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Dwight Common School Board Agrees to Keep Hands on the Wall/ **Should Doors Be Open or Shut?**

by Mark Boma

The cafeteria walls at the Dwight Grade School will remain unchanged, at least for now. At the Board Meeting in April, discussion surrounded the need for routine painting of the cafeteria, as all other areas of the building had been painted and now it was time for it to be upgraded as well. However, there has been a longstanding custom of graduating members of the 8th grade class leaving their signature and a painted impression of their hands on the cafeteria wall. Some Board members felt the tradition held great sentimental value and it would be prudent to solicit input from community members, former students, and school staff before proceeding. The feedback from this led to agreement from the Board to delay immediate painting of the wall and to transition to an alternative method of remembrance.

The Board also debated on how to appropriately proceed with door closing and locking mechanisms within the building. Throughout the school, there are currently doors with various methods of restraint to keep doors open including magnetic, mechanical, and basic door stops. Fire code calls for all doors to be shut during a fire situation, so door stops and mechanical hold-open devices, although practical in nature, act in contradiction to fire safety procedures. Automatic magnetic door release mechanisms that would activate in the case of a fire are being considered and would help alleviate the fire code concerns. However, installation throughout the entire school would be costly.

To complicate the matter, to

tions, best-practice procedures call for school classroom doors to be shut and locked at all times. A person seeking to harm others often enters the school and goes down the hall door by door. In the case of an active shooter, if the shooter cannot breach the door, they cannot enter the classroom. If they cannot get into the classroom, they cannot target teachers and students.

Dwight police School Liaison Officer Gary Beier was in attendance and strongly recommended that the Board adopt this policy. "To date, no kids have been harmed when they have been behind locked doors," Beier said. "Safety begins with locked doors and they should be locked at all times." If the Board decided to follow this policy, the automatic opendoor restraint/releases, although good for fire safety protocol, would be out of line for active shooter deterrence, as doors should never be held open artificially. The Board opted to get estimates for installing the automatic door hold and release mechanisms and make a final decision at a later

In the Principal's Report, it was noted that 8th grade graduation would be on May 26 at 7 p.m. and the last day of student attendance would be May 27. The first day of Summer School would be May 31. The new playground equipment will be installed the week of June 13 and the school is looking for volunteers to help. The equipment is being paid for with a 50/50 maintenance grant which will cost the district approximately \$50,000.

Assistant principal Jeremy

deter "active shooter" situa- Jenkins informed the Board that 11 athletes qualified for the State Track meet on May 13 and 14.

Graham Meister, threw a new personal best of 43' 4" and came away as the 2022 2A 7th grade Shot Put State Cham-

Collin Bachand competed in the Long Jump and won 3rd overall with a jump of 17' .75". Collin then went on to run the 400 Meter, running a personal best of 1:00.42 for an 11th place finish out of 20 athletes. Joev Farris ran the 1600 Meter in 5:37.50 for an 11th place finish out of 15 athletes. Evan Olson competed in discus, throwing 88' 01" finishing 19th out of 30 athletes. Graham Meister also took 4th in Discus with a throw of 109' 07". Ethan Pakula competed in the 8th grade discus, finishing 17th with a throw of 81' 01".

For the girls team, the 4x200 relay placed 14th with runners Chloe Leithliter, Izzy Hakey, Kit Connor, and Delaney Boucher. The 4x400 relay placed 12th with runners Delaney Boucher, Kit Connor, Izzy Hakey, and Mikayla Chambers. Delaney Boucher placed 17th overall in state for the 400 M Run. Mikayla Chambers placed 6th for the 1600 M Run. Mikayla Chambers placed 4th in the 800 M

Run with a time of 2:29.20. The State Track participants will be invited to the next meeting for Board recognition.

In Consent Agenda items, Chuck Butterbrodt was approved as B Team Softball Coach, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, and Head Boys Track Coach. Also, Kara Stork will move from Head Boys (continued on page 3)

money they will donate to each



GSW HIGH SCHOOL HELD ITS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY Sunday, May 15. Graduating seniors' photos and grad day photos appear inside today's edition. photo by Shayla Loring Photography

GSW Youth Philanthropy Group Will Donate to Local Charities

Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 Board was held May 18.

During public comment, a member of the public was invited into closed session.

Principal Engelman dis-

cussed the following: • Youth Philanthropy – This group is led by Mrs. Kukman and has 25 student members. They meet once a month, starting in November. This group listens to guest speakers from the Grundy County area, explaining how they help the community and what they do with their monetary donations. At the end of the school year, the Youth Philanthropy group receives \$5,000 from the Community Foundation of Grundy County to donate to local charities. This allows the students the wonderful opportunity to award non-profits grants. The students decide how much

A regular meeting of the Due to an error from GAVC. GSW High School would like to recognize 2022 graduate Bethani Nicoletti. She had a perfect 4.0 grade point average and based on the school's tiebreaking process, she was ranked eighth in her class. Mr. Engelman discussed what happened with the student and her GAVC grade and how it was corrected. Bethani's photo and a write-up was sent to The Paper so she can be recog-

There was no Director's Re-

Mr. Josh DeLong discussed the Building and Grounds Re-

• Parking Lot Update: There will be a pre-construction meeting held with D Construction to discuss the start date of the parking lot. They hope to start early June.

• Boiler Update: They are waiting for more info on this tors. Mr. DeLong will advertise project. The quote to remove for that position. group. The Annual Banquet the existing boiler at GGS and was held at the Morris Moose install it at GSW was \$38,000 Prom and Graduation were just in labor. Mr. DeLong stated • Graduation Top 10 Rank – that is too much to spend for a

used boiler without a warranty. They will explore other bids as well as get a quote on an entirely new boiler.

