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Recap of Gardner Village Board Meeting

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session January 24, with Dick Hileman serving as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Mike Serena.

Resident Don Phillips inquired on the status of the village pursuing a ballot referendum regarding the train horn issue. Mayor Pro Tem Hileman responded Mayor Serena was still pursuing a public forum on February 22 or 23 with notification to the County Clerk in February to have the item on the next ballot.

The board discussed the sewer and water plants and the use of ARPA funds received from the federal government. The village will receive approximately \$180,000 over two years. Hileman commented the funds will go toward pumping the solids from the sewer la-

pump pits one and two, after using a sludge pump to pump pit three into pit two. Hileman will propose \$90,000 for the lagoon project and the remaining funds to complete repairs on the water plant. Total cost of the water plant repairs are estimated near \$200,000. The board will need to vote on the use of the funds prior to their awarding. Hileman noted much of the piping in question was imported from China and is showing extensive corrosion. The preference is for American steel piping based on durability. Hileman estimates the full repairs to the water and sewer plant to cover five years.

Hileman reported one of the new sewer pumps ran dry for a brief period of time. Inspection of the pump indicates the pump is OK, however one of the in-

goons, at a cost of \$130,000, to pump pits one and two, after using a sludge pump to pump to be investigated.

Commissioner Tim Hill returned to a discussion of improving the village's internet presence. Hileman suggested resuming the conversation with the representative from prior discussions and have her meet with the clerks and prepare a presentation for the village board.

The board discussed options for property cleanup, noting the last case decided in court resulted in a \$250 fine for the property owner and the case was dismissed. Options discussed included pursuing a change of venue and requesting condemnation of the property. Legal fees to the village for the last round of cases totaled over \$4,000.



COACH JOE STEVENSON, above, retiring after 25 years of coaching.

One Last Postseason Joe Stevenson set to retire from coaching

by Brandon LaChance

There was supposed to be a surprise party.

Texts were sent out and a private Facebook page was created to invite past Dwight Common School boys basketball players and anyone who knows Joe Stevenson to attend the last regular-season home game for the eighth-grade boys basketball on Jan. 20 at Dwight High School.

However, Covid-19 canceled the game and the party was moved to Willy's Pub.

Either way, Stevenson felt all of the love and support from the community as he is retiring as the Redbird coach after 25 seasons.

"I knew something was up, but I didn't know it was so big," Stevenson said. "I didn't know they had a private page on Facebook. One kid came from Texas and other ballplayers came from out of state. It's amazing and makes you feel

"I'm sure tears are coming down the road. They say, 'If you're a good team, you win your last game.' That means, it's either a state championship or third place. I don't know if we'll get there, but we have a good shot. It's going to be a little sad, but I think it's time for a younger, more active coach to take over.

"I still love it and I always will. I love what I do and wouldn't change the last 25 years. But, I want to do other things, too. I'm a farmer, so the winter is my off-time, which worked well with basketball. It's time to move on, travel, and take vacations."

Stevenson, who graduated from Dwight High School in 1975, picked up his first clipboard as the Dwight sixth grade coach for the 1996-97 season.

After the end of his first



Dwight Common School 2018-2019 Final Four Team coached by Joe Stevenson.

campaign, he was asked to take on the eighth-grade squad for the 97-98 season. He jokes around about the poor sixthgrade team having to be coached by him twice as they had him again for eighth grade.

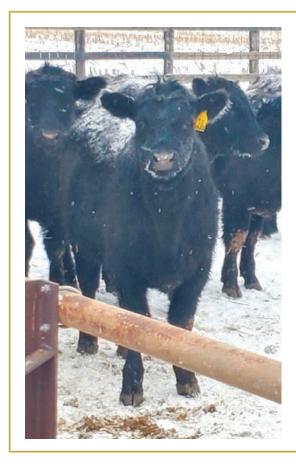
It must have worked out for that class and everyone following for 25 years as he has stayed on board and taken the Redbirds to an Elite Eight in 2007 and a Final Four in 2019.

"I've had a lot of really good teams. The best thing about what we have is we had a couple of coaches who started the Junior Trojans Program,"

Stevenson said. "They took the kids when they were in second, third, and fourth grade and that helped us out a lot. Eric Long, Mark Porter, and Jeremy Connor gave those kids a big jump start and they were good by the time they got to me.

"I just kind of took the cream of the crop and went with it. We've been very successful. They already knew the smaller stuff, so when they get to eighth grade we can work on other stuff to help them improve. It made my life a lot easier. Without that, I would have

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Name added to the hat

Ryan Bohm begins campaign for Livingston County Sheriff

by Brandon LaChance

When the petitions to run for office in Illinois were available on Jan. 13, Pontiac native and Cornell resident, Ryan Bohm, was ready to pick one up and get some signatures for a Livingston County Sheriff campaign.

After 19 years in law enforcement, all in Livingston County, Bohm feels becoming the next sheriff is in his career trajectory.

"I have been thinking about it for the bulk of my career. It's always been something that I thought, 'That's where I want to end up by the end of my career," said Bohm, who graduated from Pontiac High School in 1996 and has only lived outside of Livingston County for two months when he moved to Gridley. "The sheriff's term will end at the end of 2022. About a year ago, I went to our sheriff, Tony Childress, and asked what his plans were because I didn't know if he was going to run for another term. He said he was going to run again, but it was a long way away.

"I asked him if he would mind if I asked people what they thought about me running for sheriff and see if I could garnish enough support where



Ryan Bohm
I could make a sheriff out of it.
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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

January 21: David L. Clutts, 58, Channahon, driving 15-20 MPH above limit, expiration of registration, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Matthew R. Hays, 29, Bourbonnais, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

January 22: Jordan D. Brown, 21, Bourbonnais, driving 21-25 MPH above limit, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Julia M. Herrman, 20, Normal, driving 21-25 MPH above

January 23: German Alvarado, 31, Champaign, fail obey stop sign; Jr. J. Jackson, 41, Bradley, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Emma A. Katolick, 18, Peoria, operate uninsured motor vehicle, no valid regis./1st and 2nd.

January 26: Larry A. Ketcherside, Jr., 42, Herscher, fail obey stop sign; Skylar A. Simbeck, 18, Kankakee, operate uninsured motor vehcile.

January 27: Deanna N. Dingillo, 27, Wilmington, retail theft.

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

Speeding – 5; Fail To Obey

Stop Sign – 2; Over Time Park-

9 Written Warnings

Dwight Police Blotter

January 23: Arrested on an In-State Warrant was Sabrina Miles, 44, Dwight. She posted bond and was given a new court date.

January 26: A resident called Dwight Police to advise credit card fraud had been attempted in their name.

January 27: Dwight Police were called to the 400 block of E. Mazon for Retail Theft. Arrested was Deanna Dingillo, 27, of Wilmington. She was taken to Dwight PD and issued a citation and given a court

Lock Out – 5; Follow Up – 4; Return Call – 8; Medical Aid - 14; C O Detector Alarm – 1; Check Area – 1; Traffic Stop – 18; Out With Subject – 1; Unknown Problem - 2; Walk In - 7; Accident – 4; Burglar Alarm – 5; Battery - 2; Suspicious Subject - 1; Hit and Run - 1; Domestic Unknown – 1; Warrant Check - 1; Out Of Control nance Violation – 2; Suspicious Morris.

Activity -1. **Accident Reports**

Friday, January 21, 4:03 p.m., an accident was reported in the 100 block of E. Chippewa involving a Jeep Compass, driven by Adrian Mitsdarffer, Custer Park, which struck a parked Ford F150, owned by Paul Goley, Odell.

Sunday, January 23, 11:57 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at 411 W. James St. involving a Chevrolet Mal., owned by Sharon Price, which was struck by an unknown vehicle.

Wednesday, January 26, 9:04 p.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at 10 E. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2020 Wanc., driven by Scott Miller, Elsberry, MO, which ran over a light pole while attempting to turn.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 21: Mazon, medical, Morris; Union, medical, Riverside, mutual aid from Braidwood; 2700 North Rd., medical, Riverside; Mazon, medical, St. James; Watters, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Morris EMS; Mazon, medical, refusal.

January 22: South, medical, St. James; Prairie, citizens assist; Mazon, trauma, St. James; I-55, trauma.

January 23: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Oak (Odell), medical, mutual aid - Coal City; 2600 N. (Odell), medical, trauma, mutual aid - Gardner; Oak (Odell), medical.

January 24: Mazon, medical; Main, medical; Prospect, trauma, no patient; Prospect, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, refusal; South, medical; North, medical, Morris; Union, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Coal City.

January 25: 2900 North, medical, refusal; William, medical, refusal.

January 26: I-55, trauma, no patient contact; John, medical, Morris; Locust, medical; Main, medical, Morris; 3100, med-

January 27: Julie, medical, refusal; Rt. 47, trauma, refusal; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris, Subject – 1; Citizens Assist – 1; mutual aid from Riverside Her-Well Being – 3; Accident Un- scher: Mazon Ave., medical. known - 1; Threats - 1; Ordi-refusal; Mazon Ave., medical,

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Temps - 2022

Jan. 20 - high 17°, low 2° Jan. 21 – high 25°, low 3° Jan. 22 – high 33°, low 20°

trace snow Jan. 23 - high 21°, low 9° 1.5" snow

Jan. 24 - high 28°, low -1° Jan. 25 – high 10°, low -9° Jan. 26 - high 22°, low -9°

One Year Ago-Feb. 2, 2021 high 32°, low 23° 1" snow



Dwight Fire Incidents 1/21 - 1/28

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

January 21: Mutual Aid to Braidwood.

January 22: Mutual Aid to Elwood; Motor Vehicle Accident - I-55.

January 26: Motor Vehicle Accident - I-55.

January 27: Motor Vehicle Accident - Rt. 47; Natural Gas Leak - Morris Rd.

Dwight FPD also responded to 21 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Morris Woman Killed in Accident **Near Dwight**

Grundy County Coroner John Callahan's office, along with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department, is investigating a crash on Route 47, in front of 9450 IL 47, Dwight, that claimed the life of a Morris woman.

The incident occurred the morning of Thursday, January 27, around 9:00 a.m.

Coroner Callahan states preliminary findings indicate a semi-tractor trailer was traveling northbound on Rt. 47 when a vehicle exited a driveway. The semi was unable to stop, striking the vehicle in the driver's side.

Christine E. Baker, 61, of Morris, was pronounced dead at the scene at 10:00 a.m. January 27.

Dwight Fire/EMS assisted at the scene. The investigation continued with an examination January 28.

Secretary of State Departments, **Driver Services Facilities Reopen**

THE DWIGHT PINEWOOD DERBY was held on Saturday, January 20, 2012, at DGS. Pic-

tured, front, left to right are: Nathan Caseras, 3rd Tiger Scouts; Jace Gall, 1st Tiger Scouts;

Jack Duffy, 2nd Tiger Scouts. Second row, left to right are: Camden Beier, 3rd Bear Scouts;

Jarrett Jancek, 1st Bear Scouts; Jake Partney, 2nd Bear Scouts; Daniel Petree, 3rd Wolf Den

2 Scouts; Dillon Sarff, 1st Wolf Den 1 Scouts; Malaki Slaughter, 2nd Wolf Den 1 Scouts. Back

row, left to right are: Dominick Ramsey, 2nd Webelos Scouts and overall; Dylan Lee, 1st We-

belos Scouts and overall; Lucas Berger, 3rd Webelos Scouts and overall.

Illinois Secretary of State may now do so. Visit ilsos.gov Jesse White has announced that all Secretary of State departments have reopened for inperson transactions – including Driver Services facilities – as of January 24. All departments and Driver Services facilities had been closed since January 3 due to the surge of COVID-19 cases statewide.

It's History

February 2012

"The health and safety of employees and the public is our top priority," said White. "Masks and social distancing will be required as we safely reopen all offices and Driver

Services facilities." Customers who wish to schedule an appointment at one of the select Driver Services fa-

for a list of Driver Services facilities requiring appointments.

As a reminder, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates to March 31, 2022. Commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits were extended until January 31, 2022, and covers expiration dates between November 1, 2021, and January 31, 2022.

Online services remain available at ilsos.gov. Customers can:

• Renew a driver's license or ID card for those who qualify (individuals may call 217-785cilities requiring appointments 1424 to confirm their eligibility

or to obtain their PIN).

 Obtain a duplicate driver's license or ID card.

· Obtain a driver record ab-

• File Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports.

