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Dwight Village Employees Hired, Wages Approved

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met Monday, March 28, with all members present.

Employee hirings and ordinance updates were primary on the agenda.

The Board approved the hiring of three EMS paramedics; John Choate III, Daniell Boshears, and Jaron Scheid. Joe Fritsch was approved as Village Water Operator. Jacob Bakalik and Trevor Sember were approved as new police officers.

The Board also took the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee to amend the Public Works contract at the next renewal for it to include more steps and to align with the Police and EMS contracts. The Public Works Director salary range would become comparable to the other two department heads. Public Works employees would be moved up an additional step as well as receiving a 2.5% raise. Non-union village employees would receive a 3% raise.

Various ordinances were amended or approved.

- Police Officer and General Employee training reimbursement was changed from the current period of 12 months to

- Fiscal Year 21/22 amended

budget was approved

- Fiscal Year 22/23 budget

- Employee probationary status was adjusted to 12 months from the current 6 months

- The annual Video Gaming Terminal Licensing Fee was increased to \$250

Public Works Director Cory Scoles reported that village parks would be open as of April 1 and a scoreboard at the Little League ball park was being repaired. He also pointed out that cameras recently installed at the Route 47 and Northbrook Drive intersection are for signal operation and are not traffic enforcement related.

Police Chief Mike Nolan passed out a document from the Illinois Chiefs of Police and endorsed by the NAACP affirming shared principles regarding the relationship between law enforcement and the communities and people they serve in Illinois. EMS Chief Michael Callahan reported the ambulance rebuild project is progressing.

GLCEDC (Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council) membership dues were approved at the current rate of \$8,504.

There were no Public Comments. The next regular Village Board Meeting will be April

'There Is Good In Every Day'



By Brandon LaChance

There are not many aspects of life as evident as death.

The way we process death or how we will deal, react to our lives ending is different with every person.

Megan Bugg fought, battled, advocated for her life and for the lives of many others with every breath she had until her final exhale at 7:45 a.m. on

"When we say Megan never complained or never asked, 'Why me?', I feel people think exaggerating, Bugg's mother Debbie Bugg. "But I'm telling you, not once in the 7 years and 3 months did she ever say that. She didn't complain. She didn't cry and say she was in pain. It was crazy. It was almost like she was sent here for that purpose and she understood her role.

"As her parents, we weren't the ones who were strong. It was because Megan was so strong and didn't complain. We just went on as normal. It wasn't her trying to pep her up. She didn't want that. It was business as usual. We were going to get

through it and everything we had to do or went through was part of the process. She always thought she would beat it; even through the end."

Megan, who passed away a little over a month away from her 21st birthday on April 30, was diagnosed with a children's muscular cancer called ARMS - Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma – when she was 13-years old in 2014.

Through her 87-month fight for life, she underwent five relapses, nine surgeries, 150 weeks of chemotherapy, and

"We saw a bump on her left forearm on Christmas Day in 2014. It was Christmas Day and we didn't want to make a big deal of it, so we kind of let it go," said Bugg's father, Kent Bugg. "But, I could tell by the look in her eyes that she knew something was wrong. She was 13, she was scared, her body didn't feel right, and she was scared to say anything.

"We took her to the pediatrician the next morning. After the pediatrician checked her, he took me into the next room and said, 'I'm sure your daughter

know what type. That was devastating and Megan was scared to death.

"We jumped in the car and went straight to (Northwestern Medicine) Central DuPage David Walterhouse, who at that Hospital, where the pediatrician recommended us to go. After a lot of scans – MRI, CT, bone marrow tests – where she was poked, prodded, and scanned every which way for five days, they finally diagnosed her on Dec. 30 with Stage 4 Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma."

From the start, Megan stayed positive and demonstrated her never quit attitude she continued to display with action until her final day.

"Your family unit has to be very strong because the old saying, 'When one person in the family has cancer, everyone in the family has cancer' is very true," Kent Bugg said. "It impacted all of us. Mackenzie, my older daughter, was a sophomore at the time and involved in basketball, softball, volleyball, madrigals, music theater, and speech. It was really tough on her.

"Debbie and I had to all of a sudden figure out how were we going to work, how were we going to make a living, how were we going to make ends meet, and how do we get Megan to her treatments and back. She would tell us all the time, 'Everyday may not be good, but there is good in every

Through Megan's strength and not wanting her family to change their lives because of her, the Buggs, of Coal City, did exactly that.

Debbie, who recently retired after almost 35 years as a physical education and health teacher at Reed-Custer High School, stayed in the gym and the classroom. Mackenzie stayed on the volleyball court, cers, she became an advocate at the softball mound, performing in plays and then went to the University of Wisconsin to study speech pathology and is now a graduate student.

Kent is retiring on June 30 after 17 years as the Coal City school district superintendent, which followed six years at Reed-Custer as a social studies teacher and baseball and basketball coach (where he met Debbie) and five years at Gardner-South Wilmington High School.

They stayed on flight with Megan's blessing.

"I remember in the first year

has some type of cancer; I don't of her treatment. People were telling me to stay home with her because you don't know what day is going to be her last," said Debbie Bugg. "My husband and I met with Dr. point was doing research in Chicago, and I asked him if I should quit work. He asked me, 'Do you like work?' When I said, 'Yes, I like teaching' and gave him another yes when he asked me if Megan knew I liked work, he said he found that kids do much better when their parents continue to do things that they would normally do. It's because as soon as you stop, they think they're dying.

"We just kept living and I think that's one of the things that helped her. We didn't stop. Mackenzie didn't stop going to school and wait here for her to die. We just kept on moving like she was going to make it. I think that helped her. It helped me as a parent also. When you're going through a 7-year battle, if I was to stay home with her and to be Megan's mom 24/7, I may have had a much harder time with it. But going to school and being Mrs. Bugg and wearing a different hat for eight hours a day was really healthy for me mentally. It gave me another focus."

Megan's blessings also traveled outside of her family.

Without being able to go to school because a cold or flu could have taken her life sooner, Megan went the social media route to find friends and social groups. She connected with others who had childhood cancer and could relate to what she was going through from California to New York and most states in the middle as well as friends in England and Australia.

When some of her friends began to succumb to their canand nushed for more funding for childhood cancer.

Megan Bugg sent letters to every state and federal legislator and had meetings with Dick Durbin, Adam Kinzinger, Sue Rezin, and David Walter. She also went to Cure Fest in Washington D.C. and spoke in front of the United States Capitol.

She worked with Dr. Charles Keller, who is a cofounder of the Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute where the mission is to make all childhood cancer universally survivable.

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The Gardner Village Board demolishing the existing

Gardner Village Board Meets by Donald Phillips

met in regular session March 28, opening with the approval minutes of the March 14 meeting and payment of the

The board discussed and approved the Intergovernmental Agreement to provide police protection with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department. Mayor Mike Serena reported the cost decreased by approximately \$8,000 and will then increase 3% annually over the length of the contract. The new contract is eight years to reach the next census.

The board discussed and approved waiving the demolition permit fee for the northeast corner of Main and Railroad Streets. The property contains two abandoned buildings and is too small to have a new home built on it. The owner of one of the adjoining properties has pur-

chased the land and will be buildings. The buildings must be demolished within six months to qualify for the waived fee.

The board passed two resolutions for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code to move forward with street repairs. The repairs will qualify for Rebuild Illinois funds. The two resolutions are for approximately \$170,000 and \$75,000.

IDOT asked if the village would like to take control of IL 129 and Hileman responded the village is not interested in taking control of

Commissioner Tim Hill reported that he is looking at properties on Jackson and Monroe Streets for clean-up letters. Mayor Serena commented the property may be in violation of a prior court

The board entered executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Bees in Campus by Brandon LaChance Bees are not attending school, but they are on Cam-

Literally, bees are producing honey on their hives at the Hansen Farm right outside of the small, rural Illinois town,

Dan Hansen, 29, born and raised in Dwight, was trying to find a hobby and stumbled across beekeeping. thought his grandparent's farm, Maggie and Darrel, was the ideal location.