Superintendent DeLong presented on the following:

• GAVC Director's Award

 Blake Patterson – Welding II – Blake is a senior and this is his second year at GAVC.

- Tyler Ambrogio – Engineering II - Tyler is a senior and this is his second year at

• Lunch Monitor / RTI – The Problem Solving Team meets once a month. They look at how they can help students. One of their ideas is to hire a lunch monitor so that the teachers can be freed up to help with RTI and tutor students one-onone or in smaller groups during that time. The board members agreed to hire a lunch monitor to replace teacher lunch moni-

End of year discussion

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Dwight Woman's Club Honors Memory of Dee Hanner



Dwight Woman's Club members have honored the memory of Dee Hanner, longtime club member and past president, with a floral sculpture and plaque at the Dwight Veterans Memorial. Dee faithfully planted red, white, and blue flowers in the Veterans Memorial planter every spring and cared for them throughout the summer and early fall.

She was often seen carrying

jugs of water to take care of the flowers and weeding the planter, all in the spirit of honoring Veterans and serving her community.

Dwight Woman's Club members Lynn Neville and Chris Myers recently planned to plant flowers at the Dwight Veterans Memorial in the same manner that Dee Hanner had done on behalf of the club for many years. To their surprise,

the flowers had already been planted and they want to say "thank you" to the anonymous gardener.

The Dwight Veterans Memorial and Park area was a project spearheaded by the DWC under the leadership of Phyllis Groll and dedicated to the Village in

The floral sculpture was created by Metals by Marla.

****** Mail Time! ******* SOS Sends Soldiers Packages for Memorial Day

by Brandon LaChance

There is a list.

on May 10.

No, it's not Santa Claus' list where he's checking it twice to see if you're naughty or nice to dictate whether he's going through your chimney or not on Christmas.

This list belongs to SOS, an organization in Dwight formed in 2003 to support members of the military who come from Dwight or have a connection to the village.

'Six times a year we mail packages. We mail for Valentine's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day, and Christmas," said Annette Riegel, who joined Carol Dippon and Marcia Drach to form SOS. "Christmas is our biggest one. We always collect things at the Christmas parade and then we go back to the fire station, pack the boxes and mail them out. On Veterans Day, every year since we (Support Our Soldiers)

started, we've done a Hallmark military ornament. They always get an Easter basket of some sort for Easter.

"We mail to people on our list. To be on our list, you have to have some kind of tie to Dwight. We prefer a Dwight Township High School graduate, but you don't have to be. We do have some kids on our list whose grandmother lives in Dwight. They've been supporters of ours, so we couldn't say no when it came to their grandchildren.

'But you have to have some tie to Dwight. You don't have to be deployed. You have to be serving your country because a soldier doesn't have any control if they're deployed or not. You don't have any choice of where they send you."

Dippon, who Riegel credits as the one who started SOS, is usually the public relations person. Drach is the creative genius of the program and Riegel is the one who handles all of the computer and office work.

The three of them banded together to support those from Dwight in the military when each one of the ladies had a son overseas representing the red, white, and blue.

"All three of us had sons who were deployed. Since then all three of our children are out of the military," Riegel said. "Carol and Marcia had a son in the Marines and mine was in the Army. Now we're doing this for other families to show them Dwight is proud of them and how much we appreciate their service.

"We're grateful that they're willing to raise their hand and take that oath."

> The packages could contain (continued on page 12)

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

May 13: Tiffany B. Mascolo, 28, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit, unlawful use medical can./driver.

May 14: Frank T. Barra, Jr., 66, Gardner, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Veronica L. Lara, 39, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

May 18: Thomas L. Kinzler, 59, Morris, fail to stop at intersection.

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

6 Written Warnings

Speeding – 1; Improper Passing – 1; Only One Headlight - 3; One Taillight -1.

Dwight Police Blotter

May 12: Dwight Police were dispatched to the area of the 400 block of S. Union. Arrested for Domestic Battery was Christoper Garrett, 36, of Dwight. He was taken to Liv-

your mortgage interest.

Max B Sulzberger

Financial Advisor

Dwight, IL 60420

more quickly, as these debts may also carry higher interest rates.

you can to pay it off as quickly as possible. But is that always the best strategy?

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had a warrant out of Arkansas. May 14: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Waupansie for a Domestic Issue.

May 15: Dwight Police were advised of Vandalism to outdoor furniture in the 300 block of E. Waupansie.

May 16: Dwight Police were advised by residents on E. Waupansie of stolen plants and outdoor items; Dwight Police spoke with a subject advising there had been a Violation of their Order of Protection.

May 17: Dwight Police were dispatched to the area of Franklin and James St. A subject advised officers on scene of an earlier Domestic situation; Dwight Police met with a walk-in to Dwight Police Dept. The subject advised a window in their apartment had been broken during the night on John St.; Dwight Police met with a walk-in to Dwight Police Dept. Arrested was Sarah Garrett for an In-State Warrant. She posted bond, was given a new court date, and released;

Should You Make Extra Mortgage Payments?

