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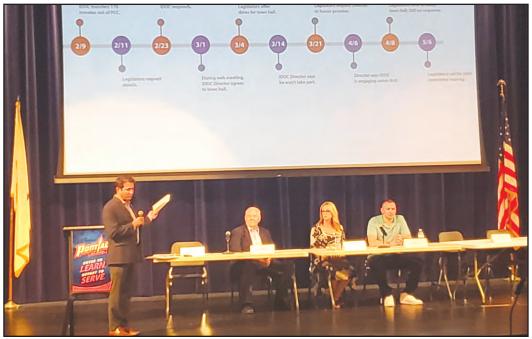
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## Senator Barickman Speaks at Town Hall Meeting

Questions Have Not Been Answered Surrounding Pontiac Prison



STATE SENATOR JASON BARICKMAN, Pontiac Mayor Bill Alvey, Livingston County Executive Commitee Chairwomen Kathy Arbogast, and AFSCME Local 494 President William Lee spoke at the Town Hall Meeting on May 10 at the Pontiac High School to discuss what has been going on with the Pontiac Correctional Center. The panel answered questions and discussed the prisoner transfers and the new work environment at the prison. Illinois Department of Corrections Director Rob Jeffreys was invited but wasn't present.

by Brandon LaChance

Pontiac or paid attention to any nois Department of Corrections Meeting at the Pontiac High media outlet covering the city of Pontiac, you've either seen the "Save Pontiac Prison" signs or have heard about the Pontiac Correctional Center prisoner transfer that moved 171 inmates out of the prison causing people to question whether or not the state was trying to close the facility.

As soon as the transfer on prisoners out of Pontiac's Medium Security Unit, State

and the state of Illinois of why it happened and why wasn't anyone notified including members of Illinois Government, the Pontiac Correctional Center, and the union, American Federation of State, Country, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

On May 10, Barickman, Pontiac Mayor Bill Alvey, Liv-February 9 moved all of the ingston County's Executive Committee Chairwoman Kathy Arbogast, and AFSCME Local

Senator Jason Barickman and 494 President William Lee ad-State Representative Tom Ben- dressed all the issues surround-If you've driven through nett had questions for the Illi- ing the prison at a Town Hall

School. Bennett couldn't attend because he tested positive for Covid-19 twice in the previous week, but the meeting did open with a video of Bennett addressing the matter and the community. He said he was going to do everything he could to find answers from IDOC and fight for the Pontiac prison to stay open because he knows how much it means to the city

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WES LEHMAN, of Feather Prairie Farm, holds one of the pheasants he raises.

## A Hunter's Paradise **Feather Prairie Farm Offers** Pheasants, Dog Training

by Brandon LaChance

There is a lot of chirping. There are a lot of birds, actually pheasants.

Wes Lehman, born and raised in Dwight and a Dwight Township High School 2011 graduate, has heard the chirps non-stop for 14 years as he it was a pretty good idea bestarted Feather Prairie Farm for cause I love to pheasant hunt. pheasants in 2008.

"I got into farming through FFA at school. All of my friends farmed and I didn't have a farm," Lehman said. "One of my teachers asked, 'Why don't you raise pheasants?' I thought

They just weren't around whether it was because of loss of habitat or predators.

"Everyone talked about the glory days when you could get your limit of pheasants walking (continued on page 4)

## New Clerk Hired, Smokeout a Success

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met Monday May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Public Services Com-

Mayor Paul Johnson gave recognition to Rodney Connor and his team of volunteers for a successful and enjoyable Route 66 Smoke Out Competition. The Dwight Economic Alliance was also commended for an outstanding weekend of events in conjunction with the Red Carpet Corridor event.

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara informed the Board that over 500 visitors signed the registry book at Ambler Texaco Station during the Red Carpet Corridor weekend.

EMS Director Michael Callahan reported that one parttime paramedic resigned and a second was let go because they couldn't meet all eligibility requirements.

Chief of Police Mike Nolan let the Board know that there were no calls received for the downtown area during the Smoke Out weekend. He also said the department is still working on the recent break-in incident at Old World Liquors and that two recent new officer hires are preparing for entry into the next academy class.

Robert W. Stevenson pool will be ready to open on Memorial Day.

In Old Business, it was reported progress is being made on the installation of the downtown street lights and it is hoped they will be in operation by month's end.

The Board approved a sound amplification permit for a block party at 314 West South Street on May 20 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Melissa O'Brien was approved to be hired as the Utility Billing Clerk and Secretary at an annual compensation of \$36,080.

There were no Public Forum comments.

Trustees present were Randy Irvin, Marla Kinkade, and Chuck Butterbrodt. Absent were Pete Meister and Justin Eggenberger. The next regular Village Board meeting will be May 23.



NOAH DAVIS OF BLACKSTONE won the honor of being Principal for the Day at St. Paul School's spring auction. Noah, a seventh grader, performed many principal duties during his big day, including reading a story to the Pre-K and Kindergarten students.









#### FOR THE RECORD

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

May 5: Hayden M. Owen, 21, Plainwell, MI, driving 11-14 MPH above limit; Siemeng M. Zhang, 31, Bloomington. driving 15-20 MPH above

May 9: Savione Sanders, 26, Dwight, domestic battery, interference with reporting of domestic violence.

May 10: David A. Guzman, 24, Elgin, battery.

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

#### 10 Written Warnings

Speeding – 4; Only One Headlight – 2; Defective Backup Lights – 1; Disobey Stop Sign – 1; Fail to Change Address – 1; Only One Red Taillight -1.

> **Police Blotter** No activity reported.

#### Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 5: North, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris: Union, trauma, St. James; Spencer, medical, Morris, intercept from Morris EMS.

May 6: Scott, trauma, refusal; Scott, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Scott, trauma, refusal.

May 7: Susan, medical, Morris; John, trauma, refusal; Northbrook, assist; Bannon, trauma, refusal; Bannon, assist.

May 8: Mazon, assist; I-55, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, Morris.

May 9: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; James, trauma, re-

May 10: Seminole, medical, Riverside; Northbrook, trauma, refusal; Susan, medical, St. James; Waupansie, trauma, Morris; 3200N Rd., fire, mutual aid from Gardner; John, trauma, refusal.

May 11: S. West St., trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Odell. May 12: 2400N Rd., medical, St. Mary's, mutual aid to Emington.

## **Mobile Food Pantry** in South Wilmington May 23

On Monday, May 23, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine).

Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people

<u>Dates</u>

Participants are asked to stay in their cars. The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute prepacked groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information, catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

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### Temps - 2022

May 5 – high 56°, low 47° .40" precip. May  $6 - \text{high } 54^{\circ}, \text{low } 45^{\circ}$ 

.12" precip. May 7 - high 68°, low 41° May 8 - high 68°, low 47° May 9 - high 83°, low 55°

May 10 - high 90°, low 68° May 11 – high 95°, low 68° One Year Ago-May 18, 2021

high 70°, low 52° .19" precip.



### **Dwight Fire Incidents** 5/6 - 5/13

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

May 7: Citizens Assist – E. Northbrook Dr.

May 10: Grass Fire - rural Dwight.

May 11: Carbon Monoxide Incident x2 – Philmar St.

May 12: Mutual Aid to Mazon – Canceled En Route.

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

## Free Food to **Be Distributed**

Gothic Church, 201 Franklin St., Dwight.

The pantry is held on the distribute food in December.

## It's History...



AN ORIGINAL AMAZON PRIME TRUCK In Dwight, Illinois.

## Vermilion Valley ETSB Meetings May 18 in Pontiac

A meeting of the Vermilion Valley ETSB Finance Commit-Valley Regional Emergency Communications Joint Authority will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Public Safety Complex, 911 Training Room (downstairs), 844 W. Lincoln St. in Pontiac.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June

15, at the same time and loca-In addition, the Vermilion tion.

same location.

School is Almost Out for the summer!

WATCH FOR **CHILDREN** 

## **May 25**

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, May 25, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall,

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

## **Suspect Arrested in Fatal** LaSalle County Hit-and-Run

tee will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 18, at the

iff's Office is investigating a hit-and-run accident that occurred on May 8 at approximately 4:12 p.m. The accident occurred on Rt. 351, south of LaSalle, near the I&M Canal entrance.

Carl J. Telford, 45, of LaSalle, was riding an electric bicycle along Rt. 351 when he was believed to have been struck by a vehicle which fled from the scene.

The suspect vehicle appears

Hours

The LaSalle County Sher- to be a late 90s white Cadillac 8 on Rt. 351, south of LaSalle, Escalade. Witnesses described the vehicle as having a yellow temporary registration plate. Pieces of the suspect vehicle's passenger side mirror were recovered at the scene as a result of the accident.

> Telford was transported to the Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru where he was then transported to OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

On May 9, Telford died as a result from the injuries he sustained.

On May 11, the investigation into the fatal hit-and-run accident that occurred on May

led LaSalle County Sheriff's Office Investigators to Streator where they located and recovered the involved 1999 Cadillac Escalade.

During the investigation, a suspect was developed and an arrest warrant later issued for Gabriel Benitez, 26, of Streator, for Failure to Report Accident/Death (Class 1 Felony).

Benitez was later arrested by LaSalle County Sheriff's Office Investigators and Deputies at a residence in Streator. Benitez was transported to the LaSalle County Jail with a bond set at \$200,000, 10% to apply. This investigation is still ongoing.

As in any case, all defendants are presume innocent until proven guilty in a court of

## **LEGAL**

#### **Notice of Pubic Hearing Budget Amendment Hearing** South Wilmington CSD#74

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois, that a tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 375 5th Avenue, South Wilmington, Illinois in this School District from and after 8:00 o'clock AM, on the 16th day of May, 2022. Notice is further given that a public hearing, on said budget will be held at 6:55 o'clock PM, on the 16th day of June, 2022, in this School District #74. Dated this 21st day of April. School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois.