"They didn't have beehives out there prior to me bringing them. They have a creek with a cattle farm next to them," Dan Hansen said. "The farm has some vegetation and clover for the bees to use. It's a good spot.

"I just kind of started with a few YouTube videos. You can learn anything with YouTube. I found a couple of cool videos and thought I had some time to do some

hobby beekeeping. It's not fun being stung. You think you would develop a relationship with the bees to where they wouldn't

sting you anymore. But, that doesn't happen. They love to sting you when they can. I actually swell up pretty good when I get stung. I try to avoid that at all costs.'

Dan Hansen started with one hive. Then he had two, which led to four and he plans to have six this year.

Although he had plenty of time for his hobby, he doesn't know if he has enough time for more than six.

"Getting that jar of honey was pretty cool to me. You don't have to do anything special with it," Hansen said. "You literally just scrape it off the hive and put it in a jar. That is all you do. Then you have honey for as long as you want. "After the first time

you harvest, it kind of draws you in. It's so satisfying. All of the work that you put in and all of the work the bees put in, kind of culminates, and all of a sudden you have more honey than you know what to do with. It is very satisfying to have that jar of honey that you can put

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

March 25: Jesse J. Zimmerman, 17, Dwight, driving during suspension.

March 26: Yvonne R. Dodd, 34, Normal, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Dashanti U. 19, Rockford, driving/no license/permit/age.

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

14 Written Warnings

Registration Plate Light - 4; Expired Registration - 3; Speeding -2; Fail to Obey Stop Sign – 2; Driving Without Lights When Required - 1; Only One Headlight – 1; Only One Taillight –

Dwight Police Blotter

March 25: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Seminole for a theft from a garage; Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 47. Arrested for Driving While Suspended was Jesse Zimmerman of Dwight.

March 27: Arrested for an In-State Warrant was James Sassenger of Dwight. Sassenger was unable to post bond and was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.

Out of Control Subject – 1; Return Call - 7; Medical Aid -10; Walk In – 5; Unknown ical, refusal; William, medical, Problem -3; Found Item -1; Traffic Stop – 16; Vehicle in Ditch -1; 911 Open Line -1; Well Being Check – 4; Fire Alarm -1; Funeral Escort -1; Burglar Alarm - 2; Check Morris.

Area – 1; Car Fire – 1; Extra Patrol – 3; Lock Out – 4; Motor Assist – 1; Loose Dog – 2; Theft -1; Assist Agency -5.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

March 24: Waupansie, trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Franklin, medical, Morris; Boxelder, medical, cancelled en route, mutual aid to Odell.

March 25: Julie, fire; Mazon, medical, Morris; Watters, fire; Taylor, medical; Seminole, medical, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris.

March 26: Main, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, Morris; I-55 SB, fire; James, medical; rural Odell, trauma, returned, mutual aid to Odell.

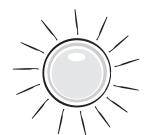
March 27: John, medical, Morris: Bannon, medical, Morris; Park, medical, Morris.

March 28: Main, medical, Morris; 3200 N, medical, Riverside, mutual aid from Gardner; Waupansie, medical, St. James; Deer, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Odell.

March 29: Morgan, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Odell; Andrew, medical, St. James.

March 30: Delaware, med-Morris; 2700 N, medical, Riverside; Northbrook, medical; Andrew, medical, St.

March 31: Mazon, medical,



Temps - 2022

Mar. 24 - high 43°, low 37° .55" precip.

Mar. 25 - high 48°, low 31° trace snow

Mar. 26 - high 33°, low 23° Mar. 27 – high 35°, low 20°

Mar. 28 – high 39°, low 19° Mar. 29 - high 47°, low 27° Mar. 30 – high 61°, low 35°

1.78" precip. One Year Ago-April 6, 2021 high 76°, low 23°



Dwight Fire Incidents 3/25 - 4/1

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

March 25: Automatic Fire Alarm – Watters Dr.

March 26: Vehicle Fire – I-

Dwight FPD also responded to 15 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Drop It and Drive: **April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month** April is Distracted Driving manually and cognitively," said like texting or talking on a cell

Secretary of State Police will be conducting patrols to combat distracted driving throughout April.

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NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

Awareness Month, and the LaSalle County Sheriff's Of- Distracted Driving Awareness fice is partnering with the Illi-Department nois of Transportation, Illinois State Police, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to remind motorists to "Drop It and Drive."

Driving Awareness Month

Sending or reading a text takes a driver's eyes off of the road for

an average of five seconds. If

you are driving 55 mph, that

means you have traveled the

your eyes off of the road,

length of the football field with

Did you know ...

"Texting while driving puts everyone on the road at risk by distracting a driver visually, Sheriff Adam Diss. "During Month, we're working to increase awareness of these dangers and encourage all motorists to give driving their full attention."

At a time when traffic fatalities are on the rise in Illinois and across the country, LaSalle County Sheriff's Office is committed to reducing the traffic crashes caused by distractions

phone.

Motorists can expect to see increased patrols and enforcement zones the entire month of April. LaSalle County Sheriff's Office will be ticketing drivers who text or use their cell phones while driving.

The distracted driving campaign is adminstered by IDOT with federal traffic safety funds.

#DropItandDrive

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

One week left in spring session

The House and Senate are scheduled to complete their work and adjourn for the summer on Friday, April 8. We are usually in session until May 31, but planned construction on the Capitol building has forced us to shorten the schedule this year. With a week to go, there are many priorities that still need to be acted on.

Every year our most important task is passing a balanced budget for the next fiscal year. So far this year we have received a budget proposal from Governor Pritzker which seeks to increase spending even though we expect to take in less money. Committees have been holding hearings on the different parts of the budget, but no legislation has yet emerged to fund the state for the next year.

If previous years are any indication, this could be a warning sign that we are going to see another multi-thousand page budget bill introduced in the dead of night and rushed to passage. Last year's budget was so rushed that we had to reconvene in special session just to correct a serious drafting error that somehow slipped through. I hope there will be more transparency and more review this year.

We need to act to clean up the severe deficiencies affecting the Department of Children and Family Services. The director of DCFS was recently held in contempt of court for the eighth time due to children in DCFS care being kept in psychiatric hospitals beyond any medical necessity or them to do so.

The year began with a promise from the House Speaker that we would see a sweeping anti-crime package to counter the rising crime throughout Illinois. I have been part of the Republican effort to offer suggestions and legislation that could be part of this much-needed package, but so far our bills have not been allowed to be discussed in com-

forward his plan, and time is running out for us to review it before voting on it. A big part of the crime problem in Illinois has to do with a policing bill which was introduced at 3 a.m. on the last day of session and passed before noon, long before anyone had time to review it. We should not make that mistake again.

unemployment Illinois rate stands at 4.8%. The latest monthly unemployment report showed Illinois continuing its slow recovery from the pandemic shutdowns as unemployment slipped to 4.8% in February, down by 0.2% from January. Sectors leading the job growth in Illinois during February included trade, transportation, utilities, manufacturing, leisure and hospitality, education and health services.

But, as always, this good news comes with a warning: The unemployment rate in Illinois remains higher than the national rate, which currently comes in at 3.8%. We continue to trail neighboring states like Indiana, Wisconsin and Iowa, which have advantages over us because of their lower taxes and friendly job-creation climates. Illinois has to become The Speaker has not yet put more friendly to job creators or

we will continue to lag behind

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$3,385,262,681 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$5.2 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.

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County Board Chairperson

Kathy Arbogast accepted the

resignation of John Slagel from

On March 25, Livingston pointment of the Chairperson of the County Board, with the advice and consent of the County Board.

