It really showed how tough they are."

help seal the deal.

Kapper led all scorers with 23 points, going 7-8 from the line – including four big fourth quarter free throws. Thompson didn't score his first points until the third quarter, but wound up with 21 points, hitting two big second half threes and shooting

3-4 from the charity stripe.

"Our entire team stepped up tonight," Connor added, "playing a big role in winning this game. Our guards did a good job of taking better care of the ball tonight, and it showed."

Conner Telford added to the scoring column with seven points, five coming from the free throw line. Wykes was good for three points on the night.

The Trojans are at Midland Friday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m.



THE ODELL RAMS' seventh grade basketball finished first in Flanagan January 8, beating the Ransom Pirates at the Vermillion Conference Tournament. The eighth grade Rams finished second overall, falling to the Woodland Warriors. Pictured are both the seventh and eighth grade squads from Odell.

# **Redbirds Ball Out at IVC Tournament**

#### Tuesday, January 11 Dwight vs. MVK 8th Grade - IVC Tournament

On January 11, the eighth grade Dwight Redbirds took out Mazon-Verona-Kinsman, 41-25. in Illinois Valley Conference Iournament action.

"Nice conference tourney win," said Dwight's head coach Joe Stevenson. "Defense was a big key tonight."

The Redbirds were led by 21 points, seven steals, and three rebounds from Evan Cox. Joev Starks added 13 points, eight boards, and four steals. Asher Kargle (3 steals), Jackson Launius (4 rebounds) and Jake Wilkey (2 steals, 1 rebound) put up two points each. Maddox De-Long chipped in with a free throw, two rebounds, and a steal.

#### Thursday, January 13 Dwight vs. Saratoga 8th Grade - IVC Tournament

The Redbirds fell to Saratoga 51-35 in the IVC Tourney Janu-

"Not a good shooting night," Coach Stevenson stated. bounding hurt us - Saratoga is a big team."

Evan Cox put up 17 points, four rebounds, and three steals. Asher Kargle (1 rebound, 1 steal) and Joey Starks (4 rebounds, 1 steal) scored eight and seven points, respectively. Zander Tarnowski added three points and one board.

#### Dwight vs. Seneca 7th Grade - IVC Tournament

In the seventh grade game, Dwight dominated Seneca, 44-9, to earn a spot in the IVC Tournament championship.

"After nearly a four-week layoff I was worried about us being rusty," admitted Redbird head coach Tom Conroy. "We played very well and moved to

Colin Bachand led the way with 19 points, eight steals, three assists, and one rebound. Graham Meister followed with 11 points, nine boards, a steal and one assist. Matt Watchinski (10 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist) and Bradley Thompson (2 rebounds) scored six points each. Evan Olson contributed two points and three rebounds. Kayden Wood and Trevor Jensen (2 steals) pulled down seven and four boards, respectively.

#### Tuesday, January 11 Dwight vs. MVK 8th Grade -

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds defeated MVK in two sets January 11, 25-18, 25-23.

Madi Ely led with five aces and five digs, with Sophie Buck (3 kills, 3 assists, 2 digs) and Dori Wilson (1 dig) each getting three aces. Taylor Frobish (2 digs, 1 assist) and Taylor Heath (2 digs) added two aces each, while Sarah Parker (1 dig) and Makavla Wahl-Seabert (3 digs, 1 assist) each put up one ace. Ryan Bean provided four kills and a block.

7th Grade -The seventh grade meeting saw Dwight win over Mazon-Verona-Kinsman, 25-18, 25-17.

Mikayla Chambers had seven aces, three kills, and two digs to lead her team. Kit Connor contributed three aces and one assist, with Claire Sandeno (3 kills, 2 digs), Avery Connor (2 digs, 1 kill,

1 assist), and Cloe Gall (1 kill) coming up with an ace each. Delaney Boucher added two kills and one assist.

DCS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

#### Thursday, January 13 Dwight vs. Saratoga

8th Grade -Dwight's eighth grade girls were beaten by Saratoga in two sets January 13, 15-25, 15-25.

