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# **Holy Week Schedules** at Area Churches

#### **Dwight**

#### **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

- April 14 Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 p.m.
- April 15 Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 6:00 p.m.
- April 17 Easter Sunday Services, 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

#### **Saint Patrick Church**

- April 15 Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 9:00 a.m.; Tenebrae, 8:00 p.m.
- April 16 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.
- April 17 Easter Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Sacred Heart Church**

- April 15 Good Friday Rosary at 2:30 p.m. with Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m.
- April 17 Easter Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

#### <u>Odell</u>

#### St. Paul Church

- April 14 Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, 6:00 p.m.; Pilgrimage of the "Gardens of Gethsemane" - their three worship sites of NE Livingston County following Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper until 10:00 p.m.
- April 15 Good Friday Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 p.m.; Passion of our Lord, 3:15 p.m.
- April 17 Easter Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

#### Reddick

#### St. Mary's Mission

• April 16 – Holy Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

#### **South Wilmington**

#### St. Lawrence Church

- April 14 Holy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
- April 15 Good Friday Service, 5:00 p.m.
- April 16 Holy Saturday, 8:00 p.m. • April 17 – Easter Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

# uick! A Wall!

#### by Tom Tock

A wall is needed. Now! Not to prevent immigrants from entering Illinois, but to keep residents from leaving,

Illinois has had a declining population in each year since 2013, with a total loss of 253,015 people from July 2010 to July 2020.

There were 113,776 people leaving Illinois from July 2020 to July 2021, reported by WMIX94 Radio, which indicates the outmigration was increasing. "Only" 79,487 residents left Illinois during 2020.

The COVID 19 pandemic explains a part of the above figures, but the outmigration began in 2014 and has continued seven years

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, conducted a 2016 poll and found that 47% of Illinois residents wanted to move out of the state. The single largest reason given was taxes (27%), followed by weather (16%), government (15%), jobs (13%), and education (13%).

The new population figures for Illinois communities released by the U. S. Census Bureau show that most of the towns in Illinois have losses, although Morris defied the

trend and increased its population by 1,830.

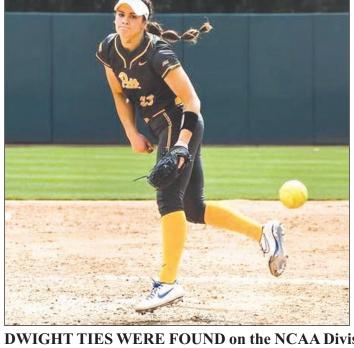
Grundy County's total population increased 2,470, from 50,063 to 52,533 and it won the title of the fastest growing county in the State. (Another study said it was eighth.)

Livingston County's population slipped from 38,945 to 35,815, a loss of 3,130 people.

Chicago, in spite of numerous present day problems, increased its population from 2,695,598 in 2010 to 2,746,388 in 2020. It suffered a 6.9% loss in population in the 2000-2010 decade.

Note that these population figures may not be fully accurate and will not be official or effective for shared revenue purposes until they have been certified by the Illinois Secretary of State; any errors contained herein unintentional.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Dwight	4,260	4,032
Pontiac	11,931	11,150
Fairbury	3,757	3,633
Chatsworth	1,205	1,185
Saunemin	420	406
Odell	1,046	1,003
Cullom	555	520
Gardner	1,463	1,366
Mazon	1,015	979
Coal City	5,587	5,705





DWIGHT TIES WERE FOUND on the NCAA Division I softball field when the University of Pittsburgh and Florida State University met in each team's first ACC weekend of the season, March 4-6. Dwight native Abby Edwards (Pitt, No. 23) is a senior pitcher and Mackenzie "Mack" Leonard, whose stepfather Tom Halloran is from Dwight, does a little bit of everything on the field.

# Dwight at the Plate Village Ties in NCAA DI Softball

by Brandon LaChance

I bet you've heard the cliché, rode the Disneyland water ride, or sang the Sherman Brothers' song...' It's a Small World.'

The saying can be true for many things, even softball.

Abby Edwards, a 2018 Dwight Township High School graduate, is currently in her senior campaign at the University of Pittsburgh, where she is a starting pitcher. Along the way, she and her family come across people with ties to her hometown.

During the first Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) weekend of the season for Pitt, March 4-6, Edwards saw Mackenzie "Mack" Leonard take the plate as she suited up for Florida State University.

"I've been playing her for a a couple of times," Edwards said. "We also played Illinois State University last year, so I knew of her. I don't always play people I played against in high school, but I definitely know of them and hear about their stats

from the Dwight area or ones who have Dwight connections.

"I definitely pay attention to that stuff because it means a lot, especially when you see people from your own state and your area that are doing similar things that you're doing."

Edwards, who will still be on the field for Pitt next year as she is taking a Covid-19 year and is attending classes a little longer to wrap up her two degrees in Biological Science and Administration of Justice, remembered Leonard well.

However, Mack couldn't quite put Edwards' face and name together until her stepfather Tom Halloran, a Dwight native, mentioned the Dwight connection.

"He talks about Dwight all the time. He brings up stories while. I played her in travel ball from his past and his family who all grew up in Dwight," said Leonard, who was born test, 7-5. and raised in Normal, graduated from Normal Community High School in 2018, and atyears of college baseball. "I'm

constantly. Especially girls not familiar with Abby, but as well as one inning on the Tom brought her up. It's a cool connection without me knowing her or much about Dwight except from Tom.

> "You notice things like that when you start playing other teams. You get to know other girls whether they're from across the country, the same state, or your area. Your teammates know girls on other teams and you start keeping up with them and how their teams are doing just because you're all playing the same game on such a national level.

"It's interesting to see where people come from and how they got to where they are. We talk about this stuff all the time in the locker room.'

In the three games Pitt (13-18) and FSU (36-4) played, the Seminoles won the first two, 3-0 and 10-0 (5 innings), while noticed a couple of people bethe Panthers won the third con-

Edwards didn't pitch in the three games, while Leonard went 1-of-2 with a double and tended ISU for her first three a walk in the first game, 2-of-2 with a run, an RBI, and a walk

mound with two strikeouts, no hits, no runs, and no walks in the second game, and 1-of-3 with a walk in the Seminole

Halloran was there cheering on his stepdaughter, but also enjoying the Dwight connection halfway across the country in Tallahassee, Fla.

"It was really kind of strange. When Mack was with ISU, we actually played the University of Pittsburgh a couple of years ago in Florida. It was a little strange to see someone from Dwight on the roster. It's amazing.

"Another kind of strange thing is Clapp's Supermarket – what is now Berkot's Super Foods – was represented at a game. It was our first game (in Florida) in the spring and we hind us had on Chicago Cubs jackets.

"I said, 'Go Cubs.' They started talking to my wife (Lana Halloran) and they (continued on page 3)

# D.A.R.E. Teaches Healthy Living National D.A.R.E Day is April 21

by Brandon LaChance

When we first think about D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), we automatically think about drugs and alcohol.

This may have been the main focus of the program when it was founded in 1983 by Daryl Gates in Los Angeles, but it has now evolved into much more.

'D.A.R.E is based on social and emotional topics. I think D.A.R.E. takes it on the chin because people think we are teaching kids about drugs and how to use drugs," said Officer Gary Beier, who is Dwight's Student Resource Officer. "In all actuality, the second lesson is the only lesson that we spend a lot of time talking about the health effects and the facts about alcohol and tobacco. We're not talking about marijuana. We're not talking about



cocaine. We are talking about drugs in general and the risks that come along with them.

"It's all social and emotional learning. I utilize the toolbox analogy. You're going to get what you need to make good choices. It's on you to make those choices. Your parents are not going to be there. I'm not going to be there. Your teachers are not going to be there to help you get out of bad decisions. You're going to have to do it."

Beier has been in fifth-grade classes teaching the D.A.R.E. program for the last 25 years. Dwight Common School and the Dwight Police Department took control of the program students. Are they all great,

from Livingston County in

The D.A.R.E. format is 10, 45-minute lessons that happen once a week during the fourth quarter of the school year -March, April, and May – in the classrooms of Mrs. Kathy Stewart and Ms. Maddy Policht.

Thursday has become the normal day for the lessons. This year's National D.A.R.E. Day just happens to be Thursday, April 21 when special events or treats may occur.

Although, normal lessons will still take place.

"I think that we have great

maybe not? When I have a student that is having a rough time, we go back and talk about some of the things we talk about in D.A.R.E.," Beier said. "I think they understand empathy and knowing who you can go to if you need help. Those are pretty important things.

"Recognizing stress and learning ways to say no are important. I stress with these kids, I'm going to give them five or six ways that they can say no so they can avoid risky situations. But for them, they may have a better way because what works for one kid might not work for another."

The 10 lessons include decision making, facts and health effects of alcohol and tobacco, risky situations, resistance strategies, signs of stress, communication styles and confident communication, communicating effectively, reporting bullying,

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

April 1: Amar D. Hollins, 20, Dwight, canc./revoked/ suspend regis./ill.; Sibaja O. Mancilla, 39, Bloomington, driving 15-20 MPH above

April 2: Abigail M. Novy, 27, Reddick, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Juan Bahena, 19, Carpentersville, driving/no license/permit/age.

April 4: Daniel T. Lund, 45, Dwight, disorderly conduct, resist/obstruct officer.

April 6: Lora E. Russell, 55, Fairbury, driving 11-14 MPH above limit, expiration of registration.

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

#### **32 Written Warnings**

No Registration Light – 8; Speeding – 8; Only One Headlight – 6; Only One Taillight – 2; Expired Registration - 3; Disobey Stop Sign – 2; Fail to Yield Out of Private Drive − 1; Expired Driver's License – 1; Fail to Notify SOS Change of Address - 1.

#### **Dwight Police Blotter**

April 1: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Cited for Suspended Registration was Amar Hollins, 20, of Dwight.

April 2: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Arrested for Driving with No Valid Driver's License was Juan Bahena, of Carpentersville.

April 4: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Arrested for an In-State Warrant was Terence Billings, of Odell. He

ate Democratic Caucus un-

veiled a tax relief plan as part

of the budget negotiation

process. Parts of this plan build

on Senator Patrick Joyce's

promise to provide property tax

relief to families in Kankakee,

Grundy, Will, and southern

tax relief, not just property tax

freeze, has been one of my top

priorities in the Illinois General

Assembly," Joyce said. "Prop-

erty tax relief and fiscally re-

The Senate Democratic

Caucus' proposal provides up

grow our state's economy."

"Providing actual property

Cook Counties.

was also given a written warning for No Registration Plate Light. Billings posted bond, was given a new court date, and released.

Medical Aid - 5; Hit and Run – 1; Traffic Stop – 21; Out with Subject - 1; Suspicious Subject - 1; Lockout - 4; Loose Dog - 1; Well Being - 3; Information -2; Theft -1; Return Call - 7; Animal - 2; Burglar Alarm -1; Car Fire -1; RR Crossing Problem – 1; Check Area - 2; Assist Agency – 3; Suspicious Activ-



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

March 31: Prairie, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Morris, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

April 1: Prairie, medical, St. Mary's; Chicago, medical, St. James; James, medical, Morris; John, medical, Morris.

