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## Cars...a family affair

by Brandon LaChance

Once upon a time in a rural Illinois village named Dwight, a boy named Phil Becker continuously went to the News Stand to check out new hot rod magazines.

A girl, Deb, who worked at the News Stand, caught Phil's eye.

Over time, Phil asked Deb on a date with a car magazine opened in his hand.

The rest of the car, love story, is novel material as the Beckers have been together ever since creating a family, two sons Todd and Timm, friendships and award winning cars.

"We've met a lot of great people going to these shows. We now have great friends on the east coast, the west coast, and all over the mid-west," said Phil Becker, a 1967 Dwight Township High School graduate who began working on cars in high school. "We all venture to the shows, run into each other, then go out to eat and shoot the breeze.

"It's kind of a small niche thing, but you meet a lot of friends. We've traveled everywhere from the west coast clear to the east coast. We've been to Boston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Arizona, Chattanooga, and all through Texas. If there is a big city, we've been there. The only region we really haven't been to is the Northeast. It's interesting because you meet different people from all over.

"It comes full circle because my wife, my kids, and my neighbors are all a part of this. Both of my boys are car nuts. Both of them have hot rods. I'm very proud of them."

The Becker family enjoyed some family time



during the Grand National Roadster Show Jan 28-30 at the Fairplex in Pomona, California.

Phil and Deb brought their 1932 butterscotch three-

w i n -  
dow Ford  
Coupe and their grey 1932  
Victoria.

The butterscotch was chosen by Darryl Hollenbeck, who paints high-end cars and winner of the 2016 Grand National Roadster Show, as one of the Top 12 cars at the show, while the Victoria was chosen as the Best Rod at the indoor show, which filled nine buildings.

"Our sons and their families were in California also. It was a family event," Deb Becker said. "We had airline miles out the ying-yang because I use a Southwest Airlines card, so we flew them out there. They hadn't been there and it was on their bucket list.

"We said, 'We're not getting any younger and we don't know when we're going to show a car.'

We asked them to come and they were excited. They helped us load and unload. They were a big help."

The three-window butterscotch 1932 was visited by Chip Foose, an automobile designer known for the reality TV show called 'Overhaulin'.

Foose visited with the Beckers for 30 minutes and took photos inside the butterscotch.

"They didn't have the Roadster Show last year because of Covid. This year we decided to go out there," Phil Becker said. "One thing we hadn't done yet was show the grey 1932 Victoria. They let us know they were going to do a 90th Anniversary for the 32s.

"I thought it would be pretty neat, so we brought both the butterscotch 32 three-window Ford and the grey 32 Ford Victoria out. The grey 32 Victoria was featured inside. They put us right at the front door and I was estatic about it. The three-window 32 had been out there 10 years ago. We had it in the gathering of the 32s outside. I think they had 400-500 32s that were invited from all over."

Although winning awards, chatting with TV stars and respected members of the automobile world, and having a couple of the best showcars in the country is awesome, Phil and Deb Becker light up brighter when they talk about their family and friends.

It's hard not to when the people they care about have been part of their love for cars. Actually, they've shared their passion.

"When you show cars, you need what's called a judge's book because to look at the car is one thing, but to look at the judge's car shows you how you got there," said Deb Becker. "It shows all of the details from when it started to when it was finished.

"Todd has started creating judge's books. The first one he made, he gave to Phil as a Christmas present. Once people saw it, they've

been hiring him to make them. He's done three or four since then."

Phil believes the couple is at the "end of their rope" in terms of restoring and showing cars as they're getting older and want to focus on other commitments.

However, they'll never forget the family bonds they've strengthened, the people they've met, or the memories they've created.

"It went from running the little Texaco Station to buying one car and fixing it up," Phil Becker said. "Friends like Larry Seabert would paint the cars and do the body work while I did the chassis work. It was just on a part-time basis.

"The older we got and when the kids went to college, it kind of stopped. Then you realize dreams only come around once. It was incredible it happened twice for us. I've been real fortunate to have the family, friends, and support that I have. If it wasn't for the friends and the family, it may have stopped and never started again. You hang around the people that have the same passion that you do and you feed off of everyone else."

Brandon LaChance is a journalist with The Paper. He can be reached at 815-876-7941.



## Officers Recognized at Dwight Village Board

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board met Monday, February 28, at the Public Services Complex.

Police Chief Tim Henson, attending his final board meeting as commander, recognized four recent or soon-to-be retirees of the Dwight Police Force. Receiving commemorative badges from Henson were Mark Scott, Joe Kokaly, Wayne Haley, and John Hoy.

Henson also awarded several officers with commendations on actions involving police incidents over the last several months. Receiving appreciation were John Hoy, Charlie Houch, Alex Butts, Gary Beier, Brian Maier, and Watson McKee.

**The Board approved** the hiring of EMS Basic Brandon Tenerelli at full-time, Step B level compensation.

The transfer of funds of \$67,171.31 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Reserve Fund was approved.

**A transfer request** of \$116,038.76 from the General Fund to the Capital Expenditures Fund had been approved at the February 14 meeting for the following items:

- \$2,741.70 for equipment transfer to 2017 Chevrolet Tra-

verse

- \$43,510.00 for new police squad
- \$2,257.00 for Depot Rehab Project
- \$28,279.58 for the final payment on the village's 20% share of Pinecone Path extension
- \$19,555.24 for backstop at Renfrew Park
- \$9,478.75 for lawn mower
- \$9,297.00 for pool design invoices
- \$919.49 for range and hood in Ambulance Department

A resolution was approved for the reconstruction of St. Louis Street from Route 17 to Chippewa Street.

The Board had discussion that Van Vessen Auto is making periodic payments on their business loan with the Village but is currently 16 payments behind for approximately \$18,000. Mayor Paul Johnson told the Board that all steps should be taken to collect the money and that better procedures should be developed to manage the business loans.

**In new business**, Trustee Randy Irvin brought up concerns about an abandoned property on Smith Lane and that neighbors had reported sewer problems and odors at the location. Director of Public

Works Cory Scoles informed the Board a concern had been raised at this location in the past and that some testing had been done. He said a shared sewer line with a neighbor was a contributing factor, but the issue appeared to be with the abandoned property. Irvin commented that the Board should pursue ordinances to get homeowners to fix, sell, or tear down abandoned properties.

The use of Renfrew Park by the Dwight Lions Club for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 from 8 to 11 a.m. was approved. The egg hunt in the park had been canceled the last two years because of Covid.

A zoning variation by Michael Cornale at 307 Julie Drive was referred to the Zoning Board.

There were no Public Forum comments.

Trustees in attendance were Randy Irvin, Pete Meister, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbrodt and Jenny Johnson. Absent was Justin Eggenberger. The next regular board meeting will be March 14.

Full board minutes of past meetings can be viewed at [http://www.dwightillinois.org/village\\_minutes.html](http://www.dwightillinois.org/village_minutes.html).



RETIRING POLICE CHIEF TIM HENSON, left, awarded commendations on actions to John Hoy, Charlie Houch, Alex Butts and Watson McKee. Officers Gary Beier and Brian Maier, not present, also received awards.



RETIRING POLICE CHIEF TIM HENSON, left, awarded commemorative badges to retired and or retiring officers. Left to right, Mark Scott, Wayne Haley, Joe Kokaly and John Hoy.

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**Tickets Issued by Dwight Police**

February 25: Kevin R. Cap, speeding 26-34 MPH over limit.

February 27: Olivia L. McCullough, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

February 28: Sagar Kothakonda, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

March 2: Adam D. McDermott, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

**8 Written Warnings**

Speeding – 3; Stop Sign Violation – 1; No Red Taillight – 1; No Registration Plate Light – 1; Expired Registration – 1; Fail to Yield from Private Drive – 1.

**Dwight Police Blotter**

February 27: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of W. South St. for Damage to Motor Vehicles.

February 28: Dwight Police were dispatched to 12 W. Northbrook for a counterfeit \$100.00 bill.

March 1: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of N. Franklin St. An overhead wire had been pulled down by a delivery semi.

Medical Aid – 8; Check Vehicle – 2; Return Call – 9; Lock Out – 3; Animal – 1; Accident Unknown – 1; Traffic Stop – 13; Out of Control Subject – 1; Miscellaneous – 4; Well Being Check – 3; Funeral Escort – 1; Out With Subject – 3; Burglar

Alarm – 1; Out With Vehicle – 2; Follow Up – 2; Customer Problem – 1; Fire Alarm – 1; Counterfeit – 1; Walk In – 8; Damage To Property – 1; Information – 1; Warrant Check – 1; Assist Agency – 3.



**Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

February 24: I-55 SB, trauma, refusal; Franklin, medical, Morris.

February 25: George, medical, refusal; North, fire, canceled, mutual aid to Braceville; Patmore, fire, mutual aid to Coal City; Prairie, medical; Judd, medical, Riverside; Main, medical, Morris; Union, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

February 26: James, medical, refusal; Mazon, fire; Lincoln, medical; Northbrook, trauma, refusal.