Three CDL facilities are currently open for in-person CDL services only. The CDL facilities are: Rockford at 4734 Baxter Rd., Springfield at 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy., and Marion at 1905 Rendelman St.

The U.S. Department of · Renew a license plate Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

For more information, visit

Child Pornography Investigation Arrest Made in LaSalle County

On January 25, LaSalle possession of child pornogra-County Sheriffs Investigators arrested Carl C. Coriell, 22, at his residence in Oglesby after a several-month investigation for Child Pornography.

phy files and that he disseminated these files to others on the internet.

Coriell will be charged for Possession and Dissemination the morning of January 26, Coriell was found to be in of Child Pornography, along

with a felony charge of Criminal Damage to State Supported Property from an incident in the jail upon intake.

Coriell went before a judge where a bond was set.

LaSalle County Man to Be Extradited From Florida On January 25, Tyrone S. rently be in Florida and passed

Combs, 32, was arrested by the US Marshals Regional Task Force in Cape Coral, Florida on an outstanding original charge for felony domestic battery out of LaSalle County.

Members of the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force from the LaSalle County Sheriff's Office found Combs to cur-

this information to the task force in this area to apprehend Combs, who has been wanted since 2017 on this charge and had fled the state after the incident occurred in the city of LaSalle. Combs will be extradited

back to LaSalle County where he will be held with no bond.

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Watch for Changes in RMDs

If you're a certain age, you'll need to withdraw money from some of your retirement accounts each year. But in 2022, the amount you must take out may be changing more than in other years - and that could affect your retirement income

Here's some background: Once you turn 72, you generally must start taking withdrawals, called required minimum distributions, or RMDs, from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. Each year, your RMDs are determined by your age and account balances. This year, the life expectancy tables used by the IRS are being updated to reflect longer lifespans. This may result in lower annual RMDs than you'd have to take if this adjustment hadn't been made.

If you've started taking RMDs, what does this change mean to you? It can be a positive development, for a few rea-

 Potentially lower taxes – Your RMDs are generally taxable at your personal income tax rate, so the lower your RMDs, the lower your tax bill might be. Possibly longer "lifespan" for retirement accounts - Because your RMDs will be lower, the accounts from which they're

issued – including your traditional IRA and 401(k) – may be able to last longer without becoming depleted. The longer these accounts can stay intact and remain an asset, the better for you. More flexibility in planning for retirement income - The word "required" in the phrase "required minimum distributions'

means exactly what it sounds like – you must take at least that amount. If you withdraw less than your RMD, the amount not withdrawn will be taxed at 50%. So, in one sense, your RMDs take away some of your freedom in managing your retirement income. But now, with the lower RMDs in place, you may regain some of this flexibility. (And keep in mind that you're always free to withdraw more than the RMDs.) Of course, if you don't really need all the money from RMDs, even the lower amount may be an issue for you – as

mentioned above, RMDs are generally taxable. However, if you're 70½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from a traditional IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization, and some, or perhaps all, of this money may come from your RMDs. By making this move, you can exclude the RMDs from your taxable income. Before taking this action, though, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor.

can generally keep your Roth IRA intact for as long as you want. However, your Roth 401(k) is generally subject to RMDs. If you're still working past 72, though, you may be able to avoid taking RMDs from your current employer's 401(k) or similar plan, though you'll still have to take them from your traditional IRA. Changes to the RMD rules don't happen too often. By being aware of how these new, lower RMDs can benefit you,

Here are a couple of final points to keep in mind. First, not all your retirement accounts are subject to RMDs - you

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and becoming familiar with all aspects of RMDs, you may be able to strengthen your overall retirement income situa-

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LCHD Cautions Use of Privately-Owned Testing Sites

Health Department (LCHD) is advising that several privatelyowned COVID testing sites are being established in and around Livingston County. The LCHD is not authorized to permit or restrict these businesses, nor is the health department allowed to provide any level of surveillance or oversight for these entities. There are no COVID-19 testing sites affiliated with the LCHD operating at this time.

Laboratories that partner with privately-owned testing sites are regulated by Federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) and Illinois Department of Public Health CLIA and can be investigated by these federal and state agencies. However, privately-owned testing sites themselves may not have any oversight by IDPH. Proceed at 19/testing.

The Livingston County your own risk when choosing to be tested at a privatelyowned testing site. The LCHD cannot respond to any complaints regarding COVID-19

To file a complaint regarding deficiencies such as missing results, or other serious service-related complaints, call the CLIA hotline at 1-800-252-

be fraudulent business practices or other criminal activity at a testing site, they should contact the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Protect Division hotline at 1-800-386-

supported testing sites can be

Illinois Sheriffs' Association Announces Scholarship Opportunity

in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois 2022-2023 academic year. The to tuition, books, and fees only. online learning is acceptable).

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ciation has announced that it will be awarding over \$58,000 to students wishing to pursue higher education during the scholarships are to be applied The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois (full-time

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learning within the State of Illi-

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Applications are now available at the Livingston County Sheriff's Office or on the Illinois Sheriffs' Association website at ilsheriff.org/youth-2/. Students must complete the application, answer the essay question, and return all documentation by March 15, 2022, (must be postmarked by this date) to:

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Contact the Livingston County Sheriff's Office at 815-844-2774 for additional information.

Valentine Drive for Seniors

nursing homes and assisted liv-Valentines for Seniors program.

Senator Barickman is asking students from public and private schools, church groups, made cards that will be delivered to assisted living centers, nursing homes, and long-term tines for Seniors" program.

For many seniors living in care facilities across the state.

Cards, poems, and other ing facilities, the ongoing pan- well-wishes will be collected demic has been an unusually between now and Monday, lonely time. State Senator Feb. 7, at Senator Barickman's Jason Barickman (R-Bloom- office, located at 3004 G.E. ington) is hoping to brighten Road, Suite 1B, Bloomington, the Valentine season for many II. Cards can be placed in the of these residents through his Valentines box located inside the office door, or in a small mailbox outside of the office during off-hours. Cards can also be mailed.

In 2021, members of the scouting organizations and Illinois Senate Republican other groups to create home- Caucus collected and delivered more than 45,000 Valentines through the statewide "Valen-



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In TOWN, bus drivers MUST:

• ACTIVATE THEIR AMBER SIGNAL LAMPS not less than 100 feet before a stop.

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• ACTIVATE THEIR AMBER SIGNAL LAMPS not less than 200 feet before a stop.

Drivers will then STOP and ACTIVATE THE STOP ARM AND RED FLASHING LIGHTS.

- This warning tells drivers approaching from either direction they must stop.
- Most vehicles approaching the bus do stop, but not all.

Dwight Public School buses were just equipped with new cameras to help identify those few drivers who fail to stop. Angie Goley, Director of Transportation for Dwight Public Schools, feels it is vital to educate the public regarding this law. The new cameras are great tools for enforcement, but Goley hopes education will provide the best results.

The Illinois statute (625 ILCS 5/11-1414) Approaching, overtaking, and passing school bus; comes with some hefty consequences. The Secretary of State shall suspend for a period of three months the driving privileges of any person convicted of this violation. A second violation occurring within five years would result in a suspension of one year. A mandatory fine of \$300 would also apply.

The statute also includes potential consequences for the registered owner of the violating vehicle. "The owner of any vehicle alleged to have violated

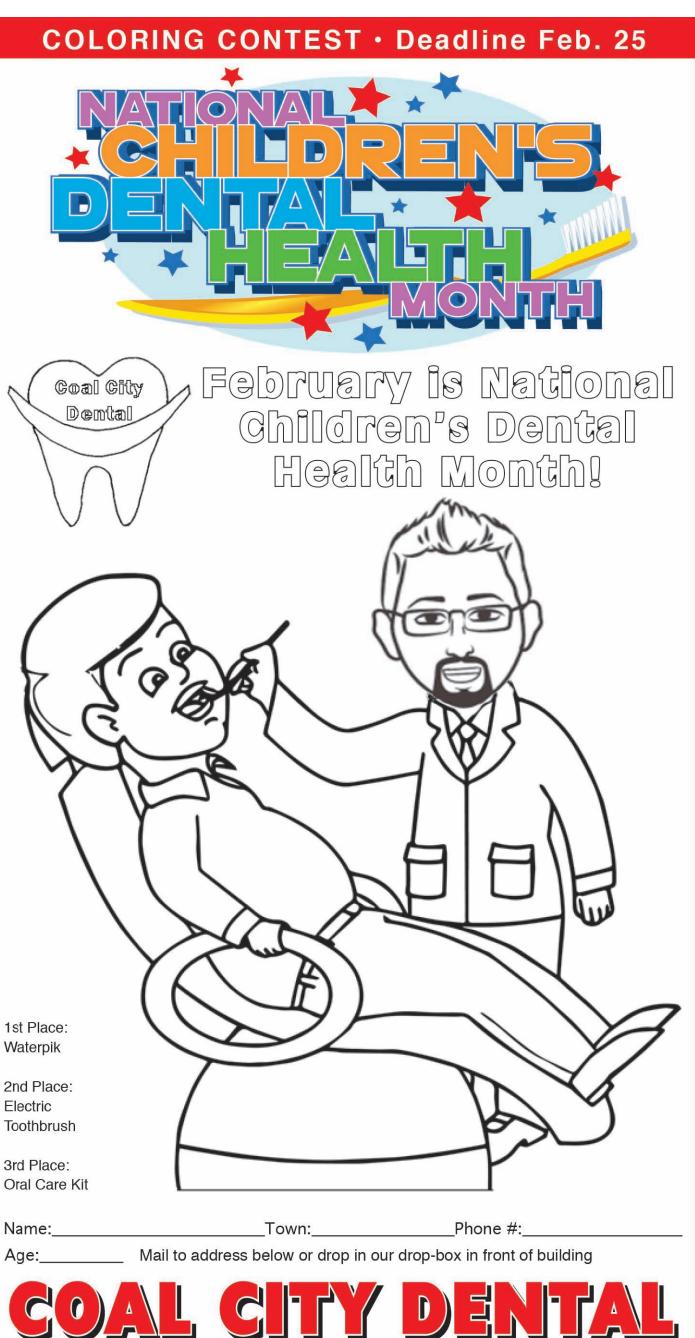
this section shall, upon appropriate demand by the State's Attorney or other designated person acting in response to a signed complaint, provide a written statement or deposition identifying the operator of the vehicle if such operator was not the owner at the time of the alleged violation. Failure to supply such information shall result in the suspension of the vehicle registration of the vehicle for a period of three months.'

The legal ramifications of this violation are serious, but

not as serious as the damage caused if someone were to hurt one of the children. It is highly recommended when you see the amber lights flashing on a bus that you slow down and prepare to stop. Don't speed up in hopes to beat the bus.

Help to keep the children safe by doing your part in educating all drivers in your household.

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Godley Park District, located at 500 S. Kankakee St. in Godley, will host the following upcoming events:

Godley Resident Luncheon

Adults 21+ from the village of Godley can join for a complimentary luncheon Thursday, February 17. BINGO starts at 10:00 a.m., with lunch being served at noon.

Register by Friday, February 11.

Circle Jam

Do you play a musical instrument and want to join other musicians for a jam session? Give Circle Jam a try. This **free** program for all ages will be held at the Rec Hall (next to the water tower) Saturdays, February 12 and March 12, from 5:00-8:30 p.m.

Sweeties Dance

The annual Sweeties Dance for kids in grades first through eighth is always an exciting evening, and will be held Saturday, February 12, from 6:30-

What's Going On at **Godley Park District**

Kids can dance the night away, win prizes, socialize, and have a great time.

A fee applies per child (paid at door) and concessions will be available.

For security purposes, a parent or guardian must go into the Community Center after the dance to pick up child/children.

Lunch Out & About

Join the laughter and fun as they venture to different area restaurants, with Honest Abe's (Morris) being the destination Wednesday, February 23.

A fee applies for transportation (lunch is on your own). All trips depart at 10:30 a.m.

Register/pay by Wednesday, February 16.

Taco Bout BINGO

Family BINGO and taco night is back Friday, February 18, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join for a night of family fun and tasty food. Enjoy tacos as you play BINGO games for prizes (no cash prizes). They ommended.

will play traditional and kidfriendly BINGO games.

A fee applies, which includes tacos, drinks, and prizes. Children ages five to 12 receive a discount.

Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins. Must register by Monday, February 14.

Seniors ALIVE!

Those 55+ are invited to join for a morning of BINGO and lunch Tuesday, March 1, with BINGO starting at 10:30

A fee applies. Register/pay by Monday, February 21.