April 2: Union, medical, St. James; Susan, medical, Morris; Renfrew, medical, Riverside. April 3: I-55, fire; Colum-

bia, medical, refusal. April 4: Susan, medical, re-

fusal; Susan, medical, Morris. April 5: Mazon, trauma, Riverside; Scott, trauma, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

April 6: Bannon, medical; Carriage, fire; Susan, medical, refusal; 3300, trauma; Orchard, medical, St. James.

March 7: Mazon, medical,

also shows appreciation for

volunteer firefighters and EMS

professionals by giving them a

tax credit of up to \$500 for a

year in which they served at

least nine months in a volunteer

capacity. Additional relief in-

cludes a state sales tax holiday

on school supplies and clothes

back against skyrocketing

prices due to inflation," Joyce

said. "I will continue to advo-

cate for the middle class

Senator Joyce will work to

find common ground during

"I am committed to fighting

from August 5-14, 2022.

Joyce: Sales Tax Holiday

and Property Tax Relief

sponsible decisions will help throughout budget negotia-

to a \$300 check to put towards this year's budget negotiations.

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21 communities.

tions."

On April 1, the Illinois Sen- your property taxes. This plan



# Temps - 2022

Mar. 31 -high 38°, low 29° .06" snow/rain mix

Apr. 1 - high 45°, low 30° Apr. 2 – high 43°, low 30° .12" precip.

Apr. 3 - high 53°, low 31° .08" precip.

Apr. 4 – high 51°, low 29° Apr. 5 – high  $55^{\circ}$ , low  $30^{\circ}$ .75" precip.

Apr. 6 - high 56°, low 39° One Year Ago-Apr. 13, 2021 high 54°, low 44° .05" precip.



## **Dwight Fire Incidents** 4/1 - 4/8

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

April 2: Mutual Aid to Seneca – Canceled En Route. April 3: Vehicle Fire – I-55. April 6: Reported Possible Structure Fire – False Call.

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

# **Arrest Made** in Odell **Gas Station**

**Robbery Case** 

On April 4, Livingston County Sheriff's Police made an arrest in regards to the ongoing investigation of the Armed Robbery to the Fast Stop gas station in Odell that occurred on November 27,

Justin Happel was taken into custody without incident at his residence in rural Gardner, after information was received by the Sheriff's Department. Happel has been charged with Armed Robbery and is being housed at the Livingston County Jail. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Assisting agencies included Livingston County Patrol, Pro-Active and Detective Sections, Grundy County Sheriff's Office, Livingston County State's Attorney's Office, and VCOM.

#### Kankakee County Clerk ning May 19.

Street Address

In-person early voting for voters that applications to vote the 2022 General Primary Elecby mail in the June 28, 2022 tion will begin on May 19 and General Primary Election are continue through June 27. New legislation also allows voters to sign up to perma-

> nently receive a mail ballot for either all elections or just for those that do not require party If you are unable to vote in

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person at the County Clerk's office, you may request a vote

by mail application by calling the County Clerk's office at 815-937-2990. You may also download and print an absentee application online at kankakeecountyclerk.gov. Permanent vote by mail applications are available as well.

First Name

The County Clerk's office is located at 189 East Court Street in Kankakee. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

# Final hours of session underway

Today is scheduled to be the final day of the spring session of the General Assembly. Before things get too hectic around the Capitol I wanted to give you a quick update on where we stand. Some issues remain up in the air at this hour, so I hope to have a more complete update for you in next week's newsletter.

Dan Hendrickson is informing

now available in the County

Clerk's office. Applications to

vote by mail are accepted

through June 23. To vote by

mail, you must be a registered

voter. You will be required to

declare your party affiliation to

vote in the Primary Election.

Ballots will be mailed begin-

Budget deal reached -3200 pages long. Last night Governor Pritzker and Democrat leaders in the House and Senate announced they had reached a budget deal. The bill is over 3200 pages long and was dropped on our desks with only a few hours to review it before the vote.

Just like last year.

There was almost no transparency when it came to the final draft of the budget. It increases spending even though revenue is projected to decrease. It relies on federal funds to fill in the gaps. When the federal funds run out, I'm afraid the Democrats will go back to pushing for tax increases. And we still owe the federal government over a billion dollars to pay back what we borrowed for unemployment claims.

This process remains badly broken and it does not serve the people of Illinois well to keep spending their money this way.

Crime bills pass House, fail to repeal SAFE-T Act. Last January Democrats passed a crime bill (the SAFE-T Act) on a party line vote over the objections of virtually all of

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our law enforcement groups. Since then, crime has risen throughout the state. I joined many other House Republicans in suggesting some ideas for helping our police and getting crime under control. We could begin by repealing last year's flawed legislation and starting

This week the General Assembly finally acted, with some Republican ideas incorporated into the bills which passed. While Democrats still refuse to repeal the SAFE-T Act, the House did make a number of improvements which were supported by our sheriffs and police chiefs. Among the legislation passed this week was a bill to help us recruit and retain police officers, legislation to protect witnesses and prevent carjackings. We still have much more to

do, but at least this week we finally took a small step in the right direction. Did You Know? Illinois has

an official state reptile. The painted turtle was bestowed with that honor about 20 years ago following an online poll conducted by Chicago's Brookfield Zoo.

Formally known as Chrysemys Picta, the painted turtle received 16,742 votes to win the poll. The legislature made the designation official in 2005. Illinois is not alone in having a state reptile: we are one of 17 states which have made such a recognition.

# **Document Shredding Event** in Morris April 20

The Grundy County Land coverable material, it is a coming a shredding event for resi-ronment. dents Wednesday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the parking lot to the north of the Grundy County Animal Control Facility, located at 310 East DuPont Road in Morris.

Limit your shredding materials to two standard paper ream boxes in order for more people to be able to participate. No plastics or metals in the pa-

As this event will save you the time of shredding sensitive documents, the cost of a shredder, and recycle the most re-

Use Department will be host- plete win for you and the envi-

The process that takes place the day of the event is the following: · Paper is dumped into a shred-

ding device that is part of a box truck.

· Documents are shredded on site by a shredder located inside the box truck.

· Shredded paper is weighed

and then recycled.

• Grundy County residents give

back to the Earth's resources. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact

their office at 815-941-3228.

# **Electronic Ewaste Event** in Morris April 23

Grundy County Land Use Department will host an electronic ewaste event Saturday, April 23, in the parking lot north of the Grundy County Animal Control Facility, 310 E. DuPont Rd., Morris, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Fees will be applied for all

• \$25/each for all TVs except projection.

• \$50/TV Projection Size.

Other electronics will be accepted for free at the event. See their home page for more information at Grundy County Land Use Department.

White goods, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners will not be accepted. Gates will close at noon promptly, no exceptions.

Call their office if you should have any questions at 815-941-3228.

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Will Your Money Last As Long As You Do?

How can you help prevent this? It's useful to know the seriousness of the threat. Consider this: About 41% of all U.S. homes in which the head of the household is between 35 and 64 are projected to run short of money in retirement, according to the Employee Benefit Research

We all hope for long, healthy lives. But there's a serious "side effect" of longevity - the possibility of outliving our money.

While this statistic indicates a cause for concern, it certainly doesn't mean that you are necessarily headed for trouble because there's a lot you can do to help build and manage enough resources to last a lifetime. Here are a few sugges-

· Consider your estimated longevity. On average, a 65-year-old man can expect to live another 17 years, while a 65year-old woman can anticipate about 20 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Of course, you'll want to take into account your health and family history of longevity to arrive at a reasonable estimate. You can then use this figure to help determine how much money you'll eventually need. To play it safe, you might even want to try to build an income stream that can last beyond your estimated lifespan, possibly up to age 90.

• Don't overlook health care costs. When budgeting for retirement, allow enough for your health care expenses, which can be considerable. Even with Medicare, you can expect to spend anywhere from \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person, for traditional medical costs. Also, you may want to prepare for two to three years of long-term care expenses, which currently range from about \$50,000 per year for home health care to over \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home. Keep building assets for retirement. While you're working, constantly try to put away as much money as possible for your retirement years. Each year your salary goes up, increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-spon-

sored retirement plan. You may also want to contribute to an IRA, depending on your goals. And within your retirement savings, make sure you devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles that align with

Seek out sources of guaranteed income. As a retiree, you will receive Social Security benefits – and the longer you wait before claiming them, the bigger your monthly checks will be. But you might also consider investments that can provide a source of income you can't outlive, such as annuities.

Revisit your strategy before you retire. As you near retirement, you may want to review your investment strategy, possibly adjusting your risk level so that your portfolio would be somewhat less susceptible to market volatility. This is also a good time to review your spending needs in retirement.

Maintain a reasonable withdrawal rate. Once you are retired, you'll likely need to start withdrawing from your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts. To avoid taking out too much money too early in your retirement, you'll need to set a reasonable, sustainable withdrawal rate based on your assets, age and retirement lifestyle. A financial advisor can help It will take dedication and determination to help ensure your money doesn't run out during your lifetime. But you'd prob-

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# Dwight at the Plate Village Ties in NCAA DI Softball



Abby Edwards

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started asking each other where they were from. One of the ladies said, 'I'm from a little town nobody would know, Saunemin, Illinois.' Lana said, 'I know where Saunemin is. My husband is from Dwight.' She said my name, Tom Halloran, and the lady directly behind me was Denise Clapp. They were all from Dwight and used to own Clapp's Supermarket for years and years. That was weird, too.'

On the season, Edwards has started two games for the Panthers and has made three other appearances in the circle accumulating a 1-1 record, 14.00 ERA, 17 hits, 14 runs, four walks, and eight strikeouts in seven innings pitched.

Edwards, who is attending Officer Candidates School for the Marine Corp. this summer, is proud of her softball career and the fact she has the opportunity to represent Dwight.

"I have always wanted to play college softball since I

was little. When I was a freshman in high school, I started realizing what it would take for me to play college softball," Edwards said. "I started putting in a lot more work, actual work. Before the realization, I thought I was working hard, but I kicked it into a new gear. I also started playing travel ball for a serious team that went all over the country. I started to see what those girls went through to commit to a Division I program. I then knew what I needed to do.

"It means a lot to me, actually, because I know not a lot of kids from Dwight move on to play at the Division I level. I'm the type of person that has a lot of pride in where I'm from. Being able to be the one that got to play Division I softball means a lot to me. I want to be a good example for the younger girls in Dwight who want to play college sports. That also means a lot to me."

Dan and Rachel Edwards are the parents of Abby, Kate (a 2019 DTHS graduate after playing softball for Dwight for four years and playing travel ball), and Samuel, who is a Trojan senior committed to playing football at Southern Illinois University.

Father bear says momma bear is a big reason the Edwards' children are seeing success on the sports stage as she was a four-year player at Dwight before playing softball for Illinois Wesleyan Univer-"I'm absolutely proud and

excited about Abby playing Division I softball. I'm happy for her because she worked hard to get there," Dan Edwards said. "With Abby, it was more checking the reigns than me having to do much because she was so driven. She was always working hard. It has been awe-

"I think it's almost unheard of. There are not a lot of girls that go to a school as small as Dwight or grow up in a small area and end up going that big. I think it's unbelievable. I think it's something for the other student-athletes at Dwight Township High School to strive for and I hope they do."