February 27: Wabash, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Emington; Spencer, medical, Morris.

February 28: Mazon, fire; Franklin, medical, Morris; John, trauma, Morris.

March 1: Mazon, medical, St. James; William, medical, St. James; Morris Rd., trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Morris.

March 2: Prairie, medical; Main, medical, Morris; South, fire; 3100 N., medical, Morris.

March 3: Mazon, trauma, Riverside.

Temps - 2022

Feb. 24 – high 27°, low 15°  
1” snow

Feb. 25 – high 25°, low 12°

Feb. 26 – high 33°, low 14°

Feb. 27 – high 41°, low 24°

Feb. 28 – high 53°, low 26°

Mar. 1 – high 55°, low 29°

Mar. 2 – high 59°, low 29°

One Year Ago – Mar. 10, 2021  
high 55°, low 25°



Dwight Fire Incidents

2/25 - 3/4

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

February 25: Mutual Aid to Braceville – Canceled; Mutual Aid to Coal City.

February 26: Automatic Fire Alarm – E. Mazon Ave.

February 28: Automatic Fire Alarm – E. Mazon Ave.

March 1: Mutual Aid to Coal City.

March 2: Electrical Wires Arcing – E. South St.

Dwight FPD also responded to 14 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Food Sanitation Manager’s Course Begins in April

A Food Sanitation Manager’s Course is being offered by the Livingston County Public Health Department. The course is designed for persons who prepare or serve potentially hazardous food to the public, such as workers in restaurants, delicatessens, schools, nursing homes, hospitals and catering establishments.

The three-day course begins Tuesday, April 5, with the exam on Tuesday, April 19.

Registration is required. A fee applies for the course, which includes the textbook and all materials. Classes will be held from 8:00-11:00 a.m. on all three days at the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) (310 East Torrance Avenue, Pontiac). Seating is limited, so register as soon as possible.

For more information, call the LCHD at 815-842-5916. More information is available on their website, [www.lchd.us](http://www.lchd.us).

T.B. Board, BoH for LCHD Meetings

March 14

The Tuberculosis Board and Board of Health for the Livingston County Public Health Department is scheduled for Monday, March 14, in the Conference Room of the new Health and Education Building, 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac.

Meeting times are as follows: The Tuberculosis Board meeting is at 5:45 p.m., and the Board of Health meeting is at 6:00 p.m.

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**Financial Advisors Can Help Reduce Anxiety**

The long-running coronavirus pandemic has fueled a lot of anxieties – including financial ones. But some people have had far fewer worries than others.

Consider this: Among those investors who work with a financial advisor, 84% said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the pandemic, according to a survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones.

Of course, many people experience investment-related fears even without a global health crisis, and that’s probably not surprising, given the periodic volatility of the financial markets. But financial guidance can come in handy during relatively normal times, too.

A financial professional can help you ...

... *Look past the headlines* – Inflation, interest rates, pandemics, elections – there’s always something in the news that could affect the investment world in the short term. But by helping you construct a portfolio that’s built for the long term and reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, a financial advisor can enable you to look past the headlines.

... *Avoid emotional decisions* – Many people let their emotions drive their investment choices. When the market goes through a downturn and the value of their investments drops, they sell to “cut losses,” even though these same investments may still have good business fundamentals and promising futures. Conversely, when the market is on an uptick, some people chase after “hot” investments, even when they become overpriced and may have very little room to grow. But a financial advisor can help keep you from making these fear- and greed-based actions by only recommending moves that make sense for your situation.

... *Work toward multiple goals* – At various times in your life, you may have simultaneous financial goals. For example, you could be investing for a retirement that’s decades away, while also trying to save for a child’s college education. A financial professional can suggest ways you can keep working toward both objectives, in terms of how much money you can afford to invest and what types of savings and investment vehicles you should consider.

... *Prepare for the unexpected* – Most of us did not need a pandemic to remind us that unexpected events can happen in our lives – and some of these events can have serious financial impacts on us and our loved ones. Do you have adequate life insurance? How about disability insurance? And if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, how would you pay for it? A financial advisor can evaluate your protection needs and recommend appropriate solutions that fit within your overall financial strategy.

... *Adapt to changing circumstances* – Over time, many things may change in your life – your job, your family situation, your retirement plans, and so on. A financial professional can help you adjust your financial strategy in response to these changes.

Achieving your financial goals may present challenges, but it doesn’t have to cause you years of worry and distress – as long as you get the help you need.

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Home Burns Down Near Dwight

DWIGHT FIRE RESPONDED to a rural structure fire north of Dwight on Dwight Road Sunday evening and was assisted by several mutual aid departments. The home owner, James Beier, was injured and transported by Dwight EMS to Morris Hospital and later transferred to Loyola. Beier’s current injuries and conditions are unknown. The home is a total loss and there were no reported injuries to any firefighters in the incident. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division 15 Investigation team. Dwight Police Department Chief of Police Mike Nolan and Tim Henson have organized monetary donations aiding Beier to be accepted at Streator Onized Credit Union.

Photo by Marilyn Kolthoff, Route 66 & 17 FireGround Photos

Former Speaker Madigan indicted on corruption charges

Michael Madigan, the longest-serving House Speaker in Illinois history, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago, Wednesday, March 2, on a range of corruption charges.

Madigan accumulated enormous power as Speaker and a variety of political posts, including chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party. After corruption allegations came to light in 2020 Madigan stepped down as Speaker early in 2021 and resigned from the House a few weeks later.

**Another mixed report on state revenue.** Every month it seems that we get another good news/bad news report on state revenue. These reports come from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA), the General Assembly’s non-partisan budget watchdog agency. The continuing high inflation and the recovery from the pandemic have led to an increase in revenue to the state. COGFA

now expects the state to take in \$48.5 billion in the current fiscal year which ends June 30. That is over \$4 billion more than was expected at the start of the year.

The bad news is that much of this money will not carry over into the next fiscal year. Available funds are expected to drop by more than \$2 billion next year as money from federal sources dries up.

**State Police report continuing success in FOID card backlog.** Last year one of the top issues I heard about from constituents was the long delay in processing FOID card applications and renewals. The State Police made changes to their systems and have worked diligently to bring down the backlog and reduce the time Illinoisans were having to wait for approvals. This week we received some additional statistics from the State Police:

Where we were a year ago:

- New applications for FOID cards in

January 2021 Approvals for FOID cards in	25,702
January 2021	23,870
Where we are now:	
New applications for FOID cards in	
January 2022	12,003
Approvals for FOID cards in	
January 2022	14,897

As you can see, the State Police have worked hard to get ahead of the problem and are bringing down the backlog. While one year ago approvals were lagging behind the number of applications, today the State Police are getting ahead of the surge.

**How much do we owe?** As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$3,613,987,533 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$5.0 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated.

Gas Prices For This Week

As the conflict between Russia and Ukraine continues, crude prices soar, leading to higher pump prices in the U.S. The national average for a gallon of gas is \$4.07, a staggering 46 cents more than a week ago, 63 cents more than a month ago and \$1.31 more than a year ago. The national average has not been this high since July 2008. The increase in gas demand and a reduction in total supply contribute to rising pump prices. But, increasing oil prices play a leading role in pushing gas prices higher. Consumers can expect the current trend at the pump to continue as long as crude prices climb.

City/Village	March 7	February 28
Dwight	\$4.12	\$3.72
Kankakee	\$4.37	\$3.91
Streator	\$4.19	\$3.88
Pontiac	\$3.96	\$3.59
Gardner	\$4.14	\$3.69
Braceville	\$4.19	\$3.87
Morris	\$4.36	\$3.83
Herschel	\$4.34	\$3.75
Chicago	\$4.50	\$3.97
Illinois	\$4.34	\$3.86
U.S.	\$4.07	\$3.61

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

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## Dwight Rotary Club/LSC Scholarship for Class of '22

Earl McCoy, Immediate Past President of Dwight Rotary Club and Vice President, Division Director of the former LSC Communications Dwight operations, reminds Dwight Township High School seniors of the Class of 2022 to apply for the “Dwight Rotary Club / Dwight RR Donnelley (LSC) Endowed Scholarship” to Joliet Junior College. The winner of their scholarship is awarded two years of tuition at JJC, which is an approximate value of \$6,000+. Interested DTHS seniors should visit their Guidance Counselor, Jackie Froelich, at 815-584-6205 and froelija@dwright.k12.il.us, for an application.

Many years ago, the Dwight

Rotary Club and Dwight RR Donnelley (now formerly LSC Communications) had the foresight to combine contributions and fund the endowment, thus creating their “Dwight Rotary Club / Dwight RR Donnelley (LSC) Endowed Scholarship.”

Supporting Education is an area of focus for Rotary. The other key tenets of Rotary are Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers-Children, Growing Local Economies, and our Environment.

Emmalyn “Emma” Legner was the 2021 winner of the “Dwight Rotary Club / Dwight RR Donnelley (LSC) Endowed Scholarship” to JJC.