Vacant County Board Seat in District #3

The appointed individual shall be someone from the same political party (Republican), 18 years of age, a United States citizen, resident of the county for at least one year prior to appointment, is a registered voter in District 3 and shall serve through November 30, 2022. The vacated position

shall be filled by election in the General Primary to be held on June 28, 2022, and the General Election on November 8, 2022. The Chairperson will an-

nounce the appointment at the May 12 meeting of the Livingston County Board. Anyone interested in applying for this appointment is asked to send a letter of intent prior to Monday, April 25, to: Kathy Arbogast, Chairperson, County Board Office, 112 W. Madison Street, Pontiac, IL 61764; or Kristy Masching, County Clerk, 112 W. Madison Street, PO Box 618, Pontiac, IL 61764.

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Match Your Financial Goals With the Right Strategies

To achieve most goals in life, you need some type of strategy. And that's certainly true for your financial goals. Since you likely have multiple financial goals, you may need to pursue several different strategies - but they all should follow

What does this process entail? Here are the basic steps:

for your situation, you've got a path that can help lead you to success.

· Fully define each goal. Like most people, you probably have a goal of someday enjoying a comfortable retirement. But have you defined what "comfortable retirement" means to you? Do you plan to spend your retirement years traveling the world, or would you rather stay close to home to be with family members? Would you like to pursue your hobbies?

Open a small business? Think carefully about what this goal looks like. Identify the costs. Once you've identified a retirement vision, you need to put a price tag on it. How much income will you require? You don't have to identify a figure down to the penny, but you should be able to come up with a pretty good estimate. A surprising number of people never reach this point - more than three-fourths of pre-retirees haven't calculated how much they'll need once they retire, according to Four Pillars of the New Retirement, a study by Age Wave and Ed-

 Invest appropriately for each goal. Your investment strategy should reflect your risk tolerance and your goals. So, for example, when you're working toward a long-term goal, such as retirement, you're essentially investing for growth, which means you'll accept the level of risk that always accompanies a growth strategy. But when you're investing for a shorterterm goal, such as taking an international vacation in a few years, you may be somewhat less concerned with maximum growth and more focused on making sure that a certain amount of money is available when you need it. Consequently, you might follow an investment strategy with a lower degree of risk.

Understand the potential trade-offs of your financial strategy. Each of your goals may have its own investment strategy, but you still need to look at your goals holistically. So, for instance, if you decide you need to ramp up your investing for your child's education, will that affect your ability to put away the amounts you've designated for retirement? If so, do you have the flexibility to change your retirement plans somewhat, perhaps by working an extra year or so? Of course this might not be necessary, but it does illustrate the potential impact one choice can have on another. · Track your progress. It's important to track the progress of your investments and investment strategies, but you'll want

to be careful about using market indexes as benchmarks. Your portfolio was designed for your risk tolerance and goals, so comparing it to an equity index (like the S&P 500) isn't all that relevant, or helpful. Instead, measure your progress at least annually to determine if you're on track to achieve the goals your strategy was designed to meet. When you review your progress, you may also want to determine if any changes in your family situation or your employment might affect your investment strategies. A financial professional can help you in this area. Achieving your financial goals takes time, effort and commitment. But by following the most appropriate strategies

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LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY DISTRICT received a \$1,500 donation from the State Bank of Herscher. Pictured, from left, are LTLD Trustees Libby Wasser and Dana Krippel, Library Director Lynne Noffke, SBH President Troy Coffman, LTLD President Tricia Coffman, Mary Beth Dorsey, Darcy Stomberg; second row, Gary Dahn. Not pictured is LTLD Trustee Jill Whalen. "We are very grateful for this generous gift," stated Noffke. "We will use it to continue our work to serve the community as we have for the past 25



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This free program for all ages will be held at the Rec Hall (next to the water tower) Saturdays, April 9 and May 14, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. each night.

Godley Resident Luncheon

Adults, 21+, from the Village of Godley can join for a

complimentary luncheon April 21, with BINGO starting at 10:00 a.m. and lunch being served at noon.

Register by Friday, April 15.

Lunch Out & About

Join the laughter and fun as they venture to different restaurants, including Hoppy Pig in Bradley Wednesday, April 27.

A fee applies for transportation (lunch is on your own). All trips depart at 10:30 a.m. Register by Wednesday, April 20.

Mobile Pantry in Dwight, Odell Monthly

St. Nicholas Mobile Pantry, such as blankets, socks, cleana ministry of Catholic Charities, serves those in need in the Diocese of Peoria. The van stops in Dwight, in the parking lot of St. Patrick Church, and Odell, in the St. Paul Church parking lot, on the second Thursday afternoon of each month.

This month, due to the second Thursday in April being Holy Thursday, the date is one week later on Thursday, April **21** (this is for April **only**).

Individuals are given items Charities.

ing products, personal hygiene products, and baby products. These items may change monthly depending on needs and what is donated.

You must fill out an application in order to utilize this monthly service. You can do so at cdop.org/catholic-charities. Click on Region 3 and then the Link button.

If you need assistance, contact the Diocese at 309-671-1550 and ask for Catholic

Friends of the Library Book Sale at LTLD April 11-29

The Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale takes place from Monday, April 11, through Friday, April 29, at Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) during library hours. They have books, audio CDs, and DVDs available for

If you would like to make a donation, you may do so now through Friday, April 9. Remember, they cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, and books regarding business, computers, or health issues that are five or more years old.





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To whoever paid for my Dairy Queen order on Saturday, March 26, I thank you very much. It was very kind of you to do that.

> Thanks Again, Frank Tomac



OBITUARIES

Isaac Thomas

Isaac "Ike" Thomas, age 75, of Pontiac, Illinois passed away Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Accolade Nursing Home in Pontiac, Illinois.

He was born January 6, 1947 in Shreveport, LA to Isaac and Ida Mae Thomas.

married He twice; the first marriage gave him two children (Dee Dee and Michael) and there were none with the second marriage. Later he shared his life with Barbara Rose, and they had a son together, Kennon James Rose. They survive in Flanagan, Illinois.

Ike began his career at the Bettendorf, Iowa Caterpillar plant, and later transferred to Caterpillar in Pontiac, Illinois. He retired after 36 years.

Ike was acwith the Shriners and Masons, loved fishing, playing cards, bowling, playing corn hole and lotto, and the Chicago sports

He regularly attended the Pontiac Baptist Church in

Pontiac, Illinois. Ike is sur-

vived two Michael/Anita of Pontiac, Illinois and Kennon/Katelyn of Flanagan, Illinois; and one daughter, Dee Dee. He is also survived by three granddaughters, Olivia and Justina Thomas and Emelia Eitenmiller; honorary step-daughter (Nena) Josh Eitenmiller; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a Celebration of Life posted at a later date.

Brian Anthony Naretto

Brian Anthony Naretto, 66, of Reddick, Illinois died peacefully, surrounded by his family, Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

The visitation will be held at R. W. Patterson Funeral

Home in Braidwood, Illinois on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Standing In The Word Ministries, 2480 N. St. Rt. 47, Morris, IL 60450 beginning at 10 a.m.

Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood, Illinois.

Memorials may be sent to Standing In The Word Ministries, Morris, Illinois.

He is survived by his loving wife, Laurie (Tjelle) Naretto, who he married June 5, 1976; his four daughters: Jennifer (Rob) Mainord of Anderson, Indiana; Katie (Paul) Morris of Ottawa, Illinois; Rachel (Mike) Sereno of Orange Park, Florida; and Sharon Naretto of Nashville, Tennessee.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren; one brother, Alan (Ann) Naretto; and one sister, Paula (Chuck) Roper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and LaVerne Naretto, and one grandchild. Brian was

born April 19, 1955 in Streator, Illinois. With the love of farming being instilled at an early age, Brian and Laurie continued farm-

ing in the Cabery, Reddick, and Braceville areas for 45 years. Working in construction for many years, he started Naretto Construction in 1985. God's provision then led Brian to work for RCIS crop insurance for the past 10 years.

