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Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Asbestos Abatement Approved by Tri-Point CUSD 6J Board

The Tri-Point CUSD 6J Board adopted its school calendar for the 2022-23 year, and approved membership of Tri-Point High School in IHSA for the 2022-23 school year.

The Senior trip was approved as presented, as well as submitting an E-Learning Plan. It was also approved to submit a Legislative Waiver for Full Day School Improvement Ac-

It was decided to accept the bid from NES for asbestos abatement at the Upper Elementary Junior High at a cost of \$27,355; and approved track resurfacing at a cost not to exceed \$36,000.

A bid proposal will be advertised and issued for Junior High restroom renovations.

The 2022-23 Consolidated District Plan was approved.

Graduation day for the class of 2023 will be May 21.

After being in closed session, the resignation of Ben Morris was accepted, effective

The Dwight Grade School

Board of Education took the

recommendation of Principal

Julie Schultz at their Board

Meeting on March 16 and gave

authorization for her to hire

three additional teachers for the

2023 school year. The new po-

sitions would allow for each

grade level K - 4 to have three

portion of the meeting three

Pre-K teachers; Mrs. Suzanne

Schall, Mrs. Amy Kargle, and

Mrs. Jana Kinkin all spoke for

the need of adding these posi-

tions. They presented their

opinions as professional educa-

tors, that because of Covid, the

social and emotional needs of

the younger students were not

being met. They informed the

Board that with increased fam-

ily isolation comes increased

family trauma. Smaller class

sizes allow for teachers to be

more engaged with fewer dis-

tractions and transitions. Cur-

rent enrollment for Pre-K

through 3 stands at 289 and is

During the Public comments

sections each.

DCS Addresses Class Size

at the end of the 2021-22 school year. The resignation of Diana Lohrbach was accepted effective March 11, 2022.

Eric Grider will be reassigned to Elementary/High School PE.

Emily Ainley will be employed as high school math teacher; Raele Lane as elementary special education teacher; and Robert Allen as upper elementary junior high custodian.

First year teachers to be reemployed: Kylie Miller, Joe Santillo and Katie Crouch; second year teachers to be re-employed: Jenna Baker, Kristi Weller and Melody Haag; and third year teachers to be re-employed: Annie Galindo, Josh Evans, Brendan Elens, Anita Platz, Aimee Wright and Anna Vierra, all for the 2022-2023 school year.

Legislative granting of tenure was acknowledged to fourth year teachers, John Allhands and Scott Saffer for the 2022-23 school year.

few years. They suggested

making provisions for three

sections for each of the lower

grades was the prudent thing to

do and the DGS Board agreed.

grade class were in attendance

to give the Board an update on

their 8th Grade initiative, "22

of a Kind". The project's goal is

to promote kindness through-

out the school and to encourage

everyone to "Just be Nice." The

8th grade students work closely

with DCS social worker Brit-

tani Dahlman, as well as the 8th

grade teachers, to plan monthly

activities promoting kindness.

Simple acts of kindness are

placed around the building,

such as smiles, hearts, and

shamrocks as visual cues to en-

courage students to act in a pos-

itive manner. There is a

different theme each month and

there have been many positive

comments regarding behavior

from staff members, as well as

students . The student role

models who spoke were Taylor

Frobish, Ethan Pakula,

Five students from the 8th

Sharing teaching talents, Dwight natives win education awards

by Brandon LaChance

The biggest institution in Dwight is Dwight Township High School.

Every child in the village receives their education from DTHS and what they do with it from there is a representation of Dwight.

Mark Pagel and Jane Kresl took their Trojan education and have shared it with other communities. Not just shared, but extensively, as both have been recognized as top educators in Illinois.

Pagel was recognized by the Illinois Principals Association as the Principal of the Year for 2021-22 and Kresl was awarded the Teacher of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Peoria.

"I was so incredibly honored to receive the Illinois state-wide Principal of the Year Award for 2022. Honestly, it's such a team effort and I feel like it's so much more than I deserve," Pagel said. "When you're working in education, teachers, administrators, the support staff, educators, we don't do what we do for awards.

"They're wonderful when they come in, but honestly, from Day 1 – and I think anyone you talk to who knows me would agree - I'm just all about the kids as all teachers are. We do this because we have a love for kids. We want to make a positive difference in their lives, we want to help them be their best selves, and we want to create amazing memories around teaching and learning together that stick with them for their entire lives.

"Kids are the why of why we do what we do. That makes every day a joy to go to school because you get to spend your day with kids.'

Pagel, who is married to Shari (celebrating their 31st Anniversary on March 23) and have three kids in Marissa (29), Brennan (26), and Garrett (23), has been the principal of Prairieview Elementary in



MARK PAGEL, DWIGHT NATIVE AND PRINCIPAL OF PRAIRIEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DOWNERS GROVE reads the book "Not So Different" to incoming 3rd grade students.

Downers Grove for the last Pagel said. "My kids were at a better leaders for our commueight years.

His current position came after graduating from Dwight in 1985, Illinois State University in 1990, teaching middle school math for 12 years, principal at Dwight Junior High from 2002-2011, and a principal in Elwood for three years.

After connecting with superintendent Tim Arnold in Elwood, Pagel is working with his mentor again through the Central Cass District, of which Prairieview is a part.

"Part of leaving Dwight and going to the suburbs was career opportunities. I live in Shorewood, so the move to Elwood brought me closer to home,"

younger age and heavily in volved with a lot of activities in school and so I wanted to be more available, involved in their school careers. I spent a lot of my time when they were much younger at events for other kids. I just didn't want to miss my own kids'

"Working for Tim Arnold was a draw for me as well. Arnold had changed positions and became the superintendent of Center Cass School District. I jumped at the opportunity to work with him again. We're very like-minded, but we also challenge each other in the very best way possible to become

Pagel knows he didn't win this award alone.

He praised his co-workers and his wife for being just as much of the award as he is.

"So much of this award is a credit to her. She was the one when I was coaching, teaching, and taking night classes, she was the one at home raising the kids and taking care of things on the home front," Pagel said. "Everything of who I am today, I owe to her. She is the reason I am here today and the reason I've received all of the wonder-

ing the award." (continued on page 5)

ful messages I have for receiv-



8TH GRADE PROJECT "Just Be Nice" students attended the DCS Board meeting. L-R Taylor Heath, Madison Ely, Angelina Harrison, Ethan Pakula, Taylor Frobish,

Congress Cutting Dwight a Check for an Ambulance; New Business in LSC Building?

events.

by Brandon LaChance

Recently, Dwight has had plenty of issues with its ambulances.

In need of a new ambulance to further help the community, the Village of Dwight put in a request for a new ambulance when Congressman Adam Kinzinger asked for earmarks or items, programs Illinois cities and towns needed funding for.

On Friday, March 11, Kinzinger contacted Dwight Mayor Paul Johnson and said he was cutting a check for \$250,000 to help the village buy a new ambulance.

"They get special project money occa-

When his special project money was awarded, he was able to select six projects in his district," Johnson said. "A while back, we had requested some money for an ambulance. I received notification on Friday that he was awarded his project money and we were going to receive \$250,000.

"We have two ambulances that are being remounted, which is where they take the back part of the ambulance, the box, off and they rip the cab and motor off because they're super old. They are then going to put them on brand new 2022 Ford F5500 4x4 ambulances. They repaint everything

sionally that is tied to the federal budget. on the patient part of the ambulance. They put all new upholstery, air conditioning, and all of the stuff that makes it up to the most current standards.

'One of the ambulances is having this done to it now. The other is scheduled for late April when our first one comes back. When we actually get the check from Congressman Adam Kinzinger, we will go ahead and order a third ambulance."

The two vehicles Dwight EMS currently drive are over 10 years old and have more than 200,000 miles on them.

The overhauling of the older ambu-(continued on page 6)









FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

March 11: Dynaste S. Crawford, 20, Kankakee, canc./revoke/suspend regis./il.; Blake E. Patchett, 26, Campus, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

March 13: Gina M. Musovich, 48, Streator, driving during suspension.

March 16: Laucharra D. Johnson, 31, Kankakee, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Deidre L. Miller, 16, Blackstone, pass sch. bus loading/unloading.

March 17: Lucus J. Bregin, 20, Normal, driving during suspension.

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

5 Written Warnings

Speeding – 1; No Registration Plate Light – 4.

Dwight Police Blotter

March 13: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Arrested for Driving While Suspended was Gina Musovich, of Streator. She was transported to Dwight Police Department for paperwork, citation, and a court date. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

March 14: A resident advised Dwight Police Dept. they had been a victim of Identity

March 17: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling with no lights on. Arrested for Driving on a Suspended License was Lucus Bregin, of Normal. Also arrested, for possession of Con-Substance, Maxwell Basurto, of Chicago. The vehicle was towed. Both Bregin and Basurto were transpartment. Bregin was given a

court date and released. Basurto was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.

Miscellaneous – 1; Motorist Assist -1; Assist Agency -5; 911 Hang Up - 1; Medical Aid – 12; Traffic Stop – 14; Accident – 1; Walk In – 5; Suspicious Subject – 1; Counterfeit Money - 1; Stop Arm Violation – 1; Loose Dog – 2; Check Area -2; Out With Vehicle -3; Lockout – 4; Battery – 1; 911 Open Line -1; Theft -1; Identity Theft - 1; Check Vehicle -1; Fight in Progress/Hit and Run -1; Return Call -7.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

March 11: Mazon, trauma, Morris.

March 12: Oak, medical, Morris; William, medical, Morris; Front, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Pontiac; Mazon, medical, Riverside; Prospect, medical, refusal; Northbrook, medical, refusal.

March 13: I-55, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner; James, medical, St. James.

March 14: William, medical, Morris; Bannon, trauma, refusal; Main, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner: Seminole, trauma, Morris; Deer, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Odell; Andrew, trauma, Morris.

March 15: 1500 E., medical, St. James, mutual aid to Allen Township; Mazon, medical, Morris; Julie, trauma, refusal; Old Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Mazon; Bannon, medical, Morris.

March 16: John, medical, ported to Dwight Police De- Morris; Prairie, fire, mutual aid to Odell.

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Mar. 11 – high 27°, low 7°

Mar. 12 – high 28°, low 8°

Mar. 13 – high 52°, low 28°

Mar. 14 – high 62°, low 33°

Mar. 15 – high 62°, low 32°

Mar. 16 – high 68°, low 39°

One Year Ago-Mar. 23, 2021

high 64°, low 28°

Fire Incidents 3/11 - 3/18

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

March 13: Mutual Aid to Gardner - Canceled While En

March 17: Mutual Aid to Reddick – Structure Fire.