## Grundy County Celebrates World Wildlife Fund’s EARTH Hour March 26

The Environmental Office of the Grundy County Land Use Department is asking that Grundy County residents consider participation in the World Wildlife Fund’s EARTH Hour Saturday, March 26, from 8:30-9:30 p.m. by turning off all lights in your home or business.

By participating you will be joining millions across the world switch off their lights for one hour to show that they care about the future of our brilliant planet. The WWF page has many details and ideas to help make this event not only a fun event but to bring a positive change through the acknowledgement of climate change

and nature loss.

To celebrate this event, do the following:

- Switch off all lights in businesses and homes and plan a fun event with the family.
- Encourage others by adding this event to group discussions or businesses through social media.
- Organize groups to promote and increase participation in this event.

Over the last 16 years, WWF’s EARTH Hour’s unique display of darkness has become a global phenomenon with hundreds of millions of individuals coming together each year.

How do you start?

Join for a **free meal** and **speech** by author Tom Thelen Monday, March 28, from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Auditorium at Dwight Township High School.

Everyone is invited: kids, teens, parents, and community members. The meal will be served from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Café. Childcare will be provided after the meal for kids ages three to 10.

**RSVP** at dwightk12.org. Look for the link on the website and in e-mails/texts.

**What is it about?**

Author Tom Thelen is traveling from Florida to speak in the school district. During the day, he will speak to third through 12th grade students, and in the evening, everyone is

## Free Family Event at DTHS March 28

### Mental Health 101 – Raising Resilient and Bullyproof Kids

invited back for a free meal and an inspiring speech about bullying prevention and mental health. The program includes additional material on positive parenting skills and family dynamics.

**Key takeaways will include:**

- 7 Tools for Reducing Anxiety

(free PDF download)

- Practical steps for responding to bullying and cyberbullying
- Mental health and well-being skills

Tom Thelen is the lead author of **Mental Health 101 for Teens** and the founder of Reset Schools, a nonprofit that

teaches practical mental health skills and resiliency. Since 2012, Tom has spoken at over 800 schools and conferences and has been featured on PBS, CBS, and NBC. He and his wife, Casie, have four school-aged children and a dog named Willie.

## KCC Hosting Fast Path Info Sessions

In-person and live online information sessions are being held this month for the Kankakee Community College Fast Path transfer program.

The in-person event will be at KCC’s Miner South Extension Center in Watseka Wednesday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m. The virtual Zoom information session will be Wednesday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m.

The Fast Path Program uses a schedule of two classes at a time, two days a week, for students to earn an Associate in Arts transfer degree in two years, all in Watseka. New classes begin every eight weeks. Students are in class for about three hours a day, two days a week. The course sequence, dates and times are prearranged and guaranteed.

“We’ve done the planning, and taken the guesswork out of college,” said Nancy Schunke, KCC Miner South Extension Center coordinator and Fast Path advisor. “Fast Path students have a support system



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“The Fast Path program helped me ease into college,” said Olivia Henning, a current Fast Path student. “The classes in the program are well thought out and fun. The mentor and staff are helpful and provide

support throughout the program. It was a great choice for me. Applications are now being accepted, and classes will begin in August 2022. The program admits a maximum of 20 students each year.

For questions or to reserve a seat at one of the information sessions, contact Schunke at nschunke@kcc.edu or phone 815-802-8784.

## Mobile Pantry in Dwight, Odell Monthly

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

Thursday afternoon of each month.

This month, the date is **Thursday, March 10.**

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

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NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WILL BE HELD AT 7:15 O’CLOCK P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 IN THIS ODELL TOWNSHIP AND THAT FINAL HEARING AND ACTION ON THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES AT A MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE ODELL TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM, 208 E. ELK STREET, ODELL, ILLINOIS AT 7:15 O’CLOCK P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on the “tentative” Budget and Appropriations Ordinance of the Reddick Community Fire Protection District, Kankakee, Livingston, and Grundy Counties, Illinois for the fiscal year May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. April 19, 2022 during a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Reddick Fire Protection District in the Trustees Meeting Room at 210 E. Main St., Reddick, IL.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a tentative form of said Budget and Appropriations Ordinance will be posted for public inspection at the firehouse Trustees Meeting Room on or before March 16, 2022.

Sue Bergan

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees  
Reddick Community Fire Protection District

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**TAKE NOTICE**

TO: KRISTY A. MASCHING, LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK; NICHOLAS J. TARNOWSKI; OCCUPANT; VILLAGE OF DWIGHT; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

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Property Index Number 05-05-09-178-010

On July 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 15, 2019 for general taxes of the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire June 24, 2022.

Jerry A. Tuffentsamer, Attorney for Petitioner  
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### Deb Terrill to be Spotlighted by Kankakee Kultivators General Meeting March 10

Deb Terrill, well-known to Daily Journal readers for her articles on gardening, cooking, conservation – you name it – will share her prodigious knowledge and engaging humor as the Kankakee Kultivators’ featured presenter at their March meeting.

Not only will Deb share her new program, “Seeds to Table,” and field all questions her audience might ask about her presentation, but earlier in the club’s meeting she will also participate with those present in their “Round-table Discussion,” during which anyone can take gardening, conservation,



Deb Terrill

and flower arranging questions to the club’s Master Gardeners

and other experienced gardeners – and this month to Deb.

The Kankakee Kultivators’ March meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month, March 10, in the Auditorium on the fourth floor of the Kankakee Public Library.

Kankakee Kultivators welcome everyone who’s interested, member or not, to attend and enjoy the entertaining and educational opportunities offered by programs at their meetings. All who would like to work with club members to carry out the missions of the organization are invited to join.

### Call for Art! Brave, Bold, and Believed Art Show in Kankakee Apr. 11

Clove Alliance is now seeking submissions for its second annual Brave, Bold, and Believed Art Show, an evening to celebrate and honor the journey of survivors and the efforts to end sexual violence.

Artists are encouraged to create an original design in keeping with the themes of empowerment, strength, resilience and survivorship.

Students in seventh through 12 grades, and adults, are invited to participate. Cash prizes will be awarded, for both the adult and student divisions, for Judge’s Choice (\$100) and People’s Choice (\$100), with the People’s Choice winner being announced Monday, April 25.

All entries will be displayed at the Brave, Bold, and Believed Art Show Monday, April 11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Majestic Theater (Burfield and Remington building) in Kankakee. Admission to this event is free.

Entry drop-off days are

April 5 and 6, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at the Clove Alliance offices in Kankakee (1440 W. Court St.) or Watseka (1801 N. State Rt. 1, Suite 3). Note, a completed entry form is required with all submissions. Late entries will not be accepted.

For questions or more information, reach out to prevention@clovealliance.org.

Artwork will be on display in the hallways of the Majestic

Theater from April 12 through April 22. During this time, the community will be invited to vote on which entry is their favorite for the People’s Choice award.

Artwork can be picked up at Clove Alliance’s Kankakee office April 25 through April 29. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any artwork not picked up by 5:00 p.m. on April 29 will be discarded.

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### Adult Programs and Trips Through Godley Park District

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

**Circle Jam**

Do you play a musical instrument and want to join other musicians for a jam session? Give Circle Jam a try Saturday, March 12, from 5:00-8:30 p.m.

This free program for all ages is held at the Rec Hall (next to the water tower).

**Godley Resident Luncheon**

Adults (21+) from the Village of Godley can join for a complimentary luncheon Thursday, March 17.

BINGO starts at 10:00 a.m., with lunch being served at noon.

Register by Friday, March 11.

**Lunch Out & About**

Join the laughter and fun as they venture to different restaurants, including Chili’s in Mor-

ris Wednesday, March 23.

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

Register/pay by Wednesday, March 16.

**Island Resort & Casino Trip**

A trip is planned to Harris, MI, Sunday through Tuesday,

March 20-22, to visit Island Resort & Casino, with an optional day trip to Escanaba, MI.

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For a detailed itinerary and more trip information, contact Angie Krug at 815-458-6129, ext. 2.

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DTHS GRADUATES Lucy Rieke and Eden Beier are studying Music Education at Western Illinois University. Keep up the good work!!

If you have a student who you would like us to spotlight, send your photo and information to [thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net) – We love to hear about what *The Paper* grads are doing.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PEYTON CARPENTER! He received the Gardner Area Vocational Center Director’s Award for the month of February for Engineering II. Peyton is a senior at Gardner-South Wilmington High School. This is his second year in the Engineering program.