Sophie Buck supplied four aces, two assists, and a kill. Melanie Colon added two aces, with Makavla Wahl Seabert coming up with an ace, two digs, and two kills. Sarah Parker (2 assists) and Taylor Heath had two kills each. Dori Wilson came up with an assist and a dig. Madi Ely (4 digs) and Taylor Frobish both had one

#### 7th Grade -

In the seventh grade game, Dwight lost to Saratoga 20-25, 22-

Mikayla Chambers provided three aces, five kills, and three

digs. Kit Connor had two aces, two kills, and a dig. Claire Sandeno (4 digs, 3 kills), Delaney Boucher (5 digs), and Addy Sulzberger (2 digs) scored an ace each. Avery Connor added two assists, a dig, and one kill.

#### 6th Grade -

In the sixth grade meeting, Dwight defeated Saratoga in three nail-biting matches, 25-13, 18-25, 28-26.

Sienna Burke led with 12 points, including four aces. Kaitlyn Todd had nine points (1 ace), with Isabel Hakey (4 aces) and Addie Taylor (2 aces) adding six points each. Addie Avilez (1 ace) and Sarah Stukel (1 ace) each scored five points, with Raegan Brown (1 ace), Kailyn Haggard (1 ace), and Braelyn Schou putting up two points each. Leanne Ruth rounded out the scoring with one point.

The Lady Redbirds' "B" team lost in two sets, 17-25, 20-25.



CHEERLEADERS from Dwight Common School competed at the Middle School Match-Up at Old Quarry Middle School in Lemont. Pictured, front row, from left, are Shelby DeLong, Clara Flott, Kaylei Marsh; back row, Breanna Scott, Ella Payne, Mia Franklin, and Cara Wil-





THE GSW PANTHERETTE SPIRITLINE traveled to **Charleston High School Jan**uary 8 to compete at their **IDTA Regional Competition.** The team placed first in Pom/Dance and first in Pom - receiving state qualifying scores for both routines. They also placed third out of 14 routines in a very competitive IHSA category. Freshman Tess Brooks also received a Rising Star Award for her outstanding showmanship in their Pom/Dance routine.



#### SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Monday, January 10 Seneca vs. Putnam County

The Lady Irish were in action against Putnam County January 10, winning 55-45.

"As efficient as we have been offensively all year," stated Coach Holman. "We executed the game plan we prac-

ticed really well against a hot shooting Putnam County team."

Kennedy Hartwig and Allie Arwood led Seneca with 19 and 13 points, respectively. Emma Smith (10 rebounds) and Zoe Hougas (8 rebounds) scored eight points each.



#### **GSW Lady Panthers Basketball**

#### Monday, January 10 **GSW vs. Grant Park**

The varsity Lady Panthers were defeated by Grant Park, 51-35, on January 10.

Addi Fair led GSW with 22 points, shooting 14-18 from the free throw line. Following her were Hannah Balcom (1-2 FT) and Chloe Wells (2-3 FT) with five and four points, respectively. Aspen Lardi added three points (1-2 FT), while Riley Klingler scored two points. Eva Henderson hit a free throw.

#### Tuesday, January 11 **GSW** vs. Lexington

On January 11, the GSW Lady Panthers lost to Lexington, 47-37.

Addi Fair went off for 27 points, hitting two three-point- Clifton Central Wednesday, ers and going 13-15 from the January 19.

charity stripe. Hannah Balcom added five points (3-4 FT), while Eva Henderson hit a three. Taeryn Lardi chipped in with a bucket.

#### Thursday, January 13 **GSW** vs. Grace Christian

In basketball action January 13, Gardner-South Wilmington won over Grace Christian, 45-27, to move to 3-19 overall and 3-6 in the conference.

Hannah Balcom (2-2 FT) and Addi Fair (4-4 FT) led with 16 and 14 points, respectively. Taeryn Lardi and Aspen Lardi each scored four points, with Riley Klingler hitting a three. Eva Henderson and Chloe Wells scored two points each.

The Lady Panthers take on



#### Monday, January 10 Dwight vs. **Ottawa Marquette**

The Dwight Lady Trojans lost to Ottawa Marquette January 10, dropping to 3-17 on the season and 1-7 in the Tri-County Conference.

Dwight was led by Mikalah Bregin's seven points, followed by three each from Kassy Kodat and Brooke Vigna. Njomza Asllani and Ellora McCullough each hit a free throw.