Heather Buck, Secretary

#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AMENDED BUDGET FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION **AND** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Mazon-Verona-Kinsman School District 2C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, that the amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, will be on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent, 1013 North Street, Mazon, Illinois in this School District from and after 9:00 o'clock am, on the 27th day of May, 2022.

Notice is further given that at 6:45 pm a public hearing on said budget will be held prior to final action hereon at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman School District 2C at 7:00 o'clock pm, on Monday, June 27, 2022, at the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Middle School Library, 1013 North Street, Mazon, Illinois.

Board of Education of Mazon-Verona-Kinsman ESD 2C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois.

Keith Pfeifer **Board Secretary** 

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EARLY VOTING, VOTE BY MAIL, and GRACE REGISTRATION DATES General Primary Election - June 28, 2022

Early Voting, Vote by Mail, and Grace Period Registration and Voting is conducted in the County Clerk's Office on the following dates prior to the June 28, General Primary Election. Regular Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, May 31. (Office is Closed May 30 for Memorial Day Observed and June 20 for Juneteenth Independence Day Observed)

**MONDAY-FRIDAY** Livingston County Clerk's Office 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM 112 W Madison St - Pontiac May 19-June 27 **SATURDAY** Livingston County Clerk's Office 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON 112 W Madison St - Pontiac June 11, 18, 25 WEDNESDAY Livingston County Clerk's Office 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM 112 W Madison St - Pontiac June 22 (Extended Hours Voting) TUESDAY Livingston County Clerk's Office 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM June 28 ELECTION DAY 112 W Madison St – Pontiac

Location

What is Early Voting? Early Voting starts May 19 and ends June 27, 2022. This process allows any registered voter in Livingston County to use the above location to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Early voters must be registered Livingston County voters. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply to Early Vote.

Vote by Mail Voting: Starts Thursday, March 30 and continues through Tuesday, June 23, 2022. A person may request a Vote by Mail ballot by USPS no later than June 23 without specifying a reason. In order for the ballot to be counted, it must be postmarked no later than midnight on Election Day or be returned in person by 7 PM to the County Clerk's Office on June 28.

Grace Registration and Voting: Begins June 1 and continues through June 28. This is for new registrants and those who have transferred or moved and did not update their voter registration before May 31. Voting takes place at the same time registration is made in the County Clerk's Office. Two forms of ID are required to register to vote, one showing current name and address.

Find additional election information, as well as Applications for Ballots and Sample Ballots on the Livingston County official website at: www.livingstoncountyil.gov (Click on "County Services", "County Clerk", and "Elections").

> If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact County Clerk Kristy Masching (815-842-9313) Or Elections Deputy Gail Smythe (815-842-9318).

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## A Hunter's Paradise

## Feather Prairie Farm Offers Pheasants, Dog Training



LOTS OF PHEASANTS. Around 4,500 today, with hopes of hitting 10,000.

(continued from page 1) 200 yards with 10 guys. Now, you can walk three miles and not see one pheasant. My dad (Cris Lehman) had a buddy with an old railroad bed. After tossing around the idea, we ended up buying 25 pheasants. We jumped to 200 the next year, which saw a lot of learning curves."

Lehman raised pheasants through high school to collect FFA proficiency awards.

When he went to college for four years, his father ran the

"When I came back from school, I wanted to take it to the

next level," said Lehman, who works at Springfield Plastics. "It was just a hobby because quantity is how you make money and earn a living. The next thing you know, my wife (Andie Lehman) and I bought a farm. We're trying to double the number of pheasants every two

"Right now, we're at 4,500 and hopefully in the next 4-5 years we'll be at 10,000 birds."

Lehman compares pheasant farming to any other style of

If you have cows, you have to feed them and care for them. If you have pigs, you have

to feed them and care for them. If you have pheasants, it's

Any type of livestock is a way to earn an income.

"If you look at it by the hour, this job is 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. I make like \$2 an hour," Lehman said. "For 1,000 birds, it's roughly 10,000 pounds of feed per year. We will be around 54,000 pounds of feed this year. It's more of a hobby/career. I want it to be something that I can either pass down to my kids or make a full-time career.

"We're making enough money to stick around. It's just like farming where commodity prices go up and down. Feed prices are sky high this year. You have to find that gray area where you're still making money but it's still worth it for people to buy them. It's like women and jewelry, if our pheasants don't look good, there isn't enough meat on them, they're flighty or don't have a good tail on them, you can't sell them.

"Producing that quality bird with proper habitat and enough food-to-water ratio to where no birds are feeling cramped or having that optimal space is extremely important."

And just like any other type of farm or business, there are issues, times of despair, and aches and pains.

'There have been a lot of struggles with dead birds and predators getting into the pen. The ice storm on Jan. 1, 2020 dropped our top net and we lost 200 out of 1,000 pheasants, which cost me \$2,000. Essentially, every 1,000 birds need an entire summer of building whether that's hens, water, or breeding space," Lehman said. "It's really just another batch of work. It does take quite a bit of ground. We acquired a pasture

along with the house. "A lot of our customers only want male pheasants, cocks, so we needed a way to get rid of the hens. My wife is a dog trainer and I work with Solid Foundation Gundogs out of Mazon. When I have all of the leftover hens, I've actually turned that pasture into a training ground where guys can come and run a simulated hunt to train new dogs or brush the rust off of their old dogs."

To have the birds ready for the training ground or to sell to hunt clubs, novices who simply want a pet pheasant or dog trainers, it has been a full-family effort.

Cris helps farm the birds every day. Andie is a part of the farm even though she has a full-time job and other responsibilities. Wes' mother, Sue Lehman, is what her son calls the Johnny on the spot for cleanliness and does a lot of the running when the farm needs something.

As Feather Prairie Farm expands, it may take more work or more issues may arise.

The Lehman family will be up for any pheasantly chal-

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**Saunemin Legion Memorial Day Service May 30** The Saunemin American Le-

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Saunemin Community Center, gion will conduct Memorial located on North Street.

Day Services Monday, May 30, The Legion Auxiliary will be at Sunny Slope Cemetery, behosting a gathering with reginning at 9:30 a.m. The cemetery is located on IL State Rt. 116 on the west

edge of Saunemin. In case of inclement weather, services will be conducted at the

freshments at the Community Center following the service. The service, memorializing deceased veterans, is held annu-

ally by the Saunemin Legion

## Memorial Day Agenda at Dwight VFW May 30

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A Memorial Day service is • Closing Prayer - Don Scott, set for 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 30, at the Dwight VFW,

- with the following agenda: • Welcome - Gary Gillespie,
- Commander VFW • Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Prayer Don Scott, VFW Chaplain

• Operation SOS - Carol Dippon/VFW Auxiliary

- VFW Chaplain
- Captain of the Guard Post the Colors Guard
- 21-Gun Salute Dwight American Legion and VFW Honor Guard
- Taps Jim Piotrowski
- Music by DTHS, Conducted by Eric Hall, Band Director
- Veterans' Complimentary

## OSF Saint James Receives 'A' for Patient Safety

New Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades have been announced by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization for patient safety. OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center achieves an 'A' rating, placing it among the safest hospitals in the country.

"It is great to see our efforts recognized in this way, but I'm not surprised," said Brad Sol-

berg, hospital president. "Providing the highest level of care has always been our focus and our staff does a fantastic job."

Developed under the guidance of a national expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses more than 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to almost 3,000 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year.

## FFA Chapters Get a Boost Thanks to Senator Joyce

Future Farmers of America The funds collected from the dischapters across Illinois will soon see more financial assistance thanks to grants that would be paid out through the Future Farmers of America Fund created through legislation sponsored by State Senator

"As a lifetime FFA member myself, I am proud to champion legislation that has full support across the board," said Joyce (D-Essex). "FFA taught me so many valuable lessons that I still hold and apply to my life as a farmer and state senator – and I want to provide those same opportunities for other students across our state."

House Bill 5400 also allows the Secretary of State to issue FFA universal specialty license plates.

tribution of the decals will then go into the FFA Fund. Anyone can apply for and be issued one of the plates for an additional fee to their standard vehicle registration fee. For the original issuance, \$10 will go to the FFA Fund, and for renewals, \$23 will go to the fund.

"Illinois FFA is proud of the tradition of providing thousands of Illinois students each year opportunities for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education," said Mindy Bunselmeyer, Illinois FFA Center Executive Di-

HB 5400 is now signed into law and takes effect January 1,









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 Give you feelings of control – Not knowing where your money is going can be bewildering. But when you follow a budget, you'll get a clear picture of your money movements. Consequently, you'll feel more in control of your finances - and possibly your life, too.

· Help you identify your priorities - A budget is, first of all, a practical tool that can help you manage your finances by showing what you must spend on your needs - mortgage, utilities, car payment and so on. But a good budget should also have space for your wants - which can range from mundane things, such as new clothes and entertainment, to more aspirational items, such as gifts to charitable organizations you strongly support. By having your needs and your wants in front of you, on a piece of paper or a computer screen, you can determine if you're spending too much on things that aren't important to you and not enough on those that are. Consequently, you may be able to adjust your budget in a way that allows you to put more financial weight behind your priorities.

 Save for emergencies – You never know when you'll need a major car repair or a new furnace or face a large medical bill - all of which can be true budget busters. That's why, within your monthly budget, you should designate a certain amount to an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, accessible account. To make it easier to contribute to this fund, you can set up automatic transfers from your checking or savings account into a separate, liquid, low-risk account. It's a good idea to keep at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emer-

· Help you pay down debt - By sticking to a budget, you can determine how much money you can devote to paying down your debts. And if you find opportunities within your budget to cut back on your spending, you can use the savings to reduce your debts further.