Mary Jo and Don Verdun



Don and Mary Jo Verdun to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Don “Deak” and Mary Jo (Rappley) Verdun of Odell are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 11. The couple was married at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Dwight on March 11, 1972. Their attendants were Cindy (Rappley) Wolf, Lindy (Rappley) Ribordy, Dick Verdun, Butch Verdun, Fred Rappley, and Jim Stahler. Deak and Mary Jo have two children: Brian (Krista) Verdun, of Pontiac, and Laura (Erick) Mund, of Odell. They have five grandchildren:

Nolan, Aaron, and Dylan Verdun, and Grace and Seth Mund. Mary Jo taught junior high language arts in Ransom, as well as third grade in the Prairie Central School District, before retiring. Deak was a carpenter, working for the Carpenter’s Union, and then was a carpenter at Illinois State University until his retirement. The couple loves spending time with their grandchildren, as well as traveling. They also enjoy spending the winter months in Arizona.

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Dwight Common School Annual Trivia Night March 14 at Station 343

On Saturday, March 14, Dwight Common School PTO will be hosting its third annual Trivia Night. The event will be held in the banquet room at Station 343. There will be 10 rounds of questions. Each round will feature prizes from local businesses. Team can have up to eight players. A fee applies per team. All money raised by PTO is used to support the students and staff by paying for field trips, classroom magazines, classroom supplies, back-to-school gifts, snacks, and teacher appreciation week. You can help raise funds and have a fun night out – reserve a table by contacting DCS PTO by stopping at the school, messaging them at Dwight Common School on Facebook, or e-mailing: [dgspto@dwight.k12.il.us](mailto:dgspto@dwight.k12.il.us)

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Odell Firemen Breakfast March 13

On Sunday, March 13, the Odell Firemen will hold a Pancake and Sausage/Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Odell Fire Station. This is all-you-can-eat, with kids under 12 receiving a discount and preschoolers eating for free. Carry-outs are available. In addition to the breakfast, there will also be a 50/50 drawing. This event will support the Odell Tip-Top 4-H group.

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OBITUARIES

Lloyd Gale Irvin

CREST HILL – Lloyd Gale Irvin, 82, passed away from heart complications on February 10, 2022 at St. Joseph’s Medical Center.

He was born January 26, 1940 in Odell, Illinois, the son of Hamilton and Frances (Horton) Irvin. Lloyd graduated from Dwight Township High School.

He served in the United States Air Force for four years. He worked at a classified job in the mountains of Okinawa, Japan.

Lloyd was a loyal member of the VFW and the American Legion. He enjoyed traveling across the country with his longtime companion, Dorothy Hall.

In addition to his parents, he



was predeceased by several siblings: Bob (Juanita), Jim, Bill and Donald Irvin.

Survivors include his daughter, Cynthia (John) Vessel of Channahon, and two grandchildren; his son, Michael (Laura) of Seminole, Florida; brothers and sisters: Betty (Bill) Vilt, Jack (Jane), Carolyn (Dick) Gonnarn, Floyd (Betty), Richard (Barbara), and Ronald; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Interment: Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Those who wish to remember Lloyd in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital in Hines, Illinois.

Barbara A. Butts

Barbara A. Butts, age 83, of Dwight, Illinois passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 1:29 a.m. in her home in Dwight.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 9, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

Her funeral service will be Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Memorial Home.

Burial will be Thursday, March 10, at 1:30 p.m. in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Stickney, Illinois.

Hager Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara was born February 13, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois, to Casimer and Myrtle (Mertl) Michon. She married Robert Butts June 6, 1992. He passed in December 2008.

Children: Carol (Joseph) Butts of Tuscaloosa, AL; Kimberly (David) Bzdusek of Dwight, IL; Christine (John)



Koraneck of Plainfield, IL; Keith (Misty) Gabreleski of New Braunfels, TX; and Kevin Cap of Dwight, IL.

Barbara is survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

Siblings: Lawrence Michon of Pontiac, IL and Diane Russo of Dwight, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands; two children in infancy; a brother, Robert Pokorny; and an infant sister.

Barbara attended Harrison High School in Chicago, Illinois. She attended St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight.

A very talented seamstress, Barbara passed her sewing skills to family members, and she enjoyed crocheting and quilting, as well. She also very much enjoyed cooking.

Memorials: American Cancer Society.

LTLD Adapts to Post-COVID Life

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) is changing with the end of the mask mandate. The library currently recommends the use of masks within the library. However, they are no longer required to be worn within the library. They will continue to have their first hour of operation as a time for seniors and immunocompromised patrons/community members.

Their Public Access Computer Area has four units available and will resume to their Computer User Policy guidelines. Programming will slowly return to in-person meeting times. Check their website at [limestonelibrary.org](http://limestonelibrary.org) as well as their Facebook and Instagram pages, and *The Paper*, for updates. You can also call the library at 815-939-1696 if you have any questions.

Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook. On March 15, watch Ms. Holly read an exciting picture book and help preschoolers discover the joy of reading.

Computer Class: Job Searching takes place Thursday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. Austin will show the ways to safely search the web for jobs. If you have any questions, e-mail them or send them by Facebook messenger by March 9.

Science Demonstration with Ms. Holly and Ms. Faith will

be on Facebook Wednesday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m. Watch as their intrepid staff members demonstrate a science experiment using items you have at home. This program is for kids in first through fifth grades.

Chess Club will take place Thursday, March 17, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. Austin will lead participants through various game moves that can help improve your plays.

Join for Adult Craft Night Monday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. Go out for a night of crafting to learn how to make a two-liter bottle into a cute pot for a house plant.

Writer’s Group will meet Tuesday, March 22, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. They plan to edit and critique each other’s work, becoming better writers in the process. When you sign up, give them your e-mail address so they can send you others’ work to review before the meeting.

Every Saturday, they have a new Take-It-and-Make-It craft that anyone can pick up. The crafts are geared for children in first through fifth grades.

Contactless Curbside Service is also available for those who want their check-outs taken to their vehicle. Call the library to schedule your pickup.

Any questions? Call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at [info@limestonelibrary.org](mailto:info@limestonelibrary.org).

OSF HealthCare Saint James Education Assistance Program Application Period Open

Applications are being accepted for the 2022 OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center Education Assistance Program.

The program supports college students pursuing advanced degrees in patient care health-related fields. This financial assistance is open to students enrolled in an accredited college or program.

The three scholarships that will be offered this year are The Carla Hannie Scholarship Fund, The Lois Heins Education Assistance Fund, and The OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship.

**The Carla Hannie Scholarship Fund** is in memory and honor of Carla. She was an OSF Saint James nurse for 18 years, before losing her fight with pulmonary fibrosis in 2019. Carla didn’t just care for her patients, she loved them and their families. Her empathy, compassion and dedication were felt by everyone she cared for and worked with. In honor of all she did for each of her patients, her co-workers, and OSF HealthCare, her fellow Mission Partners and friends want to carry on her legacy by creating a nursing scholarship in her name. The recipient(s) of the scholarship will be nurses pursuing an advanced degree in the field of nursing. Their hope is that Carla Hannie’s spirit will live on in each recipient as they receive the gift of education and ultimately do the work that she dedicated her life to.

**The Lois Heins Education Assistance Fund** is a generous endowment set up in memory

of Lois. She was a lifetime resident of Pontiac, as well as a proud member and supporter of the OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center Auxiliary. Lois was an advocate of healthcare in the community and nursing careers. The Lois Heins Education Assistance Fund will be awarded to assist college students in Livingston County with their educational expenses while pursuing a nursing degree.

**The OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship** is a generous donation made by the Auxiliary Board resulting from fund-raisers they hold throughout the year. The Saint James Auxiliary is made up of over 70 members, all valued members of the surrounding community. Many Auxiliary members are volunteers who donate their time, talents and treasures to the medical center, working side by side with them daily. The Auxiliary members are invested in the care given at OSF and strongly believe in their Mission, Vision and Values. Therefore, the OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship recipient(s) will be for students enrolled in a program, college or university pursuing a career in the health career field.

The application deadline is April 15.

For an application or more information, contact Michelle Masching at 815-842-6818 or at: [Michelle.L.Masching@osfhealthcare.org](mailto:Michelle.L.Masching@osfhealthcare.org)

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of )  
) 2022-PR-21  
CAROL ANN COULTER, Deceased. )



**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of the death of CAROL ANN COULTER whose place of residence at the time of her death was 404 S. St. Louis Street, Dwight, IL 60420, and who died on January 27, 2022.

Letters of Office as Independent Executrix of the Estate of CAROL ANN COULTER were issued on February 14, 2022 to, JULIENNE ELLEN COULTER, 404 S. St. Louis Street, Dwight, IL 60420, and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

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**DONALD R. McCLAREY**  
Attorney for the Independent Executrix of the Estate of, CAROL ANN COULTER, Deceased.  
313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9  
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**5 Minutes with Boma**

**Lockout**

It’s time to talk about baseball, or in this case, lack of it. Baseball has once again gone into a lockout with another labor dispute between the players and the owners, largely centered around revenue sharing.

The last official lockout was in 1994 but they had a pseudo-lockout during the COVID season where they couldn’t agree on finances, and eventually came to play a very shortened season of 60 games.

At the root, it’s just millionaires fighting with billionaires, so it’s tough to really feel too terrible for either side. Ultimately, it’s the owners’ fault.