You might enjoy owning your home - but the mortgage? Not so much. In fact, you might want to do everything

In one sense, your mortgage can be considered a "good" debt because it's backed by a tangible asset – your

home - that has real value and may even gain further value. Furthermore, by historical standards, you're probably

paying a pretty low interest rate on your mortgage, so you're getting a lot of benefit - a place to live and a

potentially appreciating asset. And if you itemize on your taxes, you can possibly deduct some, or maybe all, of

Nonetheless, despite these benefits, a mortgage is still something you have to pay, month after month and

Suppose, for example, that you need a large sum of money quickly for a new car, a new furnace or some

year after year. And for some people, it may feel good to pay it off. After all, there may well be a psychological

other unexpected, significant expense. Or, in an even more serious scenario, what if your job ends and you need

money to tide you over until you get a new one? In these situations, you need liquidity - ready access to available

cash. And your house may not be the best place to get it. You could apply for a home equity loan or line of credit,

but these typically require approvals (which might be difficult if you aren't employed), and you'll be using your

home as collateral. A home equity loan or credit line isn't always bad – under the right circumstances, it can be a

months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a low-risk, accessible account. After building an emergency fund, you should weigh extra mortgage payments against other uses of your money. For example, if you

have other types of debt - such as credit cards or student loans - you might want to work on paying those off

You might also consider increasing your contributions to your 401(k), IRA or other retirement/investment accounts. You could spend two or three decades in retirement, so it's important to save as much as possible for

As you can see, you do have some good reasons for using any extra money you may have for purposes other than making additional mortgage payments. Ultimately, though, it's a personal decision. In any case, think carefully

about your choice. You may want to review the various tradeoffs with a financial professional, who can possibly

recommend the most advantageous strategies. And you may also want to consult with a tax professional. By understanding all that's involved in the "extra payment" decision, you'll be better prepared to make the right moves.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

So, instead of making extra house payments, make sure you have built an emergency fund containing several

valuable financial tool. But that doesn't change the basic fact that your home is essentially a non-liquid asset.

benefit to being free this long-term debt. But is it really in your best financial interest to make extra payments?

to Bannon Dr. for an unknown family issue. Arrested on an In-State Warrant was Michele Vasko of Dwight. She was transported to Livingston Cty.

May 18: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of N. Franklin for a domestic issue.

Walk-In - 6; Criminal Damage -1; Follow Up -3; Hit & Run – 1; Accident – 4; Neighbor Problem – 1; Traffic Stop – 8; Medical Aid – 8; Suspicious Vehicle − 1; Burglar Alarm − 4; Lockout – 5; Return Call – 7; Property Retrieval – 2; Cell 911 Open Line -1; Loose Dog -2; Reckless Driver – 1; Information - 2; Fire Alarm - 1; Citizens Assist – 1; Extra Patrol – 5; Order of Protection Violation -1; Missing Person -1; Sign Down – 1; Assist Agency – 3; Suspicious Subject – 1; Open Door – 1; Domestic Unknown - 1; Vandalism – 1; Domestic Physical - 1; Check Area - 1; 911 Hang Up - 1; Found Dog - 3; Threats - 1; Well Being ingston Cty. Jail. Garrett also Dwight Police were dispatched Check - 1; Subject Walking -

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

1; Ordinance Violation – 1.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 12: Northbrook, medical, refusal; Northbrook, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Riverside; John, trauma, re-

May 13: Spencer, medical, Morris.

May 14: John, trauma, refusal; Scott, trauma, Morris.

May 15: Main, fire; Mazon, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, Morris.

May 16: Prospect, other; Spencer, medical, refusal; North, medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Campus.

May 17: Prairie, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris; Franklin St., medical, Morris. May 18: Waupansie, trauma,

May 19: Mazon, trauma, Morris; I-55, trauma, St. James.

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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)

Dates Location **Hours** 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

Livingston County voters. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply to Early Vote.

Office on June 28.

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

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

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).



Dwight Fire Incidents 5/13 - 5/20

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

May 15: Smoke Detector Activated – W. Main St.

May 17: Mutual Aid to Braidwood - Canceled. May 19: Motor Vehicle Ac-

cident - I-55. Dwight FPD also responded to 12 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

May 16 - high 78°, low 50° May 17 – high 70°, low 54° .05" precip.

Temps - 2022

May 12 - high 92°, low 58°

May 13 - high 91°, low 61°

May 14 – high 86°, low 62°

May 15 – high 79°, low 50°

.04" precip.

May 18 - high 71°, low 51°

One Year Ago-May 25, 2021 high 81°, low 62°

Free Food to Be Distributed **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, Gothic 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.

Gamblers Continue to Please VGT Owners

by Tom Tock

Video gambling in Dwight continued to widen the smiles of most local owners of video gaming equipment during April.

Dwight remained at 44 vgts at eight locations, and gamers here invested a total of \$742,547 with a payout of \$499,621, leaving a Net Terminal Income of \$242,926, some 32.6% of the money gambled, an unusually high amount in most months.

Dwight received \$12,146, an all-time record.

Across Illinois there were 46 more vgts at three fewer locations, an aberation, or an indication of a slowdown in video gaming growth.

Dwight

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<u>April</u>	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Ann	e's 77,861	55,623	22,257	6,454	1,112
Cherry F	Red 7,626	4,528	3,097	898	154
Lili Mae	's 126,280	78,497	47,782	13,856	2,389
Love's	236,221	147,315	88,905	25,782	4,445
VFW	157,629	117,697	39,931	11,580	1,996
Vic. Lan	es 29,091	18,132	10,958	3,177	547
Virbapa	5,767	3,277	2,489	721	124
Willy's	102,052	<u>74,548</u>	<u>27,503</u>	<u>7,976</u>	1,375
TOTAL	\$742,547	499,621	242,926	70,448	12,146

Gardner

<u>April</u>	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Gardner
Buddies (3)	2,712	1,742	969	281	48
Marks (5)	<u>63,960</u>	<u>44,950</u>	<u>18,009</u>	<u>5,512</u>	<u>950</u>
TOTAL:	\$66,672	46,693	19,978	5,793	998

*The State of Illinois and Villages receive a total of 33% of the Net Terminal Income monthly (State 28%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 67%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.

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NOTICE

Please be advised that due to upcoming maintenance and new construction. All DGS playgrounds will be closed on May 31st through completion of the project. The project is expected to last through the middle of June. Posted signs and barriers will be removed once the project is deemed complete, and the public is asked to keep children out of that area until that time.