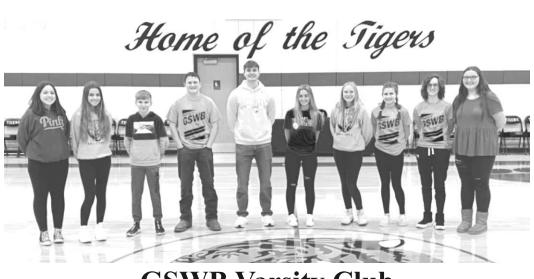
#### Thursday, January 13 Dwight vs. Roanoke Benson

On January 13, Dwight suffered a 47-27 loss to Roanoke

Leading scorers for the Lady Trojans were Brooke Vigna and Kassy Kodat (4 steals) with 11 and seven points, respectively. Lilly Duffy put up four points and two assists. Njomza Asllani had three points, with Kira Bean scoring two.

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a positive attitude.



## **GSWB Varsity Club Hosts Macy and Mickey McDowell**

South Wilmington-Braceville Varsity Club welcomed Macy and Mickey McDowell.

Macy was a 2019 Coal City High School graduate, while Mickey graduated in 2020.

While in high school, Macy played volleyball, basketball and softball, with Mickey playing golf and baseball.

After graduating, Macy enrolled at Illinois Valley Community College and has continued her volleyball career for the Eagles, while majoring in Elementary Education.

Mickey also attended Illinois Valley CC, playing baseball while working towards a

On January 12, Gardner- Physical Education major. After graduating from IVCC, he transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh where he is still playing baseball.

While sharing their experiences with the group, both discussed the transition from middle school into high school and high school into college.

In addition to the athletics, Mickey and Macy discussed being able to balance your academics while in school.

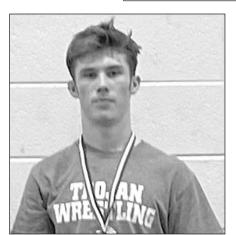
Macy also was part of various groups such as SADD, FCCLA, Footnotes, Varsity Club and Student Council. Mickey was in Student Council and Varsity Club.

Since going to college, both made a note of making your priorities and what is important to get accomplished to succeed. It was also to both of their likings to have a fresh start but also challenging. While being on their own for the first time, making new friends and forming relationships was a process.

When asked about advice they would give, Macy said to be yourself and get out of your comfort zone in doing so.

Mickey said to always work hard, especially when nobody is watching, while having no regrets.







THE DWIGHT TROJANS wrestling squad took part in the Reed-Custer Comet Invite January 14 and 15. Both Dylan Crouch (113 lb.) and Dillon Sarff (138 lb.) were crowned champions of their weight class, while Austin Burkhardt (170 lb.) had a fifth place finish.

#### **Trojans at Reed-Custer Comet Invite** Crouch, Sarff Crowned Champs; Burkhardt Takes 5th

**Reed-Custer Comet Invite** On January 14 and 15, the Dwight Trojan wrestling team traveled to Braidwood to compete in the Reed-Custer Comet Invite, and after some very tough matches, three Trojans Central).

stood on the podium. Junior Burkhardt took fifth place (Reed-Custer). overall in the 170 lb. weight

Individual results for each Comet Classic are as follows:

- 113 lb. Dylan Crouch (13-5) • Quarterfinal – Won by fall over Carter Leshock (Tinley
- Semifinal Won by fall over decision.

Billy Kaprosy (Vernon Hills). • 1st Place Match – Won by injury default over Tony Toledo (Joliet Central).

138 lb. Dillon Sarff (16-3)

- Champ. Round 2 Won by fall over Josh Bierly (Joliet
- Quarterfinal Won by tech Freshman Dylan Crouch fall over Nate Othon (Seneca). finished as the 113 lb. cham- • Semifinal – Won by decision pion, with Dillon Sarff, a sen- over Evan Reilly (Sandwich).

145 lb. Emmett Emmons (13-

- Champ. Round 2 Won by of the Trojan wrestlers at the fall over John Peters (Tinley
  - Quarterfinal Tyler Starr (Bradley) won by fall.
  - Cons. Round 4 Sayf Afeef (Burlington Central) won by

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#### 152 lb. Kyler Starks (5-6)

- Champ. Round 2 Leonardo Martinez (Bremen) won by fall. Cons. Round 3 – Won by fall over Skylar Ortiz (Wilming-
- ton). • Cons. Round 4 – Won by injury default over Martin Garcia
- (Burlington Central). • Cons. Round 5: Zach Anderson (Bradley) won by fall.
- 160 lb. Seth Robertson (1-6) ior, finishing as the 138 lb. •1st Place Match – Won by de- • Champ. Round 2 – Bryce • Nathan Kim (Burlington Cen-Austin cision over Ryan Tribble Decker (Sandwich) won by
  - Cons. Round 3 Dane Jiannoni (Porta) won by fall.