· Save for your future - Here's another important category for your monthly budget: the future. You should always try to put away some money, even if it's only a relatively small amount, to a retirement account such as an IRA. As your salary goes up, you can increase these amounts. Of course, you may already be contributing to a 401(k) or similar account where you work, but you could spend decades in retirement, so you'll want to accumulate as many resources as you can for those years. A budget is a humble-appearing document. But, as we've seen, it can play a far more meaningful role in your

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> Easy/Juvenile Am I Even a Bee? by Felicity

Muth; Anglerfish: The Seadevil of the Deep by Elaine M. Alexander; Apple Grumble by Huw Leiws Jones; Art Is Everywhere: A Book about Andy Warhol by Jeff Mack; Aru Shah and the End of Time: The Graphic Novel by Roshani Chokshi; The Bad Seed Goes to the Library by Jory John; Big Truck Little Island by Chris Van Dusen; Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-a-Lot by Dav Pilkey; Cat Kid Comic Club on Purpose by Dav Pilkey; Chasing Rainbows by Gabby Grant; Dog Says, Cat Says by Marilyn Singer; The Fairy Garden by Geordia Buckthorn; The Great Zapfino by Mac Barnett; I Love You, Blue by Barroux; I'd Like to Be the Window for a Wise Old Dog by Philip Stead; It Starts with a Bee by Jennie Webber; Mud! by Annie Bailey; Pink Is for Everybody! by Ella Russell; Reptiles by Jennifer Szymanski; The Rise (and Falls) of Jackie Chan by Kristen Mai Giang.



## Heritage Woods Dwight Recognized for Being the Best

U.S. News & World Report has recognized Heritage Woods of Dwight as being among the best in the nation for assisted living.

The affordable assisted living community is located at 701 E. Mazon Ave. in Dwight, Illinois and features 68 private apartments for older adults who need personal assistance and support services to maintain their independence.

The U.S. News designation of 2022-23 Best in Assisted Living was awarded only to the communities that earn the highest possible rating on consumer satisfaction surveys of residents and family members of residents. The surveys were administered between March 2021 and February 2022 and reflect the viewpoints of more than 200,000 residents and family members in thousands of senior living, assisted living, and memory care communities nationwide.

The community is managed by Gardant Management Solutions, Inc., which is based in

New Books at

**Piper City** 

Library

Fallen by Linda Castillo;

Killers the Killers by Bill

O'Reilly; When She Dreams by

Amanda Quick; 22 Seconds by

The Garden Group has

voted to meet the second

Wednesday of each month from

4:00pm to 5:00 pm at the Piper

Class of

2022

**Graduates** 

Piper City Library.

James Patterson.

**Garden Group** 

New books have arrived at

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Bourbonnais. More than 20 Gardant-managed communities were recognized by U.S. News with Best in Assisted Living and Best in Memory Care designations.

"We are honored that Heritage Woods of Dwight was among the communities recognized by U.S. News as being among the best in the nation," said Rod Burkett, Gardant CEO. "We are committed to our mission of enriching the lives of the residents we serve by providing them with the Love, Compassion, and Dignity they deserve in addition to the personal assistance and support services they need."

Heritage Woods of Dwight

is certified to operate through the Illinois Supportive Living program and is designed to serve adults 65 years of age and older of all incomes.

This year marked the U.S. News inaugural Best Senior Living ratings. Ratings were provided for Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care and Continuing Care Retirement Communities based on consumer satisfaction data collected from nearly 2,500 communities nationwide. For assisted living and memory care, factors that were evaluated by U.S. News included value and the quality of care, activities, management, staff, food, maintenance, and house-

Heritage Woods of Dwight was awarded a 2020 Bronze Quality Award from the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living.

For more information, call Heritage Woods of Dwight at 815-584-9280 or visit their website, hw-dwight-slf.com.

#### Father Haake of St. Patrick Church, Dwight to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

A Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ of Father Chris G. Haake will be held at Saint Patrick Church, Dwight, on Tuesday, May 24, at 5:30 p.m.

The 20th Anniversary of Ordination of Deacon George Wagner will be celebrated with a Mass on Tuesday, May 31, at Saint Patrick Church in Dwight.



Congratulations, 2022 Graduates!

## Thank you to the community for supporting our fundraising efforts during the Rt. 66 Smokeout event.

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## **Relay for Life Golf Outing** in Pontiac May 28

Life Team is holding their 17th Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life Golf Outing at Wolf Creek Golf Course in Pontiac Saturday, May 28.

Participants will enjoy 18

Grandpa's Kids Relay for holes of golf, a hamburger lunch, course contests, prizes, and a pork chop dinner after

> To sign up, sponsor a hole, or donate a prize, e-mail: grandpaskids1@gmail.com.

## Braidwood K of C Casino Night in South Wilmington May 28

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#1574 Knights of Columbus is holding a Casino Night from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Parish Hall (the corner of 2nd Ave. and Lemont St.) Saturday, May 28, with proceeds to benefit St. Lawrence Church and Refugee Relief in Ukraine.

All guests are able to win

The Braidwood Council night, with the top 10 winners taking home cash prizes.

> Ticket purchase includes unlimited food and drinks, plus some "funny money" to get you started.

Games include: Blackjack, slot machines, Texas Hold'em, Five Card Draw, and more.

Contact John Guistat at 815-593-5827 or e-mail john. "funny money" through the guistat@kofc.org for tickets.



THE GARDNER AREA BAND had a great day in Chicago at the Music in the Parks Concert Band competition. The band won the Class AA division and won the Overall Championship as the Best Band, taking home some hardware for the trophy case.



## **Herscher ALA Poppy Days May 27-28**

be held in Herscher Friday. May 27, and Saturday, May 28. Herscher America Legion Auxiliary and Legion members will and used to support veterans

The 2022 Poppy Days will be at various Herscher locations with poppies made by

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and programs that assist them. Some of these programs are Illinois Veterans Hospitals and Facilities, and Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

For more information, if you have questions, or if you would like to make a donation. contact Joyce Goodwin at 815-426-6406.

### THANK YOU

from St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Dwight, for donating, working or shopping at our annual Salvation Army Sale. Our best year yet -God Is Good!



GRACE MUND was the recipient of the Livingston Area Career Center Student of the Year Award. She received a scholarship as part of her award that she will use to further her education at Olivet Nazarene University where she will study Elementary Education. Grace is the daughter of Erick and Laura Mund of Odell.



Ross Serena

### Ross Serena Sworn in to Nebraska State Bar Assoc.

Ross M. Serena, son of Kristi Serena, West Des Moines, IA, and grandson of Mary Lou and Ray Serena, Gardner, was sworn in on April 26 to the Nebraska State Bar Association as an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nebraska and in the United States District Court of the District of Nebraska.

The ceremony was presided over by Chief Justin Heavican and Federal District Judge Rossiter of the United States District Court of Omaha.

Ross received his Juris Doctor degree from Creighton University School of Law in May of 2021. He is a litigation associate at Erickson Sederstrom, P.C. in Omaha where he resides.

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## Senator Joyce Joins President Biden at Kankakee Farm



President Joe Biden arrived in Kankakee last week to show support for American Farmers and discuss rising costs. State Senator Patrick Joyce joined in the discussions.

joined discussions on the impact of rising input costs and food supply issues – a problem that has drawn attention from President Joe Biden, who stood alongside Joyce and others at a Kankakee farm May 11.

"When you have the unique opportunity to advocate for our local communities to the President of the United States, you take it," said Joyce (D-Essex). "You know that Ag inputs and food shortages are an important issue when it has gotten the attention of our nation's top leader."

Prices of crop nutrients such as potash have skyrocketed as sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine have disrupted already tight supplies. Russia and Belarus last year ac-

State Senator Patrick Joyce counted for more than 40% of global potash exports, one of three critical nutrients used to boost crop yields.

Russia also exported 11% of the world's urea, and 48% of the ammonium nitrate. Russia and Ukraine together export 28% of fertilizers made from nitrogen and phosphorous, as well as potassium.

Fertilizer costs across the board have skyrocketed, leaving Illinois farmers to cope with these input costs.

"There's no doubt the issue abroad is devastating," Joyce said. "This is a global issue that needs our nation's full attention. The state needs to take a hard look at increasing local production of these vital resources for the Ag commu-

## Bennett Highlights Farmer Mental Health Initiatives **During Mental Health Month**

Awareness Month, State Senator Scott Bennett is reminding farmers and ranchers experiencing stress to take advantage ties. Two years later, the proof the Farm Family Resource gram then expanded to all 102 Initiative hotline.

"It's important for farmers to break the stigma of internalizing their stress and understand they can ask for help," said State Senator Scott Bennett (D-Champaign), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "The FFRI program has already proven its success over the past couple years and has given farmers the opportunity to talk about their struggles to avoid negative consequences."

Initiated through the legislative leadership of Senator Bennett, the Farm Family Resource Initiative started as a joint pilot Medicine and the Illinois Department of Agriculture in try."

The SIU School of Mediand Social Services Develop-

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Dated this 25th day of April, 2022.

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**PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 25, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston

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ASSUMED NAME

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known as Flo's on Franklin Antiques & Flowers, located at 106

In honor of Mental Health ment led the effort to build a statewide network of support and resources for Illinois farm families, starting in six councounties thanks to funding from a United States Department of Agriculture grant.

This past legislative session, Bennett secured an additional \$500,000 to ensure the program remains operational in all 102 counties through fiscal year 2023.

"In just a few short years, the FFRI has already helped many in our farming communities," said Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II. "Providing confidential access to mental health providers while also breaking down stigmas in seeking help program of SIU School of is critical for those working in our state's number one indus-

Those in need of assistance can contact the helpline, 1-833cine's Center for Rural Health FARM-SOS), 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### **OBITUARY**

### Tina Marie Hensley

Tina Marie Hensley, age 47, of South Wilmington, Illinois passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Illinois, after years of battling many health

Born July 11, 1974 in Joliet, Illinois, she graduated from Gardner-South Wilmington High School with the class of 1992.

Tina was a dog lover and was known to take in dogs if they needed love, care and shelter. She lived for her two boys and would do anything

She will be missed dearly by her family, friends, and her lovingly known, Frys.