Rob Manfred is by all accounts a terrible commissioner, and is just a human shield for the owners as they hide behind him. When statements come out like “you would have performed better in the stock market than you would have owning a baseball team over \_\_\_\_ of years” it’s really tough to take that seriously. Being an owner of any professional sports team over the last 15-20 years has seen their values increase 4-5 times.

There’s also no salary cap floor, so you get teams fielding a roster with a 30 million dollar payroll because they can still turn a profit rolling out of a team that isn’t even remotely competitive.

They’ve also gone about branding their sport terribly. They make it very hard for highlights to be shared on social media, their playoff games last 4+ hours, and they’ve done nothing to combat it. The sport is largely becoming one of 3 possible outcomes (strikeout, walk, home run) and I think of lot of this comes back to the owners.

Their messaging has never been consistent, and it pushed them to a fairly distant 3rd in terms of popularity among sports in America behind football and basketball.

I still really enjoy the Cubs, and high stakes baseball, but they definitely have some wrinkles to be ironed out.

This is on the owners, and don't let anyone tell you different!

Go Cubs.

Aaron J. Boma  
2016 ISU Grad

We would like to thank everyone for your kindness, support and comforting words. We gratefully appreciate the cards, flowers and memorials in this difficult time.

**The family of Candy Abry**  
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## How to Involve More Seniors in Your Community

The negative effects of isolation is something the vast majority of the world can now relate to. The COVID-19 pandemic forced people from all walks of life and from every corner of the globe to spend less time with friends, family members, neighbors, and other acquaintances. As the world cut back on in-person interactions to curb the spread of the virus, billions of people recognized just how difficult feelings of isolation can be.

Feelings of isolation are a problem many seniors know all too well. A report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine indicates that roughly 25 percent of adults aged 65 and older are considered to be socially isolated. That's both sad and unhealthy, as the National Institute on Aging notes that research has linked social isolation and loneliness to problems such as high blood pressure, heart disease, anxiety, depression, and Alzheimer's disease.

Seniors are invaluable resources in their communities. Community leaders and local residents can make a concerted

effort to involve seniors in local events. Such efforts strengthen communities and help seniors remain active participants in their towns and cities.

- **Promote senior-friendly volunteering opportunities.** The importance of volunteers was never more apparent than during the pandemic, when many nonprofits and other organizations were forced to meet their missions without the assistance of volunteers who had been urged to stay home. Seniors were among the first people eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and receive boosters, and many have been anxious to get back to pitching in. Communities can facilitate those efforts by developing and highlighting senior-friendly volunteering opportunities. For example, libraries can start a program where seniors read to children in person or via Zoom.
- **Give seniors a chance to teach.** Communities have rich histories that younger residents, including middle-aged adults, may be unaware of. One great way to shed light on local history is to invite local

seniors to speak about how life in their communities has changed and how it's stayed the same. Themed speaking series can attract locals with specific interests. For example, local veterans can be asked to share stories of their time in the service, while retired business owners can offer insight and advice on running successful local businesses.

- **Develop nature-based programs.** A 2019 study published in the journal Scientific Reports found that spending just 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with better overall health and improved well-being.

Nature-based community programs, such as planting days at local parks, hiking clubs or even beach or lakeside cleanups, is a great way for community residents, including seniors, to get their weekly dose of nature and spend more time with their neighbors.

Many seniors routinely confront feelings of isolation. Community leaders can take steps to help aging residents by developing and promoting programs that are inclusive and senior-friendly.

## Why it Pays for Seniors to Maintain Good Credit

The benefits of maintaining good credit include looking more reliable in the eyes of prospective employers and securing lower mortgage interest rates when buying a home. Those rewards can benefit anyone, but they're especially enticing to young people. But what about seniors? Do individuals stand to benefit significantly from maintaining good credit into their golden years?

According to the credit reporting agency Experian, senior citizens tend to have the best credit scores of any consumer demographic. That could be a byproduct of years of financial discipline, and there are many benefits to maintaining that discipline into retirement.

- **Home buying and borrowing:** Buying a home is often considered a big financial step forward for young people, but that doesn't mean aging men and women are completely out of the real estate market. In its 2020 "State of the Nation's Housing" report, the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University reported that the share of homeowners age 65 and over with housing debt doubled to 42 percent between 1989 and 2019. In addition, 27 percent of homeowners age 80 and over were carrying mortgage debt in 2019. Maintaining strong credit after retirement can help homeowners who still have mortgage debt get better terms if they choose to refinance their mortgages. Even seniors who have paid off their

mortgages can benefit from maintaining good credit if they decide to downsize to a smaller home but cannot afford to simply buy the new home outright.

- **Rewards:** Retirement is often associated with travel, recreation and leisure. Such pursuits can be more affordable when seniors utilize rewards-based credit cards that help them finance vacations, weekend getaways and other expenses associated with traveling. Seniors who maintain strong credit ratings into their golden years may have more access to the best travel-based rewards cards than those whose credit scores dip in retirement.

among its many ripple effects was the sudden job loss experienced by seniors. The JCHS report found that 21 percent of homeowners age 65 and over had reported loss of employment income related to the pandemic. Unforeseen medical expenses also can compromise seniors' financial freedom. Maintaining a strong credit rating into older adulthood can help seniors navigate such financial uncertainty more smoothly. Such a strategy can help seniors secure low-interest loans or credit cards that can help them pay down sudden, unforeseen expenses without getting into significant debt.



- **Unforeseen expenses:** No one knows what's around the corner, but savvy seniors recognize the importance of planning for the unknown. The COVID-19 pandemic seemingly came out of nowhere, and

The importance of a strong credit rating is often emphasized to young people. However, a strong credit rating can be equally beneficial for seniors.



## Kankakee Community College Lifelong Learning Institute

### Spring Kickoff at KCC April 1

An information session to kick off spring courses designed for active senior citizens will be 10:00 a.m. to noon Friday,

April 1, in the Iroquois Room at Kankakee Community College.

The special guest speaker on

April 1 will be Jim Schreiner, and the topic will be "Cannabis: Not Your Grandparents Weed".

The Lifelong Learning Institute offers affordable, high-quality, non-credit classes that take place in an environment that fosters participation. Registration and course information will be available. The event is free and open to the public. The classes are non-credit, continuing education, open to people ages 50 and older.

The classes focus on different intellectual and cultural topics, and vary from a few hours to several meetings. In-person and Live Webinar options are offered, and prices also vary, with many classes priced at \$20 or less.

For more information or to find out the latest course offerings, visit [kcc.edu/lli](http://kcc.edu/lli) or phone 815-802-8206. To be added to the program mailing list, e-mail [mposing@kcc.edu](mailto:mposing@kcc.edu) or phone 815-802-8206.

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## How to Determine If It's Time to Downsize

Individuals work hard to save enough money to purchase their homes. And the hard work doesn't end there. Once homeowners settle into a new home, they may set their sights on renovations that suit their individual needs. And even when buyers find a home that needs no such work, maintenance requires homeowners' utmost attention.

All that hard work is perhaps one reason why seniors may be a little reluctant to downsize as they advance through their golden years. In addition to the sweat equity homeowners put into their homes, all the memories they've made within their walls can make it harder to put

a home on the market.

Downsizing is a difficult decision that's unique to each homeowner. Seniors who aren't quite certain if downsizing is right for them can consider three key factors to make a decision that's in their best interests.

- **Cost:** Perhaps no variable affects senior homeowners' decisions to downsize their homes as much as cost. No one wants to outlive their money, and downsizing to a smaller home can help seniors reduce their monthly expenses by a significant margin. Even homeowners who have long since paid off their mortgages can save substantial amounts of money by



downsizing to a smaller home or even an apartment or condominium. Lower property taxes, reduced insurance pre-

miums and the need to pay for fewer repairs are just some of the ways downsizing can save seniors money.

- **Space:** Many people love the extra space that single-family homes provide. But seniors can take a walk through their homes and see how many rooms they still use on a consistent basis. If much of the home is unused, seniors can probably downsize without adversely affecting their daily lives.
- **Market:** The real estate market is another factor to consider when deciding if the time is right to downsize. A seller's market can help seniors get the biggest return on their real estate investment, potentially helping them make up for meager retirement savings. For example, home prices skyrocketed across the

country during the COVID-19 pandemic, making that a great time for sellers to put their homes on the market. Seniors selling to downsize may capitalize on such spikes since they won't be looking to turn around and buy larger, equally expensive homes once they sell their current place. If the market is down and seniors can withstand the work and cost a little longer, it may be best to wait until things bounce back in sellers' favor.

Downsizing requires careful consideration of a host of variables. No two situations are the same, so seniors should exercise due diligence to determine if downsizing is right for them.



## Travel Perks and Discounts for Seniors

Having made it to their golden years, seniors enjoy not only the privilege of earned wisdom, but also a few perks that come with aging. Many adults who have reached a certain age are entitled to an array of discounts, which take into consideration seniors' fixed retirement incomes. Discounts are available on various services, including many travel options.