The Hallorans feel the same way toward Leonard as they've rented living space in Florida to see Mack play throughout the next two seasons as she too has a Covid year at her disposal.

Leonard has been a big piece to the FSU puzzle as the Seminoles try to make it back to the NCAA Championship Series after winning it all in 2018 and finishing second in

"I really like it in Florida. The weather is phenomenal," Leonard said. "I love waking up every day and it's warm outside; the sun is shining. Everyone thinks because you're in Florida that it rains a lot, but it honestly hasn't rained much since I've been here.

"I really enjoy the FSU softball program. I love how everything is running and how it's big family. We truly love each other and want to play for one another. We all know our roles whether it's being the designated hitter, a pitcher, first base, or if you're a pinch hitter or base runner, everyone knows what they're doing."

Leonard does a little bit of everything for FSU as she has played first base, in the outfield, and has pitched. At the plate, she is toward the top of the lineup as she batted cleanup in the first two games against Pitt and was second to the plate in Game 3.

For the season, Mack has started 39 of 40 Seminole games and has earned a .386 batting average (third for FSU), 114 at-bats (fourth), 26 runs, 44 hits (second), 10 doubles (first), one triple, five home runs (third), 34 RBI (second), 25 walks, and 16 strikeouts.

In the circle, she has a 2-0 record, a 3.20 ERA, 18 hits, 13 runs - nine earned runs - eight walks, and 15 strikeouts in 19.2 innings pitched over 11 appearances and no game starts.

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**Mack Leonard** 

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# **Area COVID-19 Stats**

Cases

**Total Tests** 

**Performed** 

<u>Town</u>

Ford

Dwight	26,035	1,187	
Herscher	6,207	513	
Gardner	5,658	492	
Odell	6,016	378	
Mazon	4,029	364	
Braceville	4,210	329	Numbers
Essex	2,744	269	Numbers
S. Wilmington	2,150	171	as of
Cullom	3,299	160	4/11/22
Saunemin	2,714	159	7/11/22
Reddick	2,038	145	Statistics via:
Verona	1,700	141	
Cabery	1,999	133	dph.illinois.gov
Ransom	1,778	119	
Buckingham	1,527	110	
Kempton	1,792	103	
Emington	1,121	86	
Blackstone	1,271	73	
Kinsman	1,342	46	
Campus	794	30	
Union Hill	279	19	
<b>County</b>	<b>Tested</b>	<u>Cases</u>	<b>Deaths</b>
Kankakee	474,888	28,827	365
LaSalle	491,585	28,931	383
Grundy	152,525	12,640	136
Livingston	241,940	10,707	136
Iroquois	111,009	7,173	114

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 3,080,436; Deaths: 33,465; Probable Deaths: 4,299; Total Tests Performed: 57,898,053.

4,402

74,971

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

## **Second COVID-19 Booster Dose Available for Eligible Recipients**

The Iroquois County Public older with underlying medical Health Department (ICPHD) now has COVID-19 vaccine second booster doses available to eligible recipients. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its recommendations, allowing adults 50 years of age or older and certain immunocompromised individuals to receive an additional booster dose.

The CDC states, "Boosters are safe, and people over the age of 50 can now get an additional booster four months after their prior dose to increase their protection further. This is especially important for those 65 and older and those 50 and

conditions that increase their risk for severe disease from COVID-19 as they are the most likely to benefit from receiving an additional booster dose at this time."

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ICPHD has boosters available for eligible individuals by appointment Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 815-432-2483 to schedule an appointment.

At this time, there is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine. Pregnant/breastfeeding individuals will need to take written documentation from their physician to receive the vac-

# The Paper Office

will close at noon Friday, April 15, in observance of Good Friday.



# Benefit For **Chase Becker**

May 21 @ Victory Lanes in Dwight

Come out and support Chase with his battle with Epilepsy.

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All Day Silent Auction

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• 2:00 P.M. - Bags Tournament \$40 A Team

• 5:00 P.M. - Trivia \$10 A Person 5-10 People Per Team

• 6:00 P.M. – Live Auction





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# Vermillion Players Presents Harvey

When Elwood P. Dowd (Paul Brown) starts to introduce his imaginary friend, Harvey, a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit, to guests at a society party, his sister, Veta (Kathy Missel), has seen as much of his eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle Mae (Jenifer Lyn Shaver), and their family from future embarrassment.

Problems arise, however, when Veta herself is mistakenly assumed to be on the verge of lunacy when she explains to doctors that years of living with Elwood's hallucination have caused her to see Harvey also. The doctors commit Veta instead of Elwood, but when the truth comes out, the search is on for Elwood and his invisible companion.

When he shows up at the sanitarium looking for his lost friend, Harvey, it seems that the mild-mannered Elwood's delusion has had a strange influence on more than one of the doc-

Only at the end does Veta holders will be notified.

Join in on celebrating 80

miles of Route 66 through Illi-

nois Saturday and Sunday,

May 7 and 8, for the 15th An-

nual Red Carpet Corridor

their own events, with the fol-

lowing festivities being part of

the Swinging Bridges Art Fes-

• 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Fine

Arts Vendor Show & Interac-

• 10:00-10:45 a.m.: Dave Her-

• 11:00-11:30 a.m.: Vermillion

• 1:00-1:30 p.m.: Vermillion

Young Artist Show and Com- nounced.

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Saturday, May 7

zog's Marionettes.

Valley Show Chorus.

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**Swinging Bridges** 

**Art Festival May 7-8** 

petition Awards.

Sunday, May 8

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• 2:00-4:00 p.m.: She Said So.

• 5:00-7:00 p.m.: The Riker

• 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Fine

Arts Vendor Show & Interac-

• 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Kid

Tent. Plant a succulent with

• 12:00-2:00 p.m.: John Kattke.

located at the Art Center (209

W. Madison St.). All four mu-

seums will be open from 10:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also, get an

up close and personal look at a

variety of large equipment dur-

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tive Art Tables by GLCAC.

realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all.

Rounding out the cast are Meghan Briscoe, Chloe Clayton, Ed Green, Cody Leach, Tom Ramseyer, and Dylan

Don't miss your opportunity to see Harvey. Show dates are April 22, 23, 29, and 30, at 7:00 p.m., and April 24 and May 1, at 2:00 p.m. Doors will open half an hour before the start time.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased in advance by calling 815-844-1187 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by visiting PontiacEagle.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door depending on availability.

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase from ACRESinn during the event.

All shows are subject to IDPH COVID mitigations. At this time, masks are not required but recommended. If changes to this policy occur, updates will be posted on the website and all current ticket

# **Dwight Historical Society Meeting April 18**

ety will meet Monday, April 18, in the Historic Depot on West Main Street.

Kim Drechsel, who has been doing a great deal of research, will present a program at 7:00 p.m. about the History of Baseball Around Dwight.

The Dwight Historical Soci- The business portion of the meeting will follow Kim's pro-

The Society invites all who are interested in Dwight history to attend. Meetings of the Dwight Historical Society are open to the public. All are wel-

# **GLCAC Opens April Art and Poetry Gallery Show**

The Annual Art and Poetry spire the poets. This is the sev-Collaboration is the April 2022 featured gallery show at GLCAC (Greater Livingston County Arts Council) Art Center. It opened on April 2 with a reception in the Joe Bailey Gallery with a poetry reading during the reception.

The show runs through the month. The gallery is located upstairs at the Art Center. An elevator/lift is available.

The exhibit is a collaboration between the Art Center and the Pontiac Chapter of Illinois State Poetry Society. Poets wrote poems to inspire artists and artists designed art to in-

enth such collaboration. The show is also in conjunction with April being National Poetry Month.

The Art Center at the Greater Livingston County Arts Council and Gallery is located at 209 W. Madison St., Pontiac. The show may be viewed during regular hours. Hours for the Art Center are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

# **April Activities at Piper City Library**

April is National Library p.m., at the library. Their next and Poem Month, and Piper City Library has several activities scheduled.

They will not be charging overdue fines, now through April 16. If you have an overdue book, this would be a good time to return it.

Their Garden Group is inviting everyone with a green thumb, and even those without a green thumb but are interested in growing plants, to join them once a month at the library and exchange ideas. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month, from 3:00-4:00 meeting will be Wednesday, April 13.

# **Gardner Lions** Pancake Breakfast April 24

Gardner Lions Club will host a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 24, at the Gardner American Legion.

The menu includes: eggs, cuits and gravy, orange juice, 6:00 p.m.

coffee, and milk.

Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Gardner-South Wilmington Band.

The Gardner Lions meet on the second Tuesday of each toast, pancakes, sausage, bis- month at Gardner Restaurant at tailed, personalized access to continues to evolve.

Monday, April 18, from

10:00-11:00 a.m., Piper City Public Library will host a Spring Story Hour for all children ages three- to 10-years old. They have a mystery reader who will read fun books. There will be refreshments served after the readings, plus a gift for the children to take home. Register your child/children by April 13 at 5:00 p.m. Unfortunately, your child/children will not be able to attend if not registered. Call 815-686-



LCHD's MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH STAFF, pictured, from left: Dianne Stadel, Kathy Kennell, Jill McCulloh, Tammy Schaefer, Megan Fehr, Connie Haas, Leann Lawrence, and Jill Kindred.

# **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, recognizing the importance of community awareness, collaboration, and prevention services to help protect children and support thriving families.

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) believes healthy families create healthy communities, and offers services to support the well-being and safety of growing Livingston County fami-

• Better Birth Outcomes (BBO) is dedicated to ensuring the health and well-being of expecting mothers and their bathrough prenatal supportive services.

• Illinois Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods, nutrition education and referrals to health care, at no cost, to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five.

• Healthy Families Illinois is a voluntary home visiting program helping new and expectant parents strengthen their family's bond and well-being, while reducing the risk for child abuse and neglect.

To learn more about how the LCHD can support your growing family, visit their website, lchd.us.

# Nicor Gas Launches **Community Connection Center**

Nicor Gas is launching the resources that can assist with Community Connection Center (C3), a new innovative resource to help its customers with energy assistance payment options and other basic needs.

The C3 team is made up of skilled Nicor Gas employees dedicated to spending more time with customers to better help them contact organizations who specialize in assisting people gain access to energy efficiency, bill payments, housing, food, federal funding, and other essentials.

The program was created in response to increased customer requests for assistance in the wake of rising prices for all goods and services that have been further strained by global

The new C3 pilot program is designed to target customers who are experiencing extreme hardship to give them more de-

both their monthly utility bill payments and other basic needs to help them stay safe, warm and healthy.

The C3 team will be focused on detailed communication about Nicor Gas assistance options and, when needed, can help connect customers with other community partners such as The Salvation Army and United Way.

Nicor Gas residential customers interested in learning more about their options through this service can contact the C3 team by e-mailing: cccinfo@nicorgas.com or submitting an assistance request form at nicorgas.com/CCC. A Nicor Gas representative will reach out directly to identify support options. Wait times for response will vary based on volume as this new program

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#### **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.: 05-09-482-004

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 yard 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

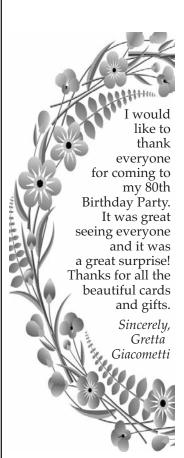
# Halie Kohl Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa **Honor Society**

Eighteen Kankakee Community College students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society in March, including Halie Kohl, of Herscher.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international academic honor society for community college students.

KCC holds induction ceremonies for new Phi Theta Kappa members each fall and spring semester. This spring's event was March 25.

Phi Theta Kappa offers opportunities for scholarships, intellectual enrichment, and personal development through programs based on the society's hallmarks of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. To be eligible for membership, students must have a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.





Charlie Grotevant and the former Joyce Kimber will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Friday, April 29.

The couple was married on April 29, 1962, in the Odell Methodist Church.

They are the parents of Jeff Buckingham, and Cabery areas



(Lin) Grotevant of Cedar Park, TX; Julie (Vernon) Malone of Kempton; and Jill (the late Roger) Birch of Cabery. They have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

They farmed in the Odell,

for 46 years, retiring to Pontiac in 2011. Joyce was a full partner in the farming operation.

A family dinner will celebrate the anniversary at a later date. The Grotevants, who have visited all 50 states, have additional travel planned.







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Condon, vocal solo; and Alex Angus, Trevor Condon, Owen Griner and Josh Ostrander,

The junior high music de-

partment will wrap up their

year with a spring concert

Thursday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m.

at Tri-Point Upper Elementary/Junior High School.

the direction of Diane Perkins.

The music program is under

men's vocal ensemble.

GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL had three GAVC Director's Award winners for the month of March: Kevin Frideres, a junior for Automotive Tech I; Braeden Hirsch, a senior for Law Enforcement II; and Mallory Wolf, a senior for Cosmetology II.



CONGRATULATIONS TO TY SPARROW - the 2022 winner of the Dwight Sports Booster Bash, held March 12. Mr. Sparrow graciously donated a portion to Boosters. It was a great night of food, fun and community support.

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

VS.

ALISSA C. WALKER, and unknown owners

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-17

and non-record claimants,

**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 West Half of Lot 4 and the East Half of Lot 5 in Block 8 of Marsh's Addition to Fairbury, in Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 25-25-03-331-002

Commonly known as: 307 W. Hickory St., Fairbury, IL 61739

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is ALISSA C. WALKER. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on November 19, 2020 and recorded on November 20, 2020 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2020R-05251. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-17 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 May 15, 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 6th day of April, 2022.

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

# Area Artists Awarded at KCC High School Juried Art Exhibition Reception

Eighteen students representing five area high schools earned awards for their work on display at the 33rd annual Kankakee Community College High School Juried Art Exhibi-

The show, which concluded April 6, included works from more than 180 students at 11 area schools.

Merit Awards, Honorable Mentions and a People's Choice Award were given at the reception on April 6. Area students receiving awards

· Painting: Lydia Jackson of Herscher High School, Merit Award, "Flower Field"; Olivia Schickel of Pontiac High School, Honorable Mention, "More than a Wave."

Jurors were the KCC art faculty.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

## Seth Alan Galloway

Seth Alan Galloway, age 25, of Dwight, Illinois died Monday, March 21, 2022 at his home.

Born February 28, 1997 in Pontiac, Illinois, Seth Alan is the son of Lane and Timi Galloway Dwight, Illinois.

Seth graduated from Dwight Township High School in 2015. He was also a graduate from MacMurray College in 2019. He graduated from Mac-Murray with a degree in sports management and marketing.

Seth loved the game of golf. If he wasn't able to play, he made sure his work shared the same passion. Seth worked at Cayuga Golf Course/Wolf Creek for many years. He was currently working at Club Champion, where he oversaw golf club sales.

As an avid sports fan, the White Sox was his favorite team. He enjoyed bowling on Wednesday nights. Seth was also a collector of baseball, Pokeman, and football cards.

He will always be remem-

away

Visitation was held from 2

Funeral services will be pri-

Cremation rites have been

Memorials in honor of

Sharon may be made to the

Livingston County Humane

Society, 21179 N, 1358 E 1358

N Road, Pontiac, Illinois

in charge of arrangements.

Hager Memorial Home was

Sharon was born July 3,

1947 in Robinson, Illinois, the

daughter of John and Peggy

(Rowe) Richardson. She mar-

ried Joel Francis July 31, 1965.

until 4 p.m., Sunday, April 10,

2022 at Hager Memorial Home

Sharon K. Fran-

cis, age 74, of

Dwight and formerly

of Robinson, Illinois,

Wednesday, April 6,

2022 at St. Joseph

Medical Center in

Bloomington, Illi-

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Sharon K. Francis

bered for his funny, witty jokes. Most importantly, he loved his family. He loved celebrating holidays and being surrounded by his

> Also surviving are his sisters. Erin Galloway (Jake Thornton) of Bourbonnais, Illinois and

loved ones.

Daly Galloway (Colin Schultz) of South Wilmington, Illinois; nephew, Rhett "Big Time" Thornton of Bourbonnais, Illinois; grandparents, Kay and Doug Weatherly of Milan, Illinois and Tim and Georgia

Lightner of Bettendorf, Iowa. Preceding him in death was his grandfather, Alan Galloway.

A Celebration of Life will be Sunday, April 24, at Victory Lanes in Dwight, Illinois from noon to 4 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Megan Bugg Global Rhabdo Research Lab to join the fight against childhood can-

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Also surviv-

ing are her children,

Laura (Joe) Dolan of

Washington, Illinois,

and John (Carrie)

Francis of Joliet, Illi-

nois; grandchildren:

Nicholas Dolan and

Alexander (Sami)

Dolan, both of East

Peoria, Illinois; Bailey Dolan

of Washington, Illinois; Victo-

ria Francis of Coal City, Illi-

nois; Aria Francis of the United

Kingdom; Jacob and Samantha

by her parents and step-father,

Robinson High School in

Robinson, Illinois. She was a

correctional officer at the

Dwight Correctional Center for

13 years. She enjoyed taking

motorcycle rides and traveling

and camping. She loved spend-

ing time with friends and fam-

ily. Sharon will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Condolences may be left

She was preceded in death

Sharon graduated from

of Joliet.

Eddie Larsen.

#### Cheryl Lynn Condon

Chervl Condon, age 64, of Illinois Dwight, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at her home in Dwight, Illinois.

Visitation was held from 4 until 7 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2022 at Hager

Memorial Home in Dwight, Illinois.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2022, also at the Memorial Home.

Burial followed the services in Round Grove Cemetery, rural Campus.

Memorials in honor of Cheryl may be made to the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight was in charge of arrangements.

Chervl was born March 22. 1958 in Morris, Illinois, the daughter of Robert and Linda (Patchett) Deutscher. Her mother survives in Dwight.

Surviving are her children: Jennifer Waldron of Pontiac and Jill (Mike) Margherio of

Dwight; grandchildren: Kurdt (Renee) Waldron of Joliet; Rebekah and Lily Waldron, both of Pontiac; DJ Crouch of Pontiac; Andrew and Jeremy Kapper, both of Dwight; Collin and Braiden Bac-

hand, both of Dwight; greatgrandchildren, Arlo Jackson and Frayea Waldron, both of Pontiac; and her brother, Mark (Tonia) Deutscher of Saune-

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert, and niece, Kristi Deutscher.

Cheryl was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church and can be remembered for her time as Gary Neville's legal secretary and her time at R.R. Donnelley in Dwight.

She enjoyed spending time on the beach at the South Wilmington Fireman's Club. Cheryl loved watching her grandchildren's activities and spending time with her family.

Condolences may be left at www.calvertmemorial.com

# **Minutes**



## Cubs!

On opening day, everyone is in first place. That's what I had to resort to telling myself to kick off the newest MLB campaign. This is because I'm a Cubs fan, and this year the Cubs look like a far cry from the Cubs of years past.

There are only a handful of players who are still around from the team that made the run to win the 2016 World Series. Willson Contreras, Jason Heyward, and Kyle Hendricks are probably the 3 biggest names that still remain - and David Ross, if you count him, as he is now the manager.

The team has transformed from a lot of homegrown talent built through the draft to what is a hodgepodge approach of team assembly. There are journeymen, a few bigger offseason additions, some prospects, and a few that fall under a few of those umbrellas.

They've, by and large, traded in a lot of their power hitting for a more contact approach, with players like Nico Hoerner and Nick Madrigal looking to make at-bats tougher for pitchers and hopefully cut down on what seems to be a constant increase of league-wide strikeouts.

The pitching has also pivoted from anything close to power to much more of a tactical approach, with Hendricks being the most obvious example of that. But the rest of the staff is closer to Hendricks than in years past.

The big picture view of all of this feels like there isn't a whole lot of room for error. That the Cubs are trying to embrace being competent across the board instead of trying to be great in any one area.

When that strategy clicks it can be a really fun product to watch, but when it heads the other way it becomes very apparent that the talent isn't quite there.

Here's to hoping the Cubs can remain in first past the first few days of the season!

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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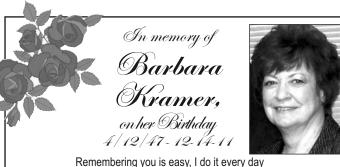
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The Paper reserves the right to edit or reject any or all submitted items. Address letters to: Editor, The Paper, P.O. Box 245, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420.

We welcome your thoughts.

#### **Notice of Public Meeting**

On Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., a meeting conducted by Allen-Otter Creek C. C. S. D. #65 will take place at 400 S. Lane in Ransom, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2022-23 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Allen-Otter Creek C. C. S. D. #65, please let the school know if you plan to attend the meeting. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. Mary Pat Baima at 815-586-4611.

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#### 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.

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

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



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#### **NOTICE**

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

The East 42 feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 in Richard's Subdivision of Lots 35 to 40 and 47 to 50 of Richard's Second Addition to the City of Streator, except coal and minerals and the right to mine and remove the same, situated in the County of LaSalle in the State of Illinois.

PIN: 33-36-210-018

Commonly known as: 1108 E. Wilson St., Streator, IL 61364

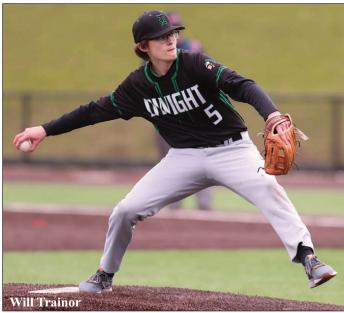
The title holder of record to the above described real estate is DYLAN E. BARTOSIK. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on July 8, 2014 and recorded on July 15, 2014 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in LaSalle County, Illinois, as document No. 2014-13227, and a Mortgage executed on January 21, 2020 and recorded on February 7, 2020 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in LaSalle County, Illinois, as document No. 2020-01950. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-40 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, Mc-Clarey 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 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois, held in the Courthouse in the City of Ottawa, Illinois, on or before May 15, 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 4th day of April, 2022.

Greg Vaccaro SLW, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois

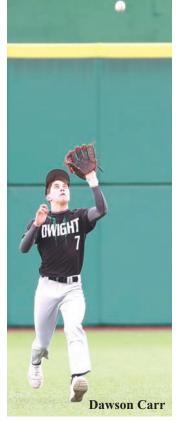
# SPORTS SPORTS





j7Images at Slammers Stadium, Joliet, April 6 DTHS faced

Clifton Central











#### Tuesday, April 5 GSW vs. St. Anne

The Panthers improved to 2-3 following a 4-1 win over St. Anne April 5.

"Our pitchers threw well tonight," said Head Coach Allan Wills. "We need to do a better job in most other places – baserunning, defense, clutch hitting – if we want to be a top team."

Blake Huston tossed six innings, allowing just four hits while striking out nine. Bryce Handzus came in to get the save in the final frame.

Cale Halpin led with two RBI on a single and three walks, stealing two bases and scoring once. Kaden Grivetti singled in one run. Huston dou-

bled and drew two walks, with Ethan Maxard singling and walking once. Gabe McHugh

**GSW Panthers Baseball** 

walked four times, stole a base, and scored three times. Ethan Mack walked twice and swiped two bases. Bennett Grant stole one base.

#### Thursday, April 7 GSW vs. St. Anne

Gardner-South Wilmington moved to .500 with a big 15-0 victory April 7 versus St. Anne.

"We got two huge two-out hits in the first inning that led to three runs," Coach Wills stated. "The entire lineup contributed at the plate. Gabe McHugh threw well and our defense made all the routine plays."

McHugh pitched all four in-

SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASEBALL

nings, striking out eight while allowing just two hits and a walk.

McHugh also led at the plate, racking up three RBI on a single, stealing a base, and scoring twice. Blake Huston (single, BB, R), Kaden Grivetti (double, BB, HBP, R), and Ethan Mack (2 singles, BB. SB, 2 R) had two RBI each. Ethan Maxard (single, double, HBP, 3 R), Cale Halpin (3-4), and Ryan Cacello (SF, R) each added an RBI. Dane Halpin had two doubles, walked once, swiped two bags, and scored four runs. Garrett Grant singled, was hit by a pitch twice, stole a base, and scored once. Brody Fatlan chipped in with a stolen base.



#### Tuesday, April 5

Seneca vs. Henry Senachwine The Fighting Irish fought off a tough Henry-Senachwine

team April 5, winning 6-5. Matt Cruise got the "W", allowing no earned runs on two hits, a hit batsman, and three walks, while racking up 11 strikeouts in five-plus innings.

Paxton Giertz tossed an inning-

plus in relief, walking one and

beaning another. Offensively, Casey Clennon came up with two RBI on a single and a walk. Tyler Sulzberger (single, BB, SB, R), Bryce Roe (double, BB, HBP, 2 R), Dalton DeGrush (2 BB), and Austin Aldridge all added an RBI. Cruise doubled and walked twice, with Giertz walking once and later scoring. Owen Quigley scored two runs.

#### Thursday, April 7 Seneca vs. Henry-Senachwine

For the second straight game, Seneca was able to fend off the Mallards of Henry-Senachwine to pick up a victory, 10-8.

Paxton Giertz earned the win, allowing no earned runs on no hits, two walks, and a hit batter, fanning five in three innings. Austin Aldridge threw three-plus innings, giving up four earned runs on three hits and four walks, striking out four. Casey Clennon came in to record two outs, allowing one hit and one walk, while tallying one strikeout.

Leading at the plate was Bryce Roe who went 4-5 with a double, a home run, six RBI, and a run scored. Tyler Sulzberger (2-5, SB), Clennon (2-3, BB), and Aldridge each provided an RBI. Matt Cruise singled twice, doubled twice, and scored three runs. Calvin Maierhofer hit two singles and scored once, while Giertz (BB, 2 R) and Noah Quigley singled once each. Zack Sulzberger had two runs scored, with Dalton DeGrush scoring a run.

Saturday, April 9 Seneca vs. Serena

The Irish were at home April 9 hosting Serena, and got another big win, 11-3.

Calvin Maierhofer earned the victory, giving up three earned runs on seven hits and a hit batsman, striking out six in six innings. Tyler Sulzberger pitched one inning, allowing one walk, hitting a batter, and striking out three others.

The offense continued to click, with Bryce Roe leading the way with a three-run bomb, a walk, and a stolen base. Matt Cruise singled, doubled, knocked in two runs, and scored once. Dalton DeGrush (single, sac., SB, R), Noah Quigley (double, BB), and Austin Aldridge (BB) each added an RBI. Paxton Giertz went 3-3 with a triple, a walk, a stolen base, and three runs scored. Tyler Sulzberger was 2-4 with a double and two runs, with Casey Clennon singling twice and scoring once. Maierhofer and Owen Quigley each scored a run.



## **DWIGHT TROJANS BASEBALL**

# **Dwight vs. Putnam County**

The Trojans took to the road April 5 and were blanked by Putnam County, 13-0, in five innings.

Jack Denker was dealt the loss, allowing six earned runs on four hits, a hit batter, and eight walks, striking out two in two-plus innings. Terry Wilkey pitched one inning, giving up three earned runs on three hits and two free passes, striking out three. Scott Harkenrider allowed one hit, a walk, and

Dawson Carr doubled and drew a walk. Ryan Turner singled and was hit by a pitch. Jack Duffy singled and swiped a base, while Dillon Sarff and Drew Anderson each added a single.

#### Wednesday, April 6 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central**

Dwight's Dawson Carr provided the lone hit for the Trojans April 6 against Clifton

Central, as they fell 14-1. Will Trainor tossed two-plus once.

innings, allowing four earned runs on seven hits, five walks, and a hit batter, fanning four. Dillon Sarff pitched an inning in relief, giving up three earned runs on two walks and a hit batsman. Owen Dunlap (1 H, 3 BB, 2 ER) and Wyatt Statler each saw relief action.

At the plate, Jacob Watchinski scored Dwight's only run, following a walk. Ryan Turner, Scott Harkenrider, Trainor, and Drew Anderson all walked



#### Monday, April 4 Herscher vs. Lisle

The Tigers were taken down by Lisle, 6-3, in baseball action

Clay Schultz suffered the loss, allowing three earned runs on five hits and a walk, striking out four in four innings. Braden Dewald tossed an inning in relief, giving up three earned runs on two hits and one walk, tallying one strikeout. Hayden Johnson had one strikeout and allowed one hit in one inning of

Cody Lunsford led Herscher at the plate with a home run

HERSCHER TIGERS BASEBALL and a single. Landon Schultz single. added an RBI double. Bailey

Hubert was hit by a pitch and

later scored, while Rylan Hen-

dershott added one run. Joe

#### Holohan drew a walk. Tuesday, April 5

ting one free pass.

Herscher vs. Lisle For the second straight day, the Herscher Tigers fell to

10 - 1.Joe Holohan had an RBI double to lead his squad. Clay Schultz singled twice and scored once. Cody Lunsford singled, with Carter Hubert get-

Lisle, this time by a score of

Brock Wenzelman took the loss, giving up three earned runs on four hits, a hit batsman, and two walks, striking out two. Holohan went two innings, allowing three earned runs on two hits and a walk, fanning three. Miles Hoffman gave up two earned runs on three hits, striking out one.

#### Wednesday, April 6 Herscher vs. Reed-Custer

The Tigers won on a walkoff two-run extra inning single by Tyler Murray April 6 against Reed-Custer.

Braden Dewald tossed six innings to get the win, allowing one earned run on six hits and two hit batsman, striking out one. Jace Holt went two innings, giving up three earned runs on one hit and three walks, tallying two strikeouts.

Murray and Dewald (single, R) led with two RBI each. Cody Lunsford doubled, walked once, batted in a run, and scored a run. Clay Schultz provided four singles, swiping two bases and scoring three runs. Joe Holohan (2 BB, 2 R), Bailey Hubert (2 SB), and Landon Schultz (BB, R) each hit a one.

#### Saturday, April 9 Herscher vs. Clifton Central and Kankakee

Herscher took on Clifton Central and Kankakee April 9, winning in dramatic fashion over Central, 4-3, then falling in the opposite fashion to Kankakee, 13-1.

The Tigers trailed 3-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, but Braden Dewald provided a game-winning single to win it.

Tyler Murray started the game on the mound, giving up no earned runs on three hits, a hit batter, and three walks, fanning five. Clay Schultz got the win, allowing no earned runs on two hits, three hit batters, and a walk, striking out one.

Aside from Dewald's game winner, Cody Lunsford (2-3, triple, BB, 2 R) and Brock Wenzelman (single, SB) had one RBI each. Joe Holohan singled, doubled, and scored a run, with Schultz (R), Hayden Johnson, Jace Holt and Bailey Hubert (BB, SB) adding a single each. Tyler Murray and Landon Schultz each drew a walk.

In their match-up with Kankakee, Herscher had only three hits, with Holohan singling in his squad's lone run. Schultz would double in the contest, later scoring, with Hubert singling once.

Johnson was dealt the loss, allowing five earned runs on five hits, a hit batsman, and two walks, tallying a strikeout. Travis Jones threw in relief, walking one, beaning another, and giving up a hit. Miles Hoffman tossed two-plus innings, allowing an earned run on four hits and a walk, striking out

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Monday, April 4 Dwight vs. **Ottawa Marquette** JV-

The JV Lady Trojans lost at home to Ottawa Marquette April 4, 19-8, in six innings.

Njomza Asllani was hit with the loss, allowing three earned runs on three hits and six walks, striking out one. Averi Jury pitched five innings in relief, giving up five earned runs on 11 hits and two walks, fanning four.

Maci Johnson led with two RBI on a triple. She would later score. Asllani (2-3, double, BB,

**DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL** 

R), Avery Scheuer (4-4, double, in the circle, allowing just two R), Brynn Connor (2-4, R), Emerson Peters (2-4, SB, R), and Katy Parker (single, SB) each added one RBI. Jury singled twice, stole a base, and scored a run. Lily Duffy drew a walk and later scored. Megan Livingston stole a base and scored once.

Tuesday, April 5 **Dwight vs. Putnam County** Varsity -

In a varsity match-up April 5, Dwight dominated Putnam County, 15-0.

Samantha Harsh got the win once.

hits and hitting one batter, while striking out five in a complete game effort.

Rachel Heath had four RBI on two singles, followed by two RBI each from Jordan Schultz (5-5, triple, 3 R) and Averi Jury (double). Megan Livingston (4-5, triple, 4 R), Alexis Thetard (2-5, triple, R), Erin Anderson (single, SB, 2 R), Avery Scheuer (double, BB, SB, 2 R), Maci Johnson (BB), and Harsh (single, R) all had one RBI. Brynn Connor and Njomza Asllani each scored



Monday, April 4 Seneca vs. Prairie Central

On April 4, Seneca topped Prairie Central 15-3.

"Another cold one, but we did a great job at the plate again," said Coach Holman. "The girls have really learned how to approach at-bats and are really swinging the bats well. Our defense needs to get better, but with more games I hope we get in a rhythm."

Alyssa Zellers earned her first varsity win in the circle, allowing three earned runs on four hits, striking out two in four innings of work.

Maddy Klicker came up with three RBI on a 3-3 showing that included a triple. She also scored twice. Kennedy Hartwig also plated three with a home run and a walk, scoring once. Ella Sterling supplied two RBI with two doubles, crossing the plate twice. Zoe Hougas had a single, a home run, a walk, one RBI, and scored three times.