March 18: Automatic Fire Alarm – Watters Drive.

Dwight FPD also responded to 20 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Free Food to **Be Distributed** March 23

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, March 23, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 Franklin St., Dwight.

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HSA: A Healthy Way to Save for Retirement

Many expenses in life are unpredictable. But there are two things you know you'll have to pay for: medical bills and retirement. You'll probably need to take a variety of steps to meet these costs, but one financial instrument that can help is a health savings account (HSA).

If you're not familiar with an HSA, here are the basics:

Eligibility – If you are enrolled in a qualified high-deductible health plan (HDHP), you can generally contribute to an HSA. While HSAs are typically offered through employers, you can still open one if your employer doesn't provide it, or if you're self-employed, although you must have HDHP coverage. You also can't be enrolled in another health insurance plan, other than those permitted, such as dental, vision, long-term care and disability insurance, and you can't be enrolled in Medicare. Also, you can't be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

Contribution limits - In 2022, you can put in up to \$3,650 to an HSA if you have single coverage, or \$7,300 for family coverage. And if you're 55 or older, you can put in an extra \$1,000 per year.

• Tax benefits - An HSA has triple tax advantages: Your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, so they can reduce your taxable income for the year; your earnings grow tax-free; and your withdrawals are tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified medical expenses. (Withdrawals taken before age 65 that aren't used for qualified medical expenses are taxable and subject to a 20% penalty; once you reach 65, the penalty no longer applies, although withdrawals are

In addition to its providing tax benefits, an HSA can help you in other ways. Perhaps most significantly, your HSA can be an additional financial resource for your retirement. That's because the money in your HSA can be carried over from year to year - you aren't obligated to "use it or lose it." So, the money not spent on annual medical expenses can continue to grow tax-deferred. Plus, an HSA is "portable" - it moves with you when you leave a job.

Furthermore, unlike a 401(k) or a traditional IRA, an HSA does not require you to begin taking withdrawals once you reach 72 - you can leave your account untouched for essentially as long as you'd like. And while you may need to use your HSA funds to meet your medical expenses in retirement - which can be considerable, even with Medicare - you can use what you don't spend on medical costs for your other needs without penalty, once you reach age 65. (As mentioned above, any HSA withdrawals not used for qualified medical costs are taxable.)

Here's one other point to keep in mind: Your HSA likely contains investment options, along with a cash account. If you put all your funds in the cash account, as many people do, you might be depriving yourself of the growth opportunities provided by the investment options. On the other hand, of course, these investments generally carry more risk. One possible way to benefit from both parts of your HSA is to keep enough cash to cover your health insurance's out-ofpocket maximum and invest the rest.

As you can see, an HSA can help you in numerous ways. If you have access to one, consider taking advantage

of it. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Dwight's Yard Waste/Branch Pickup **Starts in April** Branch pickup in Dwight will at Public Works. If work is hired

begin Friday, April 1, and continue until the end of October.

The public works people will be around Mondays and Fridays every other week for each side of town: north side of tracks is picked up on recycling week, south side on non-recycling week.

The rules included in the pickup

Set out at the street, NOT IN THE ALLEY; please make piles manageable with cut side toward the street; NO branches with a diameter larger than six (6) inches; and no root balls or clumps of dirt attached.

Please do not dump your branches waste at Public Works.

done, the company needs to take the branches. Branches hired to be cut will not be picked up by the village

Landscape waste pickup will be each Monday, starting April 4, for the entire town.

The waste must be out by 6 a.m., and be placed in paper biodegradable bags at the street (not the alley). Bags cannot weigh more than 50 pounds each.

No containers will be dumped nor will plastic bags be taken.

Please do not dump your yard

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

Some Illinoisans Waiting for **Unemployment Answers One Year Later**

As the pandemic hit and the lockdowns began, hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans lost their jobs. Many were forced into the state's unemployment system as a way to make ends

But the system could not keep up with the demand, and many had to wait weeks for answers to their applications. Scammers filing fraudulent applications jammed up the system even more. This was the number one issue which my office received calls about last year.

Thankfully the system has improved, and with the lockdowns lifted, more people have been able to go back to work. But stories about the problems in the Department of Employment Security system continue to this day. A Chicago television station recently ran a story about two Illinoisans who had their benefits "hijacked" by scammers who switched their bank account information and began stealing their unemployment payments.

To make matters worse, when they reached out to IDES for help, the agency was slow to respond, and in one case the wrong account. One year later, the victims are still waiting for their benefits. We have to do better.

If you are a 106th District resident who is still having trouble with the unemployment system, please contact my office to see if we can help.

Spring flood season is underway. To help Illinoisans learn about how to prepare and how to deal with flooding, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency has put together a webpage with information about flooding. It provides information on the different kinds of flood statements and warnings from the National Weather Service, and tips for what to do before, during and after a flood to keep you and your family safe and to limit the damage.

Filling the gap in the unemployment insurance trust fund. Back in 2020, as the pandemic lockdowns closed businesses and forced hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans out of their jobs, Illinois joined many other states in borrowing bil-

continued sending money to lions of dollars from the federal government to meet the surge in applications for unemployment benefits. Last year many states used federal stimulus funds to repay the loans, but Illinois opted to spend those dollars on other projects. As a result, we did not repay the \$4 billion debt by the September 2021 deadline, and interest

> began to accrue. This week a House committee passed legislation to shift some federal ARPA funds to start filling the gap. It is unfortunate that we did not do this last fall before the debt was increased by so much due to in-

> > How much do we owe?

As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$4,358,067,325 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$5.6 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, such as our unfunded pension liability which is subject to a wide range of factors and has been estimated to be more than \$141 billion.

Did you know? While we have all seen enough snow over the past few months, this winter was not the snowiest on record in Illinois. According to the Illinois State Climatologist, our state's snowiest winter was 1979, when 44.5 inches of snow fell. The total the year before was 44.4.

Our least snowy winter was not long ago, in 2012, when only 9.2 inches were measured, but the mild weather did not stick around. We bounced back just two years later in 2014 with our third-snowiest winter: 39.4 inches.

Kinzinger, Boyle Statement on Syrian War Anniversary Ukraine is grim, and yet we

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Dr. Ahmad and Dr. Ali

After participating in the "Voices from Syria" virtual briefing hosted by Citizens for a Secure and Safe America and moderated by CNN's S.E. Cupp, Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) and Brendan Boyle (D-PA), Co-Chairs of the Friends of a Free, Stable and Democratic Syria Caucus in the House, released a joint statement recognizing the anniversary, marking 11 years since the start of the Syrian

"The situation unfolding in

ADA

have seen this brutality by Vladimir Putin before. For years, he has helped Bashar al-Assad kill thousands of Syrians by targeting hospitals and attacking citizens fleeing for their "Today, we remember the

millions of lives destroyed by the Syrian War, we recognize the plight of refugees worldwide, and we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring these war criminals are held accountable.'

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Teens Invited to Cake Wars at Dwight Library April 9

through 12 are invited to sign up for Cake Wars at Prairie Creek Library in Dwight (501 Carriage House Lane). The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 9.

Teens are invited to sign up with a partner or individually. Individuals will be paired with another participant. Each team

Area teens in grades six will receive a cake and have access to a variety of decorations to create their cake design. Contestants will get to enjoy pizza while the judging takes place. Then they will get to eat cake, too.

Contact the library at 815-584-3061 or e-mail 4pclibrary @gmail.com to sign up. All participants must be registered by April 4.

St. Paul School, Odell, Third Quarter Honor Roll

Straight A's Seventh Grade: Joe Duffy, Luke Josefik, Evan Wold. Sixth Grade: Stella Turner. Fifth Grade: Emma Eggenberger, Mike Josefik, McKenna Lovell, Lilly Wolf.

High Honors Eighth Grade: Graham Wolf. Seventh Grade: Addison Eggenberger, Hunter Paulsen.

Honors Seventh Grade: Coe Peters.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dwight Common School for February, pictured, not in order, are as follows: PreK - Damon Basham, Quentin Forrester, Zachary Thompson; Kindergarten – Livi Maxard, Brianna Schmidt; 1st – Sky Bown, Lane Carey, Vinny Stipanovich, Bristol Siebert; 2nd – Ava Eggenberger, Jeffrey Medema, Toryn Richards; 3rd – Brady Marques, Olivia Turner; 4th - Skylar Burke, Aubrey McGann; 5th - Payton Oswald, Cara Wilson; 6th - Lucas Rhodes, William Richards; 7th - Sophie Bastian, Addy Sulzberger; 8th - Natalia Brown and Ethan Zappa.





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Free Family Event at **DTHS** March 28

Mental Health 101 – *Raising* Resilient and Bullyproof Kids

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 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

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.

Easter is April 17.



DTHS FCCLA HOSTED a Winter Ball February 26. The Winter Ball court, pictured, front row, from left, consisted of Emelia Eitenmiller, Darien Guyer, Queen Rachel Heath, Ella Kargle, Lola Furbee; back row, Jace Kern, Jacob Watchinski, Daniel Petree, Kyle Kosek, Njomza Asllani, Mia Juarez, and Ella Legner.

Dwight Department Heads Installed/ Funding to End for ESDA

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met Monday March 14 in the Public Services Complex. First on the agenda was the swearing in of new Chief of Police Michael Nolan and EMS Chief Michael Callahan. Several family members were on hand to view the cere-

In Public Forum, Dwight resident Christian Kobel questioned the Board on plans for upgrading St. Louis Street. Mayor Paul Johnson responded that the project was still in the budget and would soon be bid out as part of the Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Program. The intent is to have the work completed this summer.

In the President's Report, Mayor Johnson informed the Board that an infrastructure grant for economic development as part of the Dwight Megasite was being pursued with the aid of the North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG). The grant would help in developing the access location to the site in an effort to aid in the preferred traffic flow.

In addition it was announced that as part of H.R. 2471, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, the Village of Dwight would receive \$250,000 to cover the costs of purchasing a new ambulance. According to a press release from the office of Congress-

man Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), the respective projects are to ensure that residents needing medical care can be transported safely and securely to local hospitals. The funding was submitted through his office.

EMS Director Michael Callahan reported that there was a significant increase in January ambulance calls but that mutual aid events were even, which indicated the ambulance units were getting back to normal operation.

Chief of Police Michael Nolan told the Board the pool of applicants for the academy was down to five.