#### 170 lb. Austin Burkhardt (17-

- Champ. Round 2 Won by fall over Bobby Shaffer (El Paso Gridley).
- Quarterfinal Auston Miller (Clifton Central) won by decision.
- · Won by fall over Kyle Hamby (Seneca).
- · Won by fall over Erick
- Valdez-Cruz (Kankakee).
- tral) won by fall. • 5th Place Match – Won by decision over Hunter Hayes

(Wilmington).

#### STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY - IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BRAD A BROWN, Deceased Case No.: 2021-P-141

#### **CLAIMS NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of BRAD A BROWN who died on October 31st, 2021. At the time of his death, BRAD A BROWN was a resident of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 17th, 2021, to SHANNON M BROWN, Independent Executor, whose address is 4 Timber Ridge, Fairbury, IL 61739, and whose attorney is William J. Gerber, of the Law Office of William J. Gerber, LLC, 201 W. Oak St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

Claims may be filed on or before July 19th, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be filed in the office of the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Executor, or both. If filed with the Clerk, claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Executor and to its attorney and file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

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DATED: 1/12/2022 SHANNON M BROWN, Executor /s/ William J. Gerber

William J. Gerber, his attorney Prepared By: William J. Gerber Attorney at Law Law Office of William J. Gerber, LLC 210 West Oak Street Fairbury, IL 61739 Telephone: 815.692.2224 Facsimile: 815.692.8227 Email: will@Gerberlaw.net ARDC: 6303375

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY - PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

QUICKEN LOANS, LLC **PLAINTIFF** 

DANIEL CARPENTER A/K/A DANIEL L. CARPENTER; **DEFENDANT** 

2021CH18

Judge Robert M. Travers

Address: 109 E. Seminole Street Dwight, IL 60420

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2021, I, Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois, will on February 24, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL, 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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P.I.N.: 05-05-04-456-028

The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$136,903.67

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Call Kim Cox, LCSSU Preschool Screening Coordinator, at 815-842-5749 if you have any questions or need additional information.



THESE DTHS GRADUATES and band members have continued their musical adventures at their respective Universities. If you have a college student that is involved in extracurricular activities and/or excelling inside and outside of the classroom, contact The Paper at 815-584-1901 or thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net.

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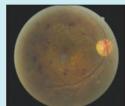
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• DECEMBER•

#### O'Brien Announces Candidacy for Illinois Supreme Court

Reddick native, and current Essex resident, Justice Mary Kay O'Brien has begun her campaign for the Illinois Supreme Court election November 8, 2022.

"Every part of my professional life I've always tried to make things as fair as possible," O'Brien stated.

#### **GSW Welcomes Two New Members to Its Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame**

The Gardner-South Wilmington Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Committee finalized the induction of its two newest members of the Hall of Fame: Mr. George Bexson and Mr. Richard

#### **Dwight Economic Alliance Has New Coordinator**

The Dwight Economic Alliance has announced Katie Rieck Folkers, a graduate of DTHS and the mother of three, has been hired as the new coordinator for their organization.

Katie is excited to begin work promoting Dwight, its busi-

nesses, and the small town quality of life enjoyed in Dwight, and invites everyone to go in, see the new office, and meet her.

#### **Investigations Open in Livingston County**

The Livingston County Police Department has opened three investigations including a gas station robbery in Odell, and the burglarizing of gambling machines in Cullom and Campus.

#### **GSW Spiritline Qualifies for State**

The GSW Spiritline hosted their 5th Annual IDTA regional Dance/Flag Competition Dec. 4, qualifying their pom routine for the IDTA State Contest, which will be held February 11-12 in Springfield at the Bank of Springfield Center.

#### **Behrends Arrested for Video Game Burglaries**

The Livingston County Sheriff's Department Detective Section conducted an operation to find the suspect in the breaking into of video game machines in Campus and Cullom, bringing Dustin Behrends, 24, of Cabery, into custody December 9.