Along with his work, he served his community by being a member of the Tri-Point School Board, coaching summer softball, and being a very active leader in his church. Sharing his love for the Lord and his love for people, he served as head usher, a leader in children's ministry, a leader of the prison ministry, a board member and treasurer, and preaching on many occasions.

He knew someone everywhere he went and everywhere he went someone knew him. All who knew him appreciated his great sense of humor.

His favorite people called him dad, grandpa, and in from the field for supp

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The More Gets Bigger

by Brandon LaChance

Dwight Pizza on April 1, 2021, she immediately added the word more to the business name.

Branz knew she wanted to offer more food items than just pizza.

Just a few months after Branz bought Dwight Pizza & More, the Chinese Restaurant that is attached to her location at 20 Burbeck Dr. in Dwight, closed up shop and vacated the building.

Brainstorming took place in the fall, plans came together and the expanded restaurant's grand opening took place on Saturday.

"We knocked a hole in the wall, so it's all connected," Branz said. "This allows us for more dining space and it allows us to have a second kitchen. With the second kitchen, we

are now able to offer break- do that."

fast and burgers for lunch. "We were doing lunch on the pizza side with

Italian beef and

chicken sandwiches, but we were closed due to the lack of workers. We had three days a week we couldn't open until 4 p.m. This way, we are now able to be open seven days a week, 6 a.m.-9 p.m."

A few of Branz top priorities When Rhonda Branz bought in the expansion were to offer more food items and to extend hours of service.

> With the two kitchens, Dwight Pizza & More will offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week.

"Our biggest thing that we looked at was a big percentage of our business is travelers and truckers," Branz said. "They get tired of having fast food. They're always looking for small, locally-owned restaurants to eat at. I thought opening for breakfast for travelers since we're by the hotels and the truck stops was a good idea.

"After talking to people and talking around town about not having breakfast options, I got good feedback and thought we would make a go of it. I thought if we could bring a few more jobs into Dwight, this would be a great opportunity to The only issue she had in

terms of the business side of things was the liquor license. "When I applied for my

liquor license, it didn't state that the village liquor license runs from April 1 to March 31," Branz said. "I was under the assumption that the yearly liquor license for my year started from the time I was granted the liquor license. When I found out that I had to turn around and pay another \$1,100 only having it for two months, it just wasn't going to happen because I wasn't aware."

Dwight's Village Administrator, Kevin McNamara, said the situation was taken care of and Branz was refunded her extra liquor license expenses.

"She didn't get her liquor license until January," McNamara said. "Last year for the existing year when they were closed for Covid, the Village Board only charged them half price for their liquor license for renewal. She was charged full price, so the board decided to cut her back to half price for last year also."

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

William St. Additional Housing Update

by Brandon LaChance

The plot of land on William St, south of the Dwight VFW has been open since the tornado in 2010 wiped it clean of the trailer park.

A few developers have asked around about the property and have inquired about the price.

"Last fall there was a developer who came and wanted to build seven, four-unit buildings," VA McNamara said. "They sent plans. Our engineer reviewed them and sent them back. We haven't heard a response. We're in the very initial stages.

veloper, told me lumber prices you're waiting for the prices to have gone sky high. If you're come down before you start."

"Other builders, not that de- developing buildings, maybe



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Dwight Woman's Club Offers \$750 Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

Dwight Woman's Club has announced it will once again award two \$750 college scholarships to 2022 graduating seniors of Dwight Township High School, Dwight Baptist Academy, or to local home-schooled seniors. In addition, the children/grandchildren of an active DWC member are eligible to apply.

One \$750 scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a four-year college located in the state of Illinois; the other \$750 scholarship will be for a student attending a two-year college or vocational program, also in Illinois.

DWC Scholarship Criteria no later than April 30.

Dwight Woman's Club has been part of the community for the past 100-plus years. The club's purpose is to promote community involvement and support, with special emphasis on issues and events near and dear to their schools and public library.

Dwight Woman's Club remains hopeful in the future of their community and of their young people in particular.

Short essay questions on the

All applications and sup- application are designed to porting documents must be focus on the student's commusubmitted electronically per the nity involvement and volunteer work. Work experience over extracurricular school activities will also be considered so as not to penalize applicants who need to work to pay for college or make ends meet.

Current DTHS students may receive copies of the Scholarship Criteria and the Scholar-Application Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Jackie Froelich. Other interested parties may e-mail jcmyers5@gmail.com to receive copies of the material.

Women's **Ecumenical** Breakfast at Dwight UMC April 13

Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia St., is hosting the Women's Ecumenical Breakfast Wednesday, April 13, at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00

All women of the community are welcome. Reservations are needed. Call the church at 815-584-3420 by Monday, April 11.

DCS Book Fair April 6-13

Do your kids need books to read over the summer?

You're invited to shop Dwight Common School's Book Fair April 6-13 to support the school library and help students discover favorite characters, series, and collections all summer long.

On Monday, April 11, the Reading Ladies will be hosting a Family Reading Night from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at DCS. This year's theme is "Reading Exercises the Mind." Go out and enjoy some reading activities while getting a workout. The book fair will be open that evening until 8:00 p.m.

If you can't make it to the book fair, you can shop online. Visit their Book Fair Homepage anytime April 6-19 and click "Shop Now" to get started: bookfairs.scholastic. com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/home page.do?method=homepage& url=dwightelementaryschool.



Millard and Dolores Maxson



Millard and Dolores Maxson to Celebrate 70th Anniversary

Millard (Max) and Dolores Maxson, of Chatsworth, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on April 14.

Dolores Lorraine Bellis, daughter of Andrew Joseph and Mary Florence (Duay) Bellis, and Millard (Max) Russell Maxson, son of Hazel Ruther (Follmer) and the late Harry Edward Maxson, were married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dwight on April 14, 1952. Maid of Honor was her sister, Mary Catherine (Bellis) Riccolo (deceased) and the Best Man was the groom's brother, Morris Allen Maxson (deceased).

Dolores was a fulltime homemaker and Millard initially worked at Spic and Span Dry Cleaners driving a truck for 3 years and then worked for The Chatsworth Plaindealer as card: PO Box, 21M, a commercial printer/pressman Chatsworth, IL, or just offer a for 25 years. The end of his cathoughtful prayer in their reer, he worked 12 years for name – it would mean so much Nichols Chatsworth, retiring in 1997.

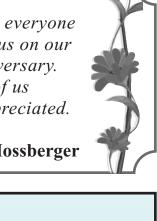
They are the parents of Edward Joseph (Sheree) and Mary Ruth of Phoenix, AZ, Susan Marie of Bloomington, and Stephen Andrew of Chatsworth. They have four grandsons: Andrew Joseph (Natasha) of Phoenix, AZ, Aaron Michael (Christine) of CA, Cameron Michael of Chatsworth, and Austin James of Chandler, AZ. They also have a great-granddaughter, Mia Rose, of Phoenix, AZ.

Dolores and Millard have resided in Chatsworth all of their married life, other than the 24 months when Max was stationed overseas in Germany from 1952-1954.

The whole family will be gathering in Arizona to celebrate their 70 years. No gifts, but if you would like to send a Homeshield in to Dolores and Millard.

A big thank you to everyone who congratulated us on our 50th wedding anniversary. Your thoughts of us were extremely appreciated.











OBITUARIES

Patricia Louise Schott

Patricia Louise (Farrell) Schott passed away peacefully on March 24, 2022 surrounded by her family.

Patricia was born on March 18, 1944 to Joseph and Mildred (Masching) Farrell, who in honor of St. Patrick named her Patricia.

named her Patricia.

Pat found the love of her life in

Melvin Schott, who she married on April 19, 1963 (Mel's 21st birthday). They enjoyed 57 years of marriage before Mel passed on June 24, 2020.

Pat is the mother to Anthony, Andrew, Alan, Amanda, and Alicia (Decker) — who was unplanned but a blessing anyway. Pat especially loved her favorite son-in-law, Nick Decker (her only son-in-law).