Administration and Finance Committees met on March 8 and March 13 with the following decisions:

 Increase ambulance billing to \$1,900 per call effective April 1 (Charges for residents would be limited to insurance collections. Non residents would be responsible for full amount.)

• Establish a self-funded Health Savings Account for Village employees effective April 1

• Establish a self-funded Health Savings Account for Village retirees effective April

• Increase Video Gaming terminal fee from \$25 to \$250 per terminal effective April 1

• Disband Village ESDA effective April 1 (Sirens will maintain their current schedule. Current functions handled by ESDA would be taken over by the Fire and Police Departments. Change is for efficiency and not necessarily cost, though volunteers present liability.)

 Refund of \$550.00 Liquor License Fee to Dwight Pizza and More (This refund is half of original fee due to non-use and misunderstanding regarding terms.)

• Approved an IEPA Loan (1.1% for 20 or 30 years to fund sewer upgrade on village's west side.)

 Update Village Personnel Policy

In New Business, a St. Jude Bucket Brigade collection request was approved for April 29 and 30 to be held at the intersection of Routes 17 and 47. It was also announced that an E-Recycle event would be held April 2nd at Vermillion Plaza (Old K-Mart parking lot) in Pontiac.

At 7:40 p.m. the Board entered into Executive Session. Upon return to regular session, the Board approved a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with village employees. They also voted to terminate Paramedic Brandon Terenelli.

Present were Randy Irvin, Marla Kinkade, Pete Meister, Chuck Butterbrodt, and Jenny Johnson. Absent was Justin Eggenberger.



Additional urgent care locations:

Channahon, Morris & Yorkville

For hours by location, go to morrishospital.org/urgentcare.



Sharing Teaching Talents ---

(continued from page 1) Kresl comes from a teaching family tree.

If you've ever been to the DTHS gymnasium, you may notice the Kresl name.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher from the start. My parents were both teachers," Kresl said. "The gymnasium at Dwight Township High School is named after my father (John "AJ" Kresl), my mother (Janet Kresl), my grandmother, and my grandfather - the Kresl Memorial Gym. I just followed in their footsteps."

Not only were her parents and grandparents teachers, but her brother-in-law, aunt, daughter, and sister are as well.

Kresl graduated from Dwight in 1994 and went to Joliet Junior College for her Associate's Degree and to play softball and basketball. The National Board

Certified Teacher received both her Bachelor and Masters Degrees from ISU.

She was then hired by District 150 in Peoria in 1999 and has been a special education teacher at Manual High School in Peoria

"I ended up in Peoria because I did all of my field base and student teaching in Peoria. Then I was offered a job when I was student teaching and I took it. I enjoy being around the kids, the students, being able to help students out, gain relationships with them, watch them grow, help them through the good and bad times, being able to change lives, let kids know they're worth something and could have a career, and lead them in the right

Kresl's Teacher of the Year Award provided by the Kiwanis Club of Peoria was voted on by



MARK PAGEL ALONG WITH PRAIRIEVIEW STAFF AND A STUDENT pose at a PTO McTeacher Night fundraising event to raise money for a new playground at Prairieview.

her peers as each school sends in

Being recognized by her coworkers is special for Kresl.

"It means a lot. Working at Manual, there are a lot of challenges," Kresl said. Really, I can't do what I do here without our administration team and any of the teachers. I am who I am because of my parents, but also because of the teachers and the administration I work with. Teaching is always a team effort."

OSF Diabetes Support Group to Meet

The diabetes support group OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, will resume meeting Tuesday, April 5.

Pharmacist Art Wingo will be the presenting speaker at "Diabetes...a Pharmacist's Perspective," at 6 p.m. in the OSF Saint James Conference Room.

The diabetes support group is open to anyone with an interest in diabetes or diabetes prevention.

Art will be sharing an overview of diabetes and the diabetes medications available. He will also be teaching helpful dietary changes effective for diabetes treatment and options available to aid in this treat-

Interested persons can contact Sherri Schlatter at Sherri. G.Schlatter@osfhealthcare.org or call 815-842-4970.

Crafternoon Begins April 11

Prairie Creek Library, located at 501 Carriage House Lane in Dwight, is launching a new program, Crafternoon. Each month, adults will be invited to particpate in a different craft project.

The first meeting will take place at 1p.m. Monday, April 11. Crafters will be making a decoupaged plant pot. Crafters must register by March 28 so the library staff can have enough supplies on hand.

This program is free and open to the public. To register, call 815-584-3061 or stop by the main circulation desk in the

DCS Addresses Class Size

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Angelina Harrison, Madison Ely, and Taylor Heath. They were accompanied by one of their teachers, Mary Schultz.

Director of Building and Grounds Jack Connor provided information on a new whole building water softener. The current system feeds only the kitchen area and has recently been failing, impacting the performance and lifespan of the new dishwashing machine. The estimated cost of installing the whole building system was

\$10,000 while just replacing the current softener was \$4,000. The Board decided the whole school system added additional benefit by protecting all fixtures throughout the entire building and opted to go

The resignation of 8th Grade basketball coach Joe Stevenson was accepted and 7th grade coach Tom Conroy was approved to take over.

Dr. Richard Jancek informed the Board that a Special Joint meeting with the High School Board was set for

March 30. Jancek also gave an update on the Blue Sky Solar project. Tax revenues of \$10,167,000 for the Grade School will now be spread over a 35 year project lifespan. Because of final placement and size of some panels, the Dwight Grade School's tax portion will go up slightly while the Gardner School District's will go down.

A free presentation by motivational speaker Tom Thelen titled Mental Health 101 - Raising Resilient and Bullyproof Kids - will be March 28 at 6 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The Professional Service Agreement with Hillman Pediatric Therapy for 2022 -2023 was approved. Grade School graduation will be Thursday May 26.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters though no official action followed.

Present at the March 16 meeting were Michael Cornale, Jaime Mallaney, Tara Hansen, Nick Stipanovich, Marc Ellis, Lori Bowman and Mark Chris-

PUNS and Adult Developmental Disability Supports: **Understanding Your Options**

6:00-8:00 p.m., an informational session will be held on services available to adults with developmental disabilities. It is being presented by Megan Mutti, QIDP from the ARC of Illinois Ligas Family Advocate Program, and hosted by the Transition Planning Committee through Livingston County Special Services Unit.

Topics will include: Under-

On Tuesday, April 12, from standing the adult developmen-residents, will be on hand to antal disability support system, CILA services, Home-based Supports, ICFDD, Supportive Housing, Hourly-CILA, and related services and supports through the Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver.

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), the Independent Service Coordination Agency (ISC) for Livingston County

swer your questions. If your son/daughter is not currently on the PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services) list, you will have the opportunity to schedule a time with them to complete the paper-

The targeted audience is families with children or adults with special needs, special education teachers, social workers, psychologists, lawyers, and agencies that provide supports individuals with special needs.

This event is free and registration is not necessary. For information, contact Livingston County Mental Health 815-844-7708.



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Evenglow Senior Living Awarded 2021 Business Leadership Award



EVENGLOW LODGE

The Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board has recognized Evenglow Senior Living, Pontiac, with the 2021 Business Leadership Award. This award recognizes a private sector company that has demonstrated leadership in the areas of workforce services and economic development during the year.

Ladonna Russell, Workforce Board Executive Director, stated "Evenglow Senior Living is one of the top 10 employers in Livingston County and an asset to the community. We are fortunate to have them in the community and appreciate all they do to support workforce and economic development programs."

The Workforce Board recognizes Evenglow Senior Living for this award due to their countless efforts in workforce development. Evenglow Senior Living is instrumental in providing individuals in the community an opportunity to learn about careers in healthcare. Through a strong partnership with the Livingston Workforce

Services office, Evenglow Senior Living helps young adults in the community understand job expectations and training required for various healthcare careers through a paid internship program.

Triscia Brubaker, Outreach Business Services Specialist with Livingston Workforce Services, noted, "Evenglow Senior Living is always willing to work with Livingston Workforce Services to help individuals understand healthcare careers through internships, mentoring, job shadowing, and employee career development."

In addition, Evenglow Senior Living partners with Livingston Workforce Services to recruit through job fair participation, online job board, and various recruitment programs. They are a true business leader and will continually invest time and resources into improving the healthcare workforce.



Jack and Jane Mossberger

Jack and Jane Mossberger to **Celebrate 50th Anniversary**

Jack and Jane (Zappa) Mossberger will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Fri- Allison of Normal. day, March 25.

were married on March 25, 1972, at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church by Father Naab. The best man was Manny Mossberger, brother of Jack. Matron of Honor was Janet Walling, twin sister of

Jack and Jane have two children: Jon of Austin, TX, and

Mr. and Mrs. Mossberger Mr. and Mrs. Mossberger are proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

Jack volunteers at the historic Texaco station on Route 66, and Jane is owner-operator of Scissors Palace hair salon.

A small family gathering will be held, and a river cruise is planned for a later date.

Free Narcan, Opioid Overdose Prevention Q&A at Cullom Library March 26 The Livingston County be held from 10:00-10:30 a.m. should be kept on-hand. Users Livingston County community

Health Department (LCHD) and Institute for Human Resources (IHR) - Counseling Services are working in partnership to reduce harm to individuals and prevent opioid overdose-related deaths.

Free naloxone (e.g. Narcan) kits and training on how to administer this life-saving drug will be available at the Cullom Beckman Memorial Library (103 W. Hack Street in Cullom) Saturday, March 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. An informational Q&A session will of Substance Use Program, Teresa Diemer, and LCHD's Health Education and Marketing Director, Erin Fogarty.

Refreshments will be provided by the library. All are welcome to attend.

Naloxone, an opioid reversal agent, should be administered if an opioid overdose is suspected. With the increasing presence of synthetic opioids (fentanyl) in the drug supply, including other illicit non-opisubstances, naloxone

with IHR's Clinical Supervisor should be aware that more administrations of naloxone over a longer period may be required to reverse an overdose.

> Naloxone kits are also available at the LCHD Monday through Friday by appointment. Community groups and local businesses are encouraged to host free educational opportunities and bring more awareness to the urgent issue of opioid use and life-saving resources, like Narcan and counseling support, available to help

members and their families. Reach out to Erin Fogarty at 815-842-5908 to schedule.

To anyone struggling with addiction, there is help. Contact the Illinois Helpline for Opioid 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.

Congress Cutting Dwight a Check; LSC Building –

(continued from page 1) -lances and a brand new one will put Dwight exactly where it needs to be.