Seniors have a lot of time to devote to recreational pursuits. This list of available travel discounts can help seniors get the most bang for their vacation bucks.

### Airline tickets

Before booking a flight, it is worth investigating if a particular airline carrier offers senior discounts. The global pandemic has changed how some airlines do business, and many have faced significant adversity since early 2020. Airlines may offer

more affordable flights to drum up business. In the past, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, British Airlines, and United Airlines have offered various discounts for people ages 65 and older.

### Ground travel

Flying isn't the only mode of travel available. AARP partners with various car rental companies to offer senior discounts. Seniors also may be entitled to discounts of 5 percent or more on tickets from Greyhound, Amtrak, and Trailways. Seniors who live in metropolitan areas also may get reduced fares on public buses and trains through providers like New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

### Accommodations

Getting there is one thing, but seniors also can receive discounts on hotel stays or cruise

cabins. AARP reports that many major hotel and motel chains offer senior discounts between 5 and 15 percent. Royal Caribbean has offered senior discounts on select sailings and stateroom categories. Smarter Travel notes that most chains require travelers to book directly rather than through an online booking agency/deal site to be eligible for discounts.

### Dining out

Many restaurants, and national chains in particular, offer senior discounts with or without AARP membership. Applebee's offers 10 to 15 percent off to those age 60 or older. Brick House Tap & Tavern, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Denny's, IHOP, Outback Steakhouse, and many others provide discounts or special senior pricing.

### Tours and more

Seniors also can speak with travel agents or booking services about discounts on sightseeing tours and other vacation excursions.

One of the perks of getting older is the chance to save money on travel-related services.



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### Vigna, Kodat Make All-Conference Team

Congratulations are in order to Dwight Lady Trojans Brooke Vigna and Kassy Kodat, who have been selected to the Tri-County Conference girls basketball All-Conference Team for the 2021-2022 season.

Vigna averaged 7.2 points

per game, in addition to leading her squad in rebounds (10 per game) and blocks (1.3 per game).

Kodat led Dwight in scoring, putting up 8.5 points per game. She also knocked down a team-high 28 three-pointers.

### 7th Grade Lady Redbirds Beat GSWB, Fall to Seneca in Regional Championship

**Tuesday, March 1  
Dwight vs. GSWB  
7th Grade - Regional**

In a regional rivalry match-up that would decide who would advance to the championship, Dwight defeated Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville in three sets, 25-13, 17-25, 25-22.

Claire Sandeno had three

aces, six kills, and five digs to lead the Lady Redbirds. Mikayla Chambers (6 kills, 6 digs) and Miranda Bovel (2 assists) added two aces each, while Delaney Boucher (7 kills) and Avery Connor (3 assists) each put up one ace. Kit Connor contributed three kills, three assists, and a dig, followed by Cloe Gall with a kill and a dig. Addy Sulzberger

chipped in with three digs.

**Wednesday, March 2  
Dwight vs. Seneca  
7th Grade - Regional**

The Lady Redbirds had their season come to a close March 2, as they fell in two sets to Seneca, 23-25, 20-25, in the regional championship.

Mikayla Chambers led Dwight with six aces, four digs,

and a kill. Avery Conner added two aces and two assists, with Claire Sandeno (2 kills) and Kit Connor (2 digs) each providing one ace. Delaney Boucher put up five kills and a block, while Addy Sulzberger had three digs and one kill.

"I'm super proud of how the girls played and never gave up," said Coach Leonard. "We had a great season."

### GSWB Lady Tigers Taken Down in Regional

The seventh grade Lady Tigers of GSWB, the #3-seed, won their first round regional game at Dwight February 28, defeating Bourbonnais St. George.

"I think their nerves got the best of them at the start," said Coach Faletti, "and they had to fight hard for the first win. They came out strong in the second set, as they were much more relaxed and able to play their game."

This win (25-23, 25-13) advanced them to the next round to face their rivals from Dwight.

On March 1, GSWB's season ended, as Dwight took

them out of regional action.

The Lady Tigers were not able to figure things out in the first set, as they let Dwight easily take that win (25-13).

Things turned around in the second set, as GSWB easily took it, 25-17. The third set had both teams determined that their season was not ending just yet. The Lady Tigers tallied eight aces and four kills in the third set, but were not able to advance to the championship.

"This group has improved so much since the start of the season," Faletti added, "and I look forward to coaching them again next year."

### MVK 7th Graders Defeat Marseilles, Lose to Seneca in Regional

**Monday, February 28  
MVK vs. Marseilles  
7th Grade - Regional**

In round one of regional play February 28, the Lady Mavericks swept Marseilles, 25-23, 25-11.

Aurora Weber had 16 points (6 aces) and three kills. Gracie Smith (5 points, 6 kills) and Audrey Claypool (10 points) each put up four aces. Hayden Pfeifer added three points and two kills.

**Tuesday, March 1  
MVK vs. Seneca  
7th Grade - Regional**

Mazon-Verona-Kinsman suffered a 17-25, 30-28, 9-25 second round regional loss to Seneca March 1, bringing its season to a close.

Gracie Smith led with 12 points (3 aces), four blocks, and three kills. Aurora Weber (7 points, 1 block) and Audrey Claypool (5 points, 1 kill) had two aces each, with Kendall Jones providing three points (1 ace) and one kill. Brynlee Hunt chipped in with five points.



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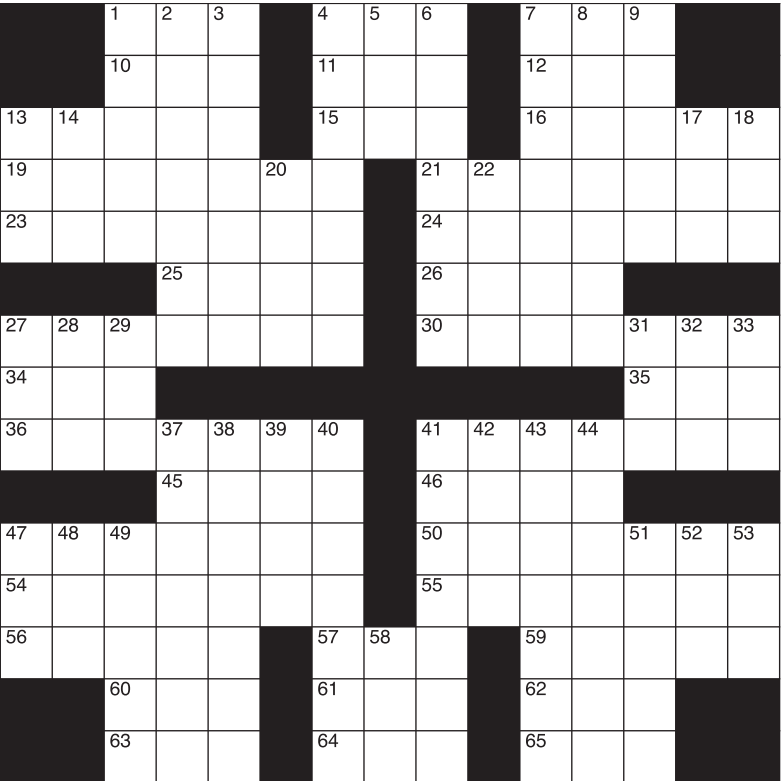
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- Tear apart
- Middle Easterner
- Eat to excess
- Stained
- Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
- 1st day of month
- Skin disease
- Skating figure
- Annelids
- Gracefully slender
- Kids need it
- Swiss river
- Indents
- A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
- Belgian River
- \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Originate from

- Rugged mountain ranges
- Made less clean
- Professions
- 3s
- Scarf
- Yellow light
- Bird noise
- Opposite of start
- Bar bill
- Northeastern Mass. cape
- American rocker Snider
- Midway between northeast and east

### CLUES DOWN

- Scandinavian drink
- Washington river
- Fast-running flightless bird
- Nerve conditions
- Indicates near
- Immediate relevance
- Things you can eat
- Receptacles
- Retired Brewers great
- Month
- Happy New Year!