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Softball Head Coach: Will

Patterson; Asst.: Brittany

Resignations accepted in-

A 2-year intent to retire

Approved to employ was

cluded: Katie Crouch, Lara

Morrison, Justin Cox and Todd

from Beth Kingt was accepted.

Rachel Harliman as Junior

High Math and JH Dean of

Dennis Ping Recognized on Retirement

Amended Budget Approved by Tri-Point Schools Board

The Tri-Point Schools Board of Education met Wednesday, May 18, in regular session, preceded by the Amended Budget special meet-

The 2021-22 Amended Budget was approved at the BOE meeting.

Dennis Ping was recognized for his years of service to the Tri-Point School District and his retirement. He was presented a retirement gift.

Approved by the Board were:

• the Consent Agenda

• an Application in the USAC Schools and Library **Emergency Connectivity Pro**gram

• the renewal of membership in Illinois Association of School Boards at a cost of \$2,910, and PRESS Policy Services for \$995, both for the 2022-23 school year

• a letter of engagement with Russell Leigh and Associates for the fiscal year 2022 audit at a cost not to exceed \$6,400

The Community Partnership 2022 Summer Skills Camps was approved as presented; the Community Part-Grant Manager nership Contract with Jeff Bryan; and the 2022 Skills Camps Presenters as indicated on the Date Saver Document.

Sharie Schuette, Mindy Breen, Madyson Followell, Jeremy Fagan, Kelsey Mettill and Michael Berry were approved as Community Partnership Skills Camps workers as needed.

The Prairie Farms bid for milk for the school food service program for 2022-23 was accepted.

The Board approved contracting with Livingston County for an SRO for the 2022-23 school year.

Three part-time workers were employed: Nadine Stites, Kayla Highland and Gary Mc-Clanahan. They will be temporary, as needed, summer workers with assignment and hours determined by Superintendent or designee. Coaches approved for the 2022-23 school year were:

Junior High: Cross Country: Joe Santillo, Brendan Elens, co-coaches

Softball Head Coach: Will Patterson; Asst., Brittany Lane

Girls Basketball 8th: Aaron **Robbins** Girls Basketball 7th: Jan

Weston

Boys Basketball 8th: Kyle Cahill

Cheerleading: Allison Storm Volleyball 8th: Josh Evans

Volleyball 5th/6th: Josh Evans, Allison Storm, co-coaches

Girls Track & Field: Becky Henrichs

High School Volleyball Head Varsity: Josh Evans

Cross Country: Brendan Elens, Joe Santillo, cocoaches

Cheerleading: Amber Crouch Boys Track & Field: Matt

Dwight Common School Board

(continued from page 1) Track to Girls Head Track Coach. Brian Trainor was approved as A Team Head Baseball Coach.

In New Business, the following items were approved:

1. Annual membership dues to the IESA for 2022-2023.

2. Employment of Extra-Curricular Personnel for 2022-

2023 3. Graduating 8th Graders pending successful completion

of all requirements 4. Substitution list for con-

Spring & Fall

Clean Ups

tinuation of employment for 2022-2023

5. Parent / Community member volunteer list for 2022-2023

Board members in attendance were Nick Stipanovich, Michael Cornale, Mark Christenson, Tara Hansen, and Jaime Mallaney. Absent were Marc Ellis and Lori Bowman. The next regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday June 15 at 6 p.m. in the Grade School Li-

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GSW High School Board Holds May 18 Meeting

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both back to normal this year. May 23 was their last full day of student attendance. May 24 and 25 were/are the final exams, with an 11:45 a.m. early dismissal. Thursday, May 26, is Teacher Institute Day. This will conclude their school year.

• School Board Conference -Board members discussed who will be attending the Conference next school year. It will be held November 18-20 in Chicago.

BOE Members Reports: Mrs. Pam Brooks informed the board members that both she and Sue Avery attended the GAVC meeting this month to represent GSW HS.

Board members presented Supt. DeLong with a gift certificate as a parting gift, wishing him the best on his new venture with Dwight Township High School and thanking him for his three years of service at GSW High School.

Action Items:

- Approve Non-Certified Salary Increases for 2022-2023
- Approve Handbook Changes, as presented.
- Approve Trap Team Participation Guidelines, as presented.

News – Ads – Coverage! **The Paper** 815-584-1901



Due to an error, Gardner-South Wilmington High School would like to recognize 2022 graduate Bethani Nicoletti. She had a perfect 4.0 grade point average and, based on the school's tiebreaking process, she was ranked eighth in her class.

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May 31- June 4: Summer Reading Sign Up.

Forms are available at www.prairiecreeklibrary.org or at the library. Members of the Dwight community are welcome to participate in summer reading. Anyone 6 years and older must have a Prairie Creek Library card that is in good standing to register. Visit our website for information on how to obtain a library card.

TODDLERS: 0 to 4 year olds are invited to attend one of our weekly Toddler Time programs. The programs run on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Simply choose the day that works best for your schedule. You must be signed up for each session you plan to attend.

GRADE SCHOOL: Those children who will be in K-5th grade in the fall. This summer the grade school readers will participate in events to earn badges. Each set of completed badges will earn them prizes.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES:

Grade school summer readers and their stuffed animal friend will be participating in adventures from the list found in their summer pack. Each adventure that is photographed and sent in earns the child a drawing entry for a great summer prize.

BEAR HUNT: Grade school summer readers will receive clues in their summer packs that will lead them and their family on a scavenger hunt at area businesses to find bears. Find all the designated bears and earn an entry in a drawing for a great family prize.

You must be signed up for each of the TEENS: Those who will be in 6th-12th following events in order to attend.