"We should have very little maintenance cost on the ambulances and they will be up to all safety standards. They will have all the top technology for ambulances," Johnson said. "My gosh, ambulances have been an issue for us. In the last few months, we've spent \$15,000-\$20,000 on getting the ambulances fixed and maintenanced. Mirrors are falling off. Running boards are rusting off. Sirens are rusted shut. This couldn't have come at a better time. It's a rainbow on a bad day.'

Kevin McNamara, Dwight's Village Administrator currently in his 22nd year, is excited with Kinzinger's check and assistance.

With the Dwight ambulances constantly needing maintenance, it has been difficult to have emergency service for not only Dwight, but Odell - which Dwight started servicing in August 2021 – and Emington and Campus, which have been on the Dwight docket for at least 10 years.

"Congress stopped earmarks in 2011. In 2021, they brought them back in. Congressman Kinzinger asked for requests, so we asked for ambulance funding and a

thought it was going to happen last year, but when they went to pass the budget, it went through in the House of Representatives, but Senate Republicans were against earmarks. Everything was withdrawn.

"This made us think it was a dead deal. Then all of a sudden, all the earmarks made it through the House and the Senate. Kinzinger called Mayor Johnson and said the bill was approved including Dwight receiving an ambulance.

"It's really a big deal for the village. Congressman Kinzinger was here in Dwight and took a photo in front of an ambulance. Now, it's all coming to fruition. It's kind of cool."

LSC Building

If you've driven to Dwight's business section on Rt. 47, you may have seen movement around the building that was once R.R. Donnelley and LSC.

The parking lot is being used to store trailers and trucks and people have been seen working on the property.

Is a business settling in the property owned by Phoenix Investors, a company out of Milwaukee?

"The Dwight Fire Department and the

sewer intercept," McNamara said. "We Dwight Public Works Department have been helping Phoenix Investors with water," Johnson said. "They have water issues out at the old LSC building and I think the water has been shut off. We've been giving them help with water for toilets and things like that.

> "We were originally told John Deere was going in there and that the building was going to be a John Deere distribution center. Then they never came to us. We were supposed to meet and the meeting was canceled. Just recently, there are semi-trucks and all kinds of containers over there.

> "One of our police officers said the building was full of stuff. Then I find out they were having water issues. What my goal is when they want to sit down and actually talk since there has been little communication, is to see what we can do for the automotive company that has been seen in the building to make an investment in the community and actually buy the property instead of leasing from Phoenix Investors. Then we could use it to start developing the area along Rt. 66."

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

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month. Colon Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Factors that increase risk for Colon Cancer include family history, inflammatory bowel disease, diets low in fiber and high in processed meats, a sedentary lifestyle, tobacco use, and a diet low in fruits and vegetables.

People can decrease their risk of developing Colon Cancer by increasing the amount of fiber in their diet, including adding more fruits and vegetables, decreasing consumption of processed meats, ceasing tobacco use and increasing physical activity.

Symptoms of Colon Cancer included unexplained weight loss, persistent abdominal pain or cramping, blood in the stools, constipation and diarrhea, or any change in bowel habits. Check with your doctor if you have any of these signs.

Even without symptoms, screening for Colon Cancer can detect pre-cancerous polyps and cancer in the early stages when more treatment options are available. Many people delayed screenings such as a colonoscopy due to COVID-19. If you are over 45-years old, talk to your healthcare provider about screening for Colon Cancer.

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MOWING BID

Village of Saunemin is accepting bids for mowing Village property. Information can be provided by contacting Village Clerk, Nancy Haag at 815-832-4334 (leave a message) or stop by State Bank of Graymont – Saunemin Office for info – during the day. Bids may be for one or two years and must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on April 8, 2022. Mail bid AND proof of insurance to: Village of Saunemin, Mowing Bid, PO Box 283, Saunemin IL





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OBITUARIES

Rachel Marie Thomas

Marie Rachel Thomas, age 29, of Kalamazoo, Michigan and formerly of Dwight, Illinois, went to her heavenly home on January 31, 2022.



Rachel was born

on November 14, 1992 in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She was a graduate of Pontiac Township High School and attended Heartland Community College in Illinois, Cornerstone University in Michigan, and the University of Illinois.

Rachel was a kind and generous person with an incredible wit and sense of humor. She loved intellectual conversations and debates. Rachel was never selfish with her time and devoted many hours volunteering for Salt & Light Ministry, local animal shelters and was an advocate and spokesperson for those with disabilities.

She loved to crochet, write poetry, fly trick kites, raising hedgehogs, and cooking.

Rachel's spirit soared when she was worshiping God when attending Casting Crowns concerts. The love that Rachel showed to the world transcended the unique challenges that befell her in her short life.

One of the greatest priorities in life should be TO LOVE and to BE LOVED . . . and that's how Rachel, with her invincible spirit, lived her life.

In the course of her all-too-

short lifetime, she adventured to many places: Voyageurs National Park, Canada, California, Yellowstone, Wyoming, Florida, whitewater rafted in

Montana and even kayaked and rode a sled dog sleigh in remote Alaska.

Academically, Rachel was a class mentor and valedictorian.

Rachel is survived by her loving mother, Christine Marie (Lasser) Thomas; her loving father, Richard Lee Thomas; two brothers: Richard Stephen Thomas and Timothy Frank Thomas; maternal grandfather, Frank A. Lasser; paternal grandmother, Ruth Ann Luber; many loving aunts, uncles and cousins; numerous loyal friends; and her service dog and faithful companion, Scout.

Rachel was preceded in death by her grandmother, Carolyn B. Lasser.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Rachel's memory may be given to 4 Paws for Ability (https://www.4pawsforabili ty.org/).

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:'

2 Timothy 4:7 If you have any Rachel stories to share, please forward them to NurseRichardThomas @gmail.com

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

The Paper email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING **TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022** 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- 1. Call the meeting to order. 2. Pledge to the flag
- 3. Elect a Moderator
- Motion: Second:
- 4. Set Moderator's salary Motion: Second:
- 5. Approval of minutes: Annual meeting of April 13, 2021 Motion:
- 6. Announcement of next annual town meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7. Fix hour and day monthly Town Meetings are held.
- Second: 8. Approve Supervisor's annual reports
- Second: 9. Budget amount for youth and senior services
- 10. Budget amount for food pantry Motion:
- Second: 11. Adopt Annual Audit Provider Motion: Second:
- 12. Recommendations, resolutions and discussion by electors 13. Adjournment
- Motion: Second:

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal residents of the town of Dwight in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day at the Dwight Town Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuant of law, come before the meeting.

DATED at Dwight, Illinois this 23rd day of March, 2022.

Patricia S. Rosenbaum **Dwight Township Supervisor** Janice M. Masching Dwight Township Clerk

One Man's War Against Hunger

by Tom Tock

Last week's agricultural section in The Paper prompted the following article. We Americans take the food on our tables pretty much for granted, though pockets of malnutrition and food shortages do occur.

Over the years there have been some remarkable improvements in crop production and food distribution throughout the world. The name of one man is predominant in what has been termed the "Green Revolution" -

We would like you to meet Norman Borlaug.

"Norman Borlaug is not the sort of name you think of when it comes to world historical heroism. A Norwegian Lutheran son of Iowa, he grew up on the prairie, went to college during the Depression, studied the thoroughly unglamorous subject of agriculture, enjoyed wrestling, met his wife while waiting tables at a university Dinkytown coffee shop where they both worked, and had three kids. He never starred in a movie, never ran for office, never led men into battle, and would not have been noticeable to you if you saw him on the street.

"Oh yeah, and he saved the lives of two billion people." So wrote Mark Shea in his book The Work of Mercy.

Biologist author Paul Ehrlich wrote a best-selling book in 1968 titled The Population Bomb, in which he stated, "The battle to feed all of humanity is over . . . in the 1970s and 1980s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon

Ehrlich went on, "I have yet to meet anyone who was familar with the situation who thinks India will be self-sufficient in food by 1971," and "India couldn't possibly feed two hundred million people by 1980."

Ehrlich had obviously not met Norman Borlaug, who was born on an Iowa farm in March of 1914, and who, by the mid 20th century, had developed high-yielding and dis-

Deceased

ease resistant varieties of wheat for introduction into Mexico

By 1963, Mexico had become a net exporter of wheat. Borlaug's high-yielding wheat varieties, along with modern agricultural production, had also been introduced into Pakistan and India, where wheat yields nearly doubled.

Later in life, Borlaug applied those methods of increasing food production in Asia and Africa.

Borlaug was such an ordinary individual growing up that his acceptance of many tributes and awards during his lifetime was initially unheralded. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970, which was announced to him by his wife while he was working in fields near Mexico City. Borlaug thought it was a

Dozens of other awards and recognitions were bestowed on Borlaug in his later life, during which he continued his crop improvement

This was a man who failed his entrance exam to the University of Minnesota, but then transferred to its College of Agriculture's forestry program. The youngster who had grown up on a 106-acre farm in Iowa, attended a one-room, one-teacher rural schoolhouse through eighth grade, was on his way to saving the world from starvation.

Norman Borlaug died in September of 2009, after a lifetime of continuing to improve food supplies around the world.

Again, Mark Shea -"Norman Borlaug goes down in history without any possible comparison, as the guy who gave more food to the 'least of those' than anybody who ever lived."

Norman Borlaug, Father of the "Green Revolution"

Details of Norman Borlaug's life are available on 20plus pages of very readable material on the internet.

His one-room schoolhouse is now owned by the Norman Borlaug Heritage Foundation.

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.

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

ESTATE OF: No. 2022-PR-26 BARBARA K. McCLELLAND, :

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Barbara K. McClelland. Letters of Administration were issued on March 9, 2022 to Barbara L. Hand, 315 North Washington Street, Apt. 3, Wilmington, IL 60481, as Independent Administrator. The representative's 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 on or before the 1st day of October, 2022 or if by mailing or delivery of a notice to the Independent Executor as required by Section 8-3 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-3) by the date stated in this Notice. Any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Claims may be efiled 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 17th day of March, 2022.

Barbara L. Hand, Administrator of the Estate of Barbara K. McClelland

Alan M. Schrock BLAKEMAN & SCHROCK, LTD. Attorney for Estate 307 West Washington Pontiac, IL 61764 Telephone: 815-844-6177 Fax: 815-842-3288 E-mail: alan@sbsltd.com





Tourney Check-in

This is going to be a quick check-in on my college picks. Of my final 4 choices, I'm currently sitting with 75% of them remaining. I have Arizona, Gonzaga, and Purdue still alive and well.