Surviving are two children, Dallas Hensley and Trent Burton-Hensley, both of South Wilmington; partner in life, Anthony J. Becker of South Wilmington; father, Daniel L. Burton of Gardner; two sisters, Vicky (Gene) Warriner of Emington, Illinois and Tammy (Dean) Donnelly of Clermont,

Florida; nieces and nephews: Steffanie, Cody, Robin, Jason, Kyle, and Jonathan; beloved Nonnie to Addison, Delaney, Raelynn, Kennedy, Oliver, Penny, Mia, Melanie, and Brantley; paternal grandparents, Howard and Helen Burton of

Essex. Illinois: and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother. Elaine June (nee McKune) Burton; and maternal

grandparents, Floyd and Elaine McKune. Per Tina's wishes, cremation rites were accorded and

there were no services. R. W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the family, to continue support for her two sons, would be appreciated.

For more information and to sign her online guestbook, please log on to: www.rwpatte rsonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

## **Regional Transportation** Committee Meeting Notice – Region 3

The Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) - Region 3 - Transportation Committee (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam Counties) will be held Friday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m. at Mendota Moose Lodge, 211 East 12th Street, Mendota.

Individuals with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend, especially human service organizations serving individuals who use public transportation. If you would like further information, contact info@ncicg.org or call 815-433-5830.

The Regional Transportation Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has formed an agreement with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) for the purof preparing, implementing, and updating the plan for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Davies, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) and Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam Counties). For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Katie Henson at 815-

#### Letters to the Editor

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

Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household.

Political letters will not run the week prior to an election. We welcome your thoughts.



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Kristy A. Masching Livingston County Clerk





## No Hitter

The Cincinnati Reds are not good at baseball. That's probably generous wording of that sentence. They're very bad at baseball. I was moderately emotionally invested in their game over the weekend because a pitcher who is on my fantasy team was facing them.

However, the pitcher for the Reds, Hunter Greene, is quite good, routinely hits 100 mph on his fastball and has a very good wipeout slider. On this particular day over the weekend, he was good enough to take a no hitter 7.1 innings into the game against the Pirates before being removed.

He was pulled from the game in part because he had walked two people in the inning and because his pitch count had reached 117, and because this isn't 1910 and pitchers don't throw until their arm falls off. He was pulled. Probably for the best.

Things get weird(er) after this. The pitchers who came in after him also did not allow a hit to the Pittsburgh Pirates, who as fate would have it, are also not a very good baseball team.

Combined no hitters are rare, but they're becoming more commonplace because of the attention that's now paid to pitch counts and making sure pitchers are healthy for the long run and not pushing them to a pseudo in-game achievement that may not even be accomplished as a result.

However, on this day the combined no hitter didn't even get registered in the official combined no hitter record book because the Reds did not win the game. The Pittsburgh Pirates ended up winning the game 1-0 without collecting a hit in the game.

It's one of those Occam's Razor things where you can't believe that it happened to the worst team in baseball, but the laws of probability and all that fun stuff say that if it were to happen, it should've happened to the Reds.

God bless any Cincinnati Reds fans, and Go, Cubs.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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We would also like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness that were sent to us after his passing. It is very appreciated and will always be remembered by us."

**Dawn Boitnott & Family** Jack Gregory Jr & Family

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of

BARBARA J. MILBAUER, Deceased.

No. 22-PR-46

### **CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of the death of BARBARA J. MILBAUER, whose place of residence at the time of her death was 112 Morgan Street, Dwight, IL 60420, and who died on January 10, 2022.

Letters of Independent Executor were issued on May 2, 2022 to JEF-FREY M. MILBAUER, and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, Mc-Clarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is May 11, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in cause No. 2022-PR-46 or with the Independent Executor or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent executor and the executor's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

> DONALD R. McCLAREY Attorney for the Independent Executor of the Estate of, BARBARA J. MILBAUER, Deceased. 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, Il 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525

cate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as All American Auto Detailing, located at 501 E. Oak St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

## Seneca Wins Back-to-Back Games Over Dwight

Monday, May 9 Seneca vs. Dwight

In a softball match-up May 9, Seneca won over Dwight, 10-0.

"Did a really nice job running the bases and putting pressure on when we could," said Lady Irish head coach Brian Holman. "Our pitchers continue to throw strikes and let our defense work. Good conference win to start a long week."

Leading Seneca at the plate was Sam Vandevelde (3-5, dou-

ble, 2 R) and Maddy Klicker Heath, and Avery Scheuer each (4-4, double, R) with two RBI each. Zoe Hougas added an RBI on a 3-4 showing, scoring twice.

Taya Roe earned the win, allowing three hits and a walk, striking out one in four innings.

The Lady Trojans' Samantha Harsh suffered the loss, giving up seven earned runs on 15 hits, a hit batter, and four walks, striking out three.

Jordan Schultz supplied a single and a double for Dwight, while Alexis Thetard, Rachel

singled once. Averi Jury and Harsh each drew one walk.

#### Tuesday, May 10 Seneca vs. Dwight

For the second day in a row, Seneca got a win over Dwight, by a score of 15-5 on May 10 -Senior Day in Seneca.

"Great effort on Senior Day," Seneca's Coach Holman said. "All six started and contributed with at least a hit or a run. For the first time in a while our pitchers didn't have their backed them up on a hot day. Clinched a share of the conference championship with the win."

Alyssa Zellers got the win in the circle, allowing two earned runs on five hits, fanning four in four innings.

Sam Vandevelde hit for the cycle in the contest, tallying five RBI on a single, two doubles, a triple, and a home run, scoring three times. Taya Roe was 2-3 with a double, one RBI, and two runs scored, followed by Maddy Klicker, who went 2-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Zellers doubled twice and scored two runs.

Averi Jury was dealt the loss, giving up 11 earned runs on 16 hits and three walks in five-plus innings.

Dwight's Jordan Schultz singled in three runs, scoring once. Alexis Thetard (2-3, HR, R) and Rachel Heath (single, R) each batted in one run. Megan Livingston singled twice and scored once. Erin Anderson doubled, with Maci Johnson singling and later scor-

## **DTHS Lady Trojans Softball**

Wednesday, May 11 Dwight vs.

Henry-Senachwine

Dwight took on Henry-Senachwine May 11 in a double-header, winning game one, 4-0, then game two, 14-0.

Samantha Harsh got the win in the first game, giving up just two hits while striking out eight in five innings.

The offense was led by Jordan Schultz (single, HBP, R), Erin Anderson (2-3, triple, R), and Rachel Heath, each with one RBI. Harsh singled once, with Averi Jury (SB) and Avery Scheuer (R) each drawing a walk. Brynn Connor scored once, with Megan Livingston getting beaned by a pitch.

The second contest was won in the circle by Jury, going five innings and allowing just two hits and fanning four.

Jury (3-4, double, 2 R) and Heath (3-4, double) led with three RBI each. Livingston (2 BB, 2 R), Schultz (single, BB, 2 R), Anderson (2-3, BB, 2 R), and Alexis Thetard (2-3, BB, 2 R) each added an RBI. Njomza

Asllani singled, walked once, and scored a run. Avery Scheuer drew a walk and later scored. Mia Buck and Maci Johnson each scored once.

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Thursday, May 12

**Dwight vs. Putnam County** The Lady Trojans picked up a 9-1 win over Putnam County May 12.

Earning the win was Samantha Harsh, allowing one earned run on eight hits and two walks, striking out two.

Alexis Thetard led at the plate, going 3-4 with two doubles, three RBI, and two runs scored. Megan Livingston (2-4, 2 R) and Rachel Heath (2 singles) added two RBI each. Averi Jury singled, stole a base, batted in a run, and scored once. Jordan Schultz (2 R) and Erin Anderson (SB) each singled twice, with Harsh hitting a double. Avery Scheuer and Maci Johnson (R) added a single each. Brynn Connor scored

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#### Wednesday, May 11 Seneca vs. Woodland

The Lady Irish were crowned Tri-County Conference champs May 11 following a 6-5 win over Woodland.

"Great game that had the feel of a regional championship," said Coach Holman. "Not our cleanest game, but the girls made plays when they had to. Zoe Hougas had a two-run home run in the fifth to get us the momentum back. Kennedy Hartwig (sac. fly) and Taya Roe (squeeze bunt) got us the

insurance we needed in the sixth."

**SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH SOFTBALL** 

Alyssa Zellers got the win, allowing two earned runs on five hits and a walk, striking out five in four innings.

Hougas (2-3, double, HR, 2 R) and Madi Mino (1-2, R) each had two RBI. Allie Arwood was 2-2 with a run scored.

#### Thursday, May 12 Seneca vs. Plano

Seneca held Plano hitless May 12, leading to a 15-0 vic-

"Clean, error-free game and good at-bats," Coach Holman

Taya Roe earned the "W", striking out five in three in-

Offensively, Alyssa Zellers (3-4, double 2 R) and Sam Vandevelde (2 doubles, 3 R) led with four RBI each. Roe added three RBI on a home run, while Zoe Hougas went 3-4 with a double, two RBI, and a run scored.

## Fighting Irish Take Two From Trojans

Monday, May 9

Seneca vs. Dwight

The Seneca Fighting Irish defeated the Dwight Trojans 10-3 on May 9.

Calvin Maierhofer got the win, allowing just two hits and striking out seven in five innings of work.

Tyler Wilkey took the loss, giving up three earned runs on 10 hits. Tyler Cox (H, HBP, 2 SO) and Dawson Carr (H, HBP, 2 SO) each pitched in re-

Austin Aldridge singled in three runs for the Irish. Matt

once. Tyler Sulzberger (single, R), Bryce Roe (single, R), Casey Clennon (2-2, double, HBP, R), and Aiden Wood (3-3, double) each knocked in one run. Paxton Giertz was 3-4 with two doubles and two runs scored. Maierhofer added a single. Brady Barla was hit by a

For Dwight, Luke Gallet went 2-2 with a double. Jacob Watchinski singled.