Wee Winter Carnival

Join for some carnival fun for the little ones (ages two to five – must be accompanied by adult) Friday, February 25, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

There will be inflatables, carnival games, prizes, hot dogs, popcorn, and much more.

A fee applies per child through February 24, with the price increasing at the door. Pre-registration is strongly rec-

Mazon-Verona Kinsman ESD 2C Kindergarten Pre-Registration Feb. 17-24

MVK District 2C will be School District to be eligible to registration card with your holding kindergarten pre-registration Thursday, February 17, through Thursday, February 24, between the updated hours of **3:15 p.m.** and **4:00 p.m.** in the Elementary School office.

Your child must be fiveyears old on or before Septemattend for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mazon-Verona-Kinsman any utility bill or your voter

name and your correct physical address on it.

Physical, dental and vision forms will be available.

If you are unable to enroll your child at this time, call the Elementary School office at 448-2471 to make other arrangements.

South Wilmington Grade School Third Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Bella Dinelli, Roman Faletti, Madeline

Seventh Grade: Carmela D'Amico, Landyn Phillips. Sixth Grade: Cara Boudreau, Lily Buck.

Fifth Grade: Lyla Cacello.

Lily Eddy, Leah Olson, Grady Phillips.

Fourth Grade: Kash Kerner, Maelyssa Lawless, Keaton Phillips, Sophie Popplewell.

Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Gavin Bafia, Brock Enerson.

Sixth Grade: Marissa Bafia, Carson Lawless, Evan Simms. Fifth Grade: Ellie Marquez, Ty Tjelle.

The Chipper Experience in Pontiac February 18

Award-winning comedian and magician Chipper Lowell has been described as an "artistic cyclone of talent and comedy".

Coming to the Pontiac Township High School Auditorium Friday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m., The Chipper Experience is a one-man show where comedy and magic collide. This performance is part of the 2021/2022 season of the Livingston County Concert Association (LCCA).

As a boy, Chipper was literally born and raised on traveling circuses and large-scale arena shows with his show business parents. His father was a professional clown with the Ringling Bros. and his mother performed as an aerialist working high above the crowds. By age 17, he was creating his own shows and con-



way. His improv training came from the critically acclaimed Groundlings Theater in Los Angeles. This led to working the comedy club circuit for

seven years. For over 20 years, Chipper has been bringing his infectiously amusing mayhem to audiences around the world at juring magic routines along the performing arts centers, cruise

ships, casino showrooms, and corporate events. Chipper provides original magic, attempts pointless juggling stunts, and pulls a seemingly endless barrage of unusual gadgets from his prop trunk, during an evening full of high energy laughs and amazement.

Rod Patterson, President of the LCCA, wants to take this opportunity to apologize to anyone who missed their recent concert due to the error on the printed flyer. Anyone that missed that concert may obtain a free "guest ticket" for use at upcoming concerts when they attend the February 18 concert.

Individual tickets for this performance will be available for purchase at the door. Ticket/membership information is available by calling Ruth Schlosser at 815-844-6394. High School students from the area may also attend free by showing their student ID.

Braceville Elementary School Second Quarter Honor Roll

High Honors

Fifth Grade: Gabriela Gil Montano, Brody Grimes, Mason Jordan, Robert Pardon, Rylin Wright-Salmon.

Sixth Grade: Blake Brassard. Seventh Grade: Kaden Cavaness, Abby Galass, Christopher Ozee.

Eighth Grade: Britney Fatlan, Gabriella Harvey.

First Honors Grade: Kylan Co-

labuono, Betzaida Gomez, Angel Herrera, John Johnson, Jr., Dalton Quesada, Alexis Runty-Pierce, Colton Unland, RyLynn Warren. Sixth Grade: Angel Kucera,

Wyatt McNally, Lacey Rodriguez, Morgan Stockman, Abigail Watts.

Seventh Grade: Isabella Attaway, Tyler Galass, Holden Grimes, Eythyn Rossi, Jayde Eighth Grade: Javian Sierra.

Eighth Grade: Kylee Lindner, Cheyann Wampler.

Second Honors

Fifth Grade: Haley Burch, McKenna Fry, Jayden Gomez, Kinzie Molle.

Sixth Grade: Ryan Reed, Steven Woodworth III.

Seventh Grade: Yandel Gomez.

Mazon-Verona-Kinsman

High Honors

(All A's)

Cody Clennon, Madison De-Grush, Rionah Denato, Jaxson Finch, Tessa Krull, Lilly Pfeifer, Izzy Salinas, Lauren

can be found onliine at thepaper1901.com Thursday.

Middle School Honor Roll Linder, Ethan Othon, Avery

Eighth Grade: Lexie Buis,

Answers to this week's puzzle

Seventh Grade: Rayce Aukland, Aiden Basaraba, Audrey Claypool, Vivienne Cronkrite, Pierce Gilbertson, Ethan Hasselbring, Daniel Isham, Kendall Jones, Zach Naines, Hayden Pfeifer, Brant Roe, Tori Skelton, Gracie Smith, Payton Turner, Aurora Weber. Sixth Grade: Breckin Ander-

son, Colton Baudino, Mark Brookman, Bailey Kruger, Brooklyn Sheedy, Tucker Yard. Fifth Grade: Elina Akre, Blake Claypool, Lorenzo DeOlivieira, Liam Jones, Marlie Lissy, Maggie Pfeifer, Braden Skelton, Kendall Slattery, Ben- Wardlow, Leah Willis.

Eighth Grade: MaryLou Acosta, Max Baker, Michael Breisch, Drew Clark, Wyatt Coop, Vincent Corrado, Chloey Coyne, Devon Daemicke, Clinton Darling, Evan Eplin, Jay-

Phillips, Landyn Ramsey, Brady Sheedy, Cameron Shriey, Ruthie Steffes, Mason Seventh Grade: Joey Arnold,

Dane Ferrara, Kaylee Klinker, Tyler Maretta, Sarai Orozco, Aaron Phillips, Jennifer Ramirez, Max Sproull, Wyatt

Sixth Grade: Vivianna Barrera, Isac Garcia, Brynlee Hunt, Addison Kilmer, Marissa Marcellis, Hunter Milton, Cooper O'Donovan, Hailie Power, Alex Spear, Morgan Starwalt, Ximena Valenciano, Kaydynce

strom, Jaxon Baudino, Kennedi Bleifield, Jordyn Both, Abby Brockman, Hayden Colon, Aiden Davis, Noah Grant, Sebastian Hoyt, Humphrey, Cade Krull, Keigan Leach, Lily Paputsa, Emberlyn Paquette, Macayla Petro, Addison Phillips, Lesli Pichardo, Jacob Pierce, Karla Riddle, Gia

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City/Village	January 31	January 24
Dwight	\$3.45	\$3.43
Kankakee	\$3.45	\$3.42
Streator	\$3.37	\$3.41
Pontiac	\$3.03	\$3.07
Gardner	\$3.45	\$3.34
Braceville	\$3.47	\$3.37
Morris	\$3.47	\$3.41
Herscher	\$3.49	\$3.35
Chicago	\$3.63	\$3.57
Illinois	\$3.51	\$3.45
U.S.	\$3.37	\$3.33

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

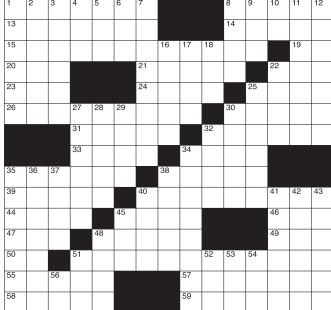
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This Week's Crossword brought to you by **Prairie Creek Public Library**



CLUES ACROSS

- de Mornay, actress
- 8. Surrenders
- 13. Omission
- 14. The white poplar 15. They become butterflies
- 19. Used to chop
- 20. Select 21. Volcanic craters 22. Consumer price index
- 23. Utilize 24. "True Blood" actress Paquin
- 25. Got up
- 26. Sank in 30. Retail
- 31. Giants
- 32. Most bald 33. Changes color

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Get back 2. Pass or go by
- 3. Having a sharp taste
- 4. Midway between east and southeast
- 5. Cairo Regional Airport 6. Peace officer
- 7. Brings to life 8. Automotive vehicles 9. One point south of due east
- 10. Football position 11. Goes by 12. Most attractive
- 16. Road divisions
- 17. Not the sea
- 18. Small, faint constellation 22. Cabbage
- 25. Least frequent

28. A country in NE Africa

27. Change slightly

- 34. Unit of loudness
- 35. Undresses
- 38. Fathers 39. Learned skill
- 40. Remove qualification
- 44. Covered with frost 45. Speak up
- 46. Nowhere to be found 47. Part of surgery (abbr.)
- 48. Type of wrap
- 49. Church seating 50. Mathematical figure
- 51. College football conference 55. Turkish officer title 57. Organized body of knowledge
- 58. Smooth and glossy 59. Left
- 29. Metric units of measure 30. More coherent
- 32. Make uninteresting 34. Nausea 35. Institution of Oceanography
- 36. Of little value 37. Hindu model of the ideal man

43. Opened one's mouth widely

- 38. Biblical exclamation 40. You throw it at a board
- 41. Be about to happen 42. Brutal
- 45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet 48. Saturate
- 51. The woman 52. Someone who is highly skilled
- 53. A way to launch an attack on 54. Where golfers begin 56. Atomic number 58

ing, Ameliah Weber.

Honor Roll (A's and B's)

den Hesik, Kyler Krull, Rowan

jamin Theobald, Jacob Warn- Fifth Grade: Jolene Arm-

Odell Grade School Second Quarter Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance

(Straight A's) Fifth Grade: Addison Gall. Eighth Grade: Mariah Wal-

Perfect Honors

High Honors (3.5-4.0 GPA) Fifth Grade: Haddie Fearman, Michaela Sandoval,

Gavin Vejvoda, Reagan Voss,

Izabella Woods. Sixth Grade: Xadyn Aull, Isaac Caudle, Nadia Davis, Anna Gall, Miley Rexroad. Seventh Grade: Madalynn Causer, Abigail Gall, Kylie

Hall, Taylor Henson, Liliana

Joyner, Payton Mercer, Casey

Vejvoda. Grade: Kynlee Eighth Brandt, Tyler Drechsel, Madison Franklin, Addison Hall, Zackary Legner, Max Reichardt, Lainey Rexroad, Dane Riley, Sophie Riley.

Honors (3.0-3.5 GPA)

Fifth Grade: Shawn Cassell, Tinley Henson, Rozilyn Krause, Faith Reimer, Brooklin Trainor. Sixth Grade: Lily Folkers,

Raymond Kokoska, Hailey LaVarier. Grade: Nevaeh Sydney Short. Eighth Grade: Ashlyn Hanson, Cody Knight, Mackenzie Makemson, Bryce Wildman.

Billings, Emma Bolen, Emily

LaVarier, Gabriel Reimer,

Perfect Attendance Preschool: Lucas Carter. Kindergarten: Paisley Kim-

mell, Regan Russell, Kiaja

Wilhoyt. First Grade: Xoey Aull, Connor Patchett, Cole Slagel. Second **Grade:** Ayla Bunting, Hayden Kimmell, Hayden Mercer, Eva Patchett, Parker Wildman, Laila Wilhoyt.

Third Grade: Isabella Garza, Isabel Holzhauer, Ezri Monroe, Lily Muir, Joslin Payton, Rylan Rambo, Tristan Slagel. Fourth Grade: Trinity Aull, Cole Bradbury, Emma Mercer, Riley Russell.

Sixth **Grade:** Hailey LaVarier, Noah Likes, Miley Rexroad.

Seventh **Grade:** Emily LaVarier, Payton Mercer, Sydney Short. Eighth Grade: Ashlyn Han-

son, Dane Riley, Sophie Riley, Mariah Wallis, Bryce Wildman.

Seventh

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Seventh **Grade:** Brooks, Tessa Rankovich.

Fourth Grade: Rylan Colclasure, Bo Maxard, Nicole Peters, Ryder Vaughn.

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen J. Boulch

Kathleen J. Boulch, 82, of Odell, Illinois and formerly of Oswego, Illinois, passed away January 20, 2022 at OSF St. Joseph's in Bloomington, Illinois with her daughters by her side, as a result of too much damage due to C

much damage due to Covid 19. She was born in Chicago, Illinois to Joyce and Fred Rath (both deceased).

Kathleen had many talents – crafting, sewing, quilting, baking and cooking. She retired from Westell in Oswego several years ago.