Auburn laid a big clunker and was beaten by Miami in the round of 32 by 18! I think they were a fair number of people's title picks, even as a 2 seed.

Given there wasn't and aren't that many truly dominant teams it's probably somewhat expected that there have been a fair number of upsets this year. The biggest probably being Saint Peter's advancing to the Sweet 16 as a 15 seed, beating two teams from Kentucky on the way - Kentucky and Murray State.

In a fun twist of fate, Saint Peter's head coach, Shaheen Holloway, played at Seton Hall and graduated in 1999. Seton Hall was the last team from New Jersey to advance to the sweet 16 until...Saint Peter's. This means, Holloway played with and coached the last two New Jersey Sweet 16 teams.

Illinois suffered a tough loss, their shots weren't falling, they had to turn to freshmen to bring them back into the game after some poor play from the upperclassmen. They rebounded poorly, and just frankly played really sloppy basketball from start to finish. It will be interesting to see what the future holds here.

Hopefully at the next NCAA Tournament check-in, all my final four teams that are currently alive are still alive.

Go, Bulls

Aaron J. Boma DTHS/ ISU Grad

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ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Township of Nevada, in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, that the Annual Township Meeting of said Township will take place on

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:15 o'clock p.m. at 19147 E. 2700 N. Rd., Odell, IL 60460.

Dated March 16, 2022



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

ESTATE OF: BURL R. LUCUS,

Deceased

No. 2022-PR-23

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Burl R. Lucus. Letters of Office were issued on February 18, 2022 to Beverly J. DeLong, 2995 West Goodfarm Road, Dwight, IL 60420, and Sheryl M. Landstrom, 502 Boulder Street, Heyworth, IL 61745-8808, as Independent Co-Executors. The representative's 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 on or before the 16th day of September, 2022 or if by mailing or delivery of a notice to the Independent Co-Executors as required by Section 8-3 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-3) 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 Co-Executors 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 Co-Executors and to the attorney for the estate and e-file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2022.

Beverly J. DeLong and Sheryl Landstrom, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Burl R. Lucus, Deceased

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





TANGLED ROOTS NURSERY will be opening in mid April. Located at 17684 E. 2600 North Road, Odell, the Pike family - Aaron, Kensington, Janet and Kailie, invite you to stop out and see what they are all about.

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Did You Know?

If tomato-loving shoppers were tasked with sorting through each variety of tomato whenever they visited their local grocery store or farmers markets, then such trips could take a considerable amount of time. That's because there are thousands of varieties of tomato.

The home gardening enthusiasts at Home Garden Vegetables (homegardenveg.com) note that there are at least 10,000 unique tomato varieties across the globe. Flavor could have a lot to do with that, as tomatoes are popular ingredients in dishes spanning the globe. Individuals who want their tomatoes to pack the most healthy punch possible may want to cook them in olive oil. Cooking tomatoes breaks down cell walls and releases the antioxidant lycopene, which has been linked to reduced risk for stroke, lower cholesterol and eye health. Consumer Reports also notes that lycopene is fat-soluble, which means it's more effectively absorbed when eaten with some fat.

Homeowners should give due consideration to whether or not plants are considered invasive species before introducing new plants on their properties. According to the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, invasive species of plants can lead to the extinction of native plants and animals. Invasive plant species also can reduce biodiversity and cause significant fundamental disruptions to local ecosystems. Though non-native plants are often cherished for their unique looks, homeowners planting new gardens or supplementing existing gardens with new plants are urged to plant only native species. Such an approach benefits plants and also local wildlife that depends on native plant species for food and



Untangling the Roots for You

by Brandon LaChance

Let's list the pros and cons of gardening.

The pros are it's a positive hobby, it's good for Earth and Mother Nature, you're growing your own vegetables, it's fun, and it can be a family activity.

The cons are gardening is time-consuming in both the act of planting and waiting for the results, it's a dirty hobby, land is needed, and planting is seasonal.

Tangled Roots Nursery, located at 17684 E 2600 North Road outside of Odell, is opening April 18 to help untangle the cons and highlight the pros.

"We moved from Pontiac to this house in June 2021. We were looking for property for three or four years. We were looking for the right one," said Tangled Roots co-owner Aaron Pike. "Just like everything else, one thing with land for sale wouldn't be right, the price was too high, or it wasn't enough land.

"We've always wanted to work off of our own property. We wanted a homestead. Maybe someday I can stop working and only do this, but we really just wanted to be selfsufficient. Janet Pike (Aaron's wife) has always had a green thumb and we both love doing this. It's a family thing and we want to be able to do this as a family business.'

The family aspect of gardening was checked off the goal list before Tangled Roots began untangling roots.

showing their daughters, Kensington (9) and Kailie (7) how to garden, farm at a young age.

Although Aaron can't step away from his HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) job at the moment, Janet has stepped away from her job to help grow Tangled Roots.

"Today (March 18) was my

last day at Lafeber Company in Cornell," said Janet Pike. "I worked in an office for them for a year and a half. I was a stay-at-home mom with our daughters until they started going to school. I went to Lafeber, we built a house and our plan started to take shape. We wanted to wait until we had some property for our master plan.'

"We're trying to do as much as we can for each season. You limit yourself when you only do summer things. Then I would have to go back and find another job. At our previous house in Pontiac, we had a small garden. We grew our vegetables there just for us. We had a perennial flower garden that came back every year and we did a lot of landscaping around our house.

"We just enjoyed it. It's something when spring comes...you just get excited. I get the opportunity to work from home and do what I love. When you do what you love, it's not work. I can be here with my kids. I don't have to pay for daycare. If they're sick, I don't have to call off from work to stav home with them."

Tangled Roots will consist of multiple hoop houses (greenhouses) constructed to create, grow, and nurture garden products.

At the moment, the plan is to put up the main hoop house (20x50 feet) and three of the six smaller houses (12x48 feet) this year and add as need be.

"We have a larger hoop Aaron and Janet have been house – a high-side greenhouse - that we're going to run everything out of," Aaron Pike said. "We also have six smaller greenhouses of which we're going to put up at least three this year, depending on how the orders go and the turnout is. If we're really selling well and things are going great, I may just put all of them up.

"We're also going to sell vegetables for people's gardens. We're going to have our produce for sale, but of course, to go with the greenhouse, we'll sell tomato plants, pepper plants, zucchini plants, and anything else you may want for your garden."

With the Tangled Roots plan being inked in for a year-round business, the Pikes have thought of many different items and ideas to put the blueprint into fruition.

The 8 1/2 acres of land Tangled Roots will use will be designated for sunflowers, annuals, perennials, pre-cut Christmas trees, pumpkins, shrubs, trees, and most vegetables including sweet corn.

"Our garden is going to have a little bit of everything. It will be a very large variety including everything you think of when you think about gardens," Janet Pike said. "We did sweet corn last year, so we will do that again. In the fall, we will do pumpkins, gourds, and we will look to see if we can do Indian Corn, corn stalks, and mums.

"We want to stagger the plantings so we can extend the fresh vegetables into the fall, where typically they'd be done. Because we have the greenhouses, we can keep them warm at night."

In the future, the Pikes plan to offer workshops to help teach others how to grow flowers and fresh produce. Maybe, even set up field

trips for local schools to take a class to Tangled Roots so they can grow a plant and watch it

Until then, the Pikes are the ones untangling roots and offering their selection to you.

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Popular Insect Repellant Plants

Homeowners choose plants that so many people love. for their properties based on a number of variables. Some basil is enough to compel any may be into growing their own gardener to make a place for it foods, while others desire their gardens to be an awe-inspiring mélange of bright colors and alluring scents. There's no wrong reason to plant a fresh garden, but some plants offer extra benefits, such as repelling

Insects can be a nuisance and a threat to individuals' overall health. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, insect-borne diseases are viral and bacterial illnesses that develop from insect bites. Mosquitoes, sand flies and fleas are some examples of insects that can pass on disease. Fever, chills, headache, and muscle soreness are just a few of the more common symptoms linked to insect-borne dis-

The good news for avid gardeners is that certain plants can help repel insects and provide the additional benefits like fresh food and aesthetic appeal

- Basil: The aroma of fresh in their garden. But there's more to fresh basil than its scent, as the Farmers Almanac notes it can be used to repel mosquitoes and moths.
- Lavender: Fleas, flies, mosquitoes, and moths are not fans of this aromatic and colorful member of the mint family. Bees tend to be drawn to lavender, a durable plant that many garden centers recommend in areas prone to drought or hot summers without much precipitation.
- Mint: Mint is another plant that is instantly recognizable for its aroma. But mint lovers may not realize that it's also great for keeping ants at bay. Mint also can be used to repel mosquitoes, but gardeners with no experience planting mint should plant it in pots. That's because the Farmers Almanac notes mint is an especially aggressive spreader that can quickly take over a garden.

Separating mint in pots can prevent it from bullying its way into other plants' domains.

- Lemongrass: Lemongrass is a tropical grass that's so fra grant it's often used in perfumes. Lemongrass contains citronella, which many people associate with repelling mosquitoes. A potted lemongrass plant can repel these unwanted guests, keeping them away from decks, porches and/or patios all summer long.
- · Chrysanthemums: The Farmers' Almanac® recommends using chrysanthemums, which repel a range of insects from bedbugs to fleas to ants, as border plants around a home. That's because they contain the natural insecticide pyrethrin, which can serve as something of an insect-repelling boundary around a

Insects are unwanted guests around a home each spring, summer and fall. Certain plants can help repel insects and serve as an eco-friendly alternative to insecticides.



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Antiques, Flowers, and More Flo's on Franklin has Many Options

by Brandon LaChance

Franklin Street in Dwight has seen some change.

In October, it became a little more nostalgic - older in a good way – as an antique store

However, during the week of March 7, the same building added color, fragrance and became fresher in every sense of the term as Flo's on Franklin added a flower shop to the an-

"The town has been really receptive to the flowers and we've been really busy. We are full service and we deliver to everywhere," said Florence Hoy, who owns Flo's on Franklin with her husband John Hoy. "We will go to Streator, Pontiac, and Coal City. I have been doing silk flowers for a few years out of this building. I would do them for Memorial Day and Christmas. A lot of people would say, 'I wish we had a place we could get funeral flowers.