June 7 - Coal Black Exotics Program at 10:30

June 10-12 Make a bucket garden at ACE Hardware. Grade School summer readers will use the June 9 Teen Travel Craft at 11 AM. Teens coupon in their summer reading packs at ACE Hardware, where members of their staff will help you create your own bucket garden.

> June 14 Livingston County Ag lunch competition. presents "Wings, Stings, and Leggy Things" at 10:30 AM.

June 17-18 ACE Hardware bird-

house program. Grade school summer readers should use the coupons from their summer reading packs to build a birdhouse at ACE Hardware. Members of their staff will be on hand to assist you.

June 21 10:30-11:30 Grade School summer readers may stop in and have s'more with Miss Sherrie as part of their Animal Adventures. Be sure to bring your stuffed animal!

June 24 Perfect Blend Coffee House and Music Studio presents Campfire songs at 11 AM. Grade School summer readers will be singing campfire songs with Miss Allison.

grade this fall. Teens will be participating in Route 66 travel themed activities.

You must be signed up for each of the following events in order to attend.

will be creating a travel picture frame.

June 16 The Great Burger Battle at 11AM. This program is the ultimate diner

June 23 Teen Pack the Car Challenge at 11 AM- Teens will use their spatial perception to pack as many items in a car as they can for an imaginary vacation.

ADULTS: There is no registration required for adults this summer. Adults will be following a Route 66 theme this summer. Adult patrons will receive a scratch off card when they check out one or more books, audiobooks, or magazines. The scratch off will earn them a travel themed prize. Patrons may only receive one card per

June 6 "Remember Route 66" at 6:30 PM: Leslie Goddard will present the history of the Mother Road. Everyone is welcome to attend! Call the library to sign

MVK Seniors Meet

The MVK Seniors met May 17 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 police, Ukraine, and whoever needed guidance.

Happy Birthday was sung for Helen Griffith and Sandy Chismarick. Rita Mills had a reading. The Seniors had a fire drill and did great – one minute and 20 seconds – and all were safe. Door prizes were won by Rita Mills, Shirley Matzen, and

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and

Robin Homerding.

Linda Poppleton motioned and was seconded by Carol Clements. Sandy Chismarick motioned to end the meeting and Frank Sereno seconded. All welcomed a new friend, Betty Robinson, to enjoy lunch with them.

The next meeting will be held June 21, 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 1-815-941-1590 and make a reservation.

Summer Reading Returns to Prairie Creek Library, Dwight

It's almost registration time for Prairie Creek's Summer Reading Program. With in-person activities allowed once again, the program will be combining activities both at the library and done at home, rather than the past two years which have been almost exclusively online.

Registration will take place from May 31 through June 6. The program will include crafts, games, activities, and prizes for meeting reading goals.

To be prepared for registration, remember to make sure your family's library cards are not expired and are free of fines. Children six years and older must have their own card issued. It will make the registration process go smoothly if any of these items are handled prior to registering.

Their youngest patrons, ages 0-4, are encouraged to is not necessary for adults.

sign up for Toddler Time, which will offer two times each week, as well as the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

Children in grades K-5 will be earning scout badges for a variety of activities both in the library and at home.

Teens (grades 6-12) will travel down Route 66 as pages read are turned into mileage, and prizes are earned as they reach points on their trip.

Participants will sign up for events for grades K-12 at registration.

There's even something for adults. Adults will get a scratch-off card if they check out one or more books, audiobooks, or magazines (only one card per day). They will scratch off the card to reveal the prize won. Prizes are on display in the china cabinet located near the Teen Section. Registration

The Paper Deadline is Friday at noon.

Thank you for all of the thoughts and prayers, phone calls, cards and food during my recent hospital stay and returning home.

> Sincerely, Dick Perschnick



Historian To Present Route 66 Program at Dwight Library June 6

Historian Leslie Goddard will present "Remember Route 66" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 6, at Prairie Creek Library, 501 Carriage House Lane in Dwight. This program is free and open to the public, however, due to limited space registration is required.

In this nostalgia-packed lecture, Goddard explores the history of the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 until its closing in 1985. Guests will learn why Route 66 remains associated with the lore of the American road trip, what it was like at its pinnacle, and what it is today.

Goddard holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University and has authored books on Chicago history. She has been presenting lectures for more than a decade. To register, call 815-584-3061.

Prairie Creek Library is mindful of its patrons with disabilities and aims to accommodate them as best they can and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are disabled and plan to attend a program at the library, you are invited to call them in advance at 815-584-3061 to make sure they are aware and prepared to meet your needs. Their building is accessible and equipped with an elevator.

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GRANDPARENTS DAY at SWGS!

LINDA TYLER AND SHIRLEY CHRISTENSEN FARLAND have been attending the Grandparents Day program at SWGS for over a decade as fill-in grandparents for students that did not have grandparents in attendance. This year is the first year that both of these great-grandmas have had grandchildren of their own in attendance. Pictured, back row, Lillian and Hunter; GiGi, Lexi, and Granny.



SWGS K-4 students perform, while fifth and sixth graders look on.



SWGS KINDERGARTENERS Audrey and Evelyn with their honored guests.

Grandparents Day at South Wilmington Grade School

South Wilmington Grade Disney theme song challenge School recently held its annual Grandparents Day in the grade school gym.

Students in grades K-4 performed musical presentations under the direction of Mrs. Emily Wurl. The Junior High Band started the event with the Star Spangled Banner and the beginning band also performed a number led by the GSWB Area band director, Michael

Other activities included a ognized.

between grandparents and students and "How Well do you Know your Grandchild?" chal-

Students at the Jr. High bragged about the accomplishments of their grandparents, such as the best shortbread cookie bakers and hard-working gardeners. Grandparents displaying the same talents were asked to stand to be rec-

The closing presentation was a slide show prepared by the graduating class of 2022.