- Exclamation to convey truth
- Passports and licenses are two
- Ebert’s partner Siskel
- Long skirt
- Part of company name
- Drugmaker \_\_\_ Lilly
- Electronic countermeasures
- Klutzy
- Chinese statesman
- Stir with emotion
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Go-between
- This (Spanish)
- A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
- Small waterfall
- Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
- Utter repeatedly
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REVENUE SUMMARY: PROPERTY TAX \$50,043.41 – UTILITY TAX \$45,154.47 – LIQUOR LIC/NEV PERMITS \$2,900.00 – FRANCHISE LICENSES \$9,395.22 – OTHER LICENSES \$50.00CR – BUILDING PERMITS \$1,139.80 – STATE INCOME TAX \$119,911.19 – REPLACEMENT TAX \$8,265.40 – PHOTO TAX \$21,640.52 – LOCAL SHARE VIDEO GAMING TAX \$9,876.22 – SALES TAX \$82,042.72 – ROAD & BRIDGE TAX \$9,699.43 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX \$11,020.02 – CANNABIS USE TAX \$854.97 – FINES – COURT/OTHER \$1,437.61 – GARBAGE PENALTIES \$7,813.74 – GARBAGE SALES \$78,468.67 – INTEREST INCOME \$3,309.88 – DONATIONS RECEIVED \$4.00 – MISCELLANEOUS INCOME \$15,910.96 – REBUILD ILLINOIS \$35,435.75 – PROPERTY TAXES \$28,064.24 – WATER SALES \$141,080.91 – FARMER METER \$11,367.12 – INFRASTRUCTURE FEE \$67,852.33 – WATER DEBT FEE \$26,940.39 – TOTAL REVENUES: \$789,578.97.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: UNDER \$25,000.00 GRIEFF, EDITH A – MORRIS, RODNEY L. – LAMBERT, LISA J – MCPEEK, JAMIE E. – TISSIERE, MARK D – RUSSELL, THOMAS C. – VERDUN, BRIAN E – WYKES, GARY L – REBHOLZ, JAMES E – MILLS, BRIAN K. – THORNE, IRIS A – RIBORDY, RICHARD J. – Between \$25,000.00 and \$49,999.99 LEENDERS, JENNIFER A. – BOLEN, JOE T – Between \$50,000.00 and \$74,999.99 ARMOUR, GROVER T – TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$167,955.73.

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: ACE HARDWARE \$710.66 – ACE IN THE HOLE, INC \$10,826.00 – ANDREWS ENGINEERING, INC \$6,114.84 – ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF RE \$8,510.99 – IRS FINANCIAL AGENT \$40,619.87 – ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIRE \$37,909.02 – STOCK & FIELD \$797.82 – BANK OF PONTIAC \$7,815.70 – BP \$4,612.84 – Bruce P Miller \$1,400.00 – BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH, INC \$10,143.90 – ALEX BRADBURY \$7,499.00 – THE BUSINESS CONNECTION I \$1,800.00 – CHIEF REDI-MIX, INC \$1,927.00 – CAUGHEY LEGNER FREEHILL E \$29,449.58 – CLFEM REAL ESTATE \$4,563.00 – COMED \$56,464.21 – CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTI \$1,189.00 – CORE & MAIN LP \$16,096.97 – CUMMINS INC \$1,442.99 – NANCY FORDERER \$927.18 – FRONTIER \$5,482.45 – EVERGREEN FS, INC. \$5,666.57 – GASTON CONSTRUCTION \$4,215.00 – GUTWEIN QUALITY DOORS INC \$640.45 – HACH CO. \$671.95 – HARN R/O SYSTEMS, INC. \$5,363.60 – TIM HINSHAW REMODELING \$1,700.00 – ILLINOIS EPA \$5,879.60 – ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE \$27,050.29 – KELLY ELECTRIC \$6,960.78 – KANKAKEE VALLEY CONSTRUCT \$880.00 – TREASURER LIVINGSTON COUN \$1,617.91 – LIVINGSTON COUNTY TRUSTEE \$813.00 – LGHP – SHARED SERVICES CE \$43,911.00 – LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF \$20,000.00 – LOCIS \$4,095.70 – MASSIE JET-VAC LLC \$3,200.00 – MEDIACOM LLC \$1,079.40 – MICKEY’S LINEN & TOWEL SU \$1,171.53 – MUG-A-BUG \$5,085.50 – NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS \$1,587.83 – NICOR GAS CO. \$3,247.74 – OFFICE DEPOT \$1,822.20 – OPPERMAN CONSTRUCTION CO \$30,010.00 – THE PAPER \$722.00 – PDC LABORATORIES INC. \$1,914.40 – PHILLIPS & ASSOCIATES, CP \$5,650.00 – PRINSCO INC – \$885.67 – QUILL CORPORATION \$4,407.75 – DESTINATION PRODUCTS, L.L \$760.41 – REPUBLIC SERVICES #366 \$75,910.68 – RIBER CONSTRUCTION, INC \$1,708.00 – RAILROAD MANAGEMENT CO, L \$3,269.17 – STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT \$54,417.48 – STRATEGIC MARKETING SERVI \$930.00 – STEFFENS 3-D CONSTRUCTION \$25,922.57 – THRUSH SERVICES, INC. \$875.00 – RICK A TUCKER \$16,837.00 – ULINE \$1,365.96 – USA BLUEBOOK \$3,800.84 – U.S. POST OFFICE \$1,286.58 – VALLEY VIEW INDUSTRIES \$6,489.98 – VARSITY STRIPING & CONSTR \$4,951.44 – VERIZON \$1,243.77 – All other Disbursements Less Than ( 599 ) \$11,413.05 – TOTAL VENDORS: \$657,734.82.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION						
	GENERAL FUND	MFT	I.M.R.F. FUND	ODELL TOURISM	WATER IMPROVEMENTS STATEGRANTF	WALKING/BIKING DEBT CASH ACCT
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$632,023.81	\$62,826.15	\$9,285.82	\$22,265.41	\$0.00	\$11,915.17
Revenues	\$435,644.80	\$71,713.68	\$28,064.24	\$978.34	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditures	\$387,098.80	\$61,964.01	\$38,817.12	\$10,019.98	\$0.00	\$7,815.70
Other Financing						
Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,815.70CR	\$0.00	\$7,815.70
Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$680,569.81	\$72,575.82	\$1,467.06CR	\$5,408.07	\$0.00	\$11,915.17
	CDAP GRANT #07-242029	DCCA GRANT FUND	G.O. BONDS	WATER DEBT CASHACCT	WATER FUND	SEWER FUND
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$786,829.35	\$417,603.78
Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$191,954.47	\$61,223.44
Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,417.48	\$110,902.78	\$61,107.31
Other Financing						
Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,417.48	\$54,417.48CR	\$0.00
Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$813,463.56	\$417,719.91
	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONGTERM DEBT				
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Other Financing						
Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$0.00	\$0.00				

## LCHD COVID-19 Updates

### Area COVID-19 Stats as of March 7

The CDC recently released a new framework to monitor the level of COVID-19 in communities that includes hospitalizations, hospital capacity and cases. This new approach focuses recommendations on minimizing severe disease, limiting strain on the healthcare system, and enabling those at highest risk to protect themselves against infection and severe disease. Rather than focusing on eliminating all virus transmission, prevention measures, such as masks, will be recommended when the level of severe disease in communities has the potential to overwhelm the healthcare system. The COVID-19 Community Levels informing recommendations on prevention measures, like masking and testing, are as follows:

- When communities are at a “**low**” level: In this circumstance, masks are not needed in most settings. At the low level, they recommend people stay up to date with their vaccines and take a test and stay home if they are sick. Businesses should continue to ensure increased ventilation.
- When communities are at a “**medium**” level: Hospitals are seeing more sick patients and there is likely more disease in the community. The focus is on protecting the people who are most likely to get severely ill and die from COVID-19. In this circumstance, CDC recommends persons at high risk for severe COVID-19 wear well-fitting masks in indoor public settings, and for those who regularly interact with someone who is im-

Town	Total Tests Performed	Cases
Dwight	25,282	1,174
Herschler	6,004	512
Gardner	5,444	486
Odell	5,788	375
Mazon	3,898	361
Braceville	4,056	329
Essex	2,650	268
S. Wilmington	2,060	171
Saunemin	2,627	160
Cullom	3,190	159
Reddick	1,960	144
Verona	1,646	141
Cabery	1,954	132
Ransom	1,705	118
Buckingham	1,471	109
Kempton	1,709	102
Emington	1,100	86
Blackstone	1,192	72
Kinsman	1,303	45
Campus	775	29
Union Hill	263	18

County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	458,566	28,619	358
LaSalle	465,388	28,634	377
Grundy	146,781	12,532	133
Livingston	234,457	10,626	136
Iroquois	106,597	7,104	111
Ford	72,317	4,385	64

**Illinois - Confirmed Cases:** 3,037,199; **Deaths:** 32,926; **Probable Deaths:** 4,182; **Total Tests Performed:** 55,089,500.

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

munocompromised to test before visits and take extra precautions, like mask wearing. At this level, certain settings may also want to enhance screening measures to identify infections quickly and prevent spread in

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS	
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	:
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	:
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Alan M. Schrock BLAKEMAN & SCHROCK, LTD. Attorney for Estate 307 West Washington Pontiac, IL 61764 Telephone: 815-844-6177 Fax: (815)-842-3288 alan@bsltd.com	

these locations (e.g. healthcare, schools).

- When communities are at a “**high**” level: Community-wide policies to wear masks indoors may be implemented. If those policies do not exist, it is still recommended people wear masks in all indoor public settings, including in schools – where masks are critical to keeping classrooms open for in-person learning – and workplaces. Masking is still required in high risk settings, such as on public transportation and healthcare settings.

In alignment with the changes implemented by CDC and as cases of COVID-19 continue to decline in Livingston County, the LCHD will no longer provide weekly COVID-19 updates. Should the county reach a “high” COVID-19 Community Level, the public will be informed immediately to ensure community members can take appropriate actions to keep themselves and others safe. Individuals may track county level COVID-19 data by visiting Illinois Department of Public Health’s (IDPH) website: [dph.illinois.gov/covid19/data.html](https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/data.html).

In order to keep COVID-19 community levels low, it is imperative that individuals take action to protect themselves and others, including vaccination. Vaccination continues to be the best form of protection in the fight against COVID-19. **New LCHD COVID-19 vaccination clinic hours are every Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and open to all those eligible to receive the vaccine, with a legal guardian required to accompany all minors. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Families may visit the LCHD (310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac) for not only free COVID-19 vaccinations, but many other supportive public health services.





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815-584-3182  
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Pastor Dan Woodward  
Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
200 W. Delaware St.  
584-1260 church  
Rev. Grant Speece  
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
MAR. 9: Guild, 7 p.m.  
MAR. 13: Genesis 15:1-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35; "Going to Jerusalem".  
MAR. 16: Trustees, 7 p.m.

**New Life Assembly of God**  
903 S. Old Route 66  
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
Mazon Ave. at Prairie  
815-584-3522 Office  
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
326 W. Chippewa St.  
815-584-1199  
Pastor James Reents  
(309) 530-7824  
Pastor Dave Castner  
(970) 290-1268  
Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church "Goodfarm" LCMS**  
515 E. Stonewall Rd.  
Rev. William Mitschke  
815-725-1341

**BRACEVILLE**  
**Braceville United Methodist Church**  
106 W. Gould St.  
815-237-8512 Church  
815-483-9343 Cell  
[bracevilleumc.com](http://bracevilleumc.com)  
Pastor Donald Batz  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**CABERY**  
**Cabery United Methodist Church**  
Ames & Chester  
815-949-1681  
Pastor John Lyons  
815-257-5751 cell

**CULLOM**  
**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church NALC**  
511 W. Jackson  
815.689.2120  
[st.johns@frontiernet.net](mailto:st.johns@frontiernet.net)  
Pastor: Gabriel Baumgardner  
Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

**Cullom United Methodist Church**  
103 E. Van Alstyne St.  
815-689-2484  
Pastor John Lyons  
815-257-5751 cell

**ESSEX**  
**Essex United Methodist Church**  
114 Waverly St.

**GARDNER**  
**Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
202 N. Monroe  
P.O. Box 248  
Janet Chandler, Pastor  
Office hours:  
T-W, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
815-237-8312  
[churchofhope@sbeglobal.net](mailto:churchofhope@sbeglobal.net)

**United Lutheran Church ELCA**  
309 E. Jefferson St.  
815-237-2227  
[pastorluc@att.net](mailto:pastorluc@att.net)  
Pastor Greg Olson

**HERSCHER**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS**  
255 E. Third St.  
P.O. Box 414  
815-426-2262  
[trinityher1@comcast.net](mailto:trinityher1@comcast.net)  
Rev. Eric J. Brown, Pastor

**St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church**  
Main Street  
Fr. Ron Neitzke  
815-426-2153

**Herscher United Methodist Church**  
274 N. Elm Street

Phone: 815-426-6169  
Pastor Kevin Boesen

**Herscher Christian Church**  
30 Tobey Drive  
Pastor Sam Stow  
Office Hours: Tue.-Fri, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
815-426-2908  
Staff e-mail:  
[life@herschercatholic.com](mailto:life@herschercatholic.com)  
[herschercatholic.com](http://herschercatholic.com)  
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**KEMPTON**  
**Kempton United Methodist Church**  
305 Main Street  
815-253-6373  
Pastor John Lyons  
815-257-5751 cell

**Kempton Church of the Nazarene**  
105 E. Main St.  
815-253-6250  
Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor

**KINSMAN**  
**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
219 W. Emmett Street  
Rev. Stanley Drenniak,  
[swkcreatholics.org](http://swkcreatholics.org)

**MAZON**  
**Mazon United Methodist Church**  
509 7th Street  
815-448-5677 Church  
815-483-9343 Cell  
[mazonmethodist.com](http://mazonmethodist.com)  
Pastor Donald Batz  
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

**Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ**  
806 Park Street  
Pastor Tyler Carrell  
Phone 448-5514

**ODELL**  
**St. Paul Catholic Church**  
200 S. West St.  
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Morgan Street  
Phone 815-998-2271  
Rev. Janceen Tronc

**RANSOM**  
**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
110 Wallace Street  
Pastor, Fr. Alexander Mil-lar; Parochial Vicar, Fr. Ghislain Inai, S.M.A.; Deacon Ron Wackerlin  
Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m.  
Parish Office: 815-795-2240 (Marshall)  
Email: [parishgroup3@gmail.com](mailto:parishgroup3@gmail.com)  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Ransom United Methodist Church**  
Worship Service  
Sunday 10 a.m. and live on Facebook  
102 E. Plumb St.  
Phone: 815-587-0488  
email:  
[RansomUMC@gmail.com](mailto:RansomUMC@gmail.com)  
Pastor Andrew King  
Pastor cell: 815-257-4485

**REDDICK**  
**Reddick United Methodist Church**  
35900 E 3200 N Road  
Pastor Kevin Boesen  
815-426-6169

**Zoar Community Church**  
18172 W. Route 17  
P.O. Box 87  
Reddick, IL 60961  
Pastor Andrea Boggs  
Email: [Zoarcommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:Zoarcommunity@yahoo.com)  
[Zoarcommunitychurch.com](http://Zoarcommunitychurch.com)  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Connect with God Service: 5 p.m.  
Sunday Supper Connect with Others: 6 p.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
216 E. Lincoln Street  
Rev. Stanley Drenniak  
815-237-2230  
[swkcreatholics.org](http://swkcreatholics.org)

**SAUNEMIN**  
**Saunemin United Methodist Church**  
90 North Street  
815-832-4935  
Pastor Jane Bradford

**SOUTH WILMINGTON**  
**South Wilmington United Methodist Church**  
225 Rice Street  
Pastor Kevin Boesen  
815-426-6169

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church**  
135 Rice Street  
Rev. Stanley Drenniak  
815-237-2230  
[swkcreatholics.org](http://swkcreatholics.org)

**VERONA**  
**Verona United Methodist Church**  
The Wayside Chapel with a Warm Heart  
433 Anne St.  
Phone: 815-287-2491  
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## Right around the corner

### DEA hosts meeting about Route 66 Smokeout

by Brandon LaChance

Don't blink as time is warp speed fast enough, but May will be here fast enough.

With May only two months away, planning for the Route 66 Smokeout has already begun.

The Dwight Economic Alliance held a meeting Monday, Feb. 28 at its downtown office to discuss the setup and if anything should change from the previous year of the event held the first weekend of May.

This year, the Route 66 Smokeout will be held Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7. The Red Carpet Corridor – where all businesses are showcased – will also be on Saturday.

“We realize this event can be disrupting to our downtown businesses, but it's also a great event for Dwight,” said Rodney Connor, who resigned as the DEA President but is still the organizer of the Route 66 Smokeout. “The purpose of the meeting was to get together with as many downtown business owners as we could to make sure everybody is leveraging the event to help their business prosper.

“We do these events to bring people to Dwight. We want to make sure bringing these peo-

ple to Dwight results in them spending their money in Dwight, them getting a good impression of Dwight, and coming back on later dates. We're just trying to leverage that as much as possible.”

During the meeting, closing off East Main Street from Friday afternoon until around 4 p.m. Saturday, after awards are handed out to the BBQ chefs, was discussed.

Also on the agenda were an auction and whether or not to have it online, in person, or both. A raffle board was suggested in which there would be 100 spaces and people would purchase one for \$20 to win gifts, prizes from Dwight businesses.

Porta Potties and hand sanitizer stations would be accommodated by the DEA.

Attending the meeting were Connor, who owns a share of Sweat Factory, and his wife Destiny Connor – owner of A Touch of Destiny, Cherry Red Roasters owner Duncan Müller, Mary Boma of Franklin Corner and *The Paper*, Franklin Corner employee Andi Burkhardt, Paul Ferrari of Aly Anne's Bar and Grill, DEA Board members Shayla Smith (also a co-owner of the Sweat Factory) and Jill Mann, and DEA coordinator Katie Folkers.



A YARD FULL OF DESCENDANTS. What could be better on a 105th birthday than having a party with family members overflowing into the front yard! Mrs. Edward Rieke of Dwight celebrated her birthday Tuesday, March 8. The party in her honor was enjoyed at her home Saturday.

## Henson's Last Call



TIM HENSON TOOK HIS LAST CALL as the Dwight Police Department's Chief of Police at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4 outside of the police station. Henson is retiring after serving 29 years as the Chief of Police and 30-plus years in law enforcement. On March 4, Henson's office was open all day for guests and during the last-call, new chief Mike Nolan, multiple police officers, fire fighters, and EMS surrounded the squad SUV.

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