"Before I moved here, I had a 5,000-square foot antique mall with a flower shop in it in

St. Elmo. So, I knew an antique shop would support a flower shop and vice-versa. I think antique dealers have been recycling for centuries and you can put flowers in any pot. People down south liked it really well. "When my husband retired from the Dwight Police Department, our plan was to add the flower shop. When he retired, we just did it."

The Hoys owned and operated their shop in St. Elmo for eight years.

With John Hoy stepping away from law enforcement on March 2, it seemed only right for the couple to get back into the antique, flower business that treated them well in a similar community to Dwight.

The similarities continue as the village has reacted well to fresh flowers and antiques.

"It is a good location. I wasn't getting a whole lot of traffic until I put the antique sign up in the window," said Florence Hoy. "That made all the difference. I think people would drive by, notice something was going on, but they weren't quite sure. The window sign was a

good investment because then they knew exactly what was going on.

"A lot of people will notice the flags when they come off of the interstate. I'm surprised with how many people from another state have stopped in the last few months."

Usually, people become antique dealers or flower providers because it's a family business or collecting relics, items of the past, and smelling beautiful roses are passions.

For the Hoys it was a little of all of the above, an opportunity, and a way to help the community become more colorful.

"Down south, they had a flower shop that had been for sale for a long time. No one bought the flower shop and a lot of people were coming to my antique shop saying, 'I wish we had somewhere to get flowers," said Florence Hoy. "I had worked at a flower shop before, so I knew the business but I had the antique shop and knew I couldn't afford to buy another

"I found a flower cooler, put it in, and started selling flowers

The Hoys are wasting no time advancing their flower op-

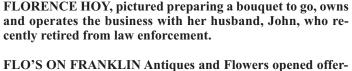
Actually, Florence has been creating beautiful, sentimental pieces for quite some time in Dwight, even before the shop was open.

"We will have statuary; it has been ordered. We will have statuary, silks, real flowers, green plants, memorial pieces, and antiques," said Florence Hoy. "We deliver to all of the cemeteries for the people who are from out of town and can't get to the cemetery but want to add something to a grave for Memorial Day, Christmas, Birthday, or another special holiday.'

Flo's on Franklin will always have roses, carnations, and lilies available on any visit.

If an exotic or unique flower is requested, Flo's can have it ready with a heads up.

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Tech To Make Gardening More Fun

Many people take to the most seasoned gardeners cangreat outdoors to escape the increasingly tech-driven daily grind. Though that's an understandable perspective, gardeners who aren't deploying tech in their home gardens could be missing out on a host of benefits that could help their plants, flowers and vegetables thrive.

• Plant monitor: Plant monitors are sensors that can keep tabs on the health of plants and deliver that information to gardeners. Plant monioften connect to smartphones via Bluetooth and can deliver information on the amount of heat, light and water a plant is getting. Sensors vary in price, and some will provide more information than others. But these sensors are ideal for gardeners who love their plants but often forget to check up on

them each day. • Garden camera: Critters and insects are the bane of many gardeners' existence. Determining just what is nibbling away at flowers and plants isn't always so easy, as many animals are savvy enough to restrict their dining to the middle of the night and insects are so small they can be hard to spot. Garden cameras can serve as the watchmen of a garden and gardeners can review footage to determine just who is compromising all of their hard work. They can then use that knowledge to remedy the situation and give their plants a

better chance to thrive. • Weather station: Even the

not document the conditions outside as effectively as a good weather sensor. Weather sensors track conditions such as temperature, relative humidity and air quality. This information can then be paired with irrigation devices to ensure plants get all the care they need to thrive throughout the season.

• Garden hub: Avid gardeners have traditionally had to arrange for neighbors or loved ones to tend to their plants when they leave home for vacation or weekend getaways. Garden hubs can take care of that by pairing with smart irrigation systems that ensure plants are watered even when no one is home. Certain hubs even gather and analyze local weather conditions to develop a watering schedule to ensure plants thrive. These hubs aren't just handy when on vacation, as they can be great for gardeners who want to know things about their plants that are not apparent to the naked eye.

People may see their gardens as welcome respites from their devices. But garden gadgets can help plants thrive and make time in the garden that much more enjoyable.



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SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS

Tigers Trounce Trojans, 11-0

Thursday, March 17 Herscher vs. Dwight

In a match-up between the Tigers and Trojans March 17, Herscher was victorious, 11-0.

Leading the Tiger offense were Tyler Murray (1-4, BB, R) and Bailey Hubert (2-3, double, 2 SB, 2 R) with two RBI each. Joe Holohan (2-5, 2 R), Cody Lunsford (2-5, FC, 2 R), Brock Wenzelman (double, BB, 2 SB, 2 R), and Landon Schultz (2-3, BB) each added one RBI. Clay Schultz was hit

Travis Jones singled and hit into a fielder's choice. Carter ing out two while giving up Hubert scored once.

Dwight was led by Jack Duffy, Luke Gallet (2 SB), and Jack Denker – all with two singles. Terry Wilkey doubled, with Tyler Frauli chipping in with a single. Dawson Carr drew one walk.

C. Schultz threw five innings of shutout ball, allowing six hits and a walk, while strik-

by a pitch and later scored. ing out five. Braden Dewald tossed two relief innings, striktwo hits.

> Taking the loss was Gallet, who allowed two earned runs on seven hits and two walks, fanning five in five innings of work. Tyler Cox pitched an inning-plus, giving up six earned runs on seven hits and two walks. He struck out two batters and hit another. Wilkey helped record two outs in relief.

Fighting Irish Pick Up St. Patrick's Day Win over GSW

Thursday, March 17 Seneca vs.

Gardner-South Wilmington

On St. Patty's Day March 17, Seneca defeated the Panthers of GSW, 5-1, at home.

Bryce Roe led the Irish with four RBI on two doubles and a walk. Terry Sulzberger went 2-3 with a double, a walk, two runs scored, and one RBI. Calvin Maierhofer was 3-4 with a double and two runs scored, followed by a single

Thursday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day.

Gardner-South Wilmington

ner-South Wilmington March

17, earning a 17-2 victory on

game one," stated Seneca's

head coach Brian Holman. "We

squared the ball up pretty well

up and down the lineup and had

some really nice approaches.

We need to clean up the errors

(3) and baserunning as we

move forward, but the girls did

The Lady Irish hosted Gard-

"Nice to get the jitters out in

Seneca vs.

Cruise (2 SB), and Aiden Wood (2 SB). Noah Ouigley walked once and hit into a sacrifice.

For Gardner-South Wilmington, Ryan Cacello came up with the only hit - a double. Dane Halpin would draw a walk and later score. Cale Halpin had two walks and was hit by a pitch. Blake Huston got beaned, drew one free pass, and stole a base.

Austin Aldridge got the win unearned runs.

Seneca Wins Big Over Lady Panthers, 17-2

Taya Roe picked up the win

for Seneca, allowing just one

earned run on four hits in two

innings of work, striking out

two. Alyssa Zellers tossed two

innings of relief, giving up one

hit and one walk, tallying two

the loss, allowing three earned

runs on nine hits and four

Offensively for Seneca, Zoe

walks, striking out two in three-

Jayden Buchanan suffered

a great job starting off with a Hougas led with two RBI on a

triple.

each from Paxton Giertz, Matt in the circle, allowing just one earned run on four walks, striking out five in four innings. Giertz went three innings, fanning four and giving up just one hit and hitting two batters.

> C. Halpin was hit with the loss, allowing three earned runs on four hits and five walks. Gabe McHugh tossed three relief innings, striking out four and giving up five hits and two

2-3 showing that included a

double. Maddy Klicker also

knocked in two runs, going 3-3

at the plate. Zellers batted in a

run as she went 4-4 with a

Leading the Lady Panthers



GSW Panthers Baseball

Tuesday, March 15 **GSW vs. Putnam County**

In their first action of the 2022 season, the Panthers of GSW lost to Putnam County, 13-5.

"A few early errors hurt us," stated head coach Allan Wills. "I was glad that we got the two runs back in the first. P.C. is a solid team, so I am not too upset on how we played."

Bryce Handzus was dealt the loss, allowing two earned runs on six hits and two hit batters, striking out two. Kaden Grivetti tossed two innings,

giving up six earned runs on four hit, a walk, and a hit batsman. Gabe McHugh had two strikouts, while allowing three hits, in two innings of work.

On offense, Dane Halpin had two RBI on a single and two walks, scoring once. Gabe McHugh (3-4), Ethan Maxard (double, triple, run), and Blake Huston (walk) each knocked in one run. Grivetti singled, with Cale Halpin walking twice and scoring once. Garrett Grant drew a walk and later scored. Ethan Mack crossed the plate

SENECA **FIGHTING** IRISH BASEBALL

Wednesday, March 16 Seneca vs. Ottawa

The Seneca Fighting Irish took a loss at home to Ottawa

Matt Cruise was tagged

At the plate, Paxton Giertz

March 16, 4-1.

with the loss, allowing one earned run on five hits, striking out six in three innings. Calvin Maierhofer tosses two innings, giving up two earned runs on four hits and a walk, tallying one strikeout. Tyler Sulzberger struck out one, while walking three, in two innings.

(SB), Maierhofer (R), and Bryce Roe each had one hit. Cruise drew four free passes, stealing one base, with Sulzberger, Casey Clennon, and Owen Quigley each walking once.

GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

plus innings.

Tuesday, March 15 **GSW** vs. Putnam Countv

The Lady Panthers kicked off their 2022 season March 15 against Putnam County, falling

GSW gave up seven runs in the fourth inning, with some powerful PC hitters putting the ball in play nearly every at-bat.

"Despite the outcome, this was the perfect first game for us," said coach Cassi Carlson. "It's hard to get outside in the first couple weeks of practice to work on situations, so this gave us an opportunity to work on our situational awareness. We did a nice job of getting the lead runner, and Aspen Lardi made an excellent double play at short, while Makaila Mc-Daniel had a great running catch in center field."

Jayden Buchanan went six innings, allowing 17 hits and

two walks, striking out one. Makaila McDaniel went 3-3 with an RBI and a stolen base.

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Hannah Frescura doubled in a run, while Bella Vyce and Hannah Balcom each singled.

"We have a little bit more experience than last year," Carlson admits, "but we are still a fairly young team with only two returning seniors and two juniors. So it was great to see a lot of good things happen, despite the score."

Wednesday, March 16 GSW vs. Woodland

GSW was blanked by Woodland March 16, 16-0, in four innings.

Makaila McDaniel provided a double for the Lady Panthers, with Hannah Balcom singling. Katelyn Farris and Bella Vyce each walked once.