Kathleen is survived by her daughters, Beverly (Russ O Connor) Casey of Oswego, Illinois and Pamela (Don) Gurdak of Odell, Illinois; grandchildren: Joshua (Sarah) Casey of Streator; Brittany Casey of Pontiac, Illinois; Nathanial Gurdak of Odell; Jordan Casey

of Oswego; greatgrandchildren: Damien, Samuel and Annabelle of Pontiac; Dakota and Truitt of Streator; and Athena of Oswego; a special niece, Lee Lyn Jerde of Ottawa; and her three fur babies:

Spooky, Nellie and Buttercup.
Also surviving are her brothers: David Rath of La Crosse, Larry Kessler of McHenry, and Michael Kessler

of Bristol.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey Casey; brother, Daniel Kessler; and the father of her children, Perry

Kathleen's wishes were for no services.

Memorials may be sent to United Church of Odell, 109 N. Main Street, Odell, Illinois 60460.

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

The Paper email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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:

THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, LOT 10 AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT 9, ALL IN BLOCK 10 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS: 109 E. Seminole Street, Dwight, IL 60420

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

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 21 8477.

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Lois J. Ely

DWIGHT – Lois J. Ely, 91, of Dwight, Illinois passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 at Accolade Healthcare in Pontiac, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded.
A graveside serv-

ice will be held at a later date. Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, Illinois is in charge of the arrangements.

Lois was born August 31, 1930 in Morris, Illinois, the daughter of Charles and Lena (Laase) Ely Sr.

She is survived by five nieces and nephews: Bruce (Ann) Konzelman of Glen Ellyn; Phyllis (Lewis) Koranda of Morton; Bill (Donna) Skonetski of Pontiac; Donna Olsen of Dixon; and Judy (Burl) Townsend of Dwight; many great nieces and nephews; and many great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents; five sisters, Elizabeth Konzelman, Helen Bolte, Lor-

raine Ely, Marge Ingram, and Barbara Legner; and two brothers, William Ely and Charles Ely Jr.

Lois graduated from Dwight Township High School. She was an accountant and book-

keeper who retired from Rodosky Accounting in Dwight. She was a longtime member

of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, where she enjoyed serving as a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of several groups at the Congregational Church.

She loved her family and enjoyed spending time at various family sporting events and school activities. She will be greatly missed.

Memorials may be made in Lois' name to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Dwight.

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

Jeffrey W. Patten

Jeffrey W. Patten, age 60, of Dwight passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 at his home in Dwight, Illinois.

Visitation was held from 1 p.m. until the time of services Friday, January 28, 2022 at Hager Memorial Home.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. that same day, also at the memorial home. Burial followed in McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight. Memorials in honor of Jef-

frey may be made to McDowell Cemetery or the charity of the donor's choice.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Jeffrey was born July 20, 1961 in Pontiac, Illinois, the



son of James W. and Janice A. (Badders) Patten. His mother passed away April 22, 1994. His father, James, survives with his wife, Joyce E. Patten, in Dwight.

Also surviving are brother, James A. "Jay" Patten of Dwight; sister,

Cheryl (Larry) Grosenbach of Granville, Illinois; many aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother, and grandparents, D.R. and Ella Badders and Irwin and Gladys Patten.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Christ in Dwight. Jeffrey was mechanically inclined and loved to tinker in his garage.

Condolences may be left at www.calvertmemorial.com

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

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

We welcome your thoughts.

Ivan P. Hartsey Jr.

Ivan P. Hartsey Jr., age 67, of Dwight passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 at his home in Dwight, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded.
Burial will be held

at a later date in Round Grove Cemetery, rural Campus.

Memorials in honor of Ivan may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrange-

Ivan was born March 24, 1954 in Effingham, Illinois, the son of Ivan P. and Betty (Harrington) Hartsey Sr. He married Nola Mateska on March 25, 1994 in Galena, Illinois. She passed away May 16, 2018.

His mother survives in Louisville, Illinois. His father passed away March 11, 1965.

Also surviving are Nola's children: Dawn (Joe) Boitnott of Pontiac; Regina (Ron) Ross of Pontiac, Illinois; Jack (Sheila Doran) Gregory Jr. of

Dwight; and Brandon (Bridget) Stych of Dwight; sister, Sandy Byers of Flora, Illinois; brother, Steve (Linda) Hartsey of Louisville, Illinois; grandchildren: Kelly,

Jessica, Tim, Tanner,

and Madison; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, wife, brother-inlaw Randy Byers; and grandson, Michael Pokarney.

Ivan graduated North Clay High School in Louisville, Illinois. He served his country in the United States Air Force for seven years, attaining the rank of Sergeant. After his military service, he was an over-theroad truck driver until his retirement.

He was a member of the Dwight American Legion and the Dwight VFW. He served on the Dwight Honor Guard for many years. He enjoyed watching Nascar, fishing and taking care of his dogs.

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Barbara Kay McClelland

Barbara Kay Mc-Clelland, age 63, of Campus passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at her home in Campus, Illinois.

Visitation will be

held from 10 a.m. until the time of services on Friday, February 4, 2022 at Hager Memorial

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. that same day, also at the memorial home.

According to Barbara's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials in honor of Bar-

of the donor's choice.

Hager Memorial Home in

Dwight is in charge of arrange-

bara may be made to a charity

ments.
Barbara was born October 9, 1958 in Pontiac, Illinois, the daughter of Richard E. and

mother survives in Aurora, Illinois. Also surviving are children: Bar-

bara L. Hand of Wilmington, Illinois; Rachel (Matt) Colby of Flanagan; sister and brothers: Kathy (George) Persak of Essex, Illinois; Rick Lee of

Florida; Raymond Lee of Aurora; grandchildren: Zander, Lorelai.

She was preceded in death

by her father, and grandmother, Ethel Lee, formerly of Reddick.

She enjoyed making homemade cards for friends and family. She also enjoyed sewing, tending to her flowers, and making arts and crafts. She will be remembered by her loved ones for always being loving and helpful.

daughter of Richard E. and Condolences may be left at www.calvertmemorial.com



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

ESTATE OF:

IDA R. HAACKE Deceased No. 2022-PR-8

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Ida R. Haacke. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022 to Roger W. Haacke, 9470 S. Kodat Rd., Dwight, IL 60420 as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Alan M. Schrock, Blakeman & Schrock, Ltd., 307 West Washington Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by e-filing a Petition to Terminate with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, pursuant to instructions found on the Circuit Clerk's website.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed with the Court on or before the 31st day of August, 2022 or by mailing or delivery of a notice to the Independent Executor as required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-1) by the date stated in this Notice. Any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Claims may be e-filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Livingston County Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Executor or to the attorney for the estate, or both. If e-filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Executor and to the attorney for the estate and e-file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2022.

Roger W. Haacke, Independent Executor of the Estate of Ida R. Haacke, Deceased

Alan M. Schrock BLAKEMAN & SCHROCK, LTD. Attorney for Estate 307 West Washington Pontiac, IL 61764 Telephone: 815-844-6177 ARDC#6180398 Fax: (815)-842-3288 bonnie@sbsltd.com

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

OBITUARIES

Lawrence D. 'Larry' Salzburg

Lawrence "Larry" Salzburg, age 63, of Dwight passed Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at his home in Dwight, Illinois.

On Saturday, February 5, 2022 in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight, Illinois, a

visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of services. A Memorial Mass will be

held at 11 a.m. that same day, also in the Church.

Burial will follow the services in McDowell Cemetery.

According to Larry's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials in honor of Larry may be made to the American Heart Association and the Livingston County Humane Society.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Larry was born April 7, 1958 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Donald A. and Geraldine (Broza) Salzburg.

He is survived by wife, Betty Salzburg; mother, Geraldine Salzburg; brothers: Eric

Steven Salzburg, (Lisa) Salzburg, and Donald Salzburg; sister, Suzanne Stadel; nieces: Hannah (Jordan) Wind, Stephanie Salzburg, Kate Stadel, and Jillian Stadel. He had a spe-

cial place in his heart for his five step-sons.

He was preceded in death by his father; first wife, Patricia Jenkins-Buck; his fiance, Rebecca Lane-Telford; and brother - in - law, Jeff Stadel.

Larry was a skilled craftsman working for Heat and Frost Insulators Local 17 for 37 years until his retirement in 2013. He was born and raised Catholic, believed in God, and he tried to live his life as a good Christian. He was a loving son, brother, husband and friend.

Larry enjoyed camping, cooking, and baking. He also enjoyed his annual Polar Bear Camp Out with his good friends and brothers. He was an avid animal lover and if you needed his help, he was always

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Carol Ann Coulter

Carol Ann Coulter, age 75, of Dwight passed away Thursday, January 27, 2022 at her home in Dwight, Illinois.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at Hager Memorial Home.

Additional visitation will be held one hour preceding the services on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. that same day, Wednesday, at the Memorial

The family requests masks be worn if attending the visitation or services.

According to Carol's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials in honor of Carol may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society or the Dwight Township High School Drama Depart-

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Carol was born July 9, 1946 in Peru, Illinois, the daughter of Walter and Pearl (Baker)

She is survived by her sister,



She graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School, class of 1964. She then attended ISU in Bloomington, Illinois, where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 1968. Then she returned to ISU to gain her Masters degree in 1977. She taught at Dixon High School briefly before moving to teach in Dwight, Illinois. She was a teacher in Dwight for 34 years until she

She was a member of Livingston County Retired Teachers, longtime member of the Goodman Theater and the Art Institute, lifetime member of the NEA National Education Association.

retired in 2004.

Carol loved to garden, play cards, read, travel, attend the theater and shopping. She will be remembered as a favorite of many of her students and beloved to all who knew her.

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Darlene M. Biniak

Darlene "Doll" Biniak, age 85, of Coal City, Illinois (Central City) and formerly of Chicago, died Saturday afternoon, January 22, 2022 at Rock Run Place in Joliet, Illinois.

Born April 5, 1936 in Chicago, Darlene was a daughter of Edward and Margaret (Vraney) Vesley. She was raised and educated in Chicago, and on October 1, 1955, Darlene married John "Beans" Biniak in Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Chicago.

She was a dedicated homemaker and wonderful seamstress. Following Beans' retirement, together, Doll and Beans made their new home in Central City. She was an active member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church in Coal City, and in recent years became involved with The Marthas.

She and Beans were original members of the Wilmington Recreation Club, and the family served on the board of directors for many years. Darlene loved to snowmobile, as well as fish, and her love of fishing was evident throughout her entire married life beginning with her honeymoon in Canada, to planning countless fishing trips over decades with family and friends.

She loved to cook, and in recent years took great pride in sharing her recipes and skills in the kitchen with her grandchil-

Darlene was a dedicated wife, loving mom and devoted grandma who will be remembered for always having the ability to make people laugh. Her legacy will forever live on in those who knew and loved

Survivors include two sons,

Edward

Biniak and Daniel (Cheryl) Biniak; nine grandchildren: Kristin (Bryan) Barrett, Alicia Bare, Ryan (Kelly) Matthew Biniak, (Kacie) Biniak, Jessica Biniak, Jamie (Jay) Jaskiewicz, Joe

(Kerry)

Biniak, Michael Biniak, Adam Biniak; and six great-grandchildren: Luke, Erin, Evan, Emma, Hannah and Hailey.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; husband John (2015); son, Raymond Biniak (2008); daughter, Cheryl Bare (2016); and one brother, Wayne Vesely.

The family received friends for a visitation at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City, on Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services followed Friday morning, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. in Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Coal City. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Jason Stone, assisted by Deacon William Dunn.

Burial: Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, where Darlene was laid to rest with her late husband, John. Serving as pall-Biniak. bearers: Ryan Matthew Biniak, Joe Biniak, Michael Biniak, Adam Biniak, and Jav Jaskiewicz.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Darlene's memory to Lightways Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, Illinois 60431.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guestbook, upload photographs, and share Darlene's memorial page online through social media.

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City. (815-634-2125)

Richard 'Steve' Stevens

Richard Clinton "Steve" Stevens, age 76, of Odell passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago,

A private burial was held in Southside Cemetery, Pontiac, Illinois.

Memorials in honor of Steve may be made to the Samaritans Purse.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Steve was born April 4, 1945 in Laconia, NH, the son of Clinton Oaks and Dorothy (DeCelles) Stevens. He married Christa Ann Hecht on July 11, 1970 in California. She survives in Odell, Illinois.