#### Another 5,000 Copies

Dwight resident and DTHS graduate Keith Lackner's book,

"Woodturning with Resin" was published in April, and he thought he might sell 300 copies but he received an unexpected call in No-

"They called me a month ago and said, 'We sold the first run of 5,000 copies and we're going to do a reprint of 5,000 more copies," said Lackner.

#### **Joyce Accepts Award for Support of Agricultural Education in IL Schools**

Senate Agriculture Chair Patrick Joyce (D-Essex) received the Jim Gullinger Legislative Award from the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education December 10, for his support of agricultural education and FFA student programs.

#### Tom Vagasky Announces

**Livingston County Sheriff Candidacy** 

On December 20, Tom Vagasky officially announced his candidacy for nomination for Sheriff of Livingston County. He will be on the Republican ballot in the primary on June 28,



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Judge Robert M. Travers

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2021, I, Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois, will on February 24, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL, 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The position will be open until filled.

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Applicants must possess a high school diploma and successful candidates must be able to pass an extensive background check. Starting pay will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Interested professionals should submit a completed resume, cover letter and contact information by 4:30 p.m. January 21, 2022 to Village Administrator, Village of Dwight, 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420. Electronic submissions should be sent to:

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# DTHS Looks To Revive Gardner Football Coop / Heating Problems

by Mark Boma

Action at the Dwight High School Board of Education on Wednesday January 12 surrounded football and heat.

Athletic Director Cathy Ferguson brought to the Board her desire to revive the football coop with Gardner South Wilmington High School. The coop was dropped a few years ago when the IHSA was restructuring the conference format and a lower enrollment was considered to be the better option. Things have since changed at the IHSA and with participation decreasing, Ferguson proposed that the Board approve the idea of discussing options with GSW. She indicated she and her staff had investigated the possibility of going to an 8 man league, but at this time it was not feasible. The Board gave her the goahead to explore options.

Director of Maintenance Jack Connor was on hand to provide an update on the recent heating problems at the High School. Under low outside temperatures, the current heat pump system has not been performing correctly and some classrooms were not conducive to proper learning. Contractors have been on-site in an attempt to make appropriate repairs. The heating system has a history of problems and the Board discussed the potential of bidding out upgrades, repairs and a revamped system where necessary.

In old business the board voted to accept the resignation of Amy DeMarse as Class Sponsor effective June 1. They also voted to employ Marc Gamble and Tom Leonard as bus drivers, and Breanna Bartlett as Special Education Paraprofessional.

In unfinished business, the Board voted to increase the route pay of bus drivers. There is an ongoing problem with the ability to employ the proper

provide an update on the recent heating problems at the High School. Under low outside temperatures, the current heat pump system has not been performing correctly and some number of CDL drivers due to Covid related issues. It was felt a better wage package would help secure and keep drivers. Route fees would increase from \$40 to \$50.

Two new vans are being purchased by the District at an approximate cost of \$73,000. Additionally, a maintenance grant of \$100,000 still has not come through because of state paperwork delays.

The campus grounds were recently damaged. by a vehicle causing significant damage to the turf. The trespasser has been identified and the Dwight police are working on proper charges and appropriate restitution. Damage to school grounds could be considered a felony if warranted.

Board members in attendance were Tim Henson, Max Sulzberger, Kevin Berta, Joel Sandeno, Eric Scheuer, and Susan Legner. Absent was Paul Warner. The next board meeting will be February 9.

## Gardner Village Board Holds Jan. 10 Meeting

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session January 10, opening with discussion of train horns.

Mayor Mike Serena reported he spoke with Grundy County Clerk Kay Olson and the village could place a referendum on the ballot for the primary election. Serena further suggested the idea earlier discussed to hold a public meeting on the topic near the end of February.

The board reviewed and approved the 2022 meeting schedule. The schedule follows the second and fourth Monday

calendar with the exception of Main and Jackson. Serena Monday, December 26, being a holiday.

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Commissioner Erik Smith commented he received some comments concerning ice on the downtown parking lot. Mayor Serena noted the lot was already occupied with vehicles during the freezing rain but was cleared and salted the following morning.