Pat's working career was long and varied. She was coowner of Mel Schott Trucking. She worked at the Liberty Restaurant, Beck's Market, Rentz's Tap, as an Assistant Operator at RR Donnelley, and carried The Pantagraph, delivering to all of Odell (which she claimed paid for Andy and Alan's orthodontic needs).

Even though Pat or Patsy, as she was called, was born in Pontiac, and graduated from St. Mary's in 1959, Pat loved Odell. Pat really loved Odell! This love led her to train as an Emergency Medical Technician and then to serve as a volunteer EMT for the Odell Fire Department. She also campaigned and won election to the Odell Village Board, becoming the first woman elected to the Board.

She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell. For many years she taught CCD from her home, helping many young Catholics become confirmed.

While a member of the Lions Club, she helped plan Odell Days, helping to bring WGN's Spike O'Dell to the days' events. Her monthly lunch outing with the Odell girls was something she looked forward to and regretted missing.

Pat's children blessed her with 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren (Amanda giving the most blessings with five). Pat's grandchildren: Kimmi Sue, Kyle, Audriana, Tate, Alan Jackson, Ayden, Jack, Ashtyn, Aaron, Miles and Harper; her great-grandchildren (All from Audriana): A'Marion, Dreyden, and Rowan.

Pat loved entertaining her grandchildren great-grandchildren - though sometimes was glad they went home. She enjoyed planning and hosting holiday get-togethers. She especially enjoyed putting on the annual Easter egg hunt and planning and hosting the annual Farrell

Labor Day Picnic/Reunion.

The second of six children, Pat loved her sisters, brothers, and most of her in-laws. She enjoyed their company. She especially enjoyed her nieces and nephews both from the Farrell and Schott sides.

Her niece, Kelly Schott, was with her and was a great comfort to Pat when she passed on. The nieces and nephews were a constant source of enjoyment and entertainment – especially after Pat became active on Facebook. And, she loved her cousins – particularly the Donovans.

Pat enjoyed gardening, drawing, auctions, DYing (which her husband and children spent many weekends and summer vacations helping her enjoy). Her DYing led to the remodel of her home which she loved and cherished. Listening to WGN radio was her lifelong passion until it changed formats and stopped broadcasting the Cubs. However, when John Williams returned to WGN, she came back to WGN, never missing the John Williams Show.

Her favorite hobby, her children think, was raising them. Pat and Mel did not overly dote on, nor deprive, their children. (They spoiled rotten their grand and great-grandchildren). Both, though in distinct ways, nurtured a true family bond that though tested and strained at times has always kept the family together (even when the children didn't want to be).

Pat, beloved daughter, sister, mother, aunt, and friend will be dearly missed.

An open house Celebration of Life will be held April 9 from 2-6 at the Pontiac Elks Lodge, 459 Elks Club Rd., Pontiac, IL 61764. Cremation rites will be accorded. A private family graveside service will be held in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery,

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Paul Catholic Church, 313 W. Hamilton St., Odell, IL 60460.

Another obituary appears on page 4.

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

The Paper

email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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

ESTATE OF:

No. 2022-PR-26

BARBARA K. McCLELLAND, : Deceased :

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 e-filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Livingston County Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Executor or to the attorney for the estate, or both. If e-filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Executor and to the attorney for the estate and e-file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated this 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

Barbara Lee Kobel

Barbara Lee Kobel, 85, of Plainfield, Illinois and formerly of Naperville, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2022.

She was born January 14, 1937 in Aurora, Illinois to Mathilda Cecilia (nee Preigel) and John William Reed.

Beloved mother of Colleen Beumel and Christian H. (Carissa) Kobel III; Dear grandmother of Taylor Beumel and Samantha (Austin) Simpson; Excited to soon-to-be great-grandmother of Baby Boy Simpson; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Constance Kobel; and brothers, Donald and Jack Reed.

During her professional career with Carson Pirie Scott & Co., Marshall Field & Company, and Pakula & Company are where she broke many corporate glass ceilings, in then a man's world during the '60s, '70s and the '80s. Those accomplishments were unheard

of then and are the legacy that many professional women enjoy to this day, because of her and women like her back then.

She was a "Tiger Lady" to the very end and that is what made her amazing.

She was an accomplished golfer, an outstanding mentor, a devout Catholic, a devoted friend and most of all a wonderful mother and grand-

Barbara was feared by some, loved by many, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

mother.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 6, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Friedrich Jones Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, Illinois 60540.

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 7, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at Saint Peter and Paul, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, Illinois 60540.

Burial will take place in Lincoln Memorial Park, 675 U.S. 30, Oswego, Illinois 60543.

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words. Letters must be signed when submitted and received by Friday noon prior to Wednesday publication.

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Annual Town Meeting

Notice is Hereby Given To the legal residents of the Town of Mazon, Mazon Township, in the county of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town 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 7:30 P.M. on the said date at the Mazon Township Hall, 703 Park Street, Mazon, 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.

Eric Misener

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

ROGER C. BACHTOLD, Deceased. Case No.: 2022-PR-34

CLAIMS NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of ROGER C. BACHTOLD who died on February 21st, 2022. At the time of his death, ROGER C. BACHTOLD was a resident of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 16th, 2022, to ROGER H. BACHTOLD, Independent Executor, whose address is 21592 E 922 N Rd., Fairbury, IL 61739. 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 24th, 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 Executors and to their attorney and file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp.

DATED: 3/24/2022 Roger H. Bachtold Independent Executor /s/William J. Gerber, attorney

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Grammys

After a delay due to a COVID surge in February, The Grammys were back. The ratings for award shows have been plummeting as of late, but they were up for the Grammys last night. I think that's very much a direct correlation to the kerfuffle between Will Smith and Chris Rock from the week's previous award show, the Oscars.

As a whole, Award Shows generally stink. The Grammys usually can hold their own, comparatively, to the other ones because it ends up being a pseudo-concert, as opposed to an award show. And I like music, so that works for me (for the most part).

The takeaway from this night was the return to rewarding really talented musicians and veering away from the typical pop landscape that usually dominates the Grammys and their biggest awards.

Silk Sonic, which is composed of Bruno Mars (who I guess is a popstar) and Anderson .Paak (who is a drummer, singer, and hip-hop artist) took home all 4 awards for which they were nominated. As a collective they created an album that sounded like it was birthed in the 70s, pulling all kinds of sounds from funk, rock and R&B from that era. They brought a new approach to an old sound, and it was rewarded. The album, while it was very polished, really hit the note they were looking for. (Pun intended.)

Then there was Jon Batiste, who was nominated for the most awards coming into the night, walking away with 5 awards, including the biggest one for album of the year. His music is very much influenced by his upbringing, gushing with jazz influences fused with some more modern pop sounds.

He, much like Silk Sonic, is also a little astray from the typical pop, or even hip-hop, landscape that you might come to expect at the Grammys. It was really cool to see some really talented and multi-instrumentalist musicians walk away with a lot of hardware.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad



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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 claimants,

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-13 NOTICE

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

Lot 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

Commonly known as: 1404 Nixon Dr., Pontiac, IL 61764

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 HUMANITY 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

'There Is Good In Every Day'

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"Megan above all things loved life. She wanted to stay on this world and she had a great deal of empathy for others who were going through the same thing," said Dr. Keller. "She spent a lot of her own time to try to help find a cure. The childhood muscle cancer she had is not curable when it spreads.

"She worked with some fabulous researchers in Chicago. She eventually came to work with us. The first thing we did, because she was so interested to find new treatments, was we embedded her as a Citizen Scientist. She was a member of the lab.