Also surviving are Amy (Frank) Lasser of Dwight; brother, Paul (Jean) Stevens of Virginia; sister, Rosemary (Larry) Drake of NH Laconia, Maggie DeCoster of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; and grandchildren, Asa Mackenzie, Frank, Dorothy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marie Marceau.

Steve served his country in the United States Air Force.

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Marlene Nelson

Marlene Nelson, age 84, of Herscher and formerly of Dwight, passed away Friday, January 28, 2022 at Heritage Health Care and Rehab in Dwight, Illinois.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2022 in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight, Illi-

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

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Marlene was born June 4, 1937 in Sinclair, Maine, the daughter of Paul and Anna (Michaud) Chamberlain. She married Gary Nelson on November 28, 1958 in Sinclair, Maine. He survives in Herscher, Illinois.

Also surviving are children: Michael (Janie Sendra) Nelson of Glasgow, Kentucky; Lisa (Troy) Koehler of Reddick,



Jacob (Aaron); greatgrandchildren: Jaxson, Ethan, Gavin, Lucas, Zane and Chase; and a special friend, Crystal Nelson.

California;

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; five sisters; and daughter, Julia Lynn Nelson.

Marlene loved to crochet, sew and all manner of handcrafts; boating in Michigan; and spending time with family especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed entomology and being a part of forest fire prevention, in Maine.

She ran the Blackstone movie theater and the fabric center at Kaiser's Dime Store in Dwight. Marlene will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by her loved ones.

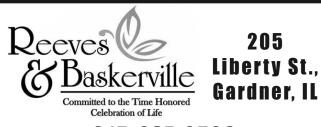
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www.calvertmemorial.com Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccine

Grundy County Health Department (GCHD) will host a walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic Thursday, February 10, from 2:00-7:00 p.m., at The Wesley Center, 111 W. North Street in Morris, for residents age five and older.

No appointment is needed. All three vaccines will be available as supplies last. Initial doses and boosters available per current CDC recommendations. Unless obtaining a first dose, record of previous doses administered must be presented. To request free transportation through the Morris **Hospital Patient Transportation** Service, call 815-705-7250. A minimum of 72 hours advance notice is requested for rides.

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San Antonio

This past weekend, I visited a rather large metropolitan area that I've never previously been to. So, it's time for a city review.

Over the weekend, I spent time in Houston and San An-

tonio - but San Antonio was the place of new adventure on this trip. The visit was predicated around attending a Bulls - Spurs game, but it also involved the general viewing of the downtown area of San Antonio. Initially, I thought San Antonio was a place where there were more cows than there were people, (that actually

might still be true, I did not fact-check), but upon visiting and fact-checking, it turns out San Antonio is a rather large city, having a population of around 1.5 million people. The arena in which the Spurs play is the AT&T Center and it was a pretty cool set-up. The outside reminded

looking-building. The seats and some things on the inside could probably use an upgrade, but all-in-all it was a very pleasant NBA viewing experience. The next part of San Antonio was the downtown area, which includes a riverwalk and The Alamo. A well-done riverwalk is about as good of a city attraction as you

me of where the Colts play. Just a big warehouse-type-

can have, in my humble opinion. San Antonio's is very well done and what they've built around it, which is a large plethora of places to eat, grab a drink or shop, is really well done. They've also built it up in a way that doesn't really modernize or detract too much from the fact that The

Alamo is also right smack in the middle of their downtown. I think it's a really tough thing to balance having something historical (nearly 200-years old now) and intertwining that with a fun and lively downtown atmosphere. From my brief stint here, San Antonio does that very well.

I wasn't sure what to expect, exactly, but I walked away from the visit pleasantly surprised (minus the Bulls loss) and would implore anyone thinking of visiting to add it to the road trip.

Yeehaw.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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This month, the date is Thursday, February 10.

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<u>commentary</u>

Megasite Awaits Developers

Several months ago The Paper announced the establishment of an industrial site northeast of Dwight that is ready for developers. It is called Megasite 55.

The Dwight Village Coun-cil has approved annexation and rezoning of the property which abuts a unique intersection of two Class 1 (large) railroad lines, the Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific.

The railroads offer East-West and North-South rail connections to all major Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf Coast ports, and service to Canada and Mexico.

Easy access to these two railroads is a big deal. It makes Dwight Megasite 55 one of only two large-scale project-ready greenfield sites in the entire United States. And it's ready to go. Locating an industry in Megasite 55 could be fast and efficient (profitable) for the right company(s).

It is also only five minutes from Interstate 55.

The site is available to both large and mid-sized industries. Land acquisition on the site is being managed by the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council, which controls a 365 acre parcel with an option to pur-

The GLCEDC hired Jones Lang LaSalle, a global commercial real estate services company, for a complete site assessment. That assessment, including extensive maps, is available in a 40-page summary on the Internet that was completed in July of 2020. Anyone interested may look it up and be briefed on the many aspects of their comprehensive study.

Dwight Megasite 55 ranked well in comparison with other benchmark megasites in the Jones Lang LaSalle assessment, with its location and readiness being outstanding features.

Adam Dontz, GLCEDC Chief Excutive Officer, is not at liberty to speak about any inquiries that have been received, but stated that Colliers International, commercial and residential services real estate company, has been employed to intensify the marketing of property in the Megasite.

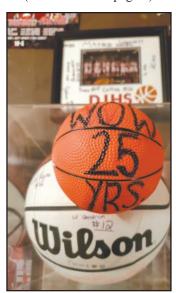
Dontz can be reached at GLCEDC by calling 815-842-2900.

The pandemic has caused many companies to doubleclutch their future plans for growth. Dwight Megasite 55 may well offer assistance with some of their endeav-

— Tom Tock

One Last Postseason - - -

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had to start from square one with dribbling and passing. They already had the basic skills by the time they got to

Stevenson also has a lot of appreciation for seventh-grade coaches and his assistants. Jim Myers, Jeremy Connor (on his way up to his present role as the varsity coach), Dale Vigna, Joey Briner (assistant for seven years), and Tom Conroy, who is

three kids with his wife figure out how to get the best Melinda Stevenson in Josh, Joey, and Alesha (Dawson).

As they came through the school, Stevenson tried to stay away from coaching his children as much as possible so there weren't any issues with playing time for the coach's

He viewed each kid as an individual and treated them as such in practice, on the bus, at a game, and off the court.

"I think at eighth grade, some kids need to be pulled along and some need to be pushed. Some kids, you just want to lay low and make sure you don't ruffle feathers," Stevenson said. "I don't want to yell, but one kid may need a little push in the behind. Once you're around kids for a while, hopefully, you start to understand what they need to make the best for them. I always tell them, 'If I raise my voice, it's to get your attention. It's not to yell at you.'

"I think knowing them as individuals is key. If you generalize them and just try to put them in a system at that age, it from each player."

This year's eighth-grade Redbirds played in a Kankakee Bishop McNamara regional semifinal Tuesday (after print) with a chance to play in the regional final at 4:30 p.m. Thurs-

Stevenson has been happy with this squad as they won its first Livingston County Tournament, went undefeated in the regular season, and finished second in the conference tour-

"This year, our group is fastpaced. In past seasons, we've tried to show them how to run the fast break, where to go, and what to do," Stevenson said. "This year, I let them go because they do it well enough on their own. They've played together for so long, I'm not going to correct something that works.

"When we get a rebound, the other team better get back on defense or we're going to get a layup. It gets to the point, the opponent isn't worried about making the shot, but if it misses they have to get back. That helps our rebounding, too."

Another aspect of the coaching gig he enjoyed was he never quit learning.

From Day 1 in 1996 to the last game of this season in 2022, he was always forced to adapt, suck in knowledge, and portray it to his squad.

"You're always learning as a coach. After 25 years, if you think you have it figured out, you don't," Stevenson said. "There is always more."

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Name added to the hat

Ryan Bohm begins campaign for Livingston County Sheriff

(continued from page 1) I spoke to some trusted friends and people involved in law enforcement, and I had some strong support. In March, I will be on the job for 19 years, so a lot of these people I've been working with for the bulk of my life. They know me and my philosophies. The support that they gave me was incredible and decided if the opportunity presented itself, I was going to run for sheriff."

Of course, there is a resume to speak of as Bohm has been in a few different departments over the last 19 years.

Through his tenure, he's understood why he loves what he does and why he is running for a promotion to put him in a position to do more.

"I've been here forever. I was born in Pontiac. I've lived in the county all but two months of my life. All my friends are here. All of my family is here," Bohm said. "I've worked in the small towns. I care about the people in our community. I care about our schools. I went to school here. I care about every bit of this

"I want to do the best that I can to make sure Livingston County and the people who live here are taken care of and protected. I think I can make some positive changes. I think Childress has done a great job. I don't want to reinvent the wheel, but I may do some things differently.'

Bohm is engaged to Sarah Cook – they met at the Livingston County Sheriff Department when Sarah was the secretary and she is now the

dispatch supervisor for VCOM gas stations around closing – and they have two children in Gage (25, Bohm's from a prerelationship) KeelyAnn (20, Sarah's from a previous relationship).

They have supported him from the beginning.

"My brother Robin (Robbie) got a job with the Pontiac Police Department. They have a program where you can ride along with the police. It's a neat program," Bohm said. "You can see what's going on. My main reason for doing it was to spend some time with my brother. We're riding along and I'm seeing what he does and how things go.

"I thought, 'This is great. I could really get into this.' I had been a volunteer with the Cornell Fire Department for some time. I really loved doing that. As I was watching what my brother does for work, it was just an extension of what I was doing at the fire department. He and I spoke and shortly thereafter the sheriff's department had a testing cycle. He convinced me to test. I said, 'They would never hire me.' I don't have a college education. I couldn't believe it when they hired me in 2003. I was very fortunate."

The new hire attended police training classes at the University of Illinois for three months and then was in a field training program in which he rode with other officers in a shadowing role.

When training ended, Bohm was assigned to Odell and was there for three years.

"I got to know the people in town. I really enjoyed those small-town contracts. You're there 40 hours a week. You're literally the town officer, so you get to know the people who live in town," Bohm said. "I went to all of the village board meetings. I'd sit and wait my turn to talk and then I'd tell the board what I'd done over the last month. If people were speeding on Prairie Street, I'd spend time on Prairie Street and make a few traffic stops.

"Then I'd ask the board what they wanted me to do next month. Someone would mention a stop sign on Wabash was being blown. I'd answer, 'Great, I'll keep an eye on it.' I learned working with the viilage board is great. The village is happy. The citizens are happy. And there are fewer problems when everybody is happy.

"I learned a lot in Odell working so closely with the community and the board. I've kind of carried all of those lessons I've learned there with me. The village mayor, Brian Mills, is actually sitting on my campaign committee."

Bohm loved being involved with the community as he would attend basketball games at the grade school and go to

time to make sure everything was OK.

In the mid-2000s, Livingston County formed the Proactive Unit and Bohm jumped aboard within its first two years.

"We were having some gang problems arising and drug problems are ever-present, so they were looking for a way to slow those down. I don't know if we'll ever stop them, but at least try to curb them. The unit came together and after a year or two of it running, I was offered a position on it. I took a place on the unit.

"At that time, the unit was uniformed, very overt, and when we came to town everybody knew we were in town. We didn't try to hide. We were very in your face about everything we were doing. It definitely curbed some of the gang problems we had and it put a dent in the drug problems. I was on the unit for two years before I went back to patrol."

After two years on patrol, Bohm became a detective and stayed in the detective unit for seven years.

"I really loved detective work; it was amazing. I love the puzzle and the challenge,' Bohm said. "The last two years that I was in the detective section, I was able to get on the Illinois attorney general's office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The task force focused on child pornography, child exploitation, and child solicitation.

"It started off slowly and I'd have one case a month. It ended up very busy in a short period of time. As soon as they realized I'd work cases, they were throwing a couple of cases at me a day. It was amazing work. When you pull a car over and someone is speeding, there isn't a victim at that point, someone is just speeding. When you're dealing with a child that's being exploited, you have a real victim. That child is somewhere. I took it very personally and I wanted to find those kids. Nothing feels better than putting one of those guys in prison. It was the most satisfying work I've done my whole career."

Although he loved the work and the satisfaction of catching criminals who belong behind bars, it became overwhelming to the point cases were on his mind all of the time and he couldn't phase them out when not on the clock.

In 2017, Childress and Bohm had a conversation resulting in Bohm moving back to patrol in which he has been all over the county instead of stationed in one town.

Now, with his resume spanning two decades of different departments and important duties, he's ready to become the lead man of Livingston County.







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Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to Thank You for all things aa you confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank You for your mercy toward me and mine.