In discussions regarding street repairs, Smith asked about the hole on the southwest corner of the intersection of Carbon Hill Rd. and the Union Pacific Railroad Crossing. Smith also noted Carbon Hill and IL-129 and the intersection

of Main and Jackson. Serena suggested paving areas between streets and sidewalks on intersections with improved alleys, and would like to develop a list as soon as possible to allow for bids before spring. Smith also suggested looking at areas requiring sidewalk repair in addition to the street repairs.

Mayor Serena reported the winners of the holiday decoration contest were: 1st Place – 707 S. Jackson; 2nd Place – 201 W. Mazon; and 3rd Place – 203 S. Jackson.

The 2022 Recycle Schedules are available at the Village Hall.

# Retirement Date Set for Jancek - - -

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Machesney Park or toward Richard's mom and dad in southern Illinois.

"I've probably got some opportunities to do some traveling," Jancek said. "Our boys are spread out all over the world. My oldest son is going to have all kinds of opportunities to travel either with John Deere or if he chooses to relocate. My middle son will be back in the states. His wife, Devhon, is getting out of the Navy in Nov. 2022 and she and Noah will stay with her family until Hayden gets done with his tour in Japan in March, 2023.

"Jarrett is assigned to Wyoming for the next 3½ years. His plan is to be a police officer. He is going to serve his country. He'll see where he is

then and see if the Air Force is going to be his career or jump out and become a police offi
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"That goes back to what do I do when I retire. Traveling to Japan to see my son, daughter in-law and grand baby is a little more of a challenge because of Covid-19 and traveling restrictions. It will be a lot easier to travel around the United States. We can always go out to Wyoming and Iowa this summer. We'll do a little bit of traveling and vacationing. Other than that, it's kind of wide open."

Although Richard and Keri are empty nesters when it comes to children, they still share their home with four Italian Greyhounds in Nugget, Tuxedo, Willow, and Doc.

The miniature Greyhounds

will keep Dr. J busy as he is wrapping up his last year at Dwight and helping the future superintendent, Josh DeLong, with a smooth transition to help both the junior high and high school remain successful.

"When I first came to Dwight, we were passing referendums for the grade school," Jancek said. "Over the first five or six years I was in Dwight, we were borrowing \$2 million to stay afloat and make payments - just to pay the bills at the grade school.

"I feel when my time is officially done, I will have left it better than I found it financially, physically, educational programming, and staffing. Financially both districts are very healthy and should have a bright future."



**NEGRAY**, FROM ODELL, was driving to SOCU around 1 p.m., Wednesday in Pontiac when he saw a bald eagle at the top of a tree. "I have no clue how anyone could not have seen it. I screamed to my wife, 'Oh my gosh, did you see that? It's a bald eagle!' I got so excited like a kid in a candy store. I rushed to the bank and went back where he was, hoping to see him again. And there he was! I stopped on Rt. 116 next to the Frontier Shop and took many pictures of this beautiful beast. I felt like I won the lottery. I don't recall ever seeing one in the wild, even more so in the City of Pontiac. Such a rare, beautiful sight!"

## No Holiday Hangover for Video Gaming

by Tom Tock

Video gambling in Dwight found \$666,823 being played in its 44 terminals during December of 2021. Yes, \$666,000. Make up your own

Statewide, 354 more terminals were in use at 7,841 locations.

tions. Forty-six of those locations were new in December. Dwight received \$8,996.

#### Dwight

Dec. Fu	ınds In	<b>Funds Out</b>	NTI*	<b>State</b>	<b>Dwight</b>
Aly Anne's	82,548	59,665	22,882	6,635	1,144
Cherry Red	l's 6,947	3,738	3,208	930	160
Lili Mae's	138,962	103,232	35,729	10,361	1,786
Love's	193,752	140,114	53,637	15,554	2,681
VFW	116,817	88,112	28,704	8,324	1,435
Vic. Lanes	37,255	28,512	8,742	2,535	437
Virbapa	9,124	7,758	1,365	395	68
Willy's	<u>81,418</u>	<u>55,757</u>	<u>25,660</u>	<u>7,441</u>	<u>1,283</u>
TOTAL:	\$666,823	486,892	179,930	52,179	8,996

#### Gardner

<u>Funds In</u>	Funds Out	NTI*	<u>State</u>	Gardner
976	494	481	139	24
37,683	27,506	10,176	<u>2,951</u>	<u>508</u>
\$38,659	28,000	10,658	3,090	532
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