Jayden Buchanan allowed eight earned runs on 13 hits and three walks, striking out one. Balcom pitched one inning, giving up two earned runs on two hits and three walks, fanning two.

were Aspen Lardi (double, R), Bella Vyce (single, R), and Ashley Frideres (FC) with an

RBI each. Makaila McDaniel and Hannah Frescura each singled, while Buchanan drew one



Dwight vs. Prairie Central After regaining their lead over

Prairie Central with a four-run top of the seventh, the varsity Lady Trojans were about to close the door - but a walk-off home run in the bottom of the final frame led to an 11-10 loss on the

Samantha Harsh was hit with the loss, allowing nine earned runs on nine hits, a hit batter, and seven walks, compiling three strikeouts.

Dwight tallied 14 hits in the contest, with Megan Livingston (2-3, 2 BB, R) and Jordan Schultz (2-5, SB) each batting in two runs. Rachel Heath (triple, HBP, R), Averi Jury (1-4), Avery Scheuer (1-1), Maci Johnson (1-4, R), and Mia Buck (2-3, 2 R) had two RBI each. Alexis Thetard was 3-4 at the plate with a double and a stolen base. Harsh singled, stole a base, and scored a run.

Wednesday, March 16 Dwight vs. Fisher

Dwight's effort to fight back from a 4-0 deficit in the second inning came up just short March 16 against Fisher, as they fell 4-

The Lady Trojans scored three runs on an Alexis Thetard home run in the sixth. Megan Livingston (double), Erin Anderson (R), Rachel Heath (BB, SB), and Averi Jury (SB) each had one hit. Brynn Connor scored a run.

Samantha Harsh pitched for Dwight, giving up four runs on six hits and two walks over six innings, striking out three.

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Monday, March 14 GSWB vs. **Lockport Kelvin Grove** 8th Grade -Sectional

The Lady Tigers defeated #1-seed Lockport Kelvin Grove in sectional action March 14, advancing them to state competition, where they would face Lincoln Chester-East Lincoln at Auburn High

"Having home court advantage and not an empty seat in

the house, the Lady Tigers under its belt, but was not able came out strong and ready to play," stated Coach Faletti. the Lady Tigers lost 25-12, 25-"They were hot at the serving 10 to Lincoln Chester-East line, with a total of 20 aces for the match. It was a great team effort."

Friday, March 18 GSWB vs. **Lincoln Chester - East Chester** 8th Grade -State Tournament, **First Round**

to advance in the tournament as Chester at Auburn High School, the site of the IESA 8th Grade Class 2A State Tourna-

In the contest, the Lady Tigers tallied nine service points, while LCEC totaled 36 service points and 12 aces.

GSWB ends its season with a 15-8 overall record and fin-GSWB had a state birth ished seventh in the state in 2A.

Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau Seeks Grant for **Route 66 Revitalization**

The Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), in coordination with over a dozen municipalities, has applied for a \$1.5 million grant under the Route 66 Grant Program administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Office of Tourism. The \$4 million grant program was open to Illinois' Certified Conventions and Visitors Bureaus and will help develop or enhance sites along Route 66, while prioritizing projects focused on future transportation and tourism trends such as electric vehicles.

"Nothing is more iconic to American culture than the road trip, and Route 66 is the most iconic American road of all," said Bob Navarro, President/CEO of the Heritage Corridor. "We're preparing for not only the return of international travelers, but a renewed interest from domestic travelers for the Centennial of Route 66 in 2026."

To mark the Route's 100th anniversary, the Heritage Corridor worked with the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway, Visit Springfield, and Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau to develop an integrated state-wide marketing campaign, exciting new projects, and enhancements to existing attractions that set the stage for an incredible journey along all 300 miles of the road within Illinois. These initiatives will elevate the

gearing up for the spring. Currently, the li-

Programming is mixed with some

Currently, Story Time comes every

events in person and others on Facebook.

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Illinois Route 66 experience for tourists from all over the world, enabling them to take epic road trips within the state for years to

Projects in the CVB's application include a new Route 66 Welcome Center celebrating The First Hundred Miles of Illinois Route 66, two EV parking lots along the

Mother Road, a series of 14 interactive signs in communities along the Route, new exhibits and signage at three museums, and state-wide marketing efforts in conjunction with partners across the state.

• State-Wide Integrated Marketing Campaign

- The marketing campaign includes trade shows, FAM (familiarization) tours, sales missions, travel campaigns, use of print, website and digital advertisements, e-mail, and social media platforms.

• Community Route 66 Shield **Sculptures**

- 3D "Route 66" Shield sculptures will be placed in communities along The First Hundred Miles perfect photo ops to commemorate the journey on the Mother

Road in Illinois. - There is currently one sculpture in Joliet and an additional 14 sculptures are planned throughout Will, Grundy, and DuPage Coun-

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may wear or not wear masks as they feel Gardener Instructor from the University of

program.

Limestone Township Library District is fitting for the season.

The Rt. 66 Smokeout

is taking place

downtown Dwight on

Friday, May 6 and

Saturday, May 7

during the

Red Carpet Corridor

STRAIGHT

• New Museum Exhibits

"Fuel the Future" - A new mobile exhibit created by the Oak Lawn Children's Museum will look back on the history of Route 66 and highlight what lies ahead for the road as a beacon for tourists of tomorrow driving electric vehicles.

- "Joliet: Prison City" and "Joliet Champions Gallery" -Two compelling new exhibits, focusing on ROUTE the Old Joliet Prison

and hometown accomplishments, will be open for new visitors marking the Route 66 Centennial and beyond. Transportation,

Arts, and History Legacy Mural

-A42'x 8' mural on the facade of the legendary Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet will commemorate the twin centennials of the magnificent theater and Illinois Route 66, as well as their intertwined his-

• Landmark Signage for the New Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66

- This museum celebrating Illinois' musical history and heritage will open its doors Summer 2022. The project includes a massive guitar-shaped sign above the entrance that will draw visitors for one-of-a-kind photos and boost museum attendance and business at surrounding shops, restaurants, attractions, and hotels.

how to work with and use various herbs. ers and then re-evaluated dependent upon

Victory Lanes, Dwight League Results

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: Eric Knobbe, 255: Chris Cook, 238; Brandon Petry, 224; Terry Wilkey, 221; Michael King, 215 - Sheri Colebank, 215; Paula Watts, 209; Chris Bryant, 204; Stacy Richie, 157; Jackie Oelschlager, 151. HSS: Chris Cook, 664; Brandon Petry, 639; Terry Wilkey, 627; Eric Knobbe, 598; Michael King, 597 - Chris Bryant, 534; Sheri Colebank, 523: Paula Watts, 487; Shelah Gaston, 434; Anne Sporrer, 412. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 929. HSS: Victory Lanes, 2660. HHS: Dairy

Queen, 2706.		
League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Victory Lanes	10	2
Pumpkin Patch	10	2
Maxwell Truck.	7	5
Cherry RR	7	5
Gaston Construct.	7	5
Agritile	6	6
Dairy Queen	6	6
Benson Racing	5	7
Willy's Pub	5	7
Whiskey Cav.	4	8
Coleman/Son	4	8

Once A Month League Bowlers

HSG: Eric Knobbe, 275; Ron Dube, 257: Aaron, 216 -Anne Rodosky, 182; Lori Stevens, 169; Pam Vigna, 163. HSS: Ron Dube, 691; Eric Knobbe, 592; Aaron, 545 -Anne Rodosky, 478; Lori Stevens, 464; Pam Vigna, 447. HSG/HHG: Living On a Prayer, 692. HSS/HHS: Living On a Prayer, 1785.

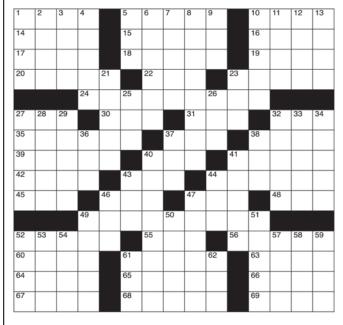
League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	<u>L</u>
Living On/Prayer	24	0
Coyne's Team	21	3
The Originals	19	5
Maxwell Truck.	13	11
Future Tree Serv.	12	12
Sunday Funday	11	13
Kamikazees	8	16
Lickety Splits	4	20
Pit-Froelich	3	21
Pauly's People	1	23
Sandeno-Meister	1	23
Dix & Chics	0	24

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and Venzetti

45. Pairs well with green

48. Midway between northeast

44. Aggressive men

46. Travelers need it

47. Digital audiotape

52. S. China seaport

56. Heavy cavalry sword

61. Spa town in Austria

67. Fiber from the coconut

60. Thick piece of something

64. Norse personification of old age

and east 49. Chemistry descriptor

55. Sound unit

63. Boyfriend

65. Type of box

66. Tie together

68. Chicago mayor

69. Old English letters

33. City in Georgia

38. Partner to cheese

43. Split pulses

44. Disfigure

46. Cow noise

47. Erase

40. S. American mammal

36. College sports conference

41. Self-immolation by fire rituals

34. Irregular

37. Angry

42. Oil group

43. Father

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of footwear 5. Studies a lot all at once
- 10. Adventure story
- 14. Hundred thousand 15. Former U.S. Vice President
- 16. Ruler 17. Indian city
- 18. Similar 19. Ship as cargo
- 20. Volcanic craters 22. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 23. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 24. London soccer team 27. Score perfectly
- 30. No (Scottish)
- 31. SoCal hoops team (abbr.) 32. Woman (French)
- 35. Unwanted attic "decor 37. Peter Griffin's daughter
- 38. Broad, shallow crater
- 39. Large instruments
- 40. Low bank or reef

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CLUES DOWN 1. Type of sauce

2. Pattern of notes 3. Plant with long seedpods

4. Map out

Numbers cruncher Make a mental connection

. Italian tenor

8. N. America's highest mountain peak 9. Witness

10. Arabic given name 11. Music awards

12. "The Immoralist" author 13. Area units

21. Units of loudness 23. Political action committee

25. Bar bill

26. Witch

27. A theatrical performer 28. 2-door car

and flowed

32. Papier-__, art medium

50. Reward for doing well 52. Millisecond

53. Other

49. Chadic language

54. Colombian city

57. Necklace part 58. Every one of two or more people

59. Regrets

61. They come after "A"

62. Horse noise

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, INC., an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation,

Plaintiff,

GEORGETTE TONEY, and unknown owners and non-record

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-13 **NOTICE**

claimants.