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.



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DTHS Trojans Basketball

Tuesday, January 25 Dwight vs. Marquette **TCC Tournament**

In a TCC Tourney match-up with Marquette January 25, the Dwight Trojans took a 62-46

"We didn't play our best game tonight," stated head coach Jeremy Connor. "Marquette played very hard and it Friday, January 28

Wyatt Thompson scored a team-high 24 points, followed by 13 and seven, respectively, from Jeremy Kapper and Conner Telford. Gavin Wykes provided two points.

Thursday, January 27 Dwight vs. **Henry Senachwine TCC Tournament**

The Trojans were back in Granville taking on Henry Senachwine in the Tri-County Conference Tournament, and picked up a 66-50 victory.

"We played some of our best defense of the year," Coach Connor said after the game. "We really played well as a team tonight.'

Dwight's Wyatt Thompson went off for 33 points, including five three-pointers and a perfect 2-2 from the line. Je-

remy Kapper added 14 points (2-2 FT), while Gavin Wykes (1 3-pointer, 2-2 FT) and Landon Brown (2 3-pointers) put up seven and six points, respectively. Dawson Carr had four points (1 3-pointer, 1-2 FT), with Conner Telford knocking down two free throws.

Dwight vs. Roanoke-Benson **TCC Tournament**

In the consolation championship of the Tri-County Tourney January 28, Dwight defeated Roanoke-Benson 62-

"We played another great three quarters," stated Coach Connor. "Still trying to put that fourth together. Had a lot of contributors tonight. Still playing good team ball."

Conner Telford's 20 points led the Trojans, with Wyatt Thompson and Jeremy Kapper each adding 12 points. Gavin Wykes scored eight points, followed by five from Landon Brown. Kaleb Duden and Dawson Carr scored three and two points, respectively.

Dwight is now 11-10 overall and hold a 2-2 conference



Seventh Grade Redbirds Win Regional Championship

Monday, January 24 Dwight vs. Milford 7th Grade -Regional

Dwight rolled past Milford 38-6 in regional semifinal play January 24.

"We were not sharp at all," admitted Coach Conroy after the game. "We hadn't practiced or played in almost a week. We will need to play better to beat Gardner for the regional title."

28 points, 10 steals, three

boards, and two assists. Trevor Jensen added four points, seven rebounds, four swipes, and two assists. Matt Watchinski (6 rebounds, 2 steals), Blake Thetard (1 steal), and Carson Sandeno (1 steal) scored two points each. Bradley Thompson supplied three steals and dished one assist, with Evan Olson grabbing five boards. Kayden Wood added one steal.

Colin Bachand went off for Tuesday, January 25 Dwight vs. GSWB

7th Grade -Regional

In the regional championship between rivals Dwight and Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville January 25, the Redbirds won big, 41-17, to move on to the sectional round.

"Our defense was the difference," stated Redbird head coach Tom Conroy. "We came out in the third quarter and put the game away. Everyone played well."

Colin Bachand was once again the man, compiling 25

points, 10 steals, four rebounds, and three assists. Blake Thetard followed with six points, one rebound, and one assist, with Trevor Jensen putting up four points, four swipes, three boards, and two assists. Carson Sandeno (1 assist) and Bradley Thompson (2 rebounds) scored three points each. Matt Watchinski had four rebounds and two steals, while Kayden Wood and Evan Olson snagged three boards each. Honore Mzwizarwa grabbed one rebound.

TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL Tuesday, January 25 Tri-Point vs. Flanagan

The Tri-Point Chargers fell on the road to Flanagan, 81-68, in basketball action January 25. Bobby Mogged led T-P with

nas chipping in with 14 points. The Falcons had five players in double-figures in the scoring column.

31 points, with Connor Carde-

Friday, January 28 Tri-Point vs. **Armstrong-Potomac**

On January 28, Tri-Point picked up a big home win over Armstrong-Potomac, 85-46, in which Bobby Mogged became a member of the 1,000-Point Club at Tri-Point High School.

"It was a great night at the Point," exclaimed Coach Justin Cox.

Mogged scored a game-high 23 points, going 1-2 from the free throw line. Dominic Carrera put in 18 points, knocking down two three-pointers. Con-

nor Cardenas hit four threes, en route to a 16-point showing, while Ayden McNeill added 13 points (1-4 FT). Frankie Barriga (1 3-pointer) and Brendan Likes (2 3-pointers) scored seven and six points, respectively. Jose Amador provided a first-quarter bucket.

In addition to the Charger victory, T-P also celebrated the retirement of Kim "Milo" Miller", who has operated the clock and scorebook on the road for 32 years (16 with Coach Cox).

"Milo has impacted a lot of the young men and women that he's been around over the years," Cox said, "and he will be greatly missed. I know, personally, how much I will miss him being with me, but like he said, 'all good things must come to an end.' Thank you,

The JV Chargers fell to A-P, 50-45.



Odell Rams Beat St. Anne to Win Regional

Monday, January 24 Odell vs. St. Anne 7th Grade -Regional

The seventh grade Rams from Odell celebrated their regional win on January 24, beating St. Anne, definitively, 44-10.

The Rams, 19-5 following the victory, move on to play in the sectional game at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, which will be hosted in Odell.

GSW Panthers Basketball

Monday, January 24 **GSW** vs. Tri-Point

Wilmington lost a heartbreaker, 69-68, as the Chargers came from behind to win it but not without some drama.

"I hate to blame games on officials," said GSW head coach Allan Wills, "but they were a big part of the game tonight. We still needed to do a better job of some shot selections and taking care of the ball, but unfortunately the better team did not win tonight."

Cale Halpin led with 26 points and two steals. Bennett Grant came up with 16 points and five boards, while Gabe McHugh had 10 points and 11 rebounds. Garrett Grant added 10 points and three boards.

Wednesday, January 26 **GSW** vs. Herscher

The GSW Panthers fell to 6-19 overall (2-8 in conference) following a 64-47 loss to Herscher January 26.

Cale Halpin had 23 points and four steals to lead the Panthers. Bennett Grant (3 rebounds) and Gabe McHugh (5 assists, 3 rebounds) added nine and six points, respectively. Brody Fatlan, Dane Halpin, and Keith Page rounded out the

scoring with three points each. Gardner-South Wilmington In a meeting with Tri-Point is on the road taking on Grace January 24, Gardner-South Christian Academy Friday, February 4.

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GSWB LADY TIGERS **V**OLLEYBALL

The Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville eighth grade Lady Tigers defeated Seneca and MVK the week of January 10.

Both the seventh and eighth grade teams went to three sets, falling in the third set to take to 2-2.

the loss against an alwaystough Seneca program.

GSWB knocked off MVK in two sets at both levels January 13.

The eighth grade Lady Tigers are 4-0 overall, while with the seventh grade squad the seventh grade team moves



MVK Lady Mavericks Volleyball

Monday, January 24 MVK vs. Milton Pope 8th Grade -

MVK knocked off Milton Pope 21-25, 25-22, 15-8 on January 24.

Lexie Buis led with 12 points (8 aces) and one kill. Tessa Krull came up with eight points (4 aces), with Madison DeGrush adding six points (1 ace) and a kill. 7th Grade -

The Lady Mavs took a 21-25, 25-18, 14-16 loss to Milton

Gracie Smith had 10 points (3 aces) and four kills, while Havden Pfeifer put up nine points (3 aces) and one kill. Blaire Nevins scored six points, followed by five points each from Aurora Weber and Brynlee Hunt.

Tuesday, January 25 MVK vs. Elwood 8th Grade -

Elwood dealt Mazon-Verona-Kinsman a 23-25, 17-25 loss January 25.

Madison DeGrush's six points (3 aces) led the team. Blaire Nevins added four points (1 ace). 7th Grade -

In the seventh grade meeting, MVK defeated Elwood, 25-13, 25-20.

Audrey Claypool had 12 points (7 aces). Aurora Weber (5 aces, 4 kills) and Olivia O'-Donovan (2 aces, 1 kill) provided nine and six points, respectively.

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Wednesday, January 26 MVK vs. Grand Ridge 8th Grade -

On January 26, the Lady Mavs beat Grand Ridge in three exciting sets, 20-25, 25-12, 25-21.

Gracie Smith led with 13 points, followed by 10 and nine points, respectively, from Madison DeGrush and Lexie Buis (1 kill, 1 block). Tessa Krull contributed seven points, while Aurora Weber supplied six points and one kill. Lilly Pfeifer added two kills and a block.

7th Grade -

MVK's seventh grade girls also won over Grand Ridge, 25-18, 21-25, 25-23.

Aurora Weber's 14 points and three kills led her squad. Kendall Jones had eight points, with Brynlee Hunt putting up five points and a kill. Brooklyn Sheedy (1 kill) and Audrey Claypool each scored three points.

Thursday, January 27 MVK vs. Shabbona 8th Grade -

Shabbona sunk MVK January 27, 8-25, 23-25.

Tessa Krull and Lexie Buis had seven and six points, respectively.

7th Grade -The seventh grade match-up ended up with the Lady Mavs losing 17-25, 22-25.

Aurora Weber led with nine points, two kills, followed by three points each from Hayden Pfeifer (2 kills) and Audrey Claypool.

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DCS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, January 24 Dwight vs. Ottawa Shepherd 8th Grade -

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds were beaten by Ottawa Shepherd in three sets January 24, 25-22, 22-25, 19-25.

Sophie Buck (7 digs, 3 kills, 1 assist) and Madi Ely (4 digs) led with six aces each. Sarah Parker (3 digs, 1 assist) and Makayla Wahl-Seabert (11 digs, 2 kills, 2 blocks) followed with three aces each, while Ryan Bean put up two aces, four digs, and a block. Taylor Frobish added eight digs and a kill, with Kamryn Folkers coming up with two digs.

7th Grade -Dwight's seventh grade girls fell by a score of 12-25,

25-15, 21-25. Kit Connor had a team-high seven aces to go with seven digs and a kill. Claire Sandeno (10 digs, 3 kills, 1 assist) and Sophie Bastian (1 dig) had three aces each. Delaney Boucher contributed two aces and two digs, with Cloe Gall (3 digs) and Avery Connor (5 digs, 2 kills, 1 assist) each providing an ace. Mikayla Chambers put up 12 digs, four blocks, two kills, and one assist. Addy Sulzberger supplied five digs.

Tuesday, January 25 **Dwight vs. Nettle Creek** 8th Grade -

In eighth grade volleyball action January 25, Dwight lost to Nettle Creek in three sets, 25-16, 23-25, 19-25.

Makayla Wahl-Seabert had four aces, five kills, three digs, and three blocks to lead her squad. Ryan Bean (5 kills, 5 digs, 1 block) and Madi Ely (6 digs, 2 kills) added three aces each, followed by an ace, three kills, a dig, and one assist from Sophie Buck. Sarah Parker (4 digs) and Dori Wilson (1 dig) had one kill each. Taylor Frobish put up four kills and a dig, while Kamryn Folkers added three kills.

7th Grade -The Lady Redbirds won 25-

17, 25-14 over Nettle Creek. Avery Connor (2 kills, 1 dig) and Mikayla Chambers (3 digs, 1 kill) led with four aces

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each. Sophie Bastian had three aces, with Kit Connor contributing one ace, two digs, and a kill. Claire Sandeno came up with six kills and two digs, with Cloe Gall adding a dig and a kill.

Thursday, January 27 Dwight vs. Pontiac 8th Grade -

On January 27, the Lady Redbirds won over Pontiac in three sets, 25-17, 23-25, 25-17.

Sophie Buck led with 10 aces, six digs, one assist, and one kill. Taylor Frobish had five aces, 15 digs, and two assists, while Ryan Bean added three aces, nine digs, and two kills. Sarah Parker contributed two aces, seven digs, and three assists, followed by an ace, nine kills, and nine digs from Makayla Wahl-Seabert. Madi Ely put up eight digs. Kamryn Folkers had three digs, an assist, and one block.

7th Grade -

The seventh grade meeting saw Dwight win 25-17, 25-13.

Mikayla Chambers had five aces, six digs, four kills, and two blocks to lead the team. Avery Connor came up with four aces, two digs, and two assists, followed by three aces and six digs from Addy Sulzberger. Sophie Bastian added two aces, two digs, and a kill, with Claire Sandeno (10 digs, 4 kills, 1 assist) and Kit Connor (3 digs, 2 assists) supplying an ace each. Cloe Gall put up three digs.

Dwight vs. Saratoga 6th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds won in three sets over Saratoga January 27, 25-23, 16-25, 15-6, while the "B" team won 25-17, 25-20.