#### Tuesday, May 10 Seneca vs. Dwight

up another win over Dwight, this time 7-2.

Matt Cruise was credited with the win, allowing just one earned run on two hits and two walks, striking out 17. Paxton Giertz pitched in relief, giving up one hit and one walk, while tallying one strikeout.

The Trojans' Luke Gallet

Cruise added two RBI with a was hit with the loss, allowing single and a sacrifice, scoring one earned run on four hits and a walk, striking out three. Will Trainor allowed two earned runs on five hits, a hit batsman, and three walks, striking out

At the plate for the Irish, Cruise (2-4, double, 2 SB, R) and Dalton Degrush (double, HBP) led with two RBI each. Giertz (BB, 2 SB), Noah Quigley (2-3, double, BB), and Aiden Wood (2-3, R) each added an RBI. Tyler Sulzberger (SB), Kelton Coffey (R), Casey Clennon, and Calvin Maierhofer had one single each. On May 10, Seneca picked Bryce Roe (R) and Zack Sulzberger (R) both drew one

Leading Dwight was Tyler Frauli with a single, a walk, and one RBI. Jack Duffy (2 SB) and Ryan Turner each added a single, with Jack Denker (R) and Jacob Watchinski drawing one walk each.



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## SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS



GRAHAM MEISTER, Dwight Redbird, earned 1st in Shot Put at the IESA State Competition Saturday, May 14, in Peoria. All Dwight Redbird Girls and Boys competing at State did a great job. Congratulations to all of you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO Ryan Olsen and Delaney Platt, members of the Gardner-South Wilmington High School Bass Fishing Team – IHSA sectional champions!

## **Redbirds Compete at Sectional, State; Meister Crowned State Shot Put Champ**

Sectional -

On May 7, the Redbirds of Dwight were in sectional action at Seneca, posting the followstate competition:

7th Grade Girls -

1600: Mikayla Chambers, 1st, 5:48.47.

4x200: Izzy Hakey, Kit Connor, Chloe Leithliter, Delaney Boucher, 1st, 2:11.30.

400: Boucher, 1st, 1:10.41. Chambers, 800: 2:39.39.

4x400: Boucher, Connor, Hakey, Chambers, 1st, 4:56.51. 7th Grade Boys -

400: Collin Bachand, 2nd, 1:00.54.

1600: Joey Farris, 1st,

1st, 42'10" (\*new school ing results to advance them to record\*); Evan Olson, 5th,

> Discus: Evan Olson, 4th, 103'2"; Meister, 6th, 93'4".

Long jump: Bachand, 1st,

8th Grade Boys -

Discus: Ethan Pakula, 1st, Connor, Boucher, 14th. 104'4".

State -

The state competition was held in Peoria over the weekend, with the athletes competing in hot, humid weather, but Boys giving their absolute best.

Graham Meister had a throw of 43'4" in the shot put, a per-Shot put: Graham Meister, sonal best, to secure the state title in the event. Mikayla Chambers broke her school record again in the 800, running a time of 2:29.20 – good enough for fourth place. Individual results are as follows: Girls -

4x200: Leithliter, Hakey,

4x400: Boucher, Connor,

Hakey, Chambers, 12th. 400: Boucher, 17th.

1600: Chambers, 6th.

800: Chambers, 4th, 2:29.20 (\*new school record\*).

Long jump: Bachand, 3rd,

Bachand, 400: 11th, 1:00.42.

1600: Farris, 11th, 5:37.50. Discus: Meister, 4th, 109'07"; Olson, 19th, 88'01"; Pakula, 17th, 81'01".

Shot put: Meister, 1st, 43'4" (\*new PR\*).

"Coach Gettinger and I are so proud of these athletes," said Coach Kara Stork. "They put in some outstanding efforts and they all represented their school admirably. They have been an amazing group to coach this season and worked hard for their success."



800: Carter Butterbrodt, 3rd, volunteered their help and DELANEY PLATT AND GRACE OLSEN, members of the 2:18.66; Cade Croy, 6th, helped make this meet a huge Gardner-South Wilmington High School Bass Fishing Team, finished in fourth place and had the biggest bass of the tournament on May 7. This was a Reed-Custer open tournament.

#### Thursday, May 12 **Dwight at Sectional** Girls

The Lady Trojans traveled to El Paso to compete in the Class A sectional May 12. There were eight individual performances, and in five of those events the athletes recorded a personal best. Individuals results are as follows:

Discus: Ellora McCullough, 8th, 25.47 (PR); Isabella Bunting, 13th, 22.25. Shot put: Hailey Heath, 8th,

9.53; Bunting, 9th, 9.25. 100: Njomza Asllani, 9th,

14.38 (PR).

400: Asllani, 10th, 1:11.70

100 hurdles: Kassy Kodat, 9th, 56.24 (PR).

ROUTE

"That was a fantastic effort

**DTHS Trojans Track and Field** for the girls," said Coach Larry 57.78. Lane. Congratulations ladies. That was a great end to an awe-

some season. When freshmen 2:26.40 (PR). (Bunting, McCullough) make the finals (top nine) at their first sectional meet, it is a big achievement. The coaches are proud of these athletes."

Saturday, May 14 Dwight at **Tony Thorsen Invitational** 

Boys -The Trojans' track team

hosted the annual Tony Thorsen Invitational May 14. The eight squads put on a very 200: Asllani, 12th, 30.16 competitive meet, with exciting performances in all events.

> The athletes fought hard and finished a strong second place with 93 points. Individual results are as follows:

400: Tristan Larkin, 3rd,

1600: Tristan Chambers, 1st, 5:02.96 (PR); Shawn Ro-

manetto, 4th, 5:40.18 (PR). Discus: Gabe Seabert, 1st, 35.33; Sam Edwards, 4th,

32.79. Shot put: Seabert, 3rd,

11.26. Long jump: Jack Duffy, 1st,

4x800: Frank Lasser, Owen Woods, Croy, Romanetto, 1st,

4x100: Ayden Roff, Emmett Emmons, Edwards, Duffy, 2nd,

11:49.85.

4x200: Roff, Emmons, Edwards, Duffy, 2nd, 1:36.07.

4x400: Roff, Larkin, Butterbrodt, Chambers, 1st, 3:50.41. "We would like to thank all success," Coach Lane stated.

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Monday, May 9

the win.

**GSW** vs. Illinois Lutheran

GSW faced off against Illi-

nois Lutheran in double-header

action May 9, winning 23-0 in

game one, then picking up a

Game one saw Cale Halpin

(3 BB, 3 SO) and Dane Halpin

(SO) combine for a no-hitter,

with Cale being credited with

Halpin with a 4-5 showing that

included three doubles and a

single, seven RBI, and four

runs scored. Gabe McHugh had

The offense was led by D.

10-3 victory in game two.



### **GSW Lady Panthers Softball**

#### Monday, May 9 **GSW** vs. Illinois Lutheran

In a double-header with Illinois Lutheran May 9, the Lady Panthers won game one, 12-7, then fell, 18-3, in game two.

Jayden Buchanan got the "W" in the circle in the first contest, allowing five hits and nine walks, while striking out

Hannah Balcom (3-3) and Ashley Frideres (2-4), and Hannah Frescura (3-4) each had two RBI, with Makaila McDaniel adding an RBI on a 3-4 showing.

Game two saw Buchanan and freshman Balcom both having a chance on the mound after Jayden pitched a complete game one. Balcom, who recently started pitching, gave Buchanan some relief.

At the dish, Buchanan led

with a two-run triple, while walk, was hit by a pitch, and Frescura added an RBI with a 2-3 effort. McDaniel and Bella Vyce each singled.

#### Tuesday, May 10 **GSW** vs. Grant Park

On May 10, Gardner-South Wilmington won 11-8 over Grant Park.

Jayden Buchanan tossed a complete game, giving up six earned runs on eight hits and five walks, striking out seven.

Offensively, Claire Hennessy (HR, SB, R) and Buchanan (3-3, double, triple, HBP) each had two RBI. Hannah Balcom (single, HBP, R), Ashley Frideres (HBP), and Grace Olsen (single, 2 BB, SB, 2 R) added an RBI each. Addi Fair singled twice, walked once, and scored a run. Makaila

scored a run. Hannah Frescura and Katelyn Farris (SB) each walked twice and scored once.

#### Thursday, May 12 **GSW vs. Grant Park**

On May 12, the Lady Panthers lost to Grant Park, 7-4.

Jayden Buchanan was in the circle, allowing four earned runs on 10 hits and two walks, striking out six in the loss.

Makaila McDaniel (2-4, double) and Hannah Frescura (single) had one RBI each. Hannah Balcom was 3-4 with a double, a triple, a stolen base, and a run scored. Bella Vyce doubled twice and scored once. Buchanan singled, doubled, and walked once. Katelyn Farris (double, BB) and Ashley Frideres (single) scored one run McDaniel doubled, drew a each. Grace Olsen singled.



#### Monday, May 9 Herscher vs. Manteno

Herscher was hit with a tough 14-0 loss on May 9 against Manteno.

Cody Lunsford and Tyler Murray each doubled for the Tigers, with Carter Purrichio drawing a walk.

Miles Hoffman took the loss, allowing two earned runs on seven hits, a hit batter, and one walk, striking out three. Jace Holt (2 H), Brock Wenzelman (2 H, 2 BB, 2 SO), and Luke Richmond (ER, H, SO) each saw relief action.

#### Tuesday, May 10 Herscher vs. Manteno

For the second day in a row, the Tigers suffered a loss to Manteno, this time 16-5 on May 10.

Getting tagged with the loss was Tyler Murray, giving up three earned runs on three hits, a hit batsman, and three walks,

Dewald (6 ER, 6 H, 2 HBP), and AJ Patrick (3 H, BB, 2

#### Thursday, May 12 Herscher vs. Paxton-Buckley-Loda

The Tigers fell on the wrong side of a walk-off against PBL May 12, losing 17-16.