As with any event at South Wilmington Grade School, all members of the staff and learning community help to make these days special. Treats for the students and guests were provided by the SWGS Parents' Club and Eli Cheesecake. The South Wilmington Fire Department loaned chairs for the event.

A new primary care provider for your family! Dr. Mark Passerman and Kathy Ulivi, F.N.P.-B.C., welcome

Amy Bohland, F.N.P.-B.C., as the newest primary care provider at the Dwight Healthcare Center of Morris Hospital. As a a certified family nurse practitioner, Amy provides care for patients of all ages. She is committed to listening and building trust with her patients to foster an open and honest relationship, serving as an excellent resource for:

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Area Students Earn Dean's List Honors

earned Dean's List honors for the 2022-23 school year:

Western Illinois University • Blackstone: Eden Beier (ju-

- nior). • Braceville: Sophia Berrong (sophomore), Joseph Svoboda
- Coal City: Stephen Druse (sophomore).
- The following area students **Diamond:** Abagale Good nior).
 - (freshman). • Dwight: Lucy Rieke (senior), James Soto (senior).
 - Fairbury: Colton Cottrell (senior), Sophiana Small (senior).
 - Minooka: Nathaniel Cichon (junior).
 - Morris: Lindsey Leblanc (se-
 - Odell: Madelyn Doran (se-
- Pontiac: Michael Fitzsim-
- mons (senior). • Verona: Kylie Winsor (se-

University of Kentucky

Dwight: Lauryn Hoegger (daughter of Kevin and Lana Hoegger).



CAT CLAUSEN, of Dwight, left, is pictured with Olivia Troye, former top Aide to former Vice President Mike Pence, at Clausen's art festival booth in Alexandria, VA on May 15. Troye's long-time friend, who is also her campaign manager, was there also. Troye commented, "As someone who supported the Republican Party for most of my life, this painting (LINCOLN: Better Days) represents the feeling and sentiments of many who are upset at what the GOP has become. America is stronger with two functioning parties, and our democracy depends on it. I will continue to do my part to make a difference in whatever way I can."



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STUDENTS, FROM GARDNER SOUTH WILMINGTON High School, above, and Seneca High School, below, accept grants from the Community Foundation of Grundy County for Youth Philanthropy Groups.



Community Foundation of Grundy Cty. Grants Funds to Youth Philanthropy Groups

Over the last several years, Devan Gagliardo, Program Director for Community Foundation of Grundy County, has had the privilege of working closely with students from local high schools through the Youth Philanthropy Program at the Community Foundation of Grundy County. The Youth Philanthropy Program promotes youth development, encourages programs services that address concerns of the youth, exposes youth to the organizations serving their communities, and builds a future of strong community leaders and philanthropists.

Each year, the Foundation allocates funds for the youth to grant to non-profit organizations serving Grundy County. Since 2015, the young philanthropists have provided over \$90,000 to 45 unique organizations, all of whom are serving the residents of Grundy

May 10 they were once again and emergency services. able to hold an awards banquet • Morris High School

to honor both the young philanthropists and the organizations Health Department for mental they awarded with grant funding. Area schools receiving grants include:

• Coal City High School

- \$1,250 to Grundy Area PADS for services in Grundy County. - \$3,750 to Coal City Backpack Program to provide food to students within the Coal City School District.

• Gardner-South Wilmington **High School**

- \$500 for the GSW Student Assistance Fund to help students attending Gardner-South Wilmington High School with unmet needs.
- \$600 to Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission to serve veterans in Grundy County.
- \$1,000 to Guardian Angel Community Services for services in Grundy County.
- \$1,000 to Grundy Area PADS for services in Grundy County. - \$1,900 to Catholic Charities After a two-year break, on for mobile food distribution

- \$500 to Grundy County health therapy groups.
- \$1,000 to U of I Extension/4-H for youth activities in Grundy County.
- \$1,500 to Grundy County Problem Solving Courts for participant needs.
- \$2,000 to We Care of Grundy County for community education and outreach.

• Seneca High School

- \$1,500 to Grundy County Health Department for services in Grundy County.
- \$1,500 to Illinois Valley Industries for services in Grundy County.
- \$2,000 to CASA of River Valley to support children in Grundy County.

"The Youth Philanthropy Program could not happen without the help of others," said Gagliardo. "I am so very thankful to the students and school personnel who continue to see the benefit in this program as well as the local organizations who take the time to present to our students."

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 20, 2022, a certificate 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.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2022.

Kristy A. Masching Livingston County Clerk

ASSUMED NAME **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 County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Kristen's Color and Contour Cabin, located at 319 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

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Following the Mass an Open House will be held and refreshments/supper will be served at the St. Mary's Parish Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for all family and friends.

OBITUARIES

Sue E. Conrad

65, of Chatsworth, Illinois died May 17, 2022 at 10:21 a.m. at her residence with her family by her side.

Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 21, 2022 in Saints & Paul

Peter Catholic Church, Chatsworth. Father William Keebler offici-

Burial followed in Strawn Cemetery in Strawn.

Visitation was from 9:30 a.m., Saturday, until the time of the Mass in the church.

Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Chatsworth is in charge of arrangements.

Sue was born February 26, 1957 in Fairbury to Glenn and Maxine (Somers) Knauer.

She married the love of her life, Michael Conrad, in Forrest July 15, 2017, after dating since 1999. He survives in Chatsworth.

Also surviving are her children: Calvin (Stephanie) Coleman of Dwight and Holly (Derek) Schumm of Pontiac; special daughter, Monica (Rich) Nolte; brothers: Phil (Wanda) Knauer, Steve (Marcia) Knauer, Rick (Bobbie) Knauer, and Greg (Nancy) Knauer; sister, Glennda (Eric) Bosch; sisters-in-law: Tarry Knauer and Kathy Knauer;

"Seester," Jody (Perring) Scharf; grandchildren: Damien Oliver Coleman, Ethan Schumm, and Bri-

> ceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Harvey Rieger;

ter, Kathryn Knauer; and special daughters, Jennifer Perring

She graduated from Forrest-Strawn-Wing, Class of 1975, and was employed for many years by Homeshield in Chatsworth.

especially fishing and relaxing with family and friends. She was very passionate about the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears. She also greatly enjoyed watching the Cubs with her grandson, Damien.

all attending the visitation and funeral wear their favorite Chicago Cubs memorabilia.

rials be made to the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation, 6574 N. State Rd. 7, Box 201, Coconut Creek, Florida 33073 or to the family.

viewed and guestbook signed at www.calvertmemorial.com

Randall Haacke

DWIGHT - Randall "Randy" 65, of Haacke, Illinois Dwight, passed away Friday, May 20, 2022 at Heritage Woods in Dwight, Illinois.

Funeral services will be private for the family.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, Illinois on Friday, May 27, 2022.

Graveside services will be at a later date.

Memorials in Randy's name may be left to the American Diabetes Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Randy was born April 19, 1957 in Morris, Illinois, a son of Donald and Ida (Stutsman) Haacke. He married Laura Best dairy farming and even became in the Dwight United vice president of the local FFA. Methodist Church on May 28,

He is survived by his children: Chrystle Haacke of ed and guestbook signed at:



Dwight; siblings: Richard (Marylou Weyrich) Haacke of St. Louis, Missouri; Ronald (Carla) Haacke of Clintonville, Wisconsin; Linda Tousignant of Dwight; and Roger (Renee) Haacke of Dwight; and many

nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Randy was raised in the Dwight area and graduated from Dwight High School in 1975. He then attended Joliet Junior College, where he earned an Associate Degree in Agriculture in 1977. He worked over the years for RR Donnelley and Interlake.

Being raised on the family games on the weekends.

Dwight and Eric Haacke of www.calvertmemorial.com

Jeffery Leonard James

Jeffery Leonard James, 54, formerly of Gardner, Illinois, passed away Thursday, April 28, 2022 at his residence in Milford, Illinois.

He was born June 18, 1967 in Watseka, Illinois. Jeff had been recovering from an accident the past four years.

Jeff is survived by his father, William James of Milford, Illinois; one daughter, Victoria; one son, Jack; and one aunt, Elizabeth (Lavonne) Cotter.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Cathy.



Jeff was previously employed by the Village of Gardner and Village of Diamond as a wastewater treatment operator and public water supply operator for many years.

He had a love for forging weaponry, shooting bow and firearms, and devel-

oped a passion for cooking over the past few years.

There will be a private service at Sugar Creek Cemetery in Stockland, Illinois on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

May those who knew Jeff hold his memory close.

Evelyn June Statler

Evelyn Statler, 97, of Kempton passed away Thursday, May 19, 2022 at McLean Nursing County Home in Normal.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of

life for her and her beloved husband will be held Friday, June 3, 2022 at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Cullom from 4 to 6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Transitions Hospice.

Evelyn was born April 21, 1925 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Louis and Anna (Hargens) Bierschwal. She married Carrol Jean Statler on December 14, 1944 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He preceded her in death on November 5, 2020.

She is survived by her children: Connie (Duane) Hitchens of Piper City; Bruce (Jennifer) Statler of Dwight; Kim (Ray Anderson) Knox of Williamsville; and Greg Statler of Cullom; grandchildren: Kelsey (Andrew) Freeland of Cantrall; Olivia Statler of Greenwood; Wyatt and Jack Statler of Dwight; and great - grandchildren: Ayden, Audrey and Ashton Freeland.

She was preceded in death by



her parents; her beloved husband of 75 years; one grandson, Kyle Knox; brother, Bernard; twin brother, Edward Bierschwal; and one sister, Louise Grojean.

Evelyn graduated from Central

High in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She then went on to marry the love of her life and raised her children at home. She was a member of the Kempton United Methodist Church, as well as the Kempton United Methodist Women's Club. She was also an election official for Kempton.

Evelyn loved making muffins for all of her family, spending quality time with them, and family hugs were her absolute favorite. She loved unconditionally and was loved unconditionally. She will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

The family would like to thank the McLean County Nursing Home and Transitions Hospice for all the love and care they provided.

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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

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-17 NOTICE

and non-record claimants,

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





Response

Normally, I try to keep my columns either positive, or just a general observation, and try to avoid having negative views on things, although it does happen from time to time.

This is one of those times. I'm not sure this is negative as much as it is a view of a way things could change for the better. The point is, there's a fairly consistent (unfortunately) trend in American business of communication lacking on all fronts.

This obviously comes with the caveat that there are countless businesses that do this very well, but honestly it shouldn't be taken for granted, though it's becoming fewer and far between. I am often running into this.

The most common thing I encounter is when initially inquiring with a business about something, they will have a short form to fill out, usually with name, email, phone number, the basics.

If the business in question has one of those forms I am fully expecting that they contact me in some fashion in the next 48 hours or so. Even if it's just something automated, and it's kicking the can down the road until a real human has time to talk, just give me something!

I understand that places are still sometimes understaffed but at the end of the day, I am filling out this little inquiry form because I am trying to give this business money!

If a business doesn't have the capacity to be as responsive as they would like to be, that's fine. I just think giving the perception that a response will be quick and immediate and then either providing a very delayed one, or one not at all, is not a good practice.

In the current grand scheme of things, this is probably pretty far down the list of importance, but just something I've noticed in the midst of being a person engaging in day to day human activities.

Go, Cubs!

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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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.

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

Dated 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

Independent Executor of the Estate of, BARBARA J. MILBAUER, Deceased. 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, Il 60420-0009

Sue E. Conrad, Her

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of

No. 22-PR-46 BARBARA J. MILBAUER, Deceased.

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 (815) 584-1525

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Madisyn **Trainor Takes Home Three State Medals**

Madisyn Trainor, of Ransom, took home three medals from the girls Class 7 1A state meet in East Peoria May 13 and 14.

In the 100m dash, she took second with a 13.67 - losing by just .006. She also took second in the 200m, running a time of 27.69. In the long jump, she placed fourth overall with a jump of 14'11.75".

Tri-Point's Mogged Qualifies for State

Bobby Mogged qualified for state in both the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles in sectional action, making it back to Charleston for state competition for the second straight

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Tri-Point High School's said Coach Matt Mogged. "The 4x800 relay had an incredible 20-second personal record."

Top five finishers included: Mogged: 110 hurdles, 2nd, 15.40; 300 hurdles, 1st, 41.08; long jump, 3rd, 20'2.5".

Mihreteab Gilleland: 3200, 5th, 11:20.

4x800: Gilleland, Anthony formances with some top five Harrell, Franky Barriga, Jose Amador, 4th, 9:20.



TRI-POINT HIGH SCHOOL has three seniors who will be competing at the next level in track and field next year. Bobby Mogged, center, will be attending Illinois Wesleyan as a hurdler and jumper; Mikaayla English, right, will be attending Wisconsin-Platteville as a triple jumper and distance runner; and Jose Amador will be attending Eureka College as a distance runner.



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GSW Panthers Baseball

Thursday, May 19 **GSW** vs. Heyworth Regional -

May 19 proved to be the finale for the GSW Panthers, as they dropped a 13-1 decision to Heyworth in regional play.

"When it rains, it pours," stated Coach Wills. "And we got soaked in the second inning. Just about everything that could go wrong did in the top of the inning. Today just wasn't our day. Overall, we had a pretty solid season."

Ethan Mack led the Panther offense, singling in a run. Ethan Maxard doubled, with Dane Halpin and Cale Halpin (BB) each singling once. Blake Huston walked twice and scored once.

Huston would get hit with the loss on the mound, allowing six earned runs on seven hits, a hit batsman, and a walk. Bryce Handzus (ER, 4 H, 2 BB) and Gabe McHugh (H, 3 SO) each pitched in relief.



Monday, May 16 Dwight vs. Ridgeview Regional -

The Trojans were victorious over Ridgeview in round one of the regional, 10-9, when they faced off May 16.

Terry Wilkey won it on the rubber, allowing seven hits, one hit batter, and a walk, striking out eight. Tyler Cox (2 ER, 4 H, SO) and Luke Gallet (H, 2 SO) each pitched in relief.

Gallet led Dwight's offense, doubling twice, getting hit by a pitch, scoring twice, and knocking in three runs. Wilkey (double, HBP) and Dawson Carr (triple, HBP) each batted in one run. Dillon Sarff singled, doubled, walked once, and scored three runs. Jeremy Kapper (BB, SB, R) and Ryan Turner provided a single each. Jack Duffy walked twice and scored twice. Drew Anderson one walk each.

DWIGHT TROJANS BASEBALL scored two runs, with Tyler

> Thursday, May 19 Dwight vs. Roanoke-Benson/ Lowpoint-Washburn Regional -

Frauli taking one for the team.

Dwight had its season come to a close May 19, as they fell to Roanoke-Benson/Lowpoint-Washburn, 12-3.

Luke Gallet took the loss, allowing three earned runs on six hits, a hit batter, and three walks, tallying three strikeouts. Tyler Cox (3 ER, 6 H, BB) and Dillon Sarff both saw relief ac-

Offensively, Jack Duffy, Gallet (2-4, HR, R), and Sarff (2-3, R) each had one RBI. Jack Denker doubled, walked once, and scored a run. Will Trainor singled, while Ryan Turner and Terry Wilkey drew



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASEBALL

Monday, May 16 Seneca vs. Newark Regional -

The Irish were in a regional match-up with Newark May 16, winning by a score of 7-4.

Matt Cruise got the "W", striking out one while allowing three walks in an inning of work. Calvin Maierhofer started the game, giving up two hits and one walk, tallying one strikeout in two innings of work. Paxton Giertz (H, BB, SO), Austin Aldridge (H, BB, SO), Tyler Sulzberger (ER, H, BB), and Jake Gerding (BB)

each saw action in relief.

Cruise (2-3, double, BB, SB, 2 R), T. Sulzberger (single, SB, R), Casey Clennon (2-4, R), and Bryce Roe (BB, R) led scored twice. Dalton Degrush doubled and was hit by a pitch. Giertz and Aldridge each drew Owen Quigley stole a base.

Herscher Tigers

BASEBALL

Herscher vs. Wilmington

The Herscher Tigers had their season come to a close

May 16, as they fell to Wilm-

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earned runs on nine hits, two

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ning four. Braden Dewald pitched in relief, giving up two

earned runs on four hits, strik-

gled. Travis Jones was hit by a

Offensively, Tyler Murray and Cody Lunsford each sin-

Clay Schultz was tagged

Monday, May 16

Regional -

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Friday, May 20 Seneca vs. Reed-Custer Regional -

Seneca had its season end May 20, following a 10-7 regional loss to Reed-Custer.

Taking the loss was Matt Cruise, allowing nine earned runs on five hits, a hit batter, and six walks, striking out 10 in five-plus innings. Paxton Giertz gave up one earned run on two hits, two walks, getting one strikeout.

At the plate, Sulzberger had three RBