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Dwight Sales Tax Again Passes Million-Dollar Mark

by Tom Tock Dwight made a noteworthy re- year 2021. covery to \$1,221,140 in 2021, according to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

tax receipts had been above of 2020. one-million dollars annually approved a 1¢ non-home-rule addition to its retail sales tax on many items.

The table below shows County figures only.) yearly sales tax revenue since 2016. Dwight also enjoyed a from Drinking & Eating Places million-dollar year in 2001. 2016 -- 836,097

2017 -- 1,074,494 2018 -- 1,131,995 2019 -- 1,099,390 2020 -- 952.265 2021 -- 1,221,140

The Grundy County part of After slipping below a mil- Dwight provided \$325,742, or lion dollars in annual sales tax about 27% of Dwight's total revenue in 2020 (\$952,265), sales tax revenue in calendar

In the fourth quarter of 2021, Dwight had sales tax income of \$314,638 compared to Until last year, Dwight sales \$247,553 in the fourth quarter

Municipal sales tax earned since 2016, when the village in the category of Automotive & Filling Stations during 2021 was \$371,724 compared to \$327,833 in 2020, (Livingston

The total of Dwight sales tax was \$135,190 in 2021 compared to \$105,490 in 2020, (Livingston and Grundy County figures.)

Sales tax figures for area communities are at the right:

| FULL YEAR |
|-----------|
| 2020 |

| | 2020 | <u>2021</u> |
|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Dwight 9 | 52,265 | 1,221,140 |
| Fairbury 7 | 763,781 | 801,547 |
| Pontiac 2,7 | 700,399 | 3,350,386 |
| Odell | | 60,172 |
| Saunemin | 13,188 | 25,655 |
| Gardner 2 | | 282,932 |
| Mazon | 52,045 | 92,513 |
| Morris 6, | 320,505 | 7,945,724 |
| S. Wilm. | 24,830 | 57,121 |
| Herscher | 362,892 | 479,448 |

4TH QUARTER

<u>2021</u> <u>2020</u> Dwight 247,553 314,638 Fairbury 191,007 212,053 Pontiac 672,446 833,165 8,115 Odell 16,638 Saunemin 3,389 6,580 Gardner 65,181 79,682 Mazon 13,771 24,396 Morris 1,698,447 2,139,724 So. Wilm. 4,929 14,653 Herscher 89,105 126,371



ART LEACH AND DEAN PETERSON, USS YORKTOWN CV10 Association Chairman and CEO, celebrated Art's 102 Birthday during the Association's 73d Annual Reunion held recently aboard the USS Yorktown CV10 in Charleston, SC. April 4, 5, 6, 2022.

Photo by Patriots Point Naval And Maritime Museum



Stop Arm Cameras Catch It All Since Jan., 17 violations caught on bus cameras

by Brandon LaChance

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proactive with bus safety. "I've had vehicles pass on

Odell Resident Celebrates His 102nd Birthday Aboard The USS Yorktown, His Home During WWII

Art Leach, The Icon

by Brandon LaChance

World War II structured the world as we know it when the Allies and the Axis Powers unleashed guns, tanks, ships and other equipment over world issues from 1939-to-1945.

Through the war, many memories, nightmares and triumphs were created to tell stories and pass on from generation to generation.

Unfortunately, as time moves on, some of the original storytellers can no longer tell their WWII memoirs.

Then there is Art Leach (102), who is still here sharing his tales.

"Art is an icon: an absolute icon in what we do. I've sat

of birthday cake as the Yorktown Association helped the vet celebrate his 102nd birthday, which is May 1.

"It was special and I appreciate them for thinking about my birthday," Leach said. "They had a nice cake and there were a lot of people on board who participated. They did it during the meet and greet program, which I like visiting with all of the visitors. I do the meet and greet every time I go. It's always a joy. It's quite an honor to be recognized."

"The reunions are fun. When an air group goes aboard a carrier, they just eat and sleep on it. They don't have any other duties aboard. Everyone else has a job. Consequently, you don't know the people until the reunions when you get to meet them and talk to them." Peterson, who has been to each of the last 20 reunions and was a crew member during the Vietnam War, said the WWII veterans used to own the threeday festivity.

Leach also ate a huge piece Florida, and Miami over 11 months before he graduated and received his wings.

> After his Navy graduation, Leach found himself in Glenview practicing aircraft carrier landings on Lake Michigan, San Diego, Seattle, Whidbey Island (Puget Sound), Pasco, Washington, and the Hawaiian Islands.

> During the war while aiming at Japanese fighter planes, Leach called the Yorktown home.

> The Yorktown CV-10, the 10 means it is the 10th aircraft carrier built for the U.S. Navy, was the successor to the Yorktown CV-5 that was sunk by the Navy after the Japanese inflicted a lot of damage.

The CV-10 then helped the cause in three different wars. "I was on it when the ship was deployed to Vietnam when the Vietnam War started. I made 2¹/₂ deployments during the Vietnam War," Peterson said. "The half is because one of them was after we had just returned from the 1965 deployment. We were sitting at the pier in Long Beach and we got notice that we were going to go back to Vietnam within three or four days. We did do that. We called it the Magic Carpet Tour. "In Vietnam, they were running out of airplanes and parts. We left Long Beach and went to San Diego and filled the ship with brand new airplanes and new parts. We dropped off the load in the Philippines and picked up shot-up airplanes and brought them back to the states. All of this happened in about three weeks. That's why I say I made 21/2 deployments.' The stories, the memories, the life experiences no one can relive are abundant during the USS Yorktown reunions. Leach, Peterson, and all of the ship's veterans want you to know the history so those same stories and memories stay alive

Since we were children in the backseat watching our parents drive, the colors on a stoplight have meant the same.

Green equals go.

Red means stop.

Yellow translates to yield. The same can be said for school buses.

"Vehicles need to watch for the red stop sign (stop arm) and the red gateways that activate when the bus is actually stopped," said Angie Goley, the bus director for both Dwight Township High School and Dwight Common School. "We have another set of yellow lights – the Ambers – that go off first. The Ambers should be the first sign to an incoming car or a car behind the bus that the bus is going to stop and don't try to go by it. It's like a yield sign and you don't want to speed up to pass the bus.

"The bus is going to stop and let kids off the bus or pick them up. Other vehicles need to stop."

Unfortunately, other vehicles stopping to extend student safety as they come off or on to a school bus doesn't always happen.

In January, cameras were installed on all Dwight buses to help patrol bus safety. The cameras can see in front of the bus, on the left side of the bus, and there are three cameras in-

stalled, 17 stop-arm violations have been spotted.

"It has actually been a real eye-opener. Obviously, first and foremost, the safety of our kids, whether it be in the country, in town, getting them to and from school, or to sporting events, it's a very important job," said Goley, who is in her second year as bus director. "We had the cameras installed to help us with some of the situations that we've come into.

"Some of the violations have resulted in tickets. Some of them have been questioned due to the timing of the stop and whether or not the stop arm was fully extended and a vehicle passing by. Some of them are with the stop arm out for four or five seconds and then the car drives by.

"We're learning as we go, as is the police department. The cameras are very important. At the school, we are responsible for those kids as soon as they get on the bus. It's imperative for everyone to be following the rules, our bus drivers included. Everyone needs to do their part."

John Steurer has been a Dwight bus driver for four years and has seen all kinds of violations.

He believes the cameras are helping drivers, schools, and police officers become more the right side of the bus, Steurer said. "The stop sign will come out and if you leave too much of a gap between the curb and the bus, they'll pass you on the right side of the bus as the students are exiting the bus. It really has happened.

"I've also had situations where I'm at a T-intersection and vehicles wanting to take a left turn think it's OK to go around the bus. It's not OK. Another major one is at railroad crossings. When we stop, we put on hazard lights and open the door and window to listen for a train. People will pass the bus at the railroad crossing when they're not supposed to because it's a no-passing zone and buses are undergoing their policy procedures.'

The cameras have also helped Steurer perform his duties to a higher level as distractions have been deleted from any outside of the bus or on the bus situation.

"Since we have had the cameras, no one can believe what is actually happening. Now we actually have proof; it's on camera," Steurer said. "You make complaints, but when an issue is brought up, you get 10,000 excuses. Now, there are no excuses because it's literally on video.

"We have three cameras on (continued on page 2)

down with Art many, many times. He has a tremendous sense of humor," said Dean Peterson, the Chairman and CEO of the USS Yorktown CV-10 Association. "He's such a spry spirit. We all just love him to death. Art is full of stories. His mind still works so well. He is as sharp as could be.

"Art doesn't only represent himself, he represents the entire group of pilots who flew off of the USS Yorktown. Sitting down with these guys and listening to what they went through, I could listen to them forever. Art is in that category. He has his own unique tales about his experiences. It's very interesting. You'll hear things from him that you won't hear from anyone else."

Leach, who received the Proclamation of Art Leach Day on May 1, 2020 by the Village of Odell, was a Navy pilot who flew off of the aircraft carrier, USS Yorktown CV-10, during WWII.

The veteran retold his fabled tales during the 73rd USS Yorktown Reunion on April 4-6 in Mount Pleasant, SC. The ship, which was used in WWII, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War, is one of five aircraft carrier museums in the United States and the flagship for the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum.

This year, of the 150 people present, there was only one.

"I was the only WWII guy at the reunion this year. That's the first time that's ever occurred," Leach said. "It made me feel a little weird. We had 105 pilots in my air group. There are only two of us still alive. There is one guy down in Florida and then me.

"A lot of memories come back to me when I go to the reunions. It still has all of the airplanes that I flew. Of course, there are some I didn't fly, as well. Admiral (James) Flatley is still around and comes out. He is the third Flatley admiral in the Navy. He flew a B25 off of the Yorktown."

Leach graduated from Morris High School in 1938 and from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1942. Two days after his college graduation, he was in a uniform enlisting as a pilot in the Navy.

He went to school and pilot training at the University of Iowa, St. Louis, Pensacola,

"I tell people that we're in the business of memories. Our challenge is to remember mem-(continued on page 2)

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

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April 15: Robert J. Hanson, 34, Fennville, MI, driving/no license/permit/age.

April 17: Bonita McCullum, 57, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

13 Written Warnings

No Registration Plate Light -3; No Insurance -1; Speeding - 2; One Headlight -2; Only One Taillight – 2; Expired Registration - 1; Im-Display proper of Registration - 1; Stop Sign Violation -1.

Dwight Police Blotter

April 14: Dwight Police met with a walk-in subject at Dwight PD. The resident advised they had been a victim of ID theft.

April 15: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Watters Dr. to check on a vehicle. Arrested for No Valid Driver's License was Robert Hanson of Fennville, MI.

April 18: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of John St. A resident reported they had been getting unwanted/intimidating text messages.

Burglar Alarm – 3; Assist Agency – 4; Medical Aid – 4; Traffic Stop - 22; Miscellaneous – 1; Well Being – 2; Identity Theft – 1; Wires Down - 1; Walk In - 6; Out With Vehicle - 1; Open Door -1; Unlicensed Driver – 1; Accident – 2; Runaway – 1; Return Call-6; Follow Up-21; Trespassing – 2; Lockout – 3; Motorist Assist - 2; Check Vehicle -1; Loose Dog -2; Loitering - 1; Property Re-

trieval - 1; Vehicle in Ditch -1; Cell 911 Open Line - 1; Road Hazard - 1; Check Area -2; Threats – 1; Car Fire – 1; Funeral Escort - 1; Check Area for Sounds of Gunshots - 1; Check Stoplights – 1.

Accident Report

Friday, April 15, 3:45 a.m., an accident was reported at 1 Aldi Dr. involving a 2015 Volvo, driven by Andrzej Krajewski, River Grove, which struck a parked 1999 Volvo, driven by Israel Cartagena, Michigan City, IN, while attempting to back up.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

April 14: 3300, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Rt. 17, fire; Mazon, medical, Morris.

April 15: Delaware, trauma, St. James; Chippewa, medical, refusal; Bannon, medical, St. James; John, medical, Morrris. April 16: Mazon, medical, Morris.

April 18: Mazon, medical, Morris; James, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, refusal; Mazon, trauma, St. James; Franklin, medical, Morris; Prairie, medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris.

April 19: Bannon, medical, St. James; I-55, fire; John, medical, Morris; Seminole, medical, Morris; Union, medical, Morris.

April 20: I-55, medical, no patient, mutual aid - Odell; I-55, medical, St. James, mutual aid - Odell; Mazon, medical, refusal; Mazon, medical, refusal.

April 21: Prairie Ave., medical, Morris.



Temps - 2022

Apr. 14 - high 53°, low 34° Apr. 15 – high 57°, low 30° trace precip. Apr. 16 - high 48°, low 26°

Apr. 17 – high 48°, low 26° .27" precip. / trace snow Apr. 18 – high 41°, low 29° trace precip.

Apr. 19 - high 49°, low 30° Apr. 20 - high 51°, low 30° .33" precip.

One Year Ago-April 27, 2021 high 59°, low 32°



Dwight **Fire Incidents** 4/15 - 4/22

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

55.

April 20: Special Detail/Assist Police.

April 22: Mutual Aid to Gardner - I-55 - Canceled En Route.

Dwight FPD also responded to 16 medical assists with Dwight EMS.



around a school bus.

point what they're doing in the

seat or if they're not acting

right. It helps us out a lot, so we

can drive the bus. It eliminates

all the excuses and the 'he said,

she said.' If I inspect the bus in

the morning and all of the seats

are fine. All of a sudden, if

there is a seat cover cut up, you

can find out who cut the seat

late to the party as other

schools had already added

cameras to their buses, but he

feels Dwight is now advanced

helped ease the tension and

anxiety for bus drivers when

the door is being open for kids.

Officer, Gary Beier, has re-

viewed plenty of bus camera

footage and comes away with

the same response, drivers are

just in too big of a hurry and

are not paying attention to their

responsibilities as a driver

"I would say with the cam-

Dwight's Student Resource

Also, the cameras have

with the current technology.

Steurer added Dwight was

because of the cameras."

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Icon -

ories, especially for our WWII crew members which many of them are now gone, and bring them forward. Art is a really big part of that," said Peterson. "The Yorktown is very well known for the WWII history. That's one of our primary tasks. "Today, we're into making memories. That has to do with the crew members who are left, plus what we call legacy members. Legacy members are members whose father, uncle, grandfather, great uncle, or great grandfather served on the USS Yorktown. That legacy group is growing for us. They're now coming to the reunions and making new mem-

(continued from page 1) have a big learning curve when the bus. One of them really it comes to when the stop arm watches the driver and everyis coming out. If we're on thing he or she is doing. The Mazon Avenue and the speed other two watch all of the stulimit is 30 miles per hour, if dents. The cameras can pinsomebody is not catching the

> yellow lights are going, and the stop arm is to follow, it's tough to enforce that violation. "You can't stop a car going 30 miles per hour in the split second that it takes the stop arm to come out from the bus. I preach and want people to understand if a bus has its yellow Amber lights flashing, somevolved. thing is going to happen. It's a good chance the next thing you're going to see is the red lights. Instead of speeding up,

vehicles need to slow down." The obvious offenders have received tickets for their viola-

tions thanks to the cameras. In other situations, the Dwight Police Department has sent out reminders of the importance of following the guidelines.

"We have sent out several letters on cases where the arm was coming out and not fully extended. We have sent a picture of their vehicle in a letter to remind them when the yellow lights are going they need to slow down," Beier said. "We've had a few violations

that I don't know if we could have gotten a conviction in court based on video evidence,

by Tom Tock

video gambling once again im-

pressed with its March growth

42,525 terminals at 7,917 loca-

numbers.

Locally and across the state

A new record count of

so we thought it was best to at least let them know they're flirting with getting in trouble and risking the kids' safety."

The Paper

The cameras have affected students' behavior in the bus, have allowed citations to be issued, have brought a red flag to how drivers are maneuvering around buses, and have cut out excuses of who to blame when something goes wrong.

But most importantly, the cameras are helping provide bus safety to everyone in-

"Not paying attention to bus safety is life-threatening, which is why we really are trying to get the word out to people," Goley said. "Our buses, almost all of the time, never have a student cross in front of the bus to the other side of the road to get to their house. At almost every single bus stop, our kids get off on the same side of the sidewalk that the bus door opens.

"Typically, they don't ever have to walk in front of the bus. But, you never know when a little one might dart out in front of the bus. Crazy things have happened. It's scary.'

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VGTs 'March' on

tions in Illinois was established.

Dwight remained at 44 vgts at eight locations, but gamers invested \$744,992, \$8,918 of which went into village coffers

| Dwight | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Mar. Fu | unds In | <u>Funds Out</u> | <u>NTI*</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Dwight</u> |
| Aly Anne's | 99,649 | 76,042 | 23,606 | 6,845 | 1,180 |
| Cherry Red | 8,223 | 5,711 | 2,511 | 728 | 125 |
| Lili Mae's | 124,921 | 96,614 | 28,306 | 8,208 | 1,415 |
| Love's | 226,504 | 154,061 | 72,442 | 21,008 | 3,622 |
| VFW | 139,875 | 116,549 | 23,325 | 6,764 | 1,166 |
| Vic. Lanes | 36,366 | 30,889 | 5,476 | 1,588 | 273 |
| Virbapa | 18,132 | 15,602 | 2,529 | 733 | 126 |
| Willy's | <u>91,322</u> | <u>71,143</u> | <u>20,178</u> | <u>5,851</u> | <u>1,008</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$744,992 | 566,615 | 178,376 | 51,729 | 8,918 |
| Gardne | r | | | | |
| <u>Mar.</u> | Funds I | <u>n</u> <u>Funds Out</u> | <u>NTI*</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Gardner</u> |
| Buddies (3) | 1,818 | 1,106 | 711 | 206 | 35 |
| Marks (5) | 47,100 | <u>30,795</u> | 16,304 | 4,728 | <u>815</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$44,91 | 8 31,901 | 17,016 | 4,934 | 850 |

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How to Be a Good Money Manager in Retirement

If you reach retirement with a significant amount of assets, you've done a great job of saving and investing. But now comes another challenge - making that money last.

You might think that this task, as important as it is, won't be as hard as accumulating the money in the first place. Yet, a sizable number of people have reached a different conclusion. In fact, 36% of retirees say managing money in retirement is more confusing than saving for retirement, and 56% say they wish they had budgeted for more unexpected expenses in retirement, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study.

What steps can you take to help you become an effective money manager during your retirement years? Here are a few to consider:

• Set your goals. Your money management needs will certainly depend, to some extent, on what your goals are for the coming years. Will you travel extensively? Stay close to home and pursue your hobbies? Or maybe even open a small business? Once you identify your vision for retirement, you can estimate how much it will cost, which will then dictate much of your spending and saving needs.

 Stick to a budget. If you've followed a budget throughout your working years, there's no reason to stop now – in fact, budgeting may be even more essential when you retire. Of course, you don't necessarily want to force yourself to be as frugal as possible - after all, you worked hard, saved and invested so you can enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Look for reasonable cost-cutting opportunities, such as eating out less often or eliminating streaming services you don't

• Don't underestimate health care costs. Even when you're on Medicare and pay for supplemental insurance, health care costs could still be one of your biggest expenses during retirement. Initially, budgeting for \$4,500 to \$6,500 per person annually may be a good starting point for traditional health care expenses in retirement. However, depending on your health, prescription drug usage and other factors, your costs could be higher or lower. And you may also want to estimate long-term care expenses as part of your plan.

· Look for senior discounts. Once you're a senior, you may be able to find discounts on a wide range of items and activities, such as movies, transportation, groceries, gym memberships and more. By taking advantage of these discounts, you can save a surprising amount of money and ease pressure on your cash flow.

• Establish a sustainable withdrawal strategy. For decades, you've been putting money into your IRA and 401(k). But once you're retired, you will likely need to start taking withdrawals from these accounts. It's essential that you don't withdraw so much early in your retirement that you eventually run the risk of outliving your money. You may want to work with a financial professional, who can analyze your entire situation - assets, expenses, lifestyle, expected longevity, etc. - and recommend a sustainable withdrawal rate. Keep in mind that once you turn 72, you may be required to take out a certain amount each year from your 401(k) and your traditional IRA, so you'll want to incorporate these withdrawals into your overall income strategy

Do whatever it takes to become a good money manager during retirement. You'll find that it's well worth the effort.

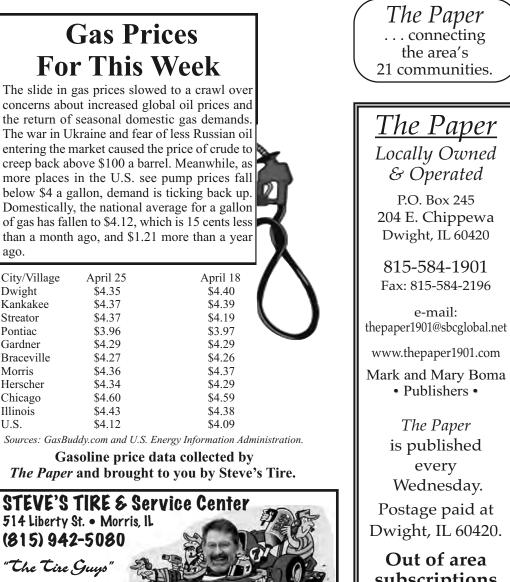
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Gas Prices

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| City/Village | April 25 | April 18 | |
| Dwight | \$4.35 | \$4.40 | |
| Kankakee | \$4.37 | \$4.39 | 1 |
| Streator | \$4.37 | \$4.19 | |
| Pontiac | \$3.96 | \$3.97 | |
| Gardner | \$4.29 | \$4.29 | |
| Braceville | \$4.27 | \$4.26 | |
| Morris | \$4.36 | \$4.37 | |
| Herscher | \$4.34 | \$4.29 | |
| Chicago | \$4.60 | \$4.59 | |
| Illinois | \$4.43 | \$4.38 | |
| U.S. | \$4.12 | \$4.09 | |
| | | | |

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

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



GSW High School Board Holds Public Hearing, Regular Meeting

Education at Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 held a Public Hearing, in addition to its regular meet-

During the Public Hearing, Mr. DeLong presented the Issuance of Working Cash Bonds. He discussed the process and that it requires a public hearing. There was no public in atten-

dance.

During the regular meeting, an e-mail from a parent regarding a novel that is read in freshman English was discussed at length.

Principal Engelman discussed the following:

• NHS Adopt-a-Highway: On April 15, Mrs. Kukman, NHS sponsor, and 13 students cleaned up along Route 53. They picked up 14 bags of garbage. The next event is on May 4.

• Academic Award Night - Was held April 20 in the GSW gym. The ceremony went well and attendance was good.

• Ice Cream Awards - April 19 any student that received a vote for "student of the year" received ice cream at the end of the school day. They had 80 students that received at least one vote.

There was no Director's Report.

Mr. DeLong discussed the Building and Grounds Report: • Parking lot bid / project update: They received three bids, with D Construction being the lowest bid. This project will begin in June.

• Room Changes: There will be a few room changes for next school year. Mrs. Scaccia will move to Room 305, Mrs. Boaz will move to room 201, Mr. Ward will move to Room 204, and Ms. Dallio will have Room 103 for the STEAM lab.

• Boiler / hot water / water softener update: They were notified that GGS is moving to a new system and will not need their old boilers. Before they go to bid for a new boiler, they will discuss with GGS to see if their

Free Food to Be Distributed April 27

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, April 27, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic

GSW as their backup/second boiler.

• Special Education / Grundy County co-op office: They are going to move their Tech Director to the third floor conference room in the library and turn his old office into a space for the Co-op to use for next school year.

Superintendent DeLong presented on the following:

· Curriculum Discussion: Mrs. Heerdt, English teacher, was present to discuss the English curriculum and various books that students read at each grade level. The board and Administration agreed that they are standing behind the book choices that the English teachers have chosen.

GAVC Director's Awards: GSW had three students receive the Director's Award for the month of March:

- Kevin Frideres, Automotive Tech I

- Mallory Wolf, Cosmetology II

- Braeden Hirsch, Criminal Justice II

• Diane Donnelly Family Scholarship - This year is the first year for this scholarship. It was awarded at the Academic Awards ceremony to a female senior student. The family has offered to give \$1,000 for five years in scholarship money to a female student that will be attending JJC.

• Updated Solar Farm Information - Comcast has a lease agreement to purchase 250 to 300 megawatts. This makes this project one step closer to reality.

• Handbook Committee – Mr. Engelman will have recommendations for the board to approve at next month's meeting. • EBF error in 2018 resulting in \$26,344.66 payment to the school this year - This is good news. They will be receiving this money soon.

• Prom details – GSW High School Prom is being held Saturday, April 30, at the Gardner American Legion from 6:00-

On April 20, the Board of old boiler could be moved to 10:00 p.m. The public can view decorations and walk-thru the building from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Walk-in is at 6:00 p.m. and coronation is at 9:30 p.m.

Graduation details - 2022 Graduation Ceremony is on May 15 at noon in the gymnasium. This year is the 100th graduation ceremony.

Summer School / Credit Recovery - GSW will host summer school at the high school this year. They will have two teachers monitoring students completing online programs. ESSR funds are being used to pay for this.

BOE Members Reports:

Katy Wepprecht reminded the board about the GSW Band fund-raiser being held April 23 at the Gardner American Legion. The money being raised will be used to help pay for the Gardner Area Band trip to South Dakota to perform a concert at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in June.

Actions Items included:

Approve the Resolution declaring the intention to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District.

• Approve D Construction's responsible low bid for the parking lot improvement project at a total of \$321,278.16. Note that Alternate one is pending IDOT approval.

Approve IHSA membership for the 2022-2023 school year. · Approve the second reading of Administrative Assistant job descriptions.

• Approve the hire of Terri Balcom as summer office worker. Approve the hire of temporary summer building worker, Kevin Frideres.

Approve the designation of regular board meeting time. place and dates for FY23. • Approve the change of district

signatories. • Set the daily substitute teacher

rate for the 2022-2023 school year. • Non-Tenure teacher rehire for

FY23 school year.

DWIGHT

DCS Discusses Test Scores, Wall of Hands

by Mark Boma

All board members were present on April 20 for the District #232 Common School Board Meeting at the Dwight Common School.

Principal Julie Schultz gave a presentation on student MAP test scores. The MAP or Measures of Academic Progress tests are computeradaptive assessment tests produced by the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). The tests are designed for kindergarten through 12th grade students, and assess reading, language usage, math, and, for some grades, general sciences on an individual level. The MAP Growth provides each child with a unique testing experience that is suitable for his or her academic level, independent of grade. The scores appeared to indicate that students from the Dwight District followed the profile of other nationally tested students and had consistent score losses due to Covid disruption.

All K-5 and Physical Education openings have been filled. Interviews have been held for the Special Education opening.

Summer School will be offered for identified students in Pre-K through 8th Grade. It will be on the following dates: May 31, June 1, 2, 3; June 6, 7, 8, 9; June 13, 14, 15, 16; and June 20, 21, 22, and 23. Teachers will be identifying students in two categories for summer school: Tier 1, Optional (recommended support) and Tier 2, Mandatory (at risk of retention). Transportation will be provided to all participants.

A partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County is being explored. If the grant opportunity is approved, it would provide

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an expansion of after-school care and support for Dwight students.

Pay increases of 5% were approved for both school administrators. Principal Julie Schultz would go from the current salary of \$85,280 to \$89,544 for the school year 2022-2023. Assistant Principal Jeremy Jenkins would see an increase from \$72,100 to \$75,705.

The following teacher employments were approved: Sarah Sancken, Kindergarten; Leanne Soppe, 1st grade; Sarah Jones, 2nd grade; Dakota Irvine, 4th grade; Kathryn Crouch, 5th grade; Margaret Donovan, PE; and Amy Veselak, Special Education. All K-5 and PE openings have now been filled. The resignations of Ian Cox, baseball A coach, Madeline Policht, 5th grade teacher; and Jessica Law Special Education teacher were accepted.

The continued insurance coverage and vacation buyback for the retiring Superintendent Richard Jancek was approved.

All the new playground equipment is here and projected installation will be the week of June 13. Community members will be recruited to aid with the project.

Grounds Jack Connor was on hand to solicit the Board's input on painting the cafeteria. Over the last three years, the entire interior of the building has been painted with the exception of the cafeteria. Concern arose with updating that area because of the annual tradition of graduating students leaving their handprints on the wall. Before leaving for the year, each 8th grade student dips their hands in paint and makes an impression on the wall signifying the mark they have left on the school. Some board members felt that the custom was sentimental and symbolic and it would be appropriate to gather input from teachers, students and parents before proceeding. There were also options presented of how the walls might be preserved virtually. The Board opted to delay any official action.

Director of Building and

A one-year Food Service contract was approved with Arbor Management.

The Dwight Common School Board of Education meets the third Wednesday of every month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Grade School Library. Community involvement is encouraged.



Meet and Greet the New DGS and DTHS Superintendent

OPEN HOUSE Sunday, May 1 DTHS Library 1-3 p.m.

Want to read more?

Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday, while Love Boxes distribute food in December.



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Dwight Township Meeting May 3

The monthly meeting of Dwight Township will be held Tuesday, May 3.

All regularly scheduled meetings are held in the Dwight Township Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Masks Still Required in Healthcare Settings

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is reminding the public that universal masking is still required in hospital and healthcare settings, despite recent revisions to masking mandates on public transportation and other indoor settings.

This means all individuals entering Morris Hospital or a Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers facility must wear a well-fitted cloth mask or hospital issued mask covering their nose and mouth at all times except when eating or drinking in the hospital cafeteria. Bandanas, scarves, and face shields are not permitted in place of mask. The same requirements apply when riding on a Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers' patient transportation bus.

The only exception is individuals who have a note from their provider indicating they cannot wear a mask for medical reasons.

"Even as masking requirements are changing in other settings, it is imperative that we maintain a safe healthcare environment for our patients, visitors, volunteers, providers and staff," said Kimberley Landers, Chief Nurse Executive at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. "Safety is and always will be our top priority. We appreciate everyone's cooperation."

Illinois 47 Bridge Removal Begins April 27

Transportation has announced that the removal of the southbound Illinois 47 bridge over Interstate 55 in Dwight will begin Wednesday, April 27. The work requires a temporary diversion of I-55 traffic through the interchange ramps.

Work to remove the structure is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. All I-55 traffic will be diverted up the existing exit ramps, cross Illinois 47 and re-enter using the entrance ramps. I-55 will reopen to normal traffic flow by 5:00 a.m. The entire removal project is expected to last until May 11 and will require intermittent daily lane closures on I-55.

Work also will reconstruct Illinois 47 from Northbrook Drive to just north of the I-55 interchange (exit 220) and repair the ramps. Illinois 47 will be reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted to the new northbound lanes as work continues on the \$9.3 million project, which is scheduled to be completed later this year.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra nois.com.

MVK Seniors Meet

April 19 at the Mazon American Legion for lunch provided by Community Nutrition Network and furnished by "The Whistle Stop" in Coal City.

President Sherry McIntosh called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. A silent prayer was said for the country, military, EMTs, and Ukraine. A sympathy card was signed by all the MVK Seniors and sent to the Beies family.

Happy Birthday was sung for Robin Homerding, Jan Alsbury, Bill McCormick, and Lisa Wren. Door prizes were won by Joe Sereno, Shirley Peterson, and Frank Sereno.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read, and

The Illinois Department of time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

> Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion in improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway and 270 bridges along with 428 additional safety improvements.

> For IDOT District 3 updates on Twitter, follow @IDOTDistrict3 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map at GettingAroundIlli-

The MVK Seniors met there was a motion to approve by Frank Sereno, which was seconded by Carol Bryant. Robin motioned to end the meeting and was seconded by Bob Hollenbeck.

> Frank Sereno was honored and given a plaque from the Mazon American Legion for being the oldest member for 75 years. He was also presented a red, white, and blue cake, which he really enjoyed.

The next meeting will be held May 17, with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and BINGO following the business meeting. Anyone 60 or older is invited to join for a small donation. Be sure to call CNN at 815-941-1590 for reservations.



MEMBERS OF THE DWIGHT WOMAN'S CLUB elected new officers for the 2022-2023 Club Years at their April 19 Closing Dinner Meeting. The retiring officers were thanked for their leadership during the past two years and the new officers were congratulated on their new positions with the club. The retiring and newly-elected officers are: Chris Myers (who will continue as club treasurer), Erin Fogarty and Julie Riggen (who will serve as new copresidents), Jill Mann (retiring club president), Lisa Marsh (new club secretary), and Allison Rhodes (retiring club secretary).

Livingston County Concert Association Membership Renewal Brochures Ready

The Board of Directors of the Livingston County Concert Association (LCCA) has announced that the Membership Renewal Brochures for its 71st season are ready.

Current members will be able to pick up their material at their final concert (Sundae & Mr. Goessl) at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 4. Brochures that are not picked up at that time will be mailed.

Rod Patterson, President of the Board, stated "We are very happy to once again be able to present top-notch live entertainment here in Livingston County.'

Patterson went on to provide a summary of the schedule for the coming season:

• The season opener will be in September 2022. The concert is called "Brothers". It will be presented by Jim Witter and will feature hits of "musical brothers" such as Lennon and McCartney, the Righteous Brothers, the Beach Boys and others. The duo features Witter on vocals, piano and guitar, and Ian Tanner, who plays many

different instruments. • Spencer Day will be the featured artist at the second concert in October. Day is a widely acclaimed singer/ songwriter/ pianist creating witty and sophisticated pop songs in the tradition of classic American jazz writers.

• In February 2023, LCCA will present a concert by Lisa Brokop. Her warm, rich voice and accompanying band will be paying homage to one of country music's greatest ladies, Patsy Cline. Sit back, relax, and enjoy many of Patsy's classic hits.

The 71st season will end in May with a program called "How Sweet It Is". Nashvillebased Steve Leslie, an awardwinning singer and songwriter will turn his rich baritone voice and consummate guitar playing to the music of James Taylor, one of his most influential favorites.

The actual dates and times of next year's concerts will be announced at a later date. The official schedule will be printed on the membership tickets. The

tickets will be mailed out prior to the September 2022 concert.

Current members can renew their memberships the night of their May 4 concert. The purchase of an adult membership entitles members to attend the four concerts in Pontiac, as well as concerts presented by the concert association in Ottawa.

People interested in joining the Association for the 2022/2023 season may also purchase memberships that night and attend the concert for free.

Anyone renewing a membership or purchasing a new membership on May 4 will receive a free guest ticket that can be used at next season's concerts.

Patterson also wants to remind everyone that all high school students can attend the concerts free of charge. For general information about LCCA, call Rod and Dorothy Patterson at 815-844-7833. They may also be reached by email at rod.Hjemme@gmail.com.

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Rodney Billerbeck

The Heartland Community College Board of Trustees has seated a new member to represent students in District 540.

Rodney Billerbeck, from



dents

FRANK SERENO, MAZON, was recognized for his 75 years of continued membership in American Legion Post 352 at the Seniors Luncheon in Mazon on Tuesday April 19. Sereno was presented with a congratulatory cake by Legion Commander Richard Payne, left, and Sergeant at Arms, Emil Feddeler, back.

Cullom, is a graduate of Tri- unique experience on the Board Hawk are heard," said Crock-Point High School. He took the as he will benefit from mentor-Oath of Office and was seated ship by a former Student as Student Trustee during the Trustee who is now an elected regular meeting of the Board full Board member. April 19. He is a sophomore at Joshua Crockett was elected

HCC pursuing an Associate in to a six-year term as a full Trustee by a district-wide vote in April of 2021. Crockett is a graduate student at Illinois State University, where he transferred after graduating from Heartland in 2019. He had previously served a one-year term as a Heartland Student Trustee, elected by the College student body.

"Hearing the student voice is an integral component of college governance, and the Student Trustee plays an important role in ensuring the needs and priorities of every Heartland

ett. "I cannot wait to get to know and work with Rodney, who will make an outstanding Student Trustee as he and the entirety of SGA push student priorities forward."

The Student Board Member will hold privileges of membership, including the right to make and second motions and attend executive sessions. As a non-voting member the Student Trustee is not considered in determining a quorum for Board action.

Billerbeck fills the expiring term vacated by Katie Boland who served two terms as Student Trustee. Boland is set to graduate Heartland this spring and plans to transfer to Illinois State University.

Kylie Winsor to

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Kylie Winsor, of Verona, an



Gretta and Bob Giacometti

Bob and Gretta Giacometti to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Bob and Gretta Giacometti, KY), Justin (Diana) Keating of Cabery, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, May 5.

They were married May 5, 1962, at the Sacred Heart Church in Campus.

Bob and Gretta have three children: Suzanne (Bill Flessner) Giacometti, Christina (Jerry) Turner, and Tony (Desiree) Giacometti. The couple has six grandchildren: Laura (PJ) Ringenberger (Lexington,

(Lexington, KY), Ellen (Craig) Ackerman (Lincoln), Anna (Cory) Winterland (Colfax), Noah Ford (Dwight), and Gianna Giacometti (Buckingham). They also have five great-grandchildren.

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Bob is retired from farming and Gretta is retired from Campus State Bank.

The family will celebrate with a brunch on May 1 at Starved Rock Lodge.



JIM RIDINGS of Herscher, left, was presented awards for two of his books at the annual awards luncheon of the Illinois State Historical Society in Springfield April 9. The books are "The Illustrated History of the Ottawa Tent Colony" and "Western Kankakee County." At the right is William Furry, executive director of the society.

Livingston County Vendor Show in Pontiac May 14

The Livingston County Ag Pontiac. Fair Board's Fair N' Fun Committee is sponsoring its second annual Vendor Show Saturday, used to sponsor Agri Town at May 14, from 10:00 a.m. to the fair, which includes many

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Approximately 10% of graduating seniors achieve academic distinction, with a minimum grade point average of 3.90 to be designated Summa Cum Laude.

DCS PTO Vendor Fair

Dwight Common School PTO will be hosting a vendor fair during the Red Carpet Corridor event Saturday, May 7.

Vendors will be set up in the parking lot behind the schools. Shoppers may go and browse the booths from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be a variety of vendors and items.



Patty Ribordy

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 and non-record claimants,

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-17

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

Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse in thee. (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3x)

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

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OBITUARIES

Iris Ilea Beier

Iris Ilea Beier, age 17, of Blackstone, Illinois passed away Monday evening, April 18, 2022, at Morris Hospital after an asthma attack stopped her heart. Our sincerest thanks to the Morris

Hospital Emergency Department. I will never forget the sweat soaking your scrubs and the tears in your eyes as you fought for my daughter when she couldn't fight for herself.

Born on December 13, 2004, Iris was the heart of our home. While often short of breath, she was never short of kindness. Her sense of humor and quick-witted quips lightened the lives of everyone around her. She could always be counted on to make others laugh. Iris showed love through her actions and didn't hesitate to reach out a hand to friends or family in need.

She was gifted both personally and academically. Iris was a Board Scholar and member of the National Honor Society who maintained a perfect grade point average. She was enrolled in many dual credit and Advanced Placement classes as she prepared to attend college. Iris loved being a Peer Advisor working with elementary age children and looked forward to having her own children some day.

She was an active member in Spanish Club, Yearbook, Choir, and played basketball



Beier and softball for many years. Iris was also selected to represent DTHS at the HOBY Youth Leadership Conference. When not overachieving, she enjoyed spending time with her boyfriend, Thomas, or making mischief at home with her fam-

ily and plethora of cats.

Iris is survived by her mother, Catherine (Mahan) Beier; her sister, Eden Beier; and brother, Oren Beier; her boyfriend, Thomas Dochterman; and her six Siamese cats (Isla, Skye, Finn, Briar, Wren and Rowan). Her father, Jerry, preceded her in death.

Visitation was held from 2 until 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, 2022, with services immediately following in the auditorium at Dwight Township High School in Dwight, Illinois. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials in honor of Iris may be made to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. Hager Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements.

While her years with us were too short, she packed a lifetime of memories into that time. Iris was a never-ending source of light and side-splitting laughter. May we find comfort in her absence through the treasured memories we carry of her in our hearts.

Condolences may be left at www.calvertmemorial.com

NOTICE OF HEARING ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ALLEN TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LASALLE, GRUNDY AND LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TAKE NOTICE that on June 15, 2022 a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., at the Fire Station in Ransom, Illinois on a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Allen Township Fire Protection District of LaSalle, Grundy and Livingston County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. A draft copy of such ordinance is available at the law office of Burton, Fuller & Associates, P.C., 227 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL, telephone (815) 433-3111.

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

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

Charlotte Fatlan

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Mack; sister-in-law, Geri Mack;

brother-in-law, Tom Hillis; and

numerous nieces, nephews,

great-nieces and great-nephews.

her husband, Earl "Shorty" Fat-

lan, Sr.; five brothers: John Jr.

(Joyce), Kenneth (Irene), Earl,

Martin (Judy), and Carl Mack;

four sisters: Grace Francois

(William Hutton); Catherine

(James) Flynn; Christine (John)

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brothers-in-law, Leo (Virginia)

Fatlan and Robert P. Weidling;

and sisters-in-law, Jean Mack

Thursday, April 28, 2022 at

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us on Facebook.

Preceding her in death were

Also surviving are siblings:

nessy, and Beau Marketti.

Surviving

Kramer;

Charlotte Fatlan, age 89, of Braceville, Illinois passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Charlotte was the eighth born of 13 children to the late John and Katherine Mack (nee Wisneski) on June 13, 1932 in Whiting, In-

diana. She married Earl "Shorty" Fatlan, Sr. on February 26, 1949 in Morris, Illinois. Together they started their family in Gardner and then built their forever home along the Mazon Creek in rural Braceville, where she grew up swimming and ice skating with her siblings, and years later with her own children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. She lived almost her entire life on Huston Road.

In the 1950s together with her brother-in-law, Leo, they started Fatlan Trucking in Gardner.

Charlotte enjoyed camping, fishing, playing cards, and sitting around the campfire at the family club that her parents started, the J & K Rancho. A master gardener, she often canned and shared goodies with all of her family and friends. She loved playing the organ and polka dancing at all of the Mack family weddings.

Everyone was welcome at her table for coffee and toast and were treated like family. Charlotte instilled a love of family that will endure for generations to come.

Surviving are her five children: Earl Jr. "Shorty" (Debbie) Fatlan; Bruce Fatlan, Sr.; Duane (Susan) Fatlan; Debra (Pete) Pierce; and Donna (Rick) Marketti; grandchildren: Amy (John) Kelly, Melissa (Scott) Kramer, Bruce Jr. (Beth) Fatlan, Michelle (Kris) Foster, Brian (Jill) Fatlan, Candace (Matt) Pluger, Kristin (An-



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Cubs History

I decided that, with this iteration of the Cubs team, I wasn't going to attend a game until it was finally warm out. I'll attend cold weather games in October but it's a little tougher to do that in April. If that makes me literally a fair weather fan, then so be it.

I attended my first game this year on Saturday and I ended up viewing a historic game. The Chicago Cubs beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 21-0, making it the biggest margin of victory in a shutout, and 1 run short of the biggest shutout victory in major league baseball history.

Maybe the most incredible part of the 21-0 win is that there was only one home run hit throughout the course of the game. Eighteen of the runs were scored on non-home run-scoring plays. I love the home run as much as the next person, but it did make the game much more flowing and exciting from a playto-play basis.

It was a carousel of people crossing home plate, and none of them for the Pirates. This game also got me thinking about what other historic Chicago games I have attended. Oddly enough I have also attended a Cubs game when they were no-hit by Cole Hamels in 2015 when Jake Arietta was on his incredible pitching run. It was the only game the Cubs lost that Arietta started in the second half of that season.

I've also attended the biggest Bulls home loss in franchise history when they lost to the Celtics by 55 points. I can pretty confidently say that the game was not fun to attend, the no-hitter was okay because, by the end of it, I was kind of hoping to see something that you almost never see in person.

Losing by 55 or losing by 35 in basketball doesn't feel that much different. Attending a no-hitter does.

However, on this beautiful, sunny Saturday afternoon, the Cubs were on the right side of history, scoring 21, allowing 0!

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

) No. 2022FC000040

DYLAN E. BARTOSIK, and) unknown non-record claimants,) Defendants.)

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

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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, 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 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.

<u>Greg Vaccaro SLW, Circuit Clerk</u> Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois

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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

Who has the Best BBQ? Rt. 66 Smoke Out Returns

It's that time of year again. The community comes together for a fun weekend as the Red Carpet Corridor showcases the shops in Dwight and the Rt. 66 Smoke Out instigates your nose to follow all of the teams cooking in the Kansas City BBQ Society circuit.

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It's the annual event held May 6-7 in downtown Dwight.

"It's a circuit for barbecuers that compete all over the country cooking to be the national winner," said Rodney Connor, the organizer of the Rt. 66 Smoke Out. "Right now I have 29 teams signed up for this year. Some of those guys will be backyard guys just coming here to compete and have fun. But the vast majority of those guys are competing for points in the KCBS standings in efforts to become the national champion."

The competition has been in Dwight for 14 years, but only 11 of them have been under the KCBS sanctioning.

Each of the previous years, the smoke out has been successful in accomplishing its goals as a winner is announced, a sweet aroma enriches Dwight, and local businesses thrive.

"Everyone comes to a BBQ competition and wants to eat barbecue. But, because it's a circuit, they're not here to sell barbecue, they're here to compete. Selling barbecue is just kind of a distraction for them, so they just don't do it," Connor said. "We reached out to all of the local restaurants and kind of asked them to be part of it. We never want to infringe on what they have going on.

"The goal is to bring people downtown and spend their money downtown. Everything we do is to enable that, not infringe."

Instead of being an option to feed you, the Smoke Out is an entertainment option.



"It's like a car show. You can't taste the food. But, these guys spend thousands of dollars on their rigs. They take classes on how to prepare meat and have all kinds of secret tricks," Connor said. "While they don't sell food, they absolutely love chatting with locals that are interested in barbecue.

"For them, a lot of their time is sitting around and monitoring their smokers. They enjoy it if people stop and talk to them. They show off their grill, their set up, and tell them how they're injecting meat. I think some people think there is nothing to do, but actually, there is a lot to do."

The 29 teams registered for the event are a little shy of the 35 teams the Smoke Out saw before Covid-19.

With the virus not keeping people indoors anymore, the current culprits are higher meat prices and expensive gas.

Still, the competition has come a long way from its inception and will continue to thrive.

"Impact Dwight was an organization I was involved in when the Red Carpet Corridor came to town," said Connor. "Kevin Mc-Namara, the Village Administrator, came to Impact Dwight and said, 'Hey, we need you guys to think of something that Dwight can do during the Red Carpet Corridor.'

"I was volun-told to be in charge of the BBQ competition. We knew someone who was involved in the KCBS and told us it would be a good thing for Dwight. We tried it without the KCBS sanctioning for three years and it was fun, but we had a maximum of nine competitors and a number as low as five. Our prize money wasn't much.

"We hosted it at the Guardian Angel Basset Rescue Park for years. Larry Little (the president of the GABR) came to me and said, 'Hey, you need to make this a bigger thing.' He added, 'I'm going to guarantee a prize pool of \$1,000. We're going to try to get enough people there. If you don't make enough to cover the \$1,000, I'll cover it. If you do, you cover it."

More people came and the \$1,000 was made and awarded.

This caused Connor and company to think about the next level. Little pushed for a partnership with the KCBS. Upon inquiry, the KCBS told Connor \$6,000 would be a reasonable prize pool if Dwight wanted to see more competitors.

The field went from 10 teams to 35 teams, which brings in more money for the village.

"We try to ask around after the weekend to make sure it was beneficial to the town," said Connor, who also tells the contest entries that the smoke out was created for them to spend their money in Dwight. "I'm closing down a couple of streets. I'm taking up parking. I ask myself, 'Is this worth it?"

"Overwhelmingly, the feedback from the community and the businesses is all positive and it helps bring in money. The barbecuers are spending money while they're here. This is kind of their by Brandon LaChance



vacation. They show up from out of town with a bunch of buddies and are here to spend money."

This year will also see the second rendition of the SCA, State Cookoff Association.

The Friday night event is designed to bring locals into the mix for a flavorful competition.

"This is meant to be more for the locals. The KCBS guys are on a large circuit, competing and spending big bucks to do so," said Connor. "SCA is a little different. All you're doing is cooking one steak to turn in and the winner gets \$1,000 – and more importantly – bragging rights.

"What's cool about this is you can cook on anything, but most people bring a charcoal grill. They can share the grill with other friends if they want. The entry fee is \$125 with a \$2,000 prize pool. It's a super fun time."

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Tuesday, April 19 Dwight vs. Woodland

It was a tough day for Dwight April 19, as they lost to Woodland 10-4.

Taking the loss was Samantha Harsh, who allowed 10 earned runs on 13 hits and a walk, striking out three.

Averi Jury (double, HR, R) and Avery Scheuer (HR, R) led with two RBI each. Alexis Thetard singled, with Megan Livingston, Jordan Schultz (SB), Rachel Heath, and Erin Anderson each drawing a walk.

Thursday, April 21 Dwight vs. Woodland

The Dwight Lady Trojans faced Woodland April 21, losing by a score of 4-0.

Samantha Harsh was dealt the loss, giving up four earned runs on six hits and a walk, striking out six.

Erin Anderson doubled for Dwight, with Megan Livingston singling. Averi Jury and Rachel Heath each walked once.

Saturday, April 23

DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

Dwight vs. LeRoy and Argenta-Oreana

On April 23, Dwight took on LeRoy and Argenta-Oreana, falling 2-3 and 1-0, respectively.

Game one took extra innings to decide a winner, but despite a great pitching effort, Samantha Harsh was hit with the loss, allowing two earned runs on four hits and five walks, fanning six in nine-plus innings of work.

Rachel Heath and Avery Scheuer each went 2-4 with an RBI. Erin Anderson provided a double, a stolen base, and two runs scored. Megan Livingston (BB) and Jordan Schultz singled once each. Harsh drew a free pass.

Averi Jury was the pitcher of record in the second game, allowing no earned runs on six hits, tallying two strikeouts.

Livingston and Njomza Asllani each had a single and a double. Jury added a double, with Schultz, Anderson (SB) and Harsh drawing one walk each.





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Seneca Lady Fighting Irish Softball

Wednesday, April 20 Seneca vs. Wilmington

The Lady Irish picked up an 8-6 extra-inning walk-off win over Wilmington April 20.

"Good win against a solid, well-coached Wilmington team," said Coach Holman. "We left a few runners on in the first four innings and then had to lock in to hold them scoreless in the seventh and eighth. Great at-bat by Sam Vandevelde to draw a walk with one out in the eighth, and Zoe Hougas followed with a 1-2 count walk-off home run. Great job by Taya Roe going all eight innings in cold, windy, and rainy conditions.'

Roe wound up with four strikeouts, while allowing six earned runs on eight hits and two walks.

Hougas walked once, in addition to her extra-inning heroics, scoring twice. Madi Mino hit two homers, walking once. Maddy Klicker came up with two doubles, a triple, and a run scored.

Thursday, April 21 Seneca vs. Marquette

Seneca fought off Marquette April 21 to earn a 6-5 victory.

"Great comeback win," stated Coach Holman. "Hit a lot of balls hard early but couldn't find a gap. Finally got going with Zoe Hougas hitting a one-out solo home run in the sixth to give us a little momentum. We've been working hard on our defense and it was outstanding against a Marquette team that was hitting the ball all over the field. We dodged the big inning by throwing triple and a run scored.

strikes and making plays when we had to. We did a great job adjusting our approach and cut our strikeouts in half against one of the best pitchers in 1A softball."

Alyssa Zellers got the "W", allowing two earned runs on five hits, striking out one in three innings, moving to 5-2 on the season.

In addition to the Hougas homer, Allie Arwood doubled in a run. Maddy Klicker went 2-3 with two stolen bases and a run scored. Audry McNabb was also 2-3 with a double and a run scored.

Saturday, April 23 Seneca vs. Fieldcrest and Princeton

Seneca split a doubleheader April 23, defeating Fieldcrest, 13-5, then falling to Princeton, 12-2.

"Long, windy day, but nice to come out with one win," Coach Holman said. "Did not play our best game two against a really experienced and wellcoached Princeton. We have to be better against some of the best teams when it comes to the postseason. Six unearned runs ultimately turned the game."

Taya Roe moved to 7-0 with her game one victory, while Alyssa Zellers dropped to 5-3 following her game two loss.

Zoe Hougas (4-5, 2 triples, 4 R) and Maddy Klicker (3-5, triple, 2 R) led in game one with three RBI each.

In game two, Madi Mino was 2-3 at the plate with a triple and a run batted in. Sam Vandevelde went 3-3 with a



Friday, April 15

GSW vs. Herscher The Lady Panthers lost to Herscher, 12-1, when they faced off April 15.

Jayden Buchanan was tagged with the loss in the circle, allowing six earned runs on 11 hits and four walks, fanning four.

Grace Olsen had GSW's only RBI on a single. Hannah Frescura added two singles, scoring once. Ashley Frideres chipped in with a single.

Tuesday, April 19 GSW vs. Momence

In a meeting with Momence April 19, Gardner-South Wilmington fell 15-3.

Jayden Buchanan struck out nine, but allowed nine earned runs on 12 hits, two hit batters, and five walks, tallying nine strikeouts.

Hannah Balcom (FC), Hannah Frescura (FC), and Ashley Frideres (double) had one RBI



Monday, April 18 GSW vs.

Grace Christian Academy

The Panthers pounced all over Grace Christian Academy April 18, winning big, 20-0, in four innings.

"It is always nice when everyone can get in and contribute to a win," said Coach Wills. "Fourteen players scored a run or knocked someone in."

Gabe McHugh got the win on the rubber, allowing no runs on just two hits, striking out six. Dane Halpin pitched one relief inning, striking out two and walking one.

Leading the offensive onslaught were D. Halpin (double, 2 BB, SB, 2 R), Brody Fatlan (2-2, double, R), and Garrett Grant (double, HBP) with three RBI each. McHugh (2 BB, 3 SB, 3 R), Kaden Grivetti (2 singles, 2 BB, 3 R), and Ethan Mack (single) each added two RBI. Noah Wise (SF, BB, R), Blake Patterson (single, R), Nathan States (HBP, R), and Bennett Grant (BB, R) put up one RBI each. Cale Halpin had a double, three walks, and scored four times. Ryan Cacello (BB), Ethan Maxard, and Cole Hampson (BB) scored one run each.

Tuesday, April 19 GSW vs. Momence

On April 19, GSW earned a

each. Makaila McDaniel singled twice and scored once. Bella Vyce (BB, R) and Katelyn Farris (BB, R) each had one single. Buchanan walked once.

Thursday, April 21 **GSW vs. Momence**

On April 21, GSW took a loss to Momence, 13-8.

Jayden Buchanan fell on the wrong side of the decision, giving up 10 earned runs on 15 hits, one hit batter, and two walks, striking out seven.

Hannah Frescura (2-4, SB, R) and Ashley Frideres (single) led with two RBI each. Aspen Lardi (double, 2 R), Bella Vyce (2-4, double, R), and Hannah Balcom (2-4, double, R) added one RBI each. Buchanan chipped in with a single, with Makaila McDaniel walking three times and scoring twice. Katelyn Farris walked once, with Mary Clare Phillips scoring one run.

win over Momence, 3-0.

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nings of work.

'We got a huge two-strike, two-

out pinch hit double by Brody Fat-

lan to drive our two runs in in the

second inning," Coach Wills

stated. "Then Gabe McHugh

knocked in an insurance run in the

fifth. Bryce Handzus and Cale

Halpin threw a great game on the

three hits and two walks, striking

out four. C. Halpin picked up the

save, striking out three in two in-

double, followed by McHugh with

an RBI on two singles, swiping

one base. C. Halpin (BB, R),

Kaden Grivetti (R), and Garrett

Grant (double, R) each added a hit.

won over Momence, 14-7, on April

the first, I am very happy that we

did not give up," Coach Wills said

afterwards. "Hopefully we will re-

member this if/when we ever get

allowing six earned runs on six

hits, a hit batter, and five walks,

Cale Halpin picked up the "W",

down early in the future."

"After getting down 6-0 after

Wilmington

Blake Patterson drew one walk.

Thursday, April 21

GSW vs. Momence

Gardner-South

Handzus gave up no runs on

Fatlan led with the two RBI

GSW Panthers Baseball

Tuesday, April 19

loss.

Dwight vs. Woodland

In a match-up with Woodland

Luke Gallet suffered the loss,

allowing three earned runs on two

hits and five walks, fanning five.

Drew Anderson tossed two innings

in relief, giving up no runs on one

At the plate, Ryan Turner con-

hit and a walk, striking out three.

tinued his hot streak, going 2-4

after hitting an outside-the-park

grand slam just a week prior (in-

correctly stated in the April 20 edi-

tion of *The Paper*). Terry Wilkey

doubled once and walked twice.

Jack Denker drew two walks, with

Dillon Sarff (SB) and Daniel Ford

each getting one free pass. Gallet

Dwight fell in a 4-2 decision to

Terry Wilkey was hit with the

loss, allowing one earned run on

three hits, striking out one. Tyler

Cox tossed three innings, striking

scored the squad's only run.

Dwight vs. Putnam County

Putnam County April 20.

Wednesday, April 20

April 19, the Trojans took a 4-1

striking out seven. Gabe McHugh earned the save, striking out four while giving up just one hit.

Nathan States led with four RBI on a 2-5 showing at the dish, scoring once. McHugh (BB, R), Blake Patterson (single, 3 BB, SB, 3 R), and Kaden Grivetti (2 BB, HBP, 2 SB, R) added one RBI each. Dane Halpin (BB, R) and Ethan Maxard (BB, 2 R) singled and doubled, respectively. C. Halpin walked twice, swiped two bags, and scored three runs. Ethan Mack walked once, stole a base, and scored twice. Garrett Grant was hit by a pitch and drew a walk.

Saturday, April 23 **GSW vs. Clifton Central**

On April 23, the Panthers split a double-header with Clifton Central, losing game one 11-1, then coming from behind to pick up an 8-7 win in game two.

In regards to game one, Coach Wills stated "We had a chance in all five innings, but only could score one. We left nine guys on base and had too many strikeouts (11). It was a close game until the wheels fell off in the fifth.'

Bryce Handzus allowed three earned runs on three hits, three hit batsmen, and three walks, tallving two strikeouts. Blake Huston gave up two earned runs on six hits and

out three and giving up three hits and issuing one walk.

Dwight Trojans Baseball

Luke Gallet knocked in the Trojans' only runs on a double in the sixth inning. Jack Duffy (HBP, R) and Cox each singled, with Jack Denker drawing a walk. Tyler Frauli scored once.

Thursday, April 21 Dwight vs. Woodland

The Trojans took on Woodland April 21, taking a 7-3 loss.

Jack Denker was dealt the loss on the mound, allowing one earned run on three hits, three hit batters, and one walk, striking out one. Will Trainor pitched an inningplus, giving up three hits and two walks, fanning two. Drew Anderson allowed two hits, four walks, and hit one batter, while striking out three in two-plus innings.

Dawson Carr supplied two RBI on a single. Luke Gallet hit a solo homer, singled, drew one walk, and scored twice. Jack Duffy singled twice, stole a base, and scored a run. Dillon Sarff (SB) and Jacob Watchinski each walked once. Terry Wilkey was beaned twice.

two walks, fanning four. Dane Halpin allowed one hit.

Ethan Maxard walked once and doubled in his team's only run. Gabe McHugh singled twice and scored once. Kaden Grivetti also supplied two singles, while Ethan Mack and Brody Fatlan each singled once. Blake Patterson walked once and stole a base. Blake Huston walked once, with Bennett Grant getting hit by a pitch.

GSW moved to 9-6 on the season with the game two victory.

"We got off to a nice lead, but they made a good comeback on us," Wills said. "I am proud of my guys to not give up after a long day of baseball. We beat a quality team."

Gabe McHugh pitched four innings, giving up three earned runs on five hits and two walks, striking out eight. Kaden Grivetti earned the win, striking out three while allowing one earned run on one hit and two walks.

Maxard (single, 2 BB, R) and Huston (single, BB) led with two RBI each. Mack (5 SB) and B. Grant (2 SB) each singled once, walked once, and scored twice. McHugh drew four walks, swiped one base, and scored three runs. D. Halpin and Patterson each walked once and stole a base. Kaden Grivetti was beaned by a pitch.

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Wilmington-Braceville) Varsity

Club recently had former Tiger

Jeff Sorensen share his experi-

ences with the group. Sorensen

was a 1976 graduate of Gard-

with University of Illinois in

many different aspects on game day. For football, he takes care

of officials for pre-game, and

during the game he works the

challenge replay. Prior to the

game starting, officials usually

arrive approximately three

hours early and have multiple

meetings with TV, weather, and other game personnel to make

each game run smoothly.

Currently, Sorensen assists



GIRLS TRACK & FIELD





Tuesday, April 19 Herscher vs. Wilmington

The Tigers fell to Wilmington 2-1 in baseball action April 19.

Cody Lunsford supplied the lone run for Herscher on a sixth inning home run. Joe Holohan and Carter Hubert each singled once. Clay Schultz and Braden Dewald had one walk each. Tyler Murray was beaned by a pitch.

Schultz was hit with the loss, allowing two earned runs on five hits and a hit batsman, striking out one.

Wednesday, April 20 Herscher vs. Wilmington

Herscher mustered just one hit in its 11-0 loss to Wilmington April 20.

Luke Richmond was responsible for the Tigers' lone hit - a sin-

HERSCHER TIGERS BASEBALL

Tyler Murray gave up just one earned run on seven hits and a walk, striking out one, but taking the loss. Jace Holt pitched an inning-plus, walking one, hitting another, allowing five hits, and striking out one. Miles Hoffman walked one and struck out another.

Thursday, April 21

Herscher vs. Reed-Custer On April 21, the Herscher Tigers lost to Reed-Custer, 7-1.

Travis Jones knocked in his team's only run in the fourth inning on a single. Tyler Murray (double, R), Luke Richmond, and Cody Lunsford all had two hits. Joe Holohan added a double, while Clay Schultz singled.

Taking the loss was Braden Dewald, allowing two earned runs on

six hits, a hit batsman, and two walks, striking out one. AJ Patrick (2 ER, 2 H) and Hayden Johnson (BB, H, 2 SO) each pitched an inning in relief.

Saturday, April 23 Herscher vs. PBL and Manteno

The Tigers played two April 23, beating Paxton-Buckley-Loda 9-2, then dropping an 18-2 decision to Manteno.

Joe Holohan got the win in game one, giving up one earned run on two hits and six walks, striking out two. Clay Schultz picked up the save, striking out three while allowing just two walks to secure the save.

Offensively, Schultz (single, BB), Holohan (2-5, SB, 2 R), Tyler Murray (2-3, double, SF, BB, R), Cody Lunsford (BB, SF), Hayden Johnson (3-4), Braden Dewald (single, R), and Luke Richmond (2-4, R) had one RBI each. Jace Holt (R) and Travis Jones (BB, SB, 2 R) each singled once. Carter Hubert had a stolen base and later scored.

In game two, AJ Patrick was hit with the loss, allowing four earned runs on six hits, two hit batsmen, and eight walks, striking out three. Johnson (5 ER, 7 H, BB, SO), Miles Hoffman (3 H, SO), and Jones (H, BB) all saw relief action.

Jackson Fritz (FC) and Patrick each had one RBI. Cody Lunsford singled, whole Hoffman and Richmond each drew a walk and later scored. Johnson also walked once, with Jace Holt taking one for the team.

working the 2022 NCAA who stands out to him is Ter-Championship this year in Indianapolis. He also helps keep the game or shot clock at volleyball games, along with men's and women's basketball games. Regardless to say, there are many things that occur behind the scenes at this level for a game to be operated successfully.

Jeff Sorensen Visits GSWB Varsity Club

Home of the Tigers

Since starting at U of I in 1999, Jeff has seen many impressive athletes. He noted how hard the athletes have worked to get to this level and what they do each day to keep excelling. Jeff said the speed, size, and quickness of athletes at this level are simply amaz-Jeff also had the privilege of ing. One athlete in particular can be entertaining.

relle Pryor, who was a quarterback for Ohio State before being drafted by the Oakland Raiders in 2011.

When asked about his interactions with players and coaches, he said he does have them.

"The coaching staff is very friendly, as well as the players, all while maintaining their focus on game day," he says.

Jeff did say being so close and being able to see coaches like Matt Painter (Purdue), Tom Izzo (Michigan State), and Illinois' own Brad Underwood

Coaches: Send us your team stats! thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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Dwight, Saunemin Compete in Livingston County Meet

Tuesday, April 19 Livingston County Meet

The track teams from Dwight and Saunemin traveled to Pontiac April 19 to take part in the Livingston County Meet.

Dwight's seventh and eighth grade boys took first and third, respectively, while Saunemin's squad took fifth and fourth, respectively.

The Lady Redbirds' seventh and eighth grade teams placed second and third, respectively, with the Lady Eagles coming in at seventh and fourth, respectively.

Individual results are as follows:

Dwight

- 7th Grade Boys -
- 100: Logan Pakula, 10th, 16.1 (PR); Landon Hoffner, 12th, 17.2 (PR).
- 200: Caleb Peters, 9th, 34.4 (PR); Cason Johnson, 10th, 34.7 (PR).
- 400: Collin Bachand, 1st, 1:03.8 (PR); Frank Digilio, 7th, 1:15.9 (PR).
- 800: Joey Farris, 1st, 2:44.4 (PR); Sawyer Kucera, 8th, 3:21.1 (PR).
- 1600: Farris, 2nd, 6:02.4 (PR); Kucera, 8th, 7:10.3 (PR).
- 100 hurdles: Digilio, 3rd, 22.3 (PR); Ty Turner, 5th, 24.2 (PR).
- 4x100: Kucera, L. Pakula, Kayden Wood, Hoffner, 3rd, 1:07.6.
- 4x200: Bachand, Johnson, Turner, Graham Meister, 3rd, 2:16.9.
- 4x400: Digilio, Axel Kargle, Honore Mwizerwa, Dalton DeLong, 3rd, 5:51.9.
- Shot Put: Meister, 1st, 40'5.5" (PR); Evan Olson, 3rd, 29'2".
- Discus: Meister, 1st, 101'10" (PR); Olson, 2nd, 98'7".
- Long Jump: Bachand, 1st, 16'2" (PR); Farris, 9th, 11'11" (PR).
- 8th Grade Boys -
- 100: Joey Starks, 2nd, 13.0 (PR); Asher Kargle, 10th, 15.0 (PR).
- 200: Starks, 3rd, 26.9 (PR); As. Kargle, 8th,

31.6 (PR).

- 400: Mwizerwa, 6th, 1:19.7 (PR); Ax. Kargle, 8th, 1:25.8 (PR).
- 800: Mikey Groves, 6th, 3:31.4 (PR); Turner, 7th, 3:50.4 (PR).
- 1600: Ax. Kargle, 6th, 7:10.3 (PR); Groves, 7th, 7:15.0 (PR).
 - 110 hurdles: Ameryn Wiles, 8th, 26.6 (PR). 4x100: Jason Stukel, Eli Jensen, DeLong,
- Wiles, 6th, 1:08.8. 4x200: Peyton Oswald, Kayden Conroy,
- Anson Lucas, Logan Bovelle, 2nd, 2:48.4.
- 4x400: Bachand, Pakula, As. Kargle, Starks, 2nd, 4:57.3.
- Shot Put: Ethan Pakula, 4th, 30'2.75" (PR); Walter Bradley, 8th, 24'2.75" (PR).
- Discus: E. Pakula, 1st, 95'2" (PR); Stukel, 6th, 71'0".
- Long Jump: Starks, 6th, 14'5" (PR); E. 6:11.7. Pakula, 12th, 11'3" (PR).
- 7th Grade Girls -
- 100: Delaney Boucher, 3rd, 14.8 (PR); Claire Sandeno, 8th, 16.3 (PR). 200: Addison Taylor, 4th, 32.7 (PR);
- Sandeno, 11th, 35.8 (PR).
- 400: Boucher, 1st, 1:14.7 (PR); Isabel Hakey, 3rd, 1:17.4 (PR).
- 800: Mikayla Chambers, 1st, 2:38.1 (PR); Bianca Noriega, 4th, 3:20.8 (PR).
 - 1600: Chambers, 1st, 5:47.2 (PR).
- 100 hurdles: Taylor, 3rd, 20.3 (PR); Kaitlynn Todd, 5th, 22.6 (PR).
- 4x100: Kaylei Marsh, DeLana Marsh, K. Todd, Chloe Leithliter, 6th, 1:15.1.
- 4x200: Taylor, Kirsta Connor, Sandeno, Hakey, 2nd, 2:18.7.

4x400: Hakey, Connor, Boucher, Chambers, 1st, 5:17.6.

- Shot Put: Cara Wilson, 9th, 16.025' (PR); Kailyn Haggard, 10th, 14'10" (PR).
- Discus: Wilson, 6th, 48'3.5" (PR); Haggard, 9th, 41'1.5" (PR).
 - High Jump: D. Marsh, 1st, 4'2" (PR).

Long Jump: Taylor, 4th, 11'6" (PR); Boucher, 8th Grade -6th, 10'10.5" 8th Grade Girls -

- 100: Ella Payne, 13th, 16.4 (PR); Leithliter, Doughan, 7th, 1:23.7. 14th, 19.1 (PR).
- 200: Leithliter, 7th, 34.0 (PR); Payne, 10th, 35.7 (PR).
- 400: Connor, 2nd, 1:24.1 (PR); Gracie Shireman, 5th, 1:35.4 (PR).
- 800: Sarah Parker, 2nd, 2:59.4 (PR); Indira Bradley, 6th, 4:02.4 (PR).
- 1600: Parker, 1st, 6:33.0 (PR); Brooklynn Todd, 4th, 7:30.5 (PR).
- 100 hurdles: K. Marsh, 6th, 36.4 (PR); June Wood, 7th, 38.0 (PR).
- 4x200: Shireman, Payne, Aleah Johnson, Elizabeth Hansen, 3rd, 2:35.1.
- 4x400: Parker, Wood, Bradley, B. Todd, 2nd,
- Shot Put: Maya Lemke, 4th, 17'8" (PR); Emma Anderson, 7th, 14'0.25" (PR).
- Discus: Lemke, 8th, 27'6.5" (PR); Anderson, 9th, 24'1.5" (PR).
- Long Jump: Connor, 12th, 9'9.5" (PR). Saunemin

7th Grade Boys -

- 100: Hunter Paulsen, 6th, 14.9 (PR); Kahner
- O'Neill, 13th, 17.3 (PR). 200: Noah NegRay, 6th, 31.8; Michael Josefik, 12th, 36.1 (PR).
- 800: NegRay, 7th, 3:04.6 (PR); Luke Josefik, 9th, 3:42.3 (PR).
- 1600: Kaiden Holt-Hendershott, 9th, 7:56.9; L. Josefik, 10th, 8:04.5 (PR).
- 110 hurdles: Joe Duffy, 1st, 19.5 (PR); M. Josefik, 6th, 24.6 (PR).
- Shot Put: Carter Doughan, 8th, 16'7.25" (PR).
- Discus: Coe Peters, 9th, 51'2.5" (PR); L. Josefik, 11th, 36'7" (PR).
- High Jump: Joe Duffy, 1st, 4'5" (PR).

Long Jump: Paulsen, 7th, 12'7" (PR); Holt-Hendershott, 11th, 10'5" (PR).

110 hurdles: Ramsey, 5th, 22.2 (PR); Paulsen, 6th, 22.4 (PR). 4x100: Wolf, Zack Legner, Ramsey, Duffy, 5th, 59.4. Shot Put: Legner, 2nd, 32'3" (PR); N. Doughan, 7th, 25'10.5". Discus: Legner, 3rd, 75'10" (PR); N. Doughan, 9th, 60'10" (PR). High Jump: Wolf, 5th, 4'0". Long Jump: Duffy, 5th, 14'9.5" (PR); Wolf, 13th, 9'11" (PR). 7th Grade Girls -100: Angelyn Lee, 12th, 17.4 (PR); Keirra Meier, 13th, 17.5 (PR). 200: Meier, 13th, 38.3 (PR); Nevaeh Lee, 14th, 38.5 (PR). Shot Put: Alora Washington, 6th, 17'8.25" (PR); Meier, 7th, 16'7.25". Discus: Jacey Ralston, 5th, 50'1.5" (PR).

100: Graham Wolf, 6th, 14.1 (PR).

1600: M. Josefik, 8th, 7:25.1.

400: Drayden Ramsey, 5th, 1:15.0; Nicholas

- Long Jump: A. Lee, 10th, 9'9" (PR). 8th Grade Girls -
- 100: Layne Heffelfinger, 4th, 14.5 (PR); Bailee Burger, 9th, 16.1 (PR).
- 200: Burger, 8th, 34.1 (PR).

4x100: Burger, Meier, A. Lee, Heffelfinger, 4th, 1:07.3.

- Shot Put: Burger, 1st, 19'6.25"; Addison Hall, 2nd, 18'0" (PR).
 - Discus: Hall, 2nd, 54'2" (PR).

Long Jump: Heffelfinger, 5th, 12'3" (PR); Izabella Woods, 13th, 9'1" (PR).

"We are so proud of all of our athletes," said coach Kara Stork. "We had several athletes step up to compete in events they would not normally run in and we had fifth graders running against eighth graders. The commitment that these boys have is what makes these meets possible. Way to go, guys!"

Consumer Confidence Report

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

CAMPUS

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by CAMPUS is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

| Name | Brad Kingma | |
|------|--------------|--|
| | 815-791-9184 | |

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and pottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can

Source of Drinking Water

pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water

include: - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and pacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including nthetic and volatile organic chemicals

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to

drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the

by public water systems. FDA regulations establish

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants

amount of certain contaminants in water provided

limits for contaminants in bottled water which

in drinking water than the general population.

infants can be particularly at risk from

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with

cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS

or other immune system disorders, some elderly and

infections. These people should seek advice about

drinking water from their health care providers.

must provide the same protection for public

health.

| Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. | synchetic and volatile orga by-products of industrial p production, and can also co urban storm water runoff, a - Radioactive contaminant naturally-occurring or be t production and mining activ | processes and petro ome from gas statio and septic systems. is, which can be the result of oil a | leum the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). If present, elevated levels of lead can cause |
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| Source Water Information | | | |
| Source Water Name | Type of Water | Report Status | Location |
| WELL 3 (47512) | GW | | IS WEST ACROSS TRACKS FROM TANK |
| WELL 4 (01475) | GW | | 250 FT SW OF WELL 2 |
| Source Water Assessment | | | |

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at **\$15.79/-9/87**. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

Source of Water: CAMPUSTo determine Campus's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, was reviewed. Based on the information contained in this document, twp potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Campus community water supply well. One is an above ground fuel storage tank owned by Round Grove Township. The other source is inactive Well #2, which is considered a potential route of contamination. As a route, it could provide contamination a direct conduit into the aquifers used by the village wells. The Illinois EPA has determined that the Campus wells are susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the well; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; the presence of potential routes of contamination; and the available hydrogeologic data for the well.

2021

Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

| Lead and Copper | Date Sampled | MCLG | Action Level (AL) | 90th Percentile | # Sites Over AL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination |
|-----------------|--------------|------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|---|
| Copper | 08/14/2019 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.731 | 0 | ppm | N | Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems. |

TRI-POINT CHARGERS TRACK AND FIELD

Tuesday, April 19 Tri-Point at

Livingston County Meet The Chargers competed in Pontiac April 19 at the Livingston County Meet. Individual results are as follows: Bovs -

Jose Amador: 800, 3rd, 2:13.

Mihreteab Gilleland: 3200, 2nd, 11:23.

4x800: Gilleland, Franky Barriga, Anthony Harrell, Amador, 1st, 9:46. Co-Ed -

Throwers 4x100: Tabitha JaBaay, Brendan Likes, Kasi Hughes, Ayden McNeill, 2nd, 57.7. 4x400: Rosmond Prisock, Gilleland, Katelyn Poe,

Amador, 3rd, 4:31. Girls -Mikaayla English: Triple Jump, 1st, 26'10". Poe: 800, 2nd, 2:52.

Prisock: 400, 2nd, 1:14. Lainey Bertrand: 300 hurdles, 3rd, 57.34. 4x200: Bertrand, Hughes,

Poe, Alli Schuette, 3rd, 2:12.

News You Can Use From Nicor Gas

Nicor Gas is offering the following services, reminders, and tips:

Call 811 Before Ya Dig

Last year, Nicor Gas partnered with Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter Chauncey Black of Blackstreet to launch the "No Diggity" Safe Digging Campaign to emphasize the importance of calling 811 before starting any outdoor digging project.

Watch now at: youtube.com/ watch?v=UrBNPiwMymA. **Budget Billing**

Create consistency with the seasonal highs and lows of your natural gas bill by enrolling in their Budget Plan. Enhance your convenience by also enrolling in Auto-Pay and paperless billing.

Enroll now at: nicorgas.com/ residential/billingandpayment options/paymentoptions.html.

Fueling Businesses to Fuel Equity As part of Southern Company

Gas' Fueling Businesses to Fuel Equity series, Nicor Gas surprised one local minority-owned business

owner with a grant to show their appreciation for the impact they are making in their local community.

Meet Chefs Ora and Matrell Wardlow of Cafe 322 Urban Bistro, where passion and love are their main ingredients. They shared their story and in return, Nicor surprised them with \$10,000 to help fuel their dreams of opening up a brickand-mortar restaurant.

Meet the Chefs at: southern companygas.com/fuelingequity/ cafe322/.

Go Green, Save Green

Spring is here and April is officially Earth Month. The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program offers many ways to save money and energy year-round. See what improvements you can make in your home to start saving today. Save today at: nicorgas.com/

savegreen.

ICPHD Offering Emergency Senior Services Program

The Senior Services team at the 14.6% state average. the Iroquois County Public Health Department is dedicated to serving citizens, age 60 or older, by providing a number of services that facilitate healthy living. Along with the Community Care Program, ICPHD is able to assist seniors through the Emergency Senior Services Program. These programs are essential to Iroquois County due to the increase in the aging population. According to the Iroquois County Community Health Improvement Plan, 21.1% of the population of Iroquois County is age 65 and older, considerably higher than

tance.

800-252-8966.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Event in Streator May 7

cabinet by taking part in a Prescription Drug Take-Back Event slated for Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, via drive-thru disposal at Streator City Park, in the 200 block of North Park Street.

Did you know that 53% of opiates are given by, bought from, or taken from a friend or relative? Help protect our communities by cleaning out your medicine cabinet.

Drop off your unwanted or

Clean out your medicine expired prescriptions, overthe-counter drugs and syringes in a safe sealed container. Labels on the packages need to either be removed or personal information should be blacked out. Medications that are flushed down the toilet or thrown away can contaminate water supplies and the environment.

The Emergency Senior

Services Program is available

to all Iroquois County residents

age 60 or older who may be in

need. Eligible individuals in

need of essential care items,

such as food, medical supplies,

or personal hygiene products

may be able to receive assis-

this program or how you, or

someone you know, may re-

ceive services, call the ICPHD

at 815-432-2483. You can also

call the Illinois Department of

Aging's senior helpline at 1-

For more information on

Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

Home delivery Monday - Friday 60 and up homebound-Must make

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Wed., Apr. 27: Sub sandcucumber wich, salad, overnight fruit salad, bun.

Thurs., Apr. 28: Ham & beans, coleslaw, cantaloupe, apple slices, corn bread.

Fri., Apr. 29: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies, apricots, whole grain wheat.

Mon., May 2: Beef ravioli w/meat sauce, Italian green beans, buttered carrots, pineapple, dinner roll.

Tues., May 3: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California veggie blend, peaches, whole grain wheat.

Wed., May 4: Saucy ham loaf, sweet potatoes, Nantuckeet veggies, applesauce, whole grain wheat.

Thurs., May 5: Sloppy Joe sandwich, baked beans, broccoli, pears, bun.

> Milk served each day. For reservation, call: 1-800-543-1770.

May Is Mental Health Awareness Month.

Dwight Peace Meals

Your mental health is essential to your overall health.



Water Quality Test Results

| Definitions: | The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. |
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| Avg: | Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. |
| Level 1 Assessment: | A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. |
| Level 2 Assessment: | A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. |
| Maximum Contaminant Level or M | ICL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. |
| Maximum Contaminant Level Goal | or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. |
| Maximum residual disinfectant MRDL: | level or The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. |
| Maximum residual disinfectant goal or MRDLG: | level The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. |
| na: | not applicable. |
| mrem: | millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body) |
| ppb: | micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. |
| ppm: | milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. |

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Treatment Technique or TT:

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

| Disinfectants and Disinfection By- Products | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|-----------|--|
| Chlorine | 12/31/2021 | 1.8 | 1.06 - 2.2 | MRDLG = 4 | MRDL = 4 | mdd | N | Water additive used to control microbes. |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) | 2021 | 6 | 5.74 - 5.74 | No goal for the total | 60 | ppb | N | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) | 2021 | 9 | 9.3 - 9.3 | No goal for the total | 80 | ppb | N | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| Inorganic Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination |
| Arsenic | 2021 | 0.745 | 0.745 - 0.745 | 0 | 10 | ppb | N | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes. |
| Barium | 2021 | 0.14 | 0.14 - 0.14 | 2 | 2 | ppm | N | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Chromium | 2021 | 0.82 | 0.82 - 0.82 | 100 | 100 | ppb | N | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Fluoride | 2021 | 0.602 | 0.602 - 0.602 | 4 | 4.0 | ppm | N | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Iron | 2021 | 0.675 | 0.675 - 0.675 | | 1.0 | ppm | N | This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Manganese | 2021 | 31.2 | 31.2 - 31.2 | 150 | 150 | ppb | N | This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] | 2021 | 0.05 | 0.05 - 0.05 | 10 | 10 | ppm | N | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] | 2021 | 0.025 | 0.025 - 0.025 | 1 | 1 | ppm | N | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Selenium | 2021 | 2.6 | 2.6 - 2.6 | 50 | 50 | ppb | N | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines. |
| Sodium | 2021 | 146 | 146 - 146 | | | ppm | N | Erosion from naturally occuring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration. |
| Radioactive Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination |
| Combined Radium 226/228 | 08/02/2018 | 0.862 | 0.862 - 0.862 | 0 | 5 | pCi/L | N | Erosion of natural deposits. |

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Essential Road Trip Packing Checklist

The open road beckons millions of motorists upon the arrival of warm weather. In advance of the season's first road trip, drivers tune up their engines and plan their itineraries for the adventures that lie ahead.

While it may be tempting to get behind the wheel and see where the road takes you, those who have been around the block - or highway - a few times likely know that road trip planning involves careful packing for the voyage ahead. Bringing the right items along can go a long way toward ensuring a trip is enjoyable and runs smoothly. This list of musthaves can get anyone started on the road trip ahead.

• Proper paperwork: Don't forget to bring along a driver's license, vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and your rental car agreement if you are renting a car. In certain instances, you may need proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or a negative COVID test. Double-check that you have it all before leaving.

• Vehicle manual: Even the most well-maintained car may suffer a breakdown on the road. Bring along the vehicle manual, which can help you diagnose minor problems. Keep your roadside assistance membership card at the ready in the event you need extra help. • America the Beautiful Pass: If you plan to visit various national parks across America, an investment in the America the Beautiful Pass for \$80 provides access to the pass holder and three other adults to more than 2,000 recreation areas managed by five federal agencies. It's available by visiting store.usgs.gov/pass/index. html.

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 Important phone numbers: Bring a written list of important phone numbers in case your phone dies or gets lost.

• Cash: Credit and debit cards are a reliable form of payment, but cash is king. Having cash on hand is a smart move in the event bank cards get lost. Cash also is especially useful when patronizing smaller establishments that might not take credit.

• Roadside emergency kit: Keep a tire changing kit, flares, tools, jumper cables, duct tape, and work gloves in the vehicle for emergencies

• GPS and maps: GPS systems on phones and other devices provide step-by-step directions and can alert to traffic jams. But GPS can be compromised in areas where cellular or satellite service is inter-



rupted by mountain ranges or buildings. The Maps.Me app enables you to download detailed maps that can be accessed while offline. Paper maps can serve as backups as well.

Entertainment: Long road trips are full of opportunities to visit roadside attractions. For the times when the highway is a long stretch of nothing new, bring along movies, music, books, handheld games, and even trivia or mind

puzzles to pass the time.

• Cooler with refreshments: Dining out is a great way to sample local cuisine from various regions of the country. But having snacks at the ready can save time and money

The list of road trip essentials continues, but this is a good start. The list can be customized based on drivers' interests and their destinations

How to Maintain an Older Vehicle

New cars have been costly for quite some time, but those costs have spiked considerably since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. That unprecedented rise has led many motorists to wonder how they can get more mileage out of

their existing vehicles. According to data from Kelley Blue Book and Cox Automotive, the average cost of a new car in September 2021 was just over \$45,000. That marked a \$3,000 increase from June 2021 and a \$5,000 increase from the end of 2020.

Drivers who can't afford to keep up with the rising cost of new vehicles can take these steps to keep their existing cars running smoothly for years to come.

• Take care of the timing belt. Engines may get all the glory, but they cannot run smoothly without a fully functional timing belt. Engines need various components to do their job, and those components must do so at the right time for the engine to run smoothly. Fully functional timing belts help to synchronize movements, but belts must be replaced every so often. Owner's manuals may note when to replace the timing belt, but they generally must be replaced every 60,000 to 105,000 miles. That's infrequent, but drivers can ask their mechanics to keep an eye on their timing belts. One issue many drivers encountered in the early months of the pandemic when people were driving less frequently was timing belts that were failing long before they reached the projected mile markers. That's because infrequent driving can hasten the demise of the timing belt. This is something for aging drivers who no longer drive a lot to keep in mind.

• Take care of the brakes and associated components. The experts at Popular Mechanics urge drivers of older vehicles to replace their brake fluid every two years. Popular Mechanics also advises drivers whose cars are more than seven years old to replace the rubber brake lines when major brake work is required.

• Pay attention to oil levels. The older engines get, the more oil they're going to burn. So drivers of older vehicles should check their oil levels more often than they would if their vehicles were brand new. This also is a great way to discover leaks before they lead to potentially significant issues.

Don't skip maintenance appointments. Even if you're still driving less due to the pandemic, it's best not to skip recommended



maintenance intervals. That's true for drivers of all cars, but especially those whose vehicles are aging. Routine tune-ups and oil changes, which may need to become more frequent the older the vehicle gets, can keep cars running smoothly and protect the engine over the long haul.

The rising cost of new cars is compelling millions of drivers to keep their cars longer than they might have anticipated. Some simple maintenance measures can help those cars run strong for years to come.



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2nd Shift Janitor Wanted

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th day of April, 2022, the Board of Education (the "Board") of Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois (the "District"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 258 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 8th day of November, 2022. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

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

DATED this 20th day of April, 2022.

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

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

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