"The first thing she did to help with childhood cancer research is she raised \$200,000 to test a drug (Entinostat) that we had got into clinical trials with new chemotherapies, so that we could design a clinical trial across North America. The second thing that we did was we created the Citizen Scientist Project, which tested drugs that would have the availability because they were being used for other things or new drugs so



that we could build quickly medicines attached to antibod-

"When she got that rolling we hired two scientists on the account of Megan - she asked, 'What else do you have?' I told her Immunotherapy has not worked for Rhabdomyosarcoma, but we have a new approach. She went and built a Rhabdomysarcoma Immunotherapy project. We hired yet another scientist for that proj-

In her actions to help not only herself but every other child in her same position,

Bugg raised \$1.2 million toward Rhabdomyosarcoma re-

The project Bugg and Dr. Keller were working on until her passing was the Megan Bugg Global Rhabdomyosarcoma Research Lab where Megan wanted to share her vision of everyone working together, do the right thing, and save lives.

Although Megan can no longer help gain the funds and share awareness – such as 12 drugs being FDA approved for

being approved for children since 1978 – she has inspired others to continue the fight against childhood cancer.

The Megan Bugg Research Lab had set a goal of \$500,000 and has received \$332,677. As an Angel Birthday gift for Bugg's 21st Birthday on April 30, the family and scientists who befriended Megan hope to reach the goal.

"It has been awful losing Megan, but I think it would be more awful for those parents who have policemen come to their door and say, 'Sorry, but your kid was just in an accident.' We had time to prepare," said Debbie Bugg, as a cardinal landed in a nearby tree as she was speaking for the story. "We had time to live everyday so there wasn't any regrets.

"I really feel like I don't have any. We were almost given that as a gift. We didn't know when her last day was going to be, so we were always aware. We may have lived more fully in those last seven years than we had before. It was a gift, absolutely."

Kent Bugg documented Megan's determination on a blog, Megan Bugg's Journey, there is a Facebook page called Team Megan Bugg, and

Megan's message can be viewed on YouTube at https://youtu.be/8tUIBIPLAao.

The Grundy Area Vocational Center and the Coal City Soccer Club are selling Tshirts. Teresa Chapman is taking orders through April 12 for her Nothing Bundt Cakes sale, which will donate \$1.25 of each \$5 cake to CCTDI, Blissful Bites By B raised \$2,500 with a bake sale, and there will be a memorial golf outing July 23 at Nettle Creek Country Club in Morris.

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Explore Various Wedding Styles During Planning

Every wedding is different, even if many share some common components. As couples plan their weddings, learning about some popular wedding styles can help them create a ceremony that suits them.

Classic wedding

Classic weddings are the storybook traditional weddings that many people dream about for years. Key elements include a tuxedo for the groom and a white gown for the bride. Formal attire is reserved for the rest of the wedding party. The ceremony is conducted in a place of worship before everyone retires to a fancy catering hall for the reception. Traditional weddings also may inthe time-honored customs like toasts, cake cutting, bouquet toss, and parentchild dances.

Beach wedding

Beach weddings often are casual, laid back affairs. Dresses may be less structured and flow with sea breezes, while guys may even don shorts with linen shirts or jackets. Guests can expect the party to be much more free-flowing and the traditions of classic weddings may not be part of the celebration.

Bohemian wedding

Free-spirited individuals may dive head first into a bohemian style wedding. According to wedding planner David Tutera, a boho wedding is casual and comfortable. It tends to come off chic but appears that way with minimal effort. Decor is typically humble and blends harmoniously with nature. A boho wedding may take place outdoors or in another less traditional venue, such as a farmhouse or botanical garden. Wedding party attire may be mismatched and showcase each person's individual style.

Modern wedding

Brides and grooms who crave contemporary and current trends may prefer a modern wedding. Graphic color schemes, clean lines and minimalistic flowers might be part of a modern wedding. Attire

rooftop. **Destination wedding** Couples who love to travel

and don't want to worry about the minutiae of wedding planning may find a destination wedding is a good fit. Destination weddings last more than one day and focus on relaxation, activities and lots of fun.

Destination weddings tend to

be less formal and less tradi-

may be angular and edgy, and tional than classic weddings. the venue may run the gamut Due to the remote locations, from sleek museum to a city destination weddings also can be smaller and more intimate. as many invitees may be unable to attend. Yet those who can attend often get to enjoy tropical islands or mountain retreats.

> Wedding styles are as unique as the people getting married. Choosing a theme that has the right feeling can help couples make the most of their special days.

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Bees in Campus

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your name on. It's nice to know you're doing something good to help the bee popula-

It was so satisfying to Dan and the bees that the bees created far more honey than he thought.

The original idea was to create some honey for gifts and eat around the house.

Well, the bees filled the shelves and then

"I kind of underestimated how much

honey you actually get. I was thinking I would have a gallon of honey I could dish off to family," Hansen said. "Then you get to the end and you have 10 gallons of honey. I didn't know what to do with it all. The first year (summer of 2018) I probably had 10 gallons of honey. The second year was probably 15-20 gallons. "The third year was when I went to talk

to Brian (Galbreath) a few times to see if he was interested. I didn't think he would be super interested because it isn't a special honey. He was interested and it was a good way for me to dish off some extra honey that my family couldn't eat fast enough. He tried it and he thought it was pretty good. It's clean honey and I think he likes the idea that he knows exactly where it is coming

Galbreath, the owner of Unpossible Mead located at 111 E Chippewa St. in Dwight, is always interested in honey, es- It's very much an easy drinker. pecially local honev.

After Dan Hansen stopped in a few times to talk about his honey, the two made a deal and Galbreath created a mead named after the location where it was made...Campus.

"Dan approached me last summer and said he had hives," said Galbreath. "He wasn't interested in putting honey into barrels like some beekeepers do. He just had 5-gallon pails of it and asked if I was interested. I said, 'Sure, bring it in and I'll see what I can do with it.'

"In late summer, early fall, I bought a few pails, we made a batch and it sat in the tank over the winter to let the flavor develop. We bottled it up in a 750 Milliliter wine bottle, the actual wine bottle size. I got a deal on bottles and thought they would work for this mead. I usually use 500 Milliliter bottles, so I kind of broke my rule of thumb."

Campus was tapped into approximately 300 bottles and made its debut at Unpossible Mead on Friday, April 1.

The mead, which is 10 percent alcohol, is something Galbreath had never done be-

"This was definitely a lighter honey. It was unique, not one like I've had before, so it made it interesting for picking what yeast I wanted to use on it," Galbreath said. "It's one of the lightest honeys I've worked with. It's light on the nose. It's light on the flavor.

"It's just straight-up honey. It's what we would call a show mead."

The label was something Galbreath hadn't done before either as he snapped a photograph of a grain elevator close to the hives to put on the bottles.

Whether it was the fact his bees made the honey, Galbreath's mead-producing skills and experience, or the fancy bottles and labels, Dan Hansen, his friends and family were happy with the final product.

"I liked the mead. I bought a few bottles and gave them to friends and family for Christmas gifts," Hansen said. "It's kind of just a straight-up sweet mead. I didn't expect my grandmother to like it, but it turned out everyone really liked it and they've asked me for more bottles."



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Wedding Day Tipping Guidelines

Vendors may be in the background during a wedding, but the roles they play are vital to making ceremonies and receptions memorable for couples and their guests. It's customary to tip wedding vendors who provide great service.

• Photographer/videogra**pher:** The Knot notes that it's not necessary to tip wedding photographers and videographers who own their own stu-However, dios. many photographers and videographers do not own their own studios, and the efforts of such professionals are worthy of a little something extra at the end of the night. The Knot notes that a tip between \$50 and \$200 is standard for these professionals, and that tip can be given at the end of the reception.

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anyone during the wedding, and built into the wedding contract. those efforts merit a good tip. Many reception venues include gratuities in their food and drink fees, and couples can check to staff and if they think the mandatory gratuity is sufficient. A tip between 15 and 20 percent of the food and drink fee is standard. Maître d' fees also may be

If not, a tip between \$200 and \$300 is standard and can be delivered at the end of the night.

• Band/DJ: Bands and/or see if they have already tipped DJs can set the tone for a fun night couples and their guests will remember for years to come. Couples who have a band playing can tip between \$25 and \$35 per musician, while DJs

generally receive a tip between \$50 and \$150.

• Drivers: Many transportation firms also include gratuities in their contracts. Check to see if they've already tipped limo or bus drivers. If the tip is not included, then a tip that's between 15 and 20 percent of the total

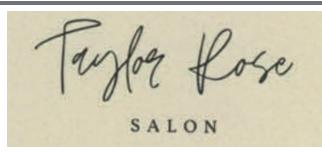
bill is standard.

• Delivery personnel: Individuals who deliver items like cakes and flowers are typically given a gratuity upon delivery. A tip between \$5 and \$10 per person is standard.

• Officiants: Officiants who are affiliated with a church or syna-

gogue are not typically given a gratuity. Couples who still want to give the officiant a little extra can tip between \$50 and \$100.

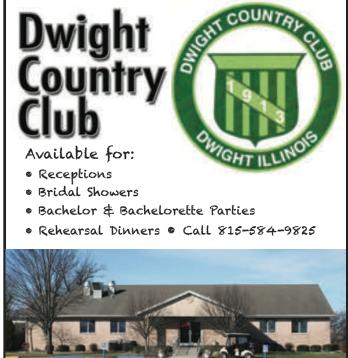
These figures can serve as guidelines, but couples also can give a little extra if they feel their vendors have gone above and beyond.



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Wednesday, April 6, 2022



2022 DWIGHT LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Ella Legner, Averi Jury, Kira Bean, Rachel Heath, Jordan Schultz, Alexis Thetard, Megan Livingston, Lily Duffy, Njomza Asllani; back row, Head Coach Dezi Leonard, Coach Tom Leonard, Maci Johnson, Erin Anderson, Katy Parker, Lilly Walkup, Samantha Harsh, Mia Buck, Avery Scheuer, Brynn Connor, Emerson Peters, and Coach Jamie Stanton.



DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASEBALL

swiped a base.

Friday, April 1

Streator Woodland

by a score of 11-1.

giving up just one hit.

Seneca vs.

walk in four innings. Paxton "W", striking out 13 while al-

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fense, going 2-2 with a double, HBP, 3 SB, R) and Noah

Tuesday, March 29 Dwight vs. **Ottawa Marquette**

Dwight hosted Ottawa Marquette March 29, dropping an 8-5 decision.

Down 4-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, the Lady Trojans stormed back to tie things up at 4-4. But it was short-lived, as Marquette put up four runs in the top half of the seventh, and Dwight could not bounce back after that.

Tuesday, March 29

Streator Woodland

On March 29, three Seneca

pitchers combined to throw a

no-hitter against Streator

Woodland, winning the contest

Matt Cruise was given the

win, as he struck out nine hit-

ters while allowing just one

Giertz pitched two innings,

out four. Jake Gerding struck

out two in one inning of relief.

a walk, a stolen base, two runs

scored, and four runs batted in.

Austin Aldridge singled three

times and knocked in two runs.

Giertz (single, BB, R), Cruise

(2-4, double, 3 SB, BB, R), and

Casey Clennon (2-4, double,

SB, 2 R) each had one RBI.

Tyler Sulzberger supplied two

singles, was hit by a pitch, and

scored two runs. Calvin Maier-

hofer and Aiden Wood (R) each

singled, with Bryce Roe getting

beaned, stealing a base, and

later scoring. Zack Sulzberger

Dalton DeGrush led the of-

Seneca vs.

10-0.

Samantha Harsh pitched a complete game, giving up seven earned runs on 13 hits and three walks, recording three strikeouts.

Jordan Schultz (2-4, R) and Rachel Heath (single) each batted in a run. Erin Anderson added two singles, a walk, and scored twice. Alexis Thetard singled, drew a walk, and scored a run. Avery Scheuer walked twice and scored once.

drew a walk. Owen Quigley

For the second game in a

Austin Aldridge earned the

row, the Fighting Irish defeated

Streator Woodland – this time

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Maierhofer pitched one inning,

Quigley (single) each had two

RBI to lead Seneca. Aiden

Wood (2 BB, R), Zack

Sulzberger (BB, SB, 2R), and

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Tyler Sulzberger putting up

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Seneca Lady Fighting Irish Softball

Tuesday, March 29 Seneca vs. **Streator Woodland**

The Lady Irish got a wellearned road win over Woodland March 29, 12-5.

"It was cold. It was very cold," stated Coach Holman. "Extremely proud of how we handled the weather and playing against a really good team on the road."

Taya Roe picked up the win in the circle, allowing no earned runs on seven hits and a walk, fanning four in seven innings of work.

"Taya was outstanding on a day I didn't think anyone could throw seven innings," Holman added. "She did, and she was great.'

At the plate, Alyssa Zellers (2-3, double, R), Maddy Klicker (2-4, triple, HR, 2 R), Madi Mino (3-4, double, triple, R), and Lizzie Davis (2-2) all had two RBI on the day.



Tuesday, March 29 Dwight vs. Marquette

The varsity Trojans were at home March 29, and got no-hit by Marquette in a match-up

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that ended in a 6-0 score.

Ryan Turner and Jacob Watchinski provided the offense for Dwight, each drawing a walk and stealing a base.

Luke Gallet took the loss, allowing two earned runs on nine hits, three hit batters, and a walk, striking out two in fiveplus innings. Terry Wilkey walked one, gave up a hit, and recorded one out. Drew Anderson tossed one inning, striking out two, striking another, and walking one.

Dwight Lady Trojans Softball

Head Coach: Dezi Leonard **Assistant Coaches:** Jamie Stanton, **Tom Leonard** 2021 Record: 14-9

In their first season playing in the Tri County Conference, the Dwight Lady Trojans are ready to improve on last year's successes.

"We have a young team," stated Coach Leonard, "led by our three seniors: Rachel Heath, Alexis Thetard, and Jordan Schultz."

Leonard says her squad is ready to compete and have fun.

"The team's motto for this year is 'As One'...meaning that they play as one, lose as one, compete as one."

The Lady Trojans have a young team this year, but their coach says they are eager to learn and versatile (able to play multiple positions).

"They bond well with each other."

That bond will be important in 2022, and Leonard believes that communication and trusting one another will be the major key to wins in her first season at the helm of the Dwight softball program.

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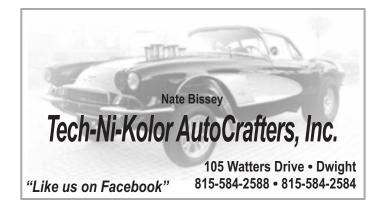
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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

BRITTANY HORINE RIBORDY, a/k/a Brittany Rose Ribordy, DANIEL L. RIBORDY, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-15 **NOTICE**

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

The North Half of the following described real estate: The East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 27 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 23-23-23-200-005

Commonly known as: 40 acres Ag Land, Forrest, IL 61741

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is BRITTANY HORINE RIBORDY, a/k/a Brittany Rose Ribordy. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on January 27, 2020 and recorded on March 5, 2020 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2020R-00840. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-15 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. Mc-Clarey, 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 May 6, 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.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2022.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE DWIGHT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Dwight Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the hour of 6:30 P.M. at the Public Services Complex Bldg., 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois. The Public Hearing is with respect to a Zoning Appeal for Variance being made by Michael J. Cornale and Kelly A. Cornale for premises commonly known as 307 Julie Drive, Dwight, Illinois, which is more particularly described as follows:

> Lot 20 in Scott's Fourth Subdivision to the Village of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois, as per Plat recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois, on May 15, 1996 as Document Number 485004.

P.I.N.: 05-09-482-001

The Variance being requested, for which the Public Hearing is set, is as follows:

> To decrease the rear yard requirement for the construction of an addition from the required thirty (30) feet to ten (10) feet. This would be a variance of Section 7.01(6) of the Comprehensive Amendment to the Dwight Zoning Ordinance which states that no building shall be erected or enlarged unless the rear, side or front yards are maintained. The request would allow for a rear yard of not less than ten (10) feet. The side and front vard setbacks as otherwise required in this R-1 Zoning District will be maintained.