Isabel Hakey (3 aces) and Kaitlyn Todd (3 aces) led the way with 14 and 11 points, respectively. Raegan Brown followed with nine points (2 aces), with Olivia Buck putting up eight points (3 aces). Emma Stanton contributed five points, with four points and a kill coming from Addie Taylor. Leanne Ruth had three points, with Addie Avilez (1 kill), Kailyn Haggard, and Grace Tjelle (1 ace) each adding a point.



DTHS Cheerleaders Cheer them along the way!

TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 27 Tri-Point vs. Donovan/St. Anne

The Lady Chargers hosted Donovan/St. Anne January 27, winning big, 47-11.

Melina Schuettte led with 10 points, going 2-4 from the charity stripe. Kadie Hummel and Millie Ruiz each scored five points, hitting a threepointer each. Lainey Bertrand drilled one three-pointer.



Monday, January 24 **GSW** vs. Donovan

The GSW Lady Panthers dominated Donovan, 55-14, on January 24.

Addi Fair continued her hot streak, scoring 29 points in the contest. Hannah Balcom supplied 12 points.

Dwight Wrestling Club Attends Pekin Tournament

Sunday, January 23 **Dwight Wrestling Club** at Pekin Tournament

On January 23, the Dwight Wrestling Club attended a tournament in Pekin which featured over 500 wrestlers. The DWC had another strong showing and head coach Josh DeLong says their wrestlers are showing lots of growth.

Placing at the Pekin Tourney were:

Remy Paulsen (1st); Ace Eggenberger (1st); Damien Coleman (1st); RJ Christensen (1st); Landon McGann (2nd); Sadie Burke (2nd); Dalton De-Long (2nd); Bobby Stoudt (2nd); Jack Tjelle (3rd); Hunter Moore (3rd); Vinny Stipanovich (3rd); Kamren Olbrot (4th); Avery Olbrot (4th); Eli Jensen (4th); and Domenik Brown (4th).

SENECA FIGHTING IRISH WRESTLING

Tuesday, January 25 Seneca vs. Lisle

Seneca suited up against Lisle January 25, winning by a score of 50-30. Individual results are as follows:

106: Ryan Hsu by FF; 113: **Tommy Milton** by FF; 120: Jaden Casey by FF; 126: Brady Collins F:31 over Nick Grant; 132: Robby Nelson 3-0 over Nolan Kelly; 138: Norbert Guzik F 5:40 over Nate Othon; 145: Owen Feiner F 3:23 over Caden Carnes; 152: **Asher Hamby** F 1:40 over Abe Payne: 160: Nathan Grant F 3:30 over Diego Lopez; 170: Kyle Hamby F 1:05 over Vinny Brummel; 182: Bradley Kohnen by FF; 195: Chris Peura by Tech Fall 21-4 over Joe Raineri; 220: Muhammaud Hassan F 1:24 over Alex Bogner.

Wednesday, January 26 Seneca vs. Dwight and Ottawa

On January 26, the Irish faced off against Dwight and Ottawa, defeating the Trojans, 54-24, and then topping Ottawa, 60-21. Individual results are as follows:

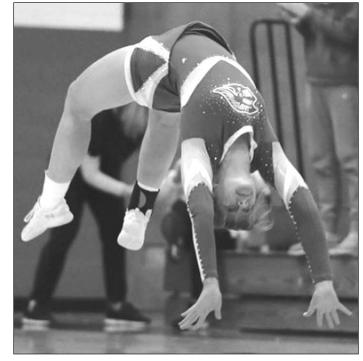
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106: Kyler Hahn by FF; 113: Dylan Crouch by F 1:07 over Tommy Milton; 120:

Jaden Casey by FF; 126: Nick Grant by FF; 132: Robby Nelson by FF; 138: Dillon Sarff by F 2:33 over Nate Othon; 145: **Owen Feiner** by F 1:46 over Emmett Emmons; 152: Asher Hamby by F 1:26 over Kyler Starks; 160: Nathan Grant by F 1:09 over Seth Robertson; 170: Kyle Hamby by FF; 182: Double FF: 195: Chris Peura by FF; 220: Samuel Edwards by F:54 over Alex Bogner; 285: Terry Wilkey by F 1:04 over Liam Blue. vs. Ottawa

106: **Kyler Hahn** by F :26 over Jack Huggins; 113: Tommy Milton by FF; 120: Jaden Casey by F 1:07 over Landon Marks; 126: Malachi Snyder by F 3:29 over Nick Grant; 132: Tristan Simmons 5-3 OT over Robby Nelson; 138: Nate Othon by FF; 145: Owen Feiner by FF; 152: Asher Hamby by F:53 over Christian Land; 160: Nathan Grant by F 2:25 over Anthony Evans; 170: **Kyle Hamby** by F :40 over Andrew Ristau; 182: Charles Meadrow by FF; 195: Chris Peura by F 1:48 over Tate Spicer; 220: Ryan Wilson by F 1:06 over **Alex Bogner**;

285: Liam Blue by FF. Seneca ends the regular season with a 23-9 final dual record.



MVK Mavericks Basketball

Saturday, January 29 MVK vs. Saunemin 8th Grade -Regional

The MVK eighth grade Mavericks beat Saunemin 43-

33 in the opening round of the Odell 1A regional January 29. Cameron Shriey scored 18

points in the win, with Brady Sheedy scoring 12.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, January 24 Dwight vs. Herscher

The Lady Trojans suffered a tough loss to Herscher January 24, 26-21.

After Dwight led the entire first half, the Lady Tigers took the lead in the third quarter and it remained a close game throughout the fourth.

"Playing with only six play-

ers can be tough," admitted Coach Thompson, "and the ladies play hard. Our shots just weren't falling in the second half. The Lady Tigers hit some key free throws to seal the deal in the final seconds."

Leading the Lady Trojans was Lilly Duffy's nine points, followed by six points from Ella Legner.



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Wednesday, January 26 Seneca vs. Putnam County **TCC Tournament**

In a Tri-County Conference Tournament semi-final battle between #2-ranked Seneca and #3-ranked Putnam County ended with the Irish winning 64-58 in their opponent's gym.

"Great, hard fought win against Putnam County on their home court," Coach Russ Witte said in the post-game. "We played a great second quarter

have to do a better job at the free throw line – 4-13 is not going to cut it and could have cost us tonight. It was nice to get a little revenge from our loss to Putnam County back in December." Seneca was led in scoring

on both ends of the floor. We

by Zach Pfeifer and Noah Quigley with 16 and 14 points, respectively. Between the two, they made eight three-pointers.

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COWS AT DOUG AND KATHY LOWERY'S farm make quick work of feed at the trough.

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Winter as a farmer

What to do in negative temperatures, snow, ice

by Brandon LaChance

We all know what a farmer does in the spring, summer, and fall.

The tractors, the combines, the planters, the cultivators, and other equipment are seen chugging away regularly during these months.

But what about in the winter?

Although it's downtime compared to the other three seasons, there is still work to do in December, January, and February.

"I'm semiretired. I'm busy for about four or five months of the year," said Tom Conr who owns Conroy Farms w his sister Kathy Brunner in E ington. " A lot of these otl guys will have semis and the haul grain all winter. Th work on equipment and pr ects in their shops. I don't ha a shop. I only have a couple little toolsheds to put stuff in don't like the cold weather much as I used to, so when like this I don't work in shed."

"I don't really store much grain at the farm. I move some out just to make sure it doesn't go bad. If you do have some stored, you need to check it periodically every few weeks. You have to plan when you're going to move it because sometimes they close the roads about this time of the year. When they do that, you can't haul your crop out unless you get permission from the county. There is plan-

ning involved."

The land of Conroy Farms, 360 acres of corn and soybeans, was originally owned by Tom's father Jim Conroy, who moved to the farm at 3-years old in 1920.

Tom (65) became a farmer at the ripe age of 8 when he began running a cultivator and has never looked back.

While Tom worked at R.R. Donnelley in Dwight for 35 years, his father helped with the

fall farm work until the day he passed away at 93 in 2012 because of cancer.

Since Donnelley has closed, Tom has been farming during the farming weather, substitute teaching at the Dwight Common School and Dwight High School, and paying attention to corn and soybean prices on a regular basis.

"Corn has doubled in price compared to what it was two and a half years ago," Conroy said. "In 2019, you could barely get \$3 a bushel and now it's over \$6. Beans were \$8.50 and now they're at \$14. It causes inflation and higher prices to store and for meat. It's a vicious cycle, but we're better off when the prices are good.

"A lot of times, your farm income can fluctuate so much. (continued on page 12)





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Winter as a farmer

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I've had years with \$100 thousand and years with \$10 thousand. When I was still paying for the farm, I had some years where I didn't make anything. But, I had a good job at R.R. Donnelley. We got by. We're also seeing what money we need to spend on what. Can

we afford to fix, replace, or upgrade any equipment?

When speaking to Conroy, he was holding what he stated will be his lowest seed bill of the year at \$4,850.53 for 16 bags (\$303.16 per bag).

He shops during the winter because prices are more expensive during regular farm months as one of those same bags would cost \$416 in May. Conroy is dreading his Nitrogen bill (needed for corn) as it has tripled in the last year. In 2021, Nitrogen was \$80 per acre and it is \$200 in 2022.

The Lowery family in Mazon keep themselves busy as Kathy does all the paperwork and her husband Doug and son Mike take care of the

Kathy catches up on bills, W2s, W9s, and tax information as all farmers have to submit their forms by March 1.

While she is crunching numbers, the guys are taking care of multiple farms in Grundy County as they live on one and contract others.

"If they sell the grain ahead of time, they won't haul every single day because it'll be on a schedule," Kathy Lowery said. "We don't deliver for other farmers, we just deliver our own grain. We have livestock. Some of the cows will be having calves. We have to make sure they're fed every single day. If the water source freezes up, they have to make sure that is clear.

'We have cattle at our farm and at two other locations during the winter. They go to all three of the farms to make sure they're OK. They make sure there are not any sick cattle. We have to keep an eye on them on a daily basis, otherwise, there could be a loss.

Dwight resident Joe Stevenson stays plenty busy during the cold.

Stevenson has coached the eighth-grade boys basketball team for the last 25 years (retiring after this season), runs two farms and owns Willy's Pub with his older brother Jim Stevenson and younger brother Rick Stevenson.

"We have cows mainly just for the family," said Joe Stevenson, who has been farming for 45 years, while Jim has been at it for 50 years and Rick for 15 years. "After my dad (Bill) passed, we always try to go over and see my mom (Lois). We feed the cows and take care of them. We're fixing the fence all spring. It seems like we're always fixing the fence. We have a creek that

goes through the farm. When it floods, it wipes out the fence line, so you have to fix it or the cows will be in the neighbor's field.

"My mother is making spaghetti next time we go over there. That's how she pays us. It's worth it."

The farm Lois lives on has been the Stevenson Farm since 1960 as the family moved there when Joe was 3.

Now the three brothers plant and cultivate the fields and take care of the cows at the family farm and another the three purchased.

"We've hauled most of our grain away, but we have a few bins left to move," Joe Stevenson said. "We sell it and take it to Morris. It's sold and they put it on barges. If you sell at this time of the year, you'll get more money than if you sold it right

"Corn is kind of based on crude oil. Corn is used to make Ethanol (fuel), so if crude oil is going up that means corn is going to go up.

off of the field.

"A couple of years ago, you needed extra income to keep things afloat."

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New Agriculture Laws Take Effect in 2022

Recently passed laws to farmer, is excited to see the help support the Illinois agriculture industry took effect January 1, and State Senator Patrick Joyce (D-Essex), chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a fourth-generation

positive change that will come from this new legislation.

"Agriculture is a vital industry across Illinois," Joyce said. "I'm proud to have worked alongside my colleagues this past spring on issues that help our agriculture industry thrive.' Legislation that took effect

in the new year includes: • SB 1245: Starting this year, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is required to announce, via a statewide news release, the dates, shooting hours, sites and counties that are open for deer hunting between September 1 and February 15.

SB 1624: Under this law, agricultural sciences and agricultural education to count as requirements for university admission.

"My colleagues and I were able to work hand in hand with the leaders of the state's agricultural industries to implement these new laws," Joyce said. "I look forward to seeing what we will be able to accomplish in the upcoming spring session."

To view a full list of new laws that took effect Jan. 1. visit the Illinois Senate Democratic Caucus website.



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IFB President: 2022 Priorities Indicate Changes Ahead for Agriculture

by Richard Guebert, Jr.

Illinois Farm Bureau President

The icy winter temps in the Midwest mean a slow season for many. But for Illinois farmers like me, it's the time of year to plan ahead for the spring planting season.

Many in agriculture are already feeling the strain of rising input costs and fractured supply chains due to the ongoing pandemic. Farmers are worried these issues could be compounded by additional water regulations and unreliable fuel standards, which will drastically impact many family farms.

The Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors, which represents the largest group of farmers in the state, set new priorities for the organization in January. They'll focus on supporting members as the ag industry faces the challenges ahead.

Since the spring of 2020, nearly every person has experienced price fluctuations and supply limitations on products they need. For farmers, fertilizer shortages have made a large dent in business profitability.

Growers are reporting price

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That's especially significant because fertilizer costs account for approximately 15% of the total cash costs for crops.

And the lack of truck drivers and congestion at American ports mean delivery times are anyone's best guess.

If these trends continue, consumers might also see rising prices at the grocery. To curb this issue, we're looking to Congress to help us find solu-

Changing Water Regulations

Last November, the Biden administration announced a plan to return to a previous definition of "waters of the United States". The proposed regulation would repeal the 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule and broaden the federal government's authority under the Clean Waters Act.

Farmers are frustrated with the federal government's decision to expand federal jurisdiction onto waterways on private

The revised rules would make it difficult for farmers and property owners to decipher where their property will be impacted and create chal-

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> For people whose properties won't be affected by the ruling, this issue might seem trivial. But for family farmers who would lose the right to manage parts of their land, it's a big concern.

> As the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers consider a final rule, the agriculture community would like to see clear terms that are easy to interpret and apply, with flexibilities for landowners to conduct innovative and environmentally beneficial projects.

Expanding Infrastructure, Broadband

As one of the largest pro-

ducers and exporters of soybeans and corn in the country, Illinois ag has played a critical role in ag trade for decades. Over time, the transportation of commodities has left roads, bridges and waterways in our state in desperate need of re-

The \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill signed into law by President Biden last fall works to address the wear and tear on transportation systems across

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As funds make their way to our state, it's important that they're used to rebuild transportation routes that get supplies to farms and, in turn, help farmers get their products to consumers.

Dollars should also be disbursed fairly to rural areas, especially the funds marked for expanding rural broadband.

The need for additional education and telehealth has become increasingly important while dealing with fluctuating COVID cases over the past couple of years.

When large meat packing plants closed their doors early on in the pandemic, small companies stepped up to the plate to fill the need. The situation demonstrated why businesses of all sizes are needed to keep our domestic food supply

Just imagine the innovation and economic gains that would come with access to reliable, affordable and fast internet in all parts of the state, not just the highly populated areas.

With so much on the table for farm families in 2022, it's critical that they get the tools they need to succeed. The supply of food, fuel and fiber peo-

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Livingston County SWCD Holds 77th Annual Meeting

The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) held their 77th Annual Meeting on January 20 at Precision Technology Institute (PTI) in Pontiac. Breakfast was catered by the Livingston Area Career Center Culinary Arts students and their instructor Chef Scott Rowan.

Vice-Chairman Chuck Hanley welcomed everyone to their Annual Meeting and had Treasurer Gary Bressner lead the at-Allegiance and invocation. After breakfast, Chairman Lee Bunting began the business meeting. The main business to be conducted was the election of three board members. The following board members were reelected for a two-year term, Lee Bunting, Gary Bressner, and Tom Yoder. After the election, Chairman Bunting reminded all the guests of Illinois' Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and mentioned that the State of Illinois has appropriated money towards reaching their goals.

Several conservation awards were also presented at the meeting. The first awards given were four Partner in Conservation Awards. The first recipient was Sara Hostetter from Fairhelp with any of their projects and is known for always bringing a smile and helpful attitude.

Their next award went to Josh Donze from Pontiac. Josh is carrying on his family's farming tradition while embracing conservation activities like cover crops and no-till.

Next, they had Gary and Craig Swartz of Swartz Farms at Saunemin. Swartzs have been practicing no-till and strip-till for about 30 years, and tendees in the Pledge of they are conducting nitrogen rate trials on their farms to help determine the best rate for their operation.

Their final Partner in Conservation Award went to American Farmland Trust. AFT is a national organization founded in 1980 to save America's farms and ranches. They have worked closely with the SWCD on their Vermilion Headwaters Watershed Project. As part of that project, they helped host field days and tours, as well as developing fact sheets about cover crops, nitrogen, and reduced tillage as part of their outreach in the watershed.

They also gave out their Conservation Farm Family Award. This year's award went to the Stan Blunier Family of bury. Sara is always willing to Forrest. The Bluniers farm

about 1,300 acres of corn and soybean, along with a 13,000 head wean-to-finish hog operation. They try to no-till and strip-till as much as possible and have recently begun using cover crops. In addition, they are working with a seed company on some small, in-field test plots to see how the hybrids do in "normal" field conditions.

They have recently updated parts of their hog operation, such as adding in a new composter, through the USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Stan also worked with the Illinois Pork Producers to install a diversified windbreak in front of the hog buildings to improve both the aesthetic appeal and cut down on odor from buildings.

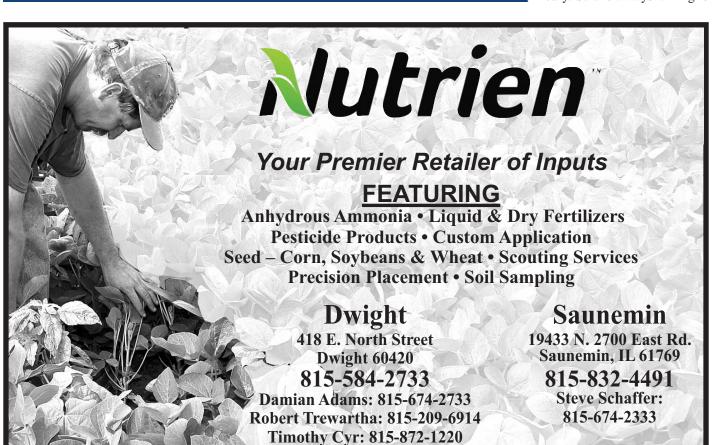
After the awards were handed out, Vice-Chairman Hanley introduced Jason Webster of PTI, who was the guest speaker for the meeting. Jason touched on some of the different research that they were conducting there at PTI. He focused on how they manage their water that is drained from their fields. Most of this water is kept in a 21/2-acre pond that they then use to irrigate crops in the hot, dry parts of the sum-



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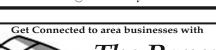
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Mazon	3,640	346	
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Essex	2,515	260	as of
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Verona	1,550	136	Statistics via:
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Cabery	1,828	124	
Ransom	1,591	111	
Buckingham	1,392	105	
Kempton	1,588	98	
Emington	1,045	84	
Blackstone	1,089	72	
Kinsman	1,215	46	
Campus	720	28	
Union Hill	247	17	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	434,138	27,700	341
LaSalle	426,860	27,109	355
Grundy	138,795	12,114	122
Livingston	218,010	10,129	127
Iroquois	99,505	6,802	103
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Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

Introducing many bills With the start of the new year gency day in their school calendar

and the spring session I have introduced several bills which I will work to pass before we adjourn.

House Bill 4329 would allow an Illinois business to claim a tax credit for hiring up to five high school or college student interns. This would encourage businesses to hire interns and it is a great way to help young people get their foot in the door of the job market and gain some real-world workplace experience.

To try to improve the ethics climate in Springfield I have introduced House Bill 4458 which prohibits any legislator from becoming a lobbyist until they have been out of office for at least two years. Some of the ethics scandals of the past few years have involved legislators who were also working as lobbyists. Legislators should not be able to leave office one day and immediately begin lobbying their former colleagues the next.

House Bill 3637, which I introduced last year in an effort to improve the way we award construction grants to our local school districts. This bill has a bipartisan group of co-sponsors and we are working together to get a final draft. House Bill 3573 passed the House 99-0 last year and is awaiting action in the Senate this year. It would allow a school district to utilize a remote learning day instead of an emer-

I am continuing to work on

A couple other noteworthy bills this year are House Bill 4327 and 4328 which create new tax credits for Illinois. The credit on HB 4327 would be for licensed Illinois wine manufacturers and craft brewers for costs related to the purchase of crops used in the manufacture of beer or wine that are grown and harvested in Illinois. HB 4328 would create a tax credit of \$500 for each individual who serves as a volunteer firefighter or volunteer

Opposing House Bill 2769. This week I heard from several constituents asking me to vote No on House Bill 2769, legislation concerning mircrostamping of firearms. I voted No on this bill in committee and nothing in the proposed amendment has done anything to cause me to change my mind. If it comes up on the House floor this spring I intend to vote

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TROJANS BALL! Dwight celebrates during their Tri-County

Conference Tournament match-up with Henry Senachwine

January 27. After beating the Mallards 66-50, the Trojans

went on to defeat Roanoke-Benson 62-50 January 28 to win

JACK DUFFY, below, and a Henry Senachwine Mallard chase after a loose ball January 27 in the TCC Tournament.



WINES

goes up over two defenders for two of his 33 points against Henry Senachwine January 27.

the consolation championship.



Hines VA Outreach Feb. 7

The Hines Outreach Team. and the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission with the support of the Morris American Legion, will be available to help enroll Veterans in health care and answer questions about VA health care and other benefits Monday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to

Street. This event is free and open to all area veterans. No registration is required.

2 p.m. at the Morris American

Legion, 212 W. Washington

If you would like more information on the outreach program, contact Patrick Grimes at 708-904-1473.

Opioid Overdose Increase in Kankakee County

Since January 13, 2022, Kankakee County has reported a significant increase in the number of opioid overdoses. The increases in opioid overdoses were identified by the Kankakee County Health Department and corroborated by an increase in overdose visits or calls to Emergency Departments (ED) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Although the current activity is localized, increases may continue to occur in neighboring counties.

Naloxone, an opioid reversal agent, should be adminis-

suspected. With the increasing presence of synthetic opioids (fentanyl) in the drug supply, including other illicit non-opioid substances, naloxone should be kept on-hand. Users should be aware that more administrations of naloxone over a longer period may be required to reverse an overdose.

Health Department (LCHD) and Institute for Human Resources (IHR) - Counseling Services are working in partnership to reduce harm to individuals and prevent overdose-related deaths. Free tered if an opioid overdose is naloxone kits and training on

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how to administer this life-saving drug are available through the LCHD by appointment. Community groups and local businesses may also request to host a free educational presentation with naloxone kits available for participants.

There is help. Contact the Illinois Helpline for Opioid and Other Substances (Helplineil. org) by calling 833-234-6343 or texting "HELP" to 833234. Individuals and families are also encouraged to reach out to IHR Counseling Services by calling 815-844-6109 for addiction and recovery support.

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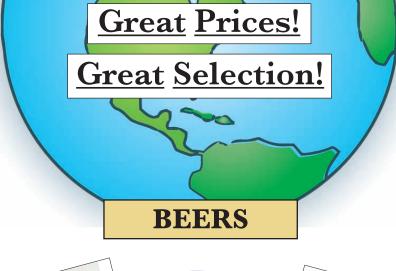
Old World Liquors

Tito's Handmade VODKA 1.75 liter

Skol Vodka 1.75 liter	\$1199
New Amsterdam Vodka 750 ml	\$9 99
Buffalo Trace Bourbon Cream 750 ml.	\$1 7 99
Benchmark Bourbon 750 ml	\$9 99
Early Times Whiskey 1.75 liter	\$ 16 99
Canadian Mist 1.75 liter	\$1499



Seagram's \$ **V.O.** 1.75 liter





High Life, Icehouse or Busch 30-pack cans	\$1478
MGD, Miller 64, Lite, Coors Light or Budweiser 24-pack bottles	\$ 16 63
Michelob Ultra 24-pack cans or bottles	\$1699
Sam Adams or Stella Artois 12-pack bottles or cans	\$13 ⁹⁹

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Decoy Pinot Noir or CABERNET 750 ml.

Liberty Creek \$599 Wines 1.5 liter Carlo Rossi Sangria 750 ml. (Assorted Varieties) A by Acacia **\$9**99 Pinot Noir 750 ml. Juggernaut Pinot Noir or Cabernet 750 ml. **Arbor Mist** \$499 Wines 1.5 liter Seagram's



Escapes 12-pack

\$Q99

\$899 Canteen **VODKA SODA** 6-pack cans