"Good win as we head into a conference game with Henry. Hope the rain stays away."

Tuesday, April 5 Seneca vs. Henry-Senachwine

The Lady Irish picked up another big win April 5, beating Henry-Senachwine 15-1 in four innings.

"Much better defensive effort from the girls," Coach Holman stated. "Both pitchers, Taya Roe and Alyssa Zellers, threw strikes and let us work. We kind of got out of sync in the second inning and Madi Mino hit a huge leadoff home run in the third to give us back the momentum. Executed really well, drawing eight walks and two sacrifice bunts."

**SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH SOFTBALL** 

Roe moved to 3-0 on the season as she gave up just one earned run on two hits, tallying one strikeout in three innings.

Sam Vandevelde was a perfect 4-4, tripling once, doubling twice, scoring two times, and batting in a pair of runs. Mino knocked in two runs with a double and a homer, scoring twice. Zellers added two RBI on a 2-4 effort at the plate, doubling once and scoring on two separate occasions.

Thursday, April 7 Seneca vs.

Henry-Senachwine On April 7, Seneca sank Henry-Senachwine, 16-0, in four innings.

"Too cold for a softball game - but a win is a win," said Coach Holman afterwards. 'Credit to our girls for being locked in and executing the best they could. Hope the weather holds off for Satur-

Alyssa Zellers earned her second win of the season, allowing no earned runs on just two hits, striking out seven.

At the dish, Zoe Hougas (double, triple, 2 R) and Madi Mino (double, 3 BB) each batted in three runs. Sam Vandevelde singled, drew two walks, knocked in two runs, and scored three times.

Saturday, April 9 Seneca vs. Fieldcrest and Serena

The Fighting Lady Irish played two April 9, defeating Fieldcrest, 3-1, then winning over Serena, 10-8.

"Finally a good day for soft-

ball," said Coach Holman." Great effort against a tough and well disciplined Fieldcrest team. Some huge clutch hits for us and Alyssa Zellers threw her best game of the season."

Zellers improved to a perfect 3-0 with a complete game outing, giving up just one earned run on four hits and a walk, striking out five.

Zellers (triple, R) and Maddy Klicker (triple) each had an RBI to lead Seneca. Zoe Hougas was 3-3 with two triples and a run scored.

In game two against Serena, Taya Roe went all seven innings, allowing five earned runs on 10 hits and two walks, while compiling six strikeouts.

"Great comeback to end the day," Holman stated. "We bent in the third inning but didn't break and Taya was great in the fourth through seventh innings.'

Roe would also provide a spark with a huge home run to start their sixth-inning rally, with back-to-back-to-back doubles from Klicker, Sam Vandevelde, and Hougas gave them the lead.

Klicker wound up with three RBI on a 2-4 effort that included that double and two runs scored. Hougas had two doubles and two RBI, with Vandevelde totaling a single, a double, a triple, one RBI, and three runs scored. Roe doubled in addition to the homer.

'Really proud of the effort. We really showed a lot of toughness being able to chip away until we could break through.'

The Lady Irish are now 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the confer-

# Tuesday, April 5

# **GSW Lady Panthers Softball**

GSW vs. St. Anne On April 5, the Lady Panthers cruised to a 13-3 victory over St. Anne. "This was our best outing yet," said Head Coach Cassi

Carlson. "We played great, heads-up defense and we finally got some much-needed confidence at the plate. I think this game was a turning point scoring a run. for us.'

Jayden Buchanan pitched a complete game, allowing two earned runs on just four hits, a hit batter, and three walks, fanning five.

The whole team chipped in at the dish, with Bella Vyce leading with three RBI on a 3-4 showing that included a single, two doubles, a hit-by-pitch, and four runs scored. Makaila runs in the contest, adding later scoring. Makaila Mc-

Tuesday, April 5

Mogged.

jump of 34'2".

Jump, 3rd, 28'0".

Sunday, April 10

**Rantoul Invitational** 

**Tri-Point at** 

lowing results:

Varsity Boys -

Tri-Point at Eureka

year at Eureka April 5.

The Chargers competed in

"It was a cold meet, but we

their first outdoor meet of the

started the year off with some

Jose Amador broke the Tri-

Top four finishers included:

Point triple jump record with a

1st, 16.23; Long Jump, 1st,

20'1"; Jose Amador: 1600, 4th,

Mikaayla English: Triple

On April 10, Tri-Point took

part in the Rantoul Invitational

at the Roger Quinlan Track and

Field Complex, posting the fol-

5:07; Triple Jump, 4th, 34'2".

those to two walks and a stolen Daniel (3-5, HR, SB, 2 R), base. Hannah Balcom (2-4, double, BB, R) and Hannah Frescura (2-5, R) had two RBI each, with Ashley Frideres adding an RBI single. Aspen Lardi singled, doubled, and scored twice. Katelyn Farris and Grace Olsen both supplied a single. Buchanan walked once, with Mary Clare Phillips

#### Thursday, April 7 GSW vs. St. Anne

In action against St. Anne April 7, Gardner-South Wilmington won, 14-8.

Jayden Buchanan tossed another complete game, racking up 11 strikeouts while allowing three earned runs on five hits, a hit batter, and eight walks.

Offensively, Hannah Fres-McDaniel knocked two home cura had four RBI on a double,

Jump:

Triple Jump: Jose Amador,

Shot Put: Paul Langer, 19th,

Discus: Brendan Likes,

110 hurdles: Mogged, 2nd,

100: Langer, 18th, 12.99;

800: Amador, 7th, 2:14.59;

300 hurdles: Mogged, 1st,

200: Mogged, 10th, 24.50;

Shot Put: Colton Dohe,

Dohe,

100: Kaleb Metke, 17th,

14.10; Hunter Davies, 18th,

14th,

Mogged, 4th, 6.09m.

5th, 10.52m (PR).

ner, 16th, 24.95m.

Conner, 19th, 13.27.

Langer, 17th, 27.97.

JV Boys -

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12th, 8.26m.

Discus:

Bobby

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good results," said Coach Matt 11th, 28.84m; Donovan Con-

Bobby Mogged: Hurdles, Frankie Barriga, 17th, 2:29.18.

Aspen Lardi (2-5, 2 SB, R), and Buchanan (triple) added two RBI each. Hannah Balcom (3-5, double, SB, 3 R), Katelyn Farris (2-5, double, 2 R), and Grace Olsen (2-4, 2 R) each knocked in one run. Bella Vyce (BB, R) and Ashley Frideres (BB, R) had one single each. Mary Clare Phillips scored

"Jayden had another nice night on the mound," Coach Carlson stated. "She battled through the cold and wind. Offensively, everyone contributed. We were patient at the plate and did a great job of battling back (down 4-2 in third inning; down 7-4 in fourth). I'm very pleased with how we are playing this week after having a week off of games over spring break."

# SENECA TRACK

#### Monday, April 4 Seneca at Multiteam Meet

The Fighting Irish Track and Field team competed in a multiteam meet April 4, with the girls and men's wheelchair teams taking first overall, and the boys placing second.

First place finishes came from the following athletes: Girls -

4x8 relay: Ashley Alsvig, Evelyn O'Connor, Natalie

4x1 relay: Faith Deering, Taylor Draves, Emma Smith,

Caitlyn O'Boyle. 4x4 relay: Clara Bruno, O'Connor,

Smith, Keeli Pumphrey. 800: O'Connor.

400: Smith. 1600: Alsvig.

Pole Vault: Teagan Johnson. Long Jump: Anna Bruno. Shot Put: Gabi Maxwell. Discus: Deering.

400: Anthony Harrell, 10th, Boys Wheelchair -100: Josh Doloski.

1600: Cole Bruner, 13th, Boys -

800: Brady Danek.

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The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is now scheduling 2022 school and sports physicals and immunizations.

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City/Village	April 11	April 4
Dwight	\$4.41	\$4.50
Kankakee	\$4.28	\$4.32
Streator	\$4.26	\$4.34
Pontiac	\$4.04	\$4.19
Gardner	\$4.45	\$4.49
Braceville	\$4.02	\$4.26
Morris	\$4.38	\$4.46
Herscher	\$4.34	\$4.52
Chicago	\$4.53	\$4.60
Illinois	\$4.34	\$4.43
U.S.	\$4.11	\$4.19

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

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# Lady Redbirds, Lady Mavs Track Squads Compete at Seneca

#### Tuesday, April 5 Dwight, MVK at Seneca Track & Field Meet

The girls junior high track and field teams from Dwight and Mazon-Verona-Kinsman traveled to Seneca April 5. Dwight's seventh graders took first place overall (62), with MVK taking second (57). In eighth grade action, the Lady Mavericks placed third (37), while the Lady Redbirds took fourth (26).

Individual results are as follows:

#### 7th Grade -

Hurdles: Weber (M), 1st, 20.2; Addison Taylor (D), 2nd, 22.4; Kaitlynn Todd (D), 3rd,

100: Claire Sandeno (D), 4th, 16.3; Chloe Leithliter (D), 5th, 16.36.

1600: Mikayla Chambers (D), 1st, 5:48; Jones (M), 3rd, 6:40; Bianca Noriega (D), 4th,

The Dwight Redbirds track

110 hurdles: Frank Digilio,

4x200: Collin Bachand,

Cason Johnson, Hudson Col-

200: Colclasure, 2nd, 33.77;

Shot: Graham Meister, 1st,

100: Logan Pakula, 3rd,

4x100: Sawyer Kucera, L.

1600: Farris, 1st, 6:06.57;

4x400: Digilio, Axel Kar-

Discus: Meister, 1st, 93'7";

Long Jump: Bachand, 1st,

**Township Revenue Summary** 

Olson, 2nd, 93'4"; Wood, 3rd,

Honore Mwizerwa,

400: Bachand, 1st, 1:10.

Ameryn Wiles, 1st, 5:38.07.

Joey Farris, 1st,

Landon

40'9" (new school record);

Evan Olson, 2nd, 28'11"; Kay-

16.06; Colclasure, 3rd, 15.99.

Wood,

den Wood, 4th, 21'6".

Hoffner, 3rd, 1:09.86.

Kucera, 3rd, 6:45.36.

Pakula,

2:53.13.

63'11".

800:

clasure, Digilio, 2nd, 2:11.58.

Dalton DeLong, 2nd, 36.32.

and field squad competed in

Seneca April 5, posting the fol-

Tuesday, April 5

**Dwight at Seneca** 

lowing results:

7th Grade -

3rd, 23.271.

Sandeno, Aleah Johnson, Delaney Boucher), 1st, 2:19.8;

MVK, 2nd, 2:25. 4x100: MVK, 1st, 1:05.1; Dwight, 2nd, 1:08.1.

400: Boucher (D), 1st, 1:15.8; Isabel Hakey (D), 2nd, 1:16; Starwalt (M), 5th, 1:28. 200: Claypool (M), 1st,

32.8; Sandeno (D), 5th, 35.07. 800: Chambers (D), 1st, 2:41; June Woods (D), 2nd, 3:17; Hunt (M), 3rd, 3:19; Noriega (D), 4th, 3:19.6.

4x400: Dwight (Boucher, Kirsta Connor, Hakey, Chambers), 1st, 5:11.6; MVK, 2nd,

Shot Put: Kaydynce (M), 4th, 19'1.