At the time and place of the Public Hearing, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative. Thereafter, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees as to whether or not the requested Variance should be granted, and/or under what circumstances or restrictions. Copies of the Zoning Appeal for Variance, together with attachments, are available for public inspection by any interested party at the Dwight Public Services Complex Bldg., 209 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight, IL, during regular business hours.

Inquiries with respect to the requested Variance should be directed to the following:

> Kevin McNamara Village Administrator **Public Services Complex Building** 209 S. Prairie Avenue Dwight, IL 60420 PH#: 815/584-3077

> > WHITNEY SCOTT, Village Clerk Dwight Public Services Complex Building 209 South Prairie Avenue Dwight, Illinois 60420 815/584-3077 E-Mail: villageclerk@dwightillinois.com



2022 DWIGHT TROJANS TRACK AND FIELD. Pictured, front row, from left, are Ellora McCullough, Hailey Heath, Njomza Asllani, Samuel Edwards, Shawn Romanetto, Gabe Seabert, Emmett Emmons, Carter Butterbrodt, Kassy Kodat, Tru Connor, Issy Bunting; middle row, Head Girls Coach Mitch Thompson, Head Boys Coach Larry Lane, Cree Croy, Cade Croy, Ayden Roff, Frank Lasser, Thomas Dochterman, Landon Burkhardt, Tristan Larkin, Xander Pempe, Tristan Chambers, Tracer Brown, Assistant Coach Paul Lebryk; back row, Owen Woods, Jack Duffy, Austin Burkhardt, Dylan Crouch, Caiden Nelson (no longer on team), Tyler Wilkey, Aaron Gajda (no longer on team), and Michael Michon.

Gas Prices For This Week

Since last Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has decreased by five cents to \$4.19. According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks increased by 800,000 bbl to 238.8 million bbl last week. Gasoline demand decreased from 8.63 million b/d to 8.5 million b/d. The drop in gas demand, alongside growth in total stocks, contributes to price decreases. If demand continues to decline as gasoline stocks continue to build, the national average will likely continue to move lower. However, the global oil market remains highly volatile, so additional news that threatens supply could put upward pressure on oil prices.

City/Village	April 4	March 28		
Dwight	\$4.50	\$4.51		
Kankakee	\$4.32	\$4.36		
Streator	\$4.34	\$4.38		
Pontiac	\$4.19	\$4.21		
Gardner	\$4.49	\$4.49		
Braceville	\$4.26	\$4.28		
Morris	\$4.46	\$4.48		
Herscher	\$4.52	\$4.59		
Chicago	\$4.60	\$4.65		
Illinois	\$4.43	\$4.48		
U.S.	\$4.19	\$4.25		
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Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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



IN THE 11th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF:)	
LAWRENCE D. SALZBURG)	
Deceased)	No. 2022PR39

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Lawrence Donald Salzburg. Letters of Office were issued March 23rd, 2022 to Eric Salzburg, 22345 E 3100 N Road, Dwight, IL 60420 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Thomas J. Carrasco, Carrasco Law LLC, 25059 Clare Circle, Manhattan, IL 60442. 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 efiling a Petition to Terminate with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, pursuant to instructions found on the Circuit Clerk's web-

Claims against the estate may be e-filed with the Court on or before the 6th day of October, 2022 or by mailing or delivery of a notice to the Independent Administrator as required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-1) by the date stated in this Notice. Any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Claims may be e-filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Livingston County Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Administrator 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 Administrator and to the attorney for the estate and e-file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2022.

Eric Salzburg, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Lawrence D. Salzburg, Deceased

Attorney Number: 6338792 Name: Thomas Carrasco Firm Name: Carrasco Law LLC Attorneys for: Estate Address: 25059 Clare Circle City/State/Zip: Manhattan, IL 60442 Telephone: (815) 408-1650 Email: carrascolaw3@gmail.com

Call for Artists 'County West' Art Exhibition **Opens May 12**

tion opens May 12 with an in the rural landscape that opening reception from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Harvest View in Herscher.

The exhibition will feature the work of local and regional artists and will be on display until June 30.

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"County West" Art Exhibi- cultural vistas and views found makes up the west part of the county. Artists are challenged to showcase their personal interpretation of "County West."

A wide array of two-dimensional media will be accepted. Works may be made available for purchase. All proceeds from the exhibition go to support the residents' activity program at Harvest View.

Full information can be found on the website, www. harvestviewliving.com/events.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 20th day of April, 2022, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the High School Cafeteria, 500 East Main Street, Gardner, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the Dis-

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois.

DATED the 24th day of March, 2022.

Carla Huston Secretary, Board of Education, Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois



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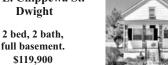


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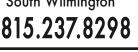
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Orders for trees are due Wednesday, April 13, and pickup is Thursday, April 21.

Orders for grass carp are due Thursday, April 14, with all other fish orders due Thursday. April 21. The fish pick-up will be Friday, April 29, at 1:00 p.m.

For questions, or if you would like an order form, call the office at 815-844-6127, ext. 3, or e-mail them at livingstoncountyswcd@gmail.com.

Dwight Schools Support Staff and Subs Wages Increased

by Mark Boma

A joint meeting of the Dwight Public School Districts #232 and #230 was held Wednesday March 30 in the High School Library.

Difficulty in hiring and retaining support and summer staff was discussed. Dr. Richard Jancek proposed that the hourly minimum wage for support staff be raised up to \$15 and a 5% wage increase for those over that amount. Many employers are already paying this amount to entry level employees and the labor market has become very tight. Grade School Board President Nick Stipanovich pointed out he understood the need to be competitive but the entire benefit package should be considered when comparing wages. Acting High School Board President Max Sulzberger added, "Five

percent is a big number, but we need to compete. Inflation is not going away." The Board approved the support staff increases.

Pay for substitute teachers was also addressed. Jancek proposed a tiered structure where the base salary would be increased to \$115 per day, but then increased to \$120 for subs employed over 20 days, and \$125 for those over 40 days. It was hoped the scaled structure would influence substitutes to stay in the Dwight District. The tiered structure was also approved.

In Dwight Common School business the re-employment list of teachers for 2022 - 2023 was approved as well as the seniority list of 2021 - 2022.

An Engineering Services contract of \$12,150 was awarded to A & R Engineering

regarding the HVAC project at the High School. A & R will develop a list of specs for the project before it will be placed out for bid.

A stipend of up to \$2,000 for a second chaperone on the summer trip to Costa Rica was approved. The trip is sponsored by the Spanish Club. In addition the FCCLA trip to Nationals in San Diego was affirmed.

Allegra Victor was employed as Business Teacher and 2022 - 2023 IHSA membership dues were approved..

The Boards entered into Executive Session to consider post retirement insurance benefits and excess vacation day pay for Dr. Jancek. No action resulted.

Absent board members were Marc Ellis, Tim Henson, and Paul Warner.



Area Easter Egg Hunts

Dwight

The Dwight Lions Club will host its Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16.

Due to COVID-19, they have not been able to have this activity since 2019, but are finally back in business again this year.

Emington

The Emington Community **Association** will be holding its Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16, at a new location this year. The egg hunt will be held at the Drach tool shed – also known as "Jim's Office" at 26521 E 2200 North Rd. in promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Besides the egg hunt, prizes will be handed out, pictures will be taken, and crafts will be made. In case of inclement weather, plan to go anyway to get a bag of goodies and still work on a craft.

Godley Park District Peter Cottontail will make a

guest appearance during Godley Park District's free Annual Egg Hunt Saturday, April

Children ages one to four will hunt at noon at the Childcare Playground. Kids ages five to 10 will join at the ball Emington, and will begin field closest to the Community

Center at 12:15 p.m.

Participants are asked to take a bag or basket to hunt for colorful eggs.

Reddick

The Reddick Community Auxiliary is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. on the grounds of the Reddick Fire Protection District.

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