Brock Wenzelman started the game, allowing six earned runs on three hits and five walks. Braden Dewald came on in relief, giving up two earned runs on five hits and two walks, striking out three. Clay Schultz was dinged with the loss, allowing five earned runs on five hits and a walk, striking out

Tyler Murray (2-3, HR, HBP, 2 BB, 3 R), Cody Lunsford (3-5, double, BB, 4 R), and Carter Hubert (single, HBP) knocked in three runs each. Joe Holohan (2-3, 2 HBP,

tallying two strikeouts. Braden 2 R) and Travis Jones (2 singles, HBP, 2 BB, 2 R) each added two RBI. Dewald singled once, walked once, scored once, and batted in a run. Schultz walked twice and scored two runs. Jace Holt and Luke Richmond each scored once.

## Friday, May 13

The Herscher Tigers were single by Brock Wenzelman.

Joe Holohan took the loss, allowing three earned runs on four hits and two walks. Jace Holt (ER, 2 H, 3 W, 4 SO) and Tyler Murray (2 SO) each pitched in relief.

In addition to the Wenzelman hit, Clay Schultz was beaned twice, while Cody

## Thursday, May 12

## SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASEBALL

Seneca vs. Plano The Fighting Irish took a tough

loss to Plano May 12, 10-9. Austin Aldridge went three innings, giving up three earned runs on seven hits and two walks, tallying two strikeouts.

Paxton Giertz allowed four

earned runs on seven hits and a BB, 2 R), Tyler Sulzberger walk, striking out one. Calvin Maierhofer was hit with the loss, giving up one earned run on two hits and a walk.

Giertz went 4-5 at the dish, doubling once, batting in two runs, and scoring a run. Maierhofer, Matt Cruise (2-3, HR, 2

(single), and Casey Clennon (2-4) had one RBI each. Dalton Degrush was 3-4, scoring three runs. Bryce Roe doubled and walked once, while Aldridge singled. Owen Quigley and Zack Sulzberger each scored a

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

WILLIAM P. SCHAUBLE,

Deceased. Case No.: 2022PR50

#### **CLAIMS NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of WILLIAM P. SCHAUBLE who died on January 31st, 2022. At the time of his death, WILLIAM P. SCHAUBLE was a resident of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 22nd, 2022, to JESSIE SCHAUBLE, Independent Executor, whose address is 840 W. Blackhawk St., Apt. 1009, Chicago, IL 60642. Her attorney is WILLIAM J. GERBER, 210 W. Oak St., Fairbury, IL 61739, whose phone number is (815) 692-2224.

Claims may be filed on or before November 2nd, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be filed with the office of the Clerk of Livingston County Court at 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Executors, or both. If filed with the Clerk, claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Executors and to their attorney and file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

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Dated May 2, 2022

Jessie Schauble Independent Executor

By: William J. Gerber

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

## HBP) pitched in relief.

## Herscher vs. Morris

held to just one hit in their meeting with Morris May 13, a

Lunsford was hit once by a

Dwight vs.

three RBI on a 3-5 night, doubling once, singling twice, and scoring three times. Ethan Maxard (4-4, double, BB, 2 R) and Ethan Mack (3-4, double, SB, 4 R) added two RBI each. C. Halpin (2-3, SB, R) and Garrett Grant (HBP, SB, 2 R) each knocked in one run. Blake Huston, Ryan Cacello (2 R), and Kaden Grivetti (2 R) all drew one walk, with Blake Patterson getting hit twice, stealing a base, and scoring two runs. Nathan States hit into a fielder's choice and later

"It was nice to get an early lead, especially in a scheduled five inning game," said Coach Wills. "

two bags.

scored. Brody Fatlan swiped

In the second contest, McHugh earned the win, allowing one earned run on seven hits and a hit batsman, fanning four. Mack (H, BB, SO) and Ethan Maxard (H, 2 SO) each

## **GSW Panthers Baseball**

pitched in relief.

the top of the first, it was huge of our own," Coach Wills stated. "This was a nice team win. Eight different guys scored at least a run and we got a few guys some time on the

Huston led at the plate with Thursday, May 12 three RBI on a double, scoring once. Fatlan followed with an RBI single, later scoring. Maxard (double, 2 BB, 2 R) and States (single, R) had one RBI each. McHugh had a single, drew a walk, stole a base, and scored twice. D. Halpin (SB) and C. Halpin (2 SB) each walked once and scored a run. Kaden Grivetti was hit by a pitch and scored once. Mack stole two bases.

#### Tuesday, May 10 **GSW** vs. Grant Park

The Panthers continued their winning ways May 10, defeating Grant Park, 10-3.

"We played very good today," said Coach Wills. "We scored in the first five innings and, most importantly, we did not make any errors. Hopefully we have a lot more games like this one."

Bryce Handzus won it on the rubber, allowing three earned runs on eight hits, two hit batsmen, and one walk, Kaden Grivetti and Ryan Castriking out four.

Dane Halpin (single, BB, R) and Gabe McHugh (2-4, double, R) led with two RBI each.

Ethan Maxard (2 BB, R), Blake "After Lutheran scored in Huston (single), Blake Patterson (double, SB, R), Ethan that we rresponded with seven Mack (single, 2 BB, SB, 2 R), and Garrett Grant (2-3, BB, SB, 2 R) each added one RBI. Cale Halpin (BB, SB) and Kaden Grivetti (2 HBP, SB) each scored once.

## **GSW** vs. Grant Park

Gardner-South Wilmington beat Grant Park 10-2 on May 12, ending the regular season with an overall record of 15-9 and an 11-3 conference record.

"After two errors in the first, we then played a very nice game," stated Coach Wills. "Our bats came around and our pitching/defense was great. This was a nice way to finish the regular season.'

Blake Huston secured the win, allowing just one earned run on five hits, striking out six in seven innings.

Dane Halpin had three RBI on a single. Gabe McHugh (double, BB, R), Blake Patterson (2 singles, BB, SB, R), Cale Halpin (single, BB, SB, 2 R), Brody Fatlan (single, SB, R), Ethan Mack (single), and Garrett Grant (HBP) added one RBI each. Ethan Maxard singled once, walked once, and scored twice. Huston drew two walks and scored two runs. cello (R) drew one walk each. Bennett Grant swiped one base.

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In addition

partners, the Slammers are excited to welcome back Gatto's Italian Restaurant and Bar (1938 E. Lincoln Highway) and Chick-fil-A (2705 Plainfield Rd.) as other Joliet-owned business partners. While these partners do not have offerings at the stadium for fans, they are an integral part of the team that ensures the Slammers baseball players are fed after every

The Joliet-focused partnerships don't end with food. The Slammers are proud to welcome back MyGrain Brewing, located at 50 E. Jefferson St., Suite 106, for cold, signature craft beers for fans to enjoy along with their tasty food varieties.

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(continued from page 8) Saturday, May 14

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

ALISSA C. WALKER, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-17 NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendant, ALISSA C. WALKER, 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, ALISSA C. WALKER, 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 June 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 Com-

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2022.

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

## **DTHS Lady Trojans Softball**

The Lady Trojans ended the regular season falling to Ottawa Marquette in extra innings, 2-0, finishing the season with an overall record of 11-11.

Ottawa Marquette

Samantha Harsh suffered the loss, giving up one earned run on eight hits, a hit batsman,

and a walk, tallying nine strikeouts in 10 innings of work.

Offensively, Jordan Schultz and Harsh led with two singles each. Megan Livingston, Alexis Thetard, and Rachel Heath (BB) each added a single. Erin Anderson drew one

#### **Gas Prices** For This Week

The switch to the more expensive summer blend of gasoline, which usually adds seven to ten cents per gallon depending on the market, is happening now. This switchover should be complete nationwide by early June. This summer blend switch is an annual event. It is unrelated to the Biden Administration's announcement a few weeks ago to allow the higher ethanol E15 gas blend to remain on sale throughout the summer until September.

City/Village	May 16	May 9
Dwight	\$4.63	\$4.49
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Herscher	\$4.64	\$4.59
Chicago	\$5.27	\$4.86
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## Irish, Trojans Compete in **Tri County Conference Meet**

Monday, May 9 Dwight and Seneca at

**Tri County Conference Meet** On May 9, the Irish and Trojans took part in the Tri County Conference Meet at Seneca, posting the following results: **Dwight Boys** -

100: Tracer Brown, 9th,

13.25 200: Brown, 6th, 26.4 (PR);

Dylan Crouch, 10th, 27.3. 400: Tristan Larkin, 4th, 58.83; Owen Woods, 8th,

800: Carter Butterbrodt, 7th, 2:27.68; Cade Croy, 8th, 2:28.95 (SR).

1600: Tristan Chambers,

3rd, 5:08.3 (PR). 3200: Shawn Romanetto,

4th, 13:16.13. 4x100: Ayden Roff, Samuel

Edwards, Emmett Emmons, Jack Duffy, 2nd, 46.68.

4x200: Roff, Edwards, Emmons, Duffy, 1st, 1:36.98. 4x400: Duffy, Edwards, Emmons, Butterbrodt, 2nd,

3:42.4. 4x800: Emmons, Butterbrodt, Croy, Chambers, 2nd,

Shot put: Gabe Seabert, 2nd, 11.35; Landon Burkhardt, 11th,

8.61. Discus: Seabert, 2nd, 37.00;

Edwards, 5th, 31.50. Long jump: Duffy, 4th, 5.80 (PR).

**Dwight Girls -**

100: Kassy Kodat, 4th, 14.02; Njomza Asllani, 8th, 14.46 (PR).

200: Asllani, 9th, 31.2 (PR). 100 hurdles: Kodat, 2nd,

18.49. 300 hurdles: Kodat, 2nd, 54.5.

Shot put: Hailey Heath, 2nd, 10.06; Isabella Bunting, 3rd, 9.37.

Discus: Bunting, 4th, 24.83; Ellora McCullough, 5th, 24.75

Seneca Boys -

100: David Bergeson, 6th, 12.49; AJ Keedy, 7th, 12.67. wheelchair:

Doloski, 1st, 26.96 (PR). 200: Bergeson, 3rd, 24.3

(PR); A. Keedy, 5th, 25.5. 200 wheelchair: Doloski, 1st, 51.4 (PR).

400: Chris Poyner, 5th, 1:02.67 59.88; Sam Churchill, 9th, 1:03.27.

800: Poyner, 2nd, 2:09.97 (PR); Jayce Keedy, 9th,

2:31.61. 1600: Brady Danek, 4th, 5:20.6; Colin Collet, 8th, 5:57.4.

3200: B. Danek, 2nd, 11:27.13; Connor Pabian, 5th,

13:29.18. 110 hurdles: Given Siegel,

1st, 16.74; Nate Sprinkel, 4th, 18.41 (PR).

48.1 (PR); Drew Danek, 4th, 4x100: Bergeson, Sprinkel,

Churchill, John Farcus, 4th, 4x200: Bergeson, A. Keedy,

Colton Pumphrey, Farcus, 4th,

Pumphrey, Sprinkel, 4th, 4x800: D. Danek, Sebastian 6th, 8.94; Faith Baker, 9th,

Deering, J. Keedy, Collet, 5th, Shot put: Alex Bogner-Kid-

well, 3rd, 11.06; Carter Thomas, 4th, 11.05.

Discus: Thomas, 1st, 38.10; Patrick Griffin, 4th, 32.30. High jump: Siegel, 1st,

1.83; Farcus, 3rd, 1.78.

Pole vault: Churchill, 1st, 3.20 (PR); Collin Wright, 2nd, 2:44 (PR).

Long jump: Wright, 2nd, 6.02 (PR); Siegel, 3rd, 5.83.

Triple jump: Siegel, 2nd, 11.53 (SR); Asher Hamby, 4th, 10.43.

Seneca Girls -

100: Faith Deering, 2nd, 13.29 (PR); Taylor Draves, 3rd,

200: Teagan Johnson, 2nd, 29.6.

400: Clara Bruno, 2nd, (PR); Lauren Cronkrite, 7th, 1:12.74 (PR).

800: Evelyn O'Connor, 1st, 2:28.67; Gracie Steffes, 4th, 2:58.05.

1600: O'Connor, 5:45.6; Ashley Alsvig, 2nd, 5:51.5.

3200: Alsvig, 1st, 13:15.12. 100 hurdles: Caitlyn O'Boyle, 1st, 16.71; Keeli Pumphrey, 3rd, 18.75.

300 hurdles: Pumphrey, 1st,

4x100: Deering, Draves, 300 hurdles: Sprinkel, 3rd, O'Boyle, Emma Smith, 1st, 52.53

> Bruno, 4x200: Anna Draves, O'Boyle, Smith, 1st, 1:52.97.

> 4x400: Smith, C. Bruno, O'Connor, A. Bruno, 1st, 4:20.2.

4x800: C. Bruno, Natalie 4x400: B. Danek, Poyner, Misener, Steffes, Cronkrite, 2nd, 11:51.71.

Shot put: Gabi Maxwell,

Discus: Deering, 1st, 40.25; Maxwell, 3rd, 27.85.

High jump: Smith, 4th, 1.32. Pole vault: Johnson, 1st, 3.20; Addison Stiegler, 2nd,

Long jump: A. Bruno, 2nd, 5.00; Johnson, 3rd, 4.64.

Triple jump: O'Boyle, 1st, 10.05; Jolena Odum, 2nd, 9.42.



Rachel Heath

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## **SENECA TRACK AND FIELD**

#### Thursday, May 12 Seneca at Sectional

Girls -The Lady Irish hosted the Class 1A sectional May 12, posting the following individual results:

100: Faith Deering, 3rd, 13.27 (PR); Taylor Draves, 6th,

200: Draves, 2nd, 27.43 (PR); Teagan Johnson, 9th, 29.31

400: Clara Bruno, 1st, 1:01.38 (PR). 800: Evelyn O'Connor, 3rd,

2:27.68 (PR); Gracie Steffes, 5th, 2:51.13. 1600: O'Connor, 2nd, 1.42; Addison Stiegler, 8th,

5:36.51; Ashley Alsvig, 3rd, 1.22. 5:55.32. 3200: Alsvig, 3rd, 12:22.95;

Natalie Misener, 7th, 14:22.46. 100 hurdles: Caitlyn O'Boyle, 3rd, 16.19; Keeli Pumphrey, 5th, 18.85.

**Daniel Ford** 

300 hurdles: Pumphrey, 1st, 9.57 (PR).

49.40 (PR).

4x100: Deering, Emma Smith, O'Boyle, Draves, 1st,

4x200: Anna Bruno, Draves, Smith, O'Boyle, 2nd, 1:48.19.

4x400: C. Bruno, A. Bruno, Smith, O'Connor, 1st, 4:14.74. 4x800: Alsvig, O'Connor, C. Bruno, Steffes, 10:34.44.

Shot put: Gabi Maxwell, 3rd, 9.05; Faith Baker, 10th,

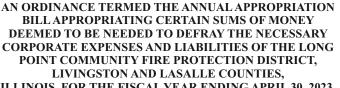
Discus: Deering, 1st, 39.05; Maxwell, 3rd, 27.90. High jump: Smith, 5th,

Pole vault: Johnson, 1st,

3.20; Stiegler, 3rd, 2.59 (PR). Long jump: A. Bruno, 2nd, 5.44; Johnson, 4th, 5.26 (PR).

Triple jump: O'Boyle, 2nd, 10.44 (PR); Jolena Odum, 5th,

Luke Gallet



ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2023. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

## SECTION ONE.

That for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$402,300.00 for the purpose of defraying the necessary corporate expenses and liabilities for said fire district, the said sums of money to be used for the following specific objects and purposes, that is to say: Amount

			Appropriated
1.	Purchase of new equipment		300,000.00
2.	Maintenance of fire station:		
	Repairs - material and labor	20,000.00	20,000.00
3.	Administration:		
	Salary of three trustees	0.00	
	Stationery, supplies and postage	600.00	
	Printing and publishing	400.00	
	Legal services	1,500.00	
	Treasurer	0.00	
	Liability/Worker's Comp. Insurance	12,000.00	
	Insurance and surety bonds for	- 300 00	
	officers and employees	2,000.00	16,500.00
4.	Maintenance and Equipment:		
	Repairs	30,000.00	
	Material and Supplies	3,000.00	
	Gasoline, oil and grease	5,000.00	38,000.00
5.	Employee physicals		3,000.00
	Heat for Fire Station		3,300.00
7.	Electricity for Fire Station		2,200.00
8.	Water Expense		1,500.00
9.	Telephone Expense		3,600.00
10	Dispatch Expense		8,000.00
11	. Travel Expense and Meals		700.00
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SECTION TWO.

2,000.00

2,500.00

1,000.00

402,300.00

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after its approval and due publication as is required by law.

Passed and approved this 10th day of May, A.D. 2022. Bill Zeilman

President of said Board of Trustees of the Long Point Community Fire Protection Dist. Attest: Dale Sass Secretary STATE OF ILLINOIS LIVINGSTON COUNTY LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE

12. Firemen's Meeting Expense

13. Firemen's Training

14.Miscellaneous

**TOTAL** 

PROTECTION DISTRICT I, Dale Sass, Secretary of said Board of Trustees of the Long Point Community Fire Protection District and ex-officio keeper of the records and seal of said Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance termed, "AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL AP-PROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY DEEMED TO BE NEEDED TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY CORPORATE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUN-TIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2023, passed by the Board of Trustees and filed with me on the 10th day of May, 2022, and thereafter duly entered on the records of said Fire Protection District; that the original of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is now on file in my office as said Fire District Secretary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Corporate Seal of said Fire Protection District, this 10th day of May A.D. Dale Sass

Secretary of said Fire Protection District

Go, Teams! Go!

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LONG POINT COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LIVINGSTON AND LASALLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS Report of the Trustees From May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

## **Money Received** Livingston County Collector (includes Mobile Home Tax) 83,879.72

LaSalle County Collector 5,901.92 Comptroller of the State of Illinois - replacement tax 13,480.30 648.04 Flanagan State Bank - interest Memorial Donations 1,800.00 Illinois American Water - Grant 1,000.00 250.00 Casey's - Grant **Total Money Received** 106,959.98

#### **Money Paid Out**

Accident Fund Insurance 1,839.00 Commonwealth Edison - electric service 848.46 6,911.00 Compass Insurance Partners - insurance Dale Sass - office supplies 164.26 Dan Beutke - supplies and training 357.06 Dean Wilhelm - office supplies 617.71 Drew Beckman - training 330.00 Evergreen FS - fuel and oil 966.19 Flanagan State Bank - lock box rent 24.00 Frontier - fire bar, alarm and station telephone service 2,083.89 Getz Fire Equipment - inspections 408.77 537.96 Illinois American Water - utilities Jason Pitte - building repair 2,950.00 Jim Edinger - plaque 191.70 Johnson & Taylor - legal fees for year ending 4/30/20 1,375.00 Livingston County Mutual Aid - dues 239.00 MES - repairs 425.00 NICOR - gas heat 1,312.16 Prairie State Tractors - equipment supplies 30.41 Quad County Fire Equipment 91,740.00 - purchase and rebuild brush trust Quad County Fire Equipment - repairs 1,212.82 Secretary of State - truck license 300.00

STATE OF ILLINOIS LIVINGSTON COUNTY : SS.

Vermilion Valley ETSB - dispatching

The Paper - publications

**Total Money Paid Out** 

U.S Postal - postage

We, Dale Sass, Bill Zeilman, and Brad Johnson, Trustees of the Long Point Community Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct statement of all moneys received and all moneys paid out by said Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022.

Bill Zeilman Dale Sass **Brad Johnson**  145.00

58.00

2,964.48

118,031.87

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, A.D.

Mary C Ludwig Notary Public



# Robert W. Stevenson ~ Memorial Pool ~

SIGN UP: You may sign up in the DTHS cafeteria.

Fri., May 20 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Sat., May 21 7:30-10:30 a.m.

## **OPENING WEEK HOURS:**

Monday, May 30 - Saturday, June 4

(members) 12:30 p.m. (non-members) 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. final whistle 8:50 p.m. Sunday, June 5

(members) 12:30 p.m. (non-members) 1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. final whistle 6:20 p.m.

#### FREE SWIM MON. - WED. MAY 30-JUNE 1

## **REGULAR HOURS:** Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat.

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7-8 A.M. ~ Monday - Friday

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LESSONS, GUPPIES & LEVELS I-VI:

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or \$5 per person, per session

MON., JUNE 6 - SAT., AUG. 13 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.

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Tuesday, May 31 - Thursday, June 30 PRACTICES: Tues., Wed., & Fri. 8:10 - 9:10 a.m. MEETS: Thursday Evenings

The Dolphin Team, Family and Friends Celebration Will Be In July. Other practices, Invitationals/Meets for July may/not be added.

### Members, \$50/person/session

AFTER two same-member-family swimmers are registered, there is a cost break for more children. Child #3, #4, #5 and so on is \$40/person/session. Non-Members \$75/person/session: no cost breaks.

Lessons are from 9:15 a.m. - 12:25 p.m., Tues. - Fri., June 7-July 15; Weather-related makeup lessons are on Saturday

SESSION I: JUNE 7 - JUNE 17

Tues. - Fri.

SESSION II: JUNE 21 - JULY 1

Tues. - Fri.

<u>SESSION III:\*</u> JULY 5 - JULY 15

Tues. - Fri.

Weather-related makeup lessons 6.11 & 6.18

Weather-related makeup lessons 6.25 & 7.2

Weather-related makeup lessons 7.9 & 7.16

\* Session III will only be scheduled ONLY AFTER Sessions I and II are filled.

#### **LESSON TIMES:**

9:15 - 10:05 LEVELS V & VI AND LEVELS III & IV 10:05-10:50 LEVELS III & IV

10:55 - 11:25 LEVEL I & I (two groups of Level I) 11:30 - 12:00 LEVEL II & II (two groups of Level II) 12:00 - 12:25 GUPPIES & GROWN-UPS

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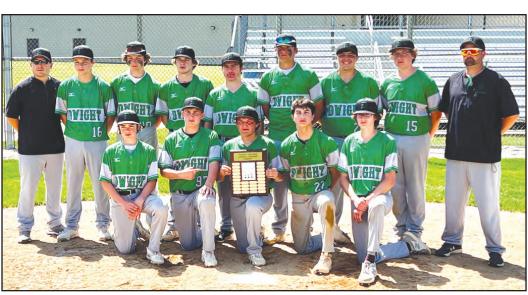
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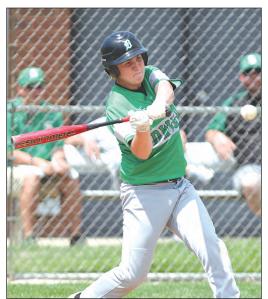
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THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Fresh./Soph. eight-person Math Team placed eighth at the ICTM State Competition, held virtually on April 30. Pictured, from left, are Andrew Nelson, Allston Latimer, Tyler Wilkey, Jessica Dominguez, Rianna Platt, Addison Fair, Kendall Huston and Abigail Leveille.



THE JV DWIGHT TROJANS were the winners of the Tri County Conference tournament May 14. Congratulations! *photos by J7 Images* 



Evan Sandeno

Erin Anderson

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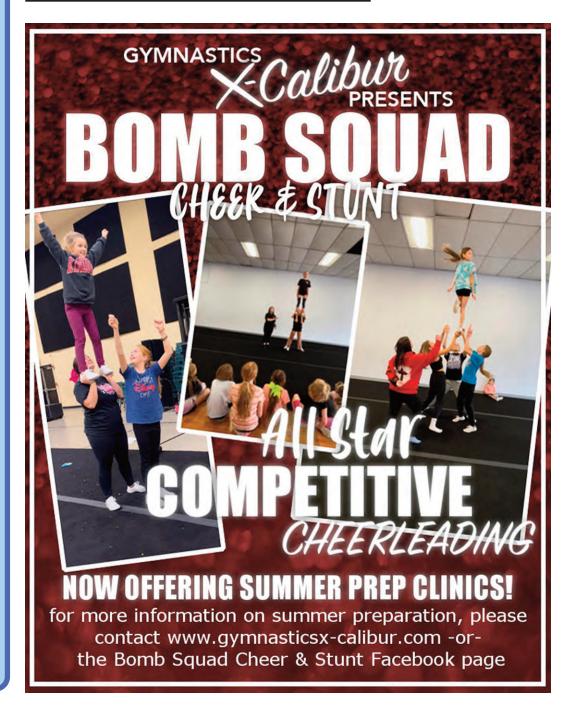
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THE PANEL SHOWED A MAP of the Pontiac Prison with two areas pointed out. The smaller red box at the top is the East and West cellhouses that have had prisioners moved to the Maximum Security Unit. The big red box at the bottom is the Medium Security Unit, which had all of its 171 inmates transferred on Feb. 9. Illinois Department of Corrections sent a memo on May 11, a day after the Town Hall Meeting, stating the medium unit was permanently shutting down on May 16.



## Senator Barickman Speaks at Town Hall Meeting

Questions Have Not Been Answered Surrounding Pontiac Prison

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economically as it employs hundreds of people.

There was an open seat and a name tag for IDOC Director Rob Jeffreys at the table next to Lee, but Jeffreys did not attend.

After Bennett's video and a welcoming from Barickman to the 50 people in attendance, a slide was put on the projector with a timeline of events.

It read: • Feb. 9 – With little notice, the Illinois Department of Corrections moved 171 inmates to Centralia Correctional Center. Barickman questioned whether or not IDOC followed protocol. • Feb. 11 – Illinois legislators sent a request to IDOC listing their concerns since there wasn't a heads-up given of the transfer. Barickman added concerns of employment being affected. A letter was sent to IDOC with questions such as: What happened? Did you move inmates? How many were moved? Are they coming back? After hearing from a liaison that it was because of maintenance costs to the facilities, questions were asked about the costs, what the needs were, and what was the budget? Specific questions were asked about the Pontiac budget. The questions were answered, but Barickman said the answers left legislators scratching their heads.

Feb. 22 – IDOC sent a plan designed by the administration of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker dated Feb. 9. The plan says the medium-security wing and facilities were to be shut down in Pontiac. Legislators ask for a meeting with Jeffreys.

• March 1 − A Zoom meeting between questioning legislators and Jeffreys takes place. Barickman said it was productive and there was communication. Jeffreys adamantly said, "We're not closing the Pontiac facil-

Barickman brought up the closing of the Dwight Correctional Center.

"Do you remember when Dwight closed? When it was closed, it wasn't just a lawmaker in the town hall, the state actually conducted hearings in Dwight. Those hearings were required by law and there is an oversight commission of government activities (Commison Government Forecasting and Accountability)," said Barickman at the Town Hall Meeting. "There is a law that says if any governor proposes to close a state facility, including a prison, the legislator has a certain oversight to that decision. The reason for this law is if you're a Republican lawmaker and there is a Democratic governor or vice versa, lawmakers tend to be concerned governors are using a closure as a political threat.

"At the meeting, Jeffreys wanted to be very clear that they weren't proposing a closure in Pontiac. He was worried about that law being triggered. He wanted to be clear that they were avoiding that from occurring. We also asked about their draft plan and he said it was official. The plan talks about a partial closure. Some of the lawyers are continuing to evaluate whether the law requires oversight on a partial closure that appears to be

proposed."

Barickman said it was brought to Jeffreys' attention that no one knows what is going on including locally elected officials, employees and the local community. "Why are you not being transparent and telling us the exact decisions that are being made?"

The senator said Jeffreys sounded sympathetic when these questions were being asked to him. Bennett asked Jeffreys to come to meet with the community and discuss what is happening. Jeffreys agreed.

- March 4 Dates for a Town Hall Meeting are offered to IDOC.
- March 14 Jeffreys says he is
- not coming to the meeting. • March 21 – Legislators request Jeffreys honors promise. April 6 – Jeffreys said IDOC is engaging the union first.

Alvey, Arbogast, and Lee made statements stating what they feel the prison means to the community and to the law system as Pontiac is built to be a maximum-security prison and the facilities some of the inmates are being sent to are

Lee said AFSCME is taking steps to hold IDOC accountable to where the situation is fully transparent and work conditions are safe and not chaotic as they have been since Feb. 9.

A map of the Pontiac Correctional Center campus was presented with two red squares. The smaller one at the top was the East and West cell houses and the bigger one on the bottom was the Medium Security Unit.

The MSU was emptied with the transfer of the 171 prisoners in February, while the cell houses have been shifted to the Maximum Security Unit general population, which was one building on the top right of the

Lee said he fears staff cuts are coming even though Jeffreys and IDOC said there wouldn't be any cuts. The union president questioned how that could be, if the number of inmates is being reduced, and staff and inmates still at Pontiac are all being moved to one building.

On May 11, one day after the town meeting, a memo was sent to all Pontiac Correctional Center employees stating the Medium Security Unit was going to permanently close on May 16.

The last 40 minutes of the Town Hall Meeting were opened to the public as 11 people came to the mic and either made a statement or asked a

Seven of the 10 were either current or retired prison employees, two were members of the union, one was a public defender for Livingston County, and one was a concerned taxpayer.

Without Jeffreys in attendance, answers to everyone's questions couldn't be answered.

But, they were all put on the

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