Discus: Audrey (M), 2nd, 51'0; Kaydynce (M), 4th,

High Jump: Weber (M), 1st, 4'0"; Smith (M), 2nd, 3'10"; DeLana Marsh (D), 3rd, 3'10"; Nicole Schmidt (D), 4th, 3'6". Long Jump: Weber (M), 1st,

15'5"; Colclasure, 8th, 11'4";

110 hurdles: Wiles, 7th,

4x200: Peyton Oswald,

200: Joey Starks, 1st,

Shot: Ethan Pakula, 2nd,

100: Starks, 2nd, 13.33; As.

800: Mike Groves, 4th,

Mwizerwa,

4x400: Bachand, E. Pakula,

Discus: E. Pakula, 2nd,

Long Jump: E. Pakula, 8th,

89'6"; Walter Bradley, 5th,

61'0"; Jude Hurt, 6th, 59'10".

11'3"; Casson Johnson, 10th,

10'3"; As. Kargle, 6th, 13'0".

"We are very proud of all of our athletes," stated Coach Kara Stork. "They all worked

very hard. We look forward to

their continued progress this

As. Kargle, Starks, 1st,

30'1"; Jason Stukel, 5th, 21'8".

Kargle, 4th, 15.41.

1:19.8; Ax. Kargle,

Kayden Conroy, Anson Lucus,

Logan Bovelle, 2nd, 2:47.08.

27.571; Asher Kargle, 5th,

**DCS Redbirds Track and Field** 

8th Grade -

33.337.

32.311.

400:

4:48.70.

Farris, 10th, 10'8".

4x200: Dwight (Leithliter, 11'11"; Boucher (D), 4th, 11'2".

#### 8th Grade -

Hurdles: Pfeifer (M), 2nd,

100: Steffes (M), 2nd, 15.2; Buis (M), 5th, 16.4.

1600: Sarah Parker (D), 1st, 6:41; Brooklynn Todd (D), 3rd,

4x100: MVK, 1st, 1:05.1. 400: Steffes (M), 1st, 1:15; Connor (D), 2nd, 1:20; De-Grush (M), 5th, 1:36.

200: Pfeifer (M), 3rd, 33.99; Acosta (M), 5th, 38.25.

800: Schmidt (D), 1st, 3:46; Indira Bradley (D), 3rd, 4:00.

4x400: Dwight (Parker, B. Todd, Bradley, Woods), 2nd,

Shot Put: Buis (M), 2nd,

Discus: DeGrush (M), 2nd,

Long Jump: Pfeifer (M), 4th, 11'11"; Steffes (M), 5th, 11'4".

# Junk In The Trunk

"Junk In The Trunk" or "JITT", a flea market/community sale, will take place Sunday, May 15, at 100 Commercial Drive in Morris (just west of Rt. 47, behind BP Amoco).

A fee applies per spot. This is a fun, family-oriented charity flea market, with all donations and vendor fees given to

Participating vendors will need to read and agree to the rules prior to attending the

No commercial or homebased businesses, or mass produced imported items, are

For more information, contact Ken at willis824@comcast. net or call 815-942-2032 (no texts). Leave your name, ad-

All participants do so at

JITT will be each month on

to make it a physical reality. izations, and businesses beand resources to create the gar-Garden's story which Nancy Addision, botanist and coordi-April and June. This "biograchoose, arrange, and display

meeting will take place Thursday, April 14, in the Kankakee Public Library's fourth floor Auditorium. Starting at noon, it will begin with time to chat and discuss gardening questions and tips. Lois Ware, a Kultivators past president, will demonstrate "How To Divide and Transplant." The Kultivators' business meeting will fol-

At 1:00 p.m., Nancy Addison and Ann Harms, also a Kultivators past president, will begin the day's spotlight presentation by exploring "How To Become Friends with Your Gardening Journal" and then will segue into the Column

# Kankakee Kultivators Meetings to Feature Saga of the Column Garden

This spring, during their April and June meetings, Kankakee Kultivators will be sharing the saga of their community's Column Garden. An intimate little woodland, richly planted, the Column Garden rests serene on the grounds of Kankakee County's Historical Museum. Visitors can find here and there in the garden, halfhidden by its lush groundcovers and shrubs, artifacts of an older Kankakee - aged bells, crumbling columns, a fountain remembered only by locals who grew up during the early 20th Century...

Wanting to give people of the Kankakee area a personal gift – the gift of experiencing nature's beauty and peace -Kultivators imagined and designed this Column Garden several years ago, then set out Many local individuals, organcame involved and lent their support – pooled their talents den together. It's the Column nator of the original Column Garden Project, will tell during the Kultivators' meetings in phy" will have many illustrations/pictures and at least two "chapters": 1) its history and 2) its practical lessons on how to many plants which flourish without requiring much sunlight – how to create a beautiful and educational shade garden.

The Kultivators' upcoming

is fine, the audience may even be invited to leave the library a little early and gather for an extension of Addison's saga in the Column Garden itself. At the Kultivators' June

Garden's story-plus-pictures,

"How It All Began." If weather

meeting, when spring growth will be visible in the garden, Addison will complete her "biography" of the Column Garden, following up its Chapter 1, "How It All Began," with Chapter 2, "Always Transforming." This June meeting will be held at the Kankakee County Historical Museum so that if come members themselves.

weather allows, those present will tour the Column Garden with Nancy and learn about all the garden's different shade plants and other elements along with the significance of their locations.

Kankakee Kultivators welcome everyone who's interested, member or not, to attend and enjoy the entertaining and educational special programs offered at their meetings. All who might like to work with members to carry out the club's missions are invited to attend its business meetings and be-

# in Morris May 15

Set-up time is 8:30 a.m., with the sale running from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

a different charity each month.

event.

dress, and phone number.

their own risk.

the third Sunday from May through October, weather permitting.

#### ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT MONA TOWNSHIP and ROAD DISTRIC YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022

Property Tax	Property T
Replacement Tax         7,213	Replacem
Cemetery Receipts	Vermilion
Miscellaneous Income	Mona Twp
TOIRMA Dividend	Misc Inco
R & B Loan Repayment 8,000	Interest
CD Interest	To
Total Revenue	Road Dist
<b>Township Compensation Summary</b>	All Under
Over \$25,000, Brett Von Qualen;	Brett Von
Under \$25,000, Howard E. Haley, Nancy Wright,	To
Ed Moritz, Gary Loschen, Stan Dietz, Tom Saathoff,	M D .
Diana Loschen	Mona Roa
Total Compensation	Tobeys
•	Martin Eq
Township Expenditure Summary	Heritage F
TOIRMA	Altopher.
II C T	F

Diana Losenen	
Total Compensation	\$34,307
<b>Township Expenditure Summary</b>	
TOIRMA	\$6,449
U.S. Treasury	3,722
FICA	7,285
Cemetery Care	7,065
Fund Transfer	3,000
IL Dept. of Rev	2,314
Audit	1,800
Loan to R & B	40,000
All other disbursements under \$1,001	2,407
Total Vendors	\$74,043

# **Mona Road District Revenue Summary**

\$109,214
10,212
114,000
40,000
2,979
409
\$276,814

#### strict Compensation Summary

r \$3,000 – Gary Hamilton, Chad Frame, Qualen, Stephen Marsh

Total Compensation	\$6,934
Mona Road District Expenditure Summary	
Tobeys	\$9,119
Martin Equipment	199,721
Heritage FS	8,317
Altopher	. 2,628
Chris Small, Inc.	7,026
Conrad Trucking	2,324
Burkeys	2,476
Mid-West Asphalt	4,899
Gray's Garage	2,471
Mona Town Fund	8,000
Claus Specialties	17,228
All Under \$1,500	13,348

## MONA TWP. SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES - 2021-2022

	<b>Town Fund</b>	Gen. Asst.	Tort Ins.	FICA	Audit	Cemetery
April 1, 2021	\$73,209	\$22,095	\$2,970	\$7,381	\$2,135	-\$933
CD Investments	0	20,000	0	5,000	0	0
Receipts	76,567	1,059	8,215	2,050	703	11,768
Totals	149,775	43,153	11,185	14,431	2,838	10,836
Expenditures	85,539	375	6,449	7,285	1,800	7,065
March 31, 2022	64,237	42,778	4,736	7,146	1,038	3,771

#### MONA ROAD DISTRICT SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES - 2021-2022

				-
	Road & Bridge	Joint Bridge	Perm. Road	Build. & Equip.
April 1, 2021	\$89,983	\$19,312	\$14,814	\$2,869
CD Investments	0	0	0	0
Receipts	245,468	6,290	20,776	5,780
Totals	335,451	25,602	35,589	8,649
Expenditures	261,722	0	16,695	7,892
March 31, 2022	73,730	25,602	18,894	756

Subscribed and sworn to this 1st day of April, 2022 – Howard E. Haley, Supervisor.

I, Diana Loschen, Clerk of Mona Township, Ford County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022. – Diana Loschen, Clerk

The Paper 815-584-1901

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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: 23-23-200-005

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



TOM VAGASKY, a Livingston County Sheriff candidate, recently spoke at a Dwight Rotary Club meeting at the Dwight Country Club.

# **UpliftedCare Celebrates 40 Years of Uplifting Lives**

is celebrating a milestone niversary. For 40 years, Uplifted-Care, founded as Hospice Kankakee Valley, has been dedicated to imity of life for

founded to provide expert care, comfort, guidance, resources and hope to those living with life limiting illness. Uplifted-Care provides hospice care, palliative care, and supportive care services for advanced illnesses including cancer, de-Parkinson's, ALS, COPD and other diseases of the lungs, heart, kidney and liver. Care is focused on easing symptoms, reducing the burdens of illness

and increasing comfort.

"Forty years ago, a small group of individuals with a mission to ensure access to better end of life care came together with a vision that is now UpliftedCare. Our scope of services has grown beyond end-of-life care and our service area continues to expand, but the vision of our founders remains our guiding principle care for those who need us most," said Connie Lemon, executive director, UpliftedCare. "We are proud to celebrate this huge milestone in our history and remain steadfast in continuing our mission today as strongly as we did 40 years

UpliftedCare, the only local non-profit hospice, has played a significant role in the community over the past four decades. UpliftedCare has cared for more than 15,000 patients. The organization has also provided compassionate, specialized care for local veterans focused on their unique needs at end of life and support, hope and resources to those grieving the loss of a loved one.

"Living with serious illness can feel overwhelming, stressful, frightening and unsettling. Often you don't know where to turn to get real support. And there may come a time when caring for a seriously ill loved one becomes more than you can handle without help. UpliftedCare offers an extra layer of support to individuals living with serious illness and to their families that care for them," said Katie Canada, director of community relations and development, UpliftedCare.

Through the decades, UpliftedCare has continued to expand services to meet the needs of a growing community. In 2014, services grew to also focus on holistic care by adding music therapy, massage therapy and pet therapy. In 2020, UpliftedCare opened the community's first grief center, The UpliftedCare Community Grief Center, at 3115 N 1000 West Road in Bourbonnais. The Grief Center offers those grieving the death of a loved one support, education, understanding, and a safe place to begin a journey toward healing. The

# **Morris Hospital Environmental Services Associate** Thrives as Go-To Guy

Over the past 16 years as an Environmental Services Associate at Morris Hospital, Randy Kiefling has earned a reputation for being the go-to guy. This is a result of his vast knowledge, positive attitude, frinedly personality, and desire to lend a hand and make things better wherever he can. A resident of South Wilmington, Kiefling was selected as Morris Hospital's Fire Starter of the Month for February.

The impact Kiefling makes is certainly widespread. Dave Bowers, who works in the Receiving department, said Kiefling made a positive impact on Bowers' very first day with Morris Hospital. "You can never tell if Randy is having a bad day because he always has a positive vibe," wrote Bowers. "Randy is a difference maker. Every day I work, he always greets me with a smile. I don't know how he does it, but he always finds time to make sure our department is taken care of and he is always willing to lend a helping hand. And you don't even have to ask him. Working with Randy is awesome just because he makes everyone else's

job so much easier." Kiefling thrives on being the kind of person others know they can rely on, which makes being Day Lead in the Environmental Services department a perfect fit. In this role, he orders supplies, provides assistance to Environmental Services staff wherever needed, and helps with linen, garbage routes and bio waste disposal.

Sue Raikes, Environmental Services Supervisor, says she can't say enough good things about Kiefling.

"Randy will help wherever help is needed, not only in our department but in other departments as well," said Raikes. "Everyone calls him when they need help. He's willing to go out of his comfort zone. And he's knowledgeable of pretty much everything: you can throw a question at him, and he can answer it. He is certainly helpful to me in my role as supervisor. I rely on him a lot. I wish there were more of him. We're lucky to have him."

A former maintenance supervisor at a nursing home, Kiefling said his father always encouraged him to become part

of the Morris Hospital team. "My mom and dad always used Morris Hospital," says Kiefling. "My dad was in and out of the hospital and watched these wings being built. He believed Morris was the best hospital and wanted us to be part

Today, Kiefling thrives on being known as "the man to go to." He takes pride in being able to easily locate anything someone is looking for in one of the Environmental Services storage rooms. He works hard to keep up his knowledge on biohazard information. And he appreciates the good relationships he has with other departments.

"If I can answer a question or find the right person to do the job, I'll do it. It feels good when we all work together as a team," says Kiefling.

Still, what Kiefling really likes best about his job are the people interactions. He feels



Randy Kiefling

good when he's walking down the hall and hears someone call out his name - whether it's an employee, patient, or visitor.

"Taking a few minutes to stop and interact with someone I know from the community is another part of my job," adds Kiefling. "That's what people come to Morris Hospital for the personal touch."

In early civilizations, fire starters were individuals who had the important job of keeping the flame alive. With over 1,400 employees, Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is the largest employer in Grundy County.

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of our four those living with serious ill- decades of uplifting lives. We've never stood in one place In 1982, UpliftedCare was but have continued to grow to meet the needs of our patients and our community. As we enter the decades ahead, we'll continue to lead in supporting and advocating for those living with illness and for those journeying through grief. This is not merely a role we play, it is Alzheimer's, our true purpose," said Lemon.

Care is available wherever someone calls home, including their private home, retirement community, assisted living or nursing home. UpliftedCare provides care to anyone, no matter their ability to pay. UpliftedCare accepts Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance for services, but no one is ever turned away if they do not have access to benefits.

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erans about their federal VA

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have a representative from the

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cate veterans about the benefits

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by assisting them in navigating

the system of federal, state and

local resources and benefits; by

providing long-term health

care for eligible veterans in

their Veterans' Homes; and by

partnering with other agencies

and non-profits to help veter-

ans address education, mental

The mission of the IDVA is

benefits and programs.

and programs available.

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale Has Started at LTLD STEAM Workshop The Semi-Annual book sale, remaining hours of operation Facebook and Instagram pages, open to the entire community. take place in person Saturday, Any questions? Call them at April 23, at 10:00 a.m. A part The use of masks within the li-

sponsored by the Friends of the Library, started April 11 at Limestone Township Library District during library hours. There is a wide variety of books, audiobooks, DVDs, and children's books.

They have hardback books, paperback books, audio CDs, DVDs, and children's books for

Story Time has moved to Wednesdays. They will meet at 10:15 a.m. in person with Mr. William to read an exciting picture book or two and work on a craft to help preschoolers discover the joy of reading.

Science Demonstration with Ms. Holly and Ms. Faith will be on Facebook April 13 at 5:00 p.m. Watch as their intrepid staff members demonstrate a science experiment using items you have at home. This program is for kids in first through fifth grades.

They are celebrating National Scrabble Day Wednesday, April 13, with an open Scrabble Night for all ages. Go at 6:30 p.m. and play your best words to score the most points. of their Getting Ready for Kindergarten grant program, STEAM Workshop is geared for students entering kindergarten in 2022. This month, they are doing Farmers Market. Each participant who registers will receive a kit (while supplies last) to complete an experiment with Mr. William. This program is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley.

They are celebrating Earth Day on April 23 at 1:00 p.m. by creating Earth Day Seed Paper. The whole family can join in as they mush paper and seeds together to create plantable paper for various garden items.

Every Saturday, there is a new Take and Make craft that anyone can pick up for their kids who are in first through fifth grades. On April 16, the project is a jumping bunny.

The library continues to reserve their first hour of operation as a time for seniors and immunocompromised patrons/ community members with the

brary is optional. Patrons may wear or not wear masks as they feel comfortable doing.

stonelibrary.org, as well as for more information.

and The Paper for updates.

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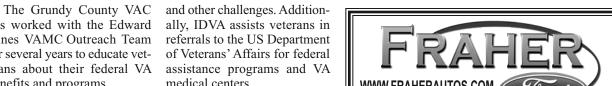




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able to answer questions and

provide information about a

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a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Com-

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<u>CARS</u>		
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#### **Special Education Teacher**

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#### **Administrative Deputy Coroner**

Livingston County Coroner Department has a full time opening for an Administrative Deputy Coroner who is appointed by the Coroner to perform administrative tasks relating to the day to day activities of the Coroner's Office in Livingston County. To apply go to www.livingstoncountyil.gov, clock on "About Livingston" and then click on "Employment" for more details regarding this position and where to send your application. EOE

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

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> Thank You for Reading!

#### 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

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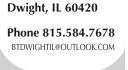






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#### STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS J. ELY, NO. 2022PR29 Deceased.

#### CLAIM NOTICE / NOTICE TO CERTAIN HEIRS AT LAW AND UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given to creditors of the death of LOIS J. ELY. Letters of office were issued on April 1, 2022 to BRUCE M. KONZEL-MAN whose address is 54 N. Ottawa Street, Suite 360, Joliet, Illinois 60432 as Independent Executor.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois, Probate Division, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, Illinois 61764, or with the representative, or both on or before October 15, 2022 or, if mailing or delivery of notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Notice is given pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/6-10 to the heirs at law and descendants of Charles "Chuckie" Ely, who predeceased the decedent, namely WILLIAM "BILLY" ELY and TOBY ELY and to the heirs at law, legatees and descendants of JAMES BOLTE, LUANN TARR, WADE WRIGHT, and any unknown heirs at law, if any, who are heirs of the decedent and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the Will that was entered in Probate pursuant to an order entered by the Court on April 1, 2022, said Will being dated February 3, 2020.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will dated February 3, 2020, in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will dated February 3, 2020, by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will, to probate.

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 mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

BRUCE M. KONZELMAN, Independent Executor

Bruce M. Konzelman - #01507354 BONDS, ZUMSTEIN & KONZELMAN Attorneys at Law 54 N. Ottawa Street, Suite 360 Joliet, IL 60432 brucekonzelman@gmail.com

## D.A.R.E. Teaches Healthy Living National D.A.R.E Day is April 21

(continued from page 1) helping others, and help network.

Stewart has been at Dwight Common School for 24 years and has seen Beier in action each of those years.

"I think it's very important because the D.A.R.E. program speaks real talk to kids," Stewart said. "Officer Beier does a real good job of talking to them in real terms and helping them be able to understand that this is something they learn about in school and then won't ever apply.

"He helps them understand

that at some point in their lives, help, can help you in so many they're going to be faced with decisions to make smart choices about alcohol or whether to say no or not to do drugs. He's very good at helping students understand that they have the power to make those decisions for themselves. It's more than just saying, 'Drugs and alcohol are bad.' He helps them to explore their selfworth and helps them see that they have self-esteem.

"Having the tools to make good decisions, having strong self-esteem, and knowing who your resources are if you need

lingo and jargon used in her classroom many times.

ing drugs and alcohol."

Not only in negative, risky situations but in positive, wise circumstances as well.

ways. Having that base helps

students to say no to drugs,

stand up to a bully, or advocate

for themselves that they need

help in the classroom. I think

it's more about decision-mak-

ing in all parts of life and not

just about drugs and alcohol.

But having those decision-

making skills and awareness

will help them when they do

come across a situation involv-

Policht has heard D.A.R.E.

"In my classroom, I have heard some of the D.A.R.E. language that they've been learning and practicing when it comes to making a decision," Policht said. "I hear them apply those lessons in the classroom. Obviously, I'm not with them outside of school if they are ever asked questions about drugs and alcohol, but I hear them in the classroom use their D.A.R.E. lessons toward decision making."

The D.A.R.E. lessons are held in the teacher's classrooms, but they do not affect Stewart's math and science lectures or Policht's language or social studies lessons.

Beier and the two teachers make a schedule before the school year and adjust time during the day appropriately for the students to have their D.A.R.E. lessons.

"It doesn't take away from any of the core subjects," Stewart said. "We just shorten a study hall and blend it together. It does take a little bit of rearranging, but there isn't a subject that suffers or is cut short because of D.A.R.E. We don't cut study hall out, just adjust it.

"It's a welcomed addition. It's a very nice break for the students because it's something they enjoy. It's very engaging for them. They know Gary from the community. It's very nice for him to come and engage with them. It gives the students a break from the routine of a day in fifth grade."

Throughout the years, Beier has had students adhere to the program and has had others who either forget the lessons or fall into bad habits.

With each class, he continues to plug away at his mission of helping the school, the community, and the future by giv-

D.A.R.E. Classroom

ing his students the tools they

"I think the more we can hit the social and emotional topics, we're going to make better kids which will make better citizens and better parents," Beier said. "But, we have to work at it. These kids have a lot of trauma and a lot of things going on that they shouldn't have to deal with as kids.

"I try to stress to these kids

that I'm not the judge. I'm not here to judge them. I'm here to try and make them hopefully see things that will make them better. Ultimately, we want everyone to be the best that they can be. That snowballs into more people doing the right thing and that's the goal."

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

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#### Easter Hunts Egg Area

#### **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 Emington, and will begin promptly

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.

While in Emington, stop by Oly Farms Petting Zoo, 22467 N 2800 E Rd. They will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### 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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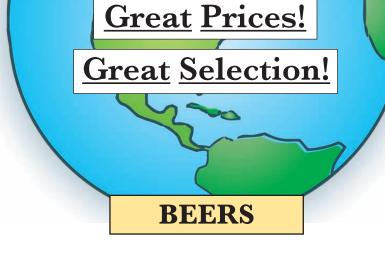
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