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lot 73 of the First Addition to Westview Subdivision to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as per Plat recorded October 16, 1979, as Document Number 387228. Situated in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois.

PIN: 15-15-16-452-026

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The title holder of record to the above described real estate is GEORGETTE TONEY. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on August 19, 2011 and recorded on August 19, 2011 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 611104. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, HABITAT FOR HU-MANITY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, INC., an Illinois Notfor-Profit Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-13 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before April 30, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

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

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City/Village	March 21	March 14			
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Streator	\$4.46	\$4.55			
Pontiac	\$3.98	\$3.91			
Gardner	\$4.49	\$4.49			
Braceville	\$4.44	\$4.53			
Morris	\$4.50	\$4.56			
Herscher	\$4.59	\$4.59			
Chicago	\$4.61	\$4.74			
Illinois	\$4.50	\$4.59			
U.S.	\$4.25	\$4.33			
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April's title will be "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult. This book tells the story of Diana, whose life is perfectly on track. She is close to a promotion, and although she is not engaged, she knows her doctor boyfriend is about to propose on a getaway to the Galapagos. Then Finn has to cancel his trip as a virus grips the city. He encourages Diana to go alone on their nonrefundable trip. Her trip quickly goes awry with one bad accident after another - from lost luggage to her hotel being shut down due to the pandemic. Stranded until the borders reopen, she carves out a connection with a local family when a teenager with a secret opens up to her. Diana begins examining her relationships, choices, and herself.

This group is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

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Tues., Mar. 29: Turkey pot roast w/ carrots & celery, Italian green beans, pineapple, whole grain

roll.

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DEBORAH J. PALMORE, Deceased.

Case No.: 2022-PR-27

CLAIMS NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of DEBORAH J. PALMORE who died on February 5th, 2022. At the time of her death, DEBORAH J. PALMORE was a resident of Forrest, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 2nd, 2022, to SEAN PALMORE, Independent Executor, whose address is 220 N. Center St., Forrest, IL 61741. His attorney is WILLIAM J. GERBER, 210 W. Oak St., Fairbury, IL 61739, whose phone number is (815) 692-2224.

Claims may be filed on or before September 7th, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be filed with the office of the Clerk of Livingston County Court at 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Executors, or both. If filed with the Clerk, claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Executors and to their attorney and file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

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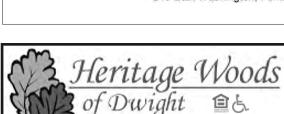
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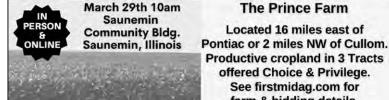
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Odell CCSD #435 is taking applications for a 5th grade teaching position. Interested candidates should send letter of interest, resume, 3 letters of recommendation, copy of transcripts and proof of licensure by May 31st to: Mark Hettmansberger, Superintendent, Odell Grade School, 203 N. East St. Odell IL 60460.

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Odell Grade School is seeking applicants for a 2nd shift janitorial position. The hours are from 2:30 P.M. til 11:00 P.M. Interested persons should fill out an application, send letter of interest to Mark Hettmansberger, Superintendent, 203 N. East St. Odell IL 60460, or call 815-998-2272.

Special Education Teacher

Odell CCSD #435 is taking applications for a Special Education Resource teaching position. Interested candidates should send letter of interest, resume, 3 letters of recommendation, copy of transcripts and proof of licensure by May 31st to: Mark Hettmansberger, Superintendent, Odell Grade School, 203 N. East St. Odell, IL 60460.

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- Assess the accomplishments and academic progress of students on a regular basis, provide progress reports as required, effectively use formal and informal assessments to plan lessons that differentiate instruction for individual
- Manage student behavior and support social emotional learning within the classroom setting.
- Adhere to the policies and procedures as established by the Board of Education and Administration.
- Work harmoniously with students, parents, colleagues, and the administrative team to build relationships within the school community.

Qualifications

Candidates must hold the appropriate Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) and demonstrate the following characteristics: excellent leadership and communication skills, knowledge of a variety of teaching strategies and exceptional technology skills.

Salary/Benefits

Salary is based upon the negotiated teacher contract as well as experience and level of education.

How to Apply

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and three reference letters via email to Mrs. Julie L. Schultz, Principal @ schultzju@dwight.k12.il.us. The posting will be open

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CHATSWORTH SPRING ALL-TOWN GARAGE SALE Friday, April 8 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 9 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Maps available at Casey's, Dollar General, and Citizen's Bank of Chatsworth.

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K-8 Physical Education Teacher

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· Middle School Health Adaptive PE

learning within the school setting.

- Co-planning and co-teaching with another
- physical education teacher Must be able to supervise the girls' locker room
- Employ a variety of instructional techniques and instructional media, consistent with the capabilities of the individuals or student groups involved.
- ward demonstrating appropriate physical fitness, health and overall wellness - Assess the accomplishments and progress of students on a regular basis, provide progress reports as required, ef-

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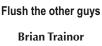
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Gardner South Wilmington High School Board Meeting Briefs

On March 16, Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 held a regular board meeting.

Principal Engelman discussed the following:

· Teacher Professional Development – They had three teachers recently attend conferences. • The GSW Math Team won the RVC Math Contest again this year, putting them at their ninth consecutive year of winning the conference. They have also won the IHSA Math Re-

Mr. Engelman, Athletic Di-

by Tom Tock

February from January's lower

count of video gaming termi-

42,061 terminals at 7,840 loca-

197,178

110,674

13,770

84,885

The new Illinois count is

Funds In Funds Out

52,081

2,244

72,063

137,180

90,076

18,563

9,338

63,493

445,042

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Aly Anne's 67,602

Cherry Red's 4,043

Lili Mae's 103,500

Vic. Lanes 26,157

TOTAL: \$608,009

tions.

Feb.

Love's

Virbapa

Willy's

Gardner

VFW

Dwight

• Spring Sports Numbers: - They have three GSW students participating in track at Dwight High School this year.

- They have 12 total softball players. They only have a varsity team for softball.

- They have 23 total baseball players. Due to low numbers, they are combining some players to form their JV and varsity teams. There are no varsity and JV games played on the same day this year.

Mr. Josh DeLong discussed

Dwight remained at 44 vgts

was gambled locally in Febru-

ary, down from \$615,092 in

earned \$8,148 from the Febru-

The Village of Dwight

4,500

9,116

17,399

6,031

2,202

1,285

6,203

47,260

521

State Dwight

776

89

1,571

2,999

1,039

379

221

1,069

8,148

• Summer Work =

- Parking Lot • Mr. DeLong discussed updates and ideas on the parking lot project. They are waiting on final plans from the engineer before the project goes out to bid. Most likely, the west side parking lot will be widened and angle parking will be utilized to fit the space better and to help the flow of traffic. Mr. DeLong discussed the tennis courts and how little they get used. He discussed whether they should keep them as is, make them into the parking lot/entrance/exit or to keep one side as tennis courts and the other side as a basketball court. It was decided to keep the courts as is for now and revisit this at a later time.

Phone system upgrade – Mr. DeLong discussed the need for a phone system. A proposal for a new product called Rival5 was presented. This would put a phone in each classroom, they currently do not have this, and add several safety features. The phone will be a one time purchase of \$5,500 and the district will save \$400 per month on their current phone bill.

- Room changes - Mrs. Scaccia's English room will be moving to room 205 and carpet squares will be installed. Mrs. Scaccia's current room will become the new STEAM/ Maker Space area.

- Flooring updates – Mr. De-Long discussed putting vinyl plank flooring in the office areas this summer. This would go over top of the existing asbestos tiles and the maintenance staff can install these.

- Painting - The summer crew will paint some areas that we haven't gotten to the past couple of years and as time permits begin a painting cycle of classrooms.

· Hot water system and boiler -Mr. DeLong discussed their current hot water system which has been having issues and needs replacing this summer.

rector, reported on the follow- the Building and Grounds Re- Ideally, they would install a commercial water heater and they have a need for a commercial water softener. In addition, their secondary boiler needs to be replaced. It is estimated that these projects combined will between \$80,000-\$100,000. Mr. DeLong will begin the bid process to get these projects started for this summer.

> Superintendent DeLong presented on the following:

· David Pastorius, First Midstate, was present at the meeting to discuss the working cash bond process. David and First Midstate have worked with the district for many years.

• GAVC Director's Award: - Peyton Carpenter received this award for the month of

February in Engineering II. · No Spring Play based on interest level - They only had three students interested in participating in the Spring Play. They also had to cancel the Fall Play due to the same reason.

• Updated Solar Farm informa-

tion – A new company has bought out this project – Scout Clean Energy. They informed Mr. DeLong of their new timeframe and are 95% sure it is going to happen. They plan to start in October 2022, which means they would begin pumping out power in 2025 and GSW would start receiving tax funds from this project in 2026. The estimate would be 2.8 million over 35-years (\$80,000 on average per year for GSW High

School). Updated Rodney Ford fishing team donations - They have received about \$2,600 in donations. Thank You notes were sent out by the GSW Bass Fishing Team.

Action Items included: Approved Kylie Hawks as

volunteer softball coach Approved the 2022 graduation for May 15 at 12:00 p.m. inside the GSW gym

 Approved contract with Morris Hospital for an athletic tee's plan to allow tenured staff trainer at all home events at a cost of \$20 per hour

• Approved a 5-year service agreement with Rival5 for phone and communication sys-

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· Accepted Sherri Garrett's resignation as district bookkeeper

and treasurer Approved the first reading of Administrative Assistant job descriptions

 Approved the hire of Patty Klingberg as district bookkeeper and treasurer

· Approved the hire of temporary summer building crew leader, Adam Leigh

· Approved the hire of temporary summer building worker, Braeden Hirsch

· Approved the hire of temporary summer building worker, Jacob Ozee

• Selected First Midstate Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District's General Obligation School

· Approved the joint committo be evaluated formally every three years



Chapter of the National Honor Society on March 9. Pictured, front row, from left, are Robert Shutes, Hayden Partilla; middle row, Jessica Dominguez, Addison Fair, Hunter Purdy, Eva Henderson, Makaila McDaniel, Bella Vyce; back row, Alexis Riggs, Rianna Platt, Cade Croy, Madalyn Olsen, and Ava Brassard.

Feb. Funds In **Funds Out** NTI* State Gardner 1,052 (54)Buddies (3) 964 (88)(25)26,992 Marks (5) 31,745 <u>4,752</u> <u>1,378</u> <u>237</u> **TOTAL:** 28,045 4,663 1,352 233 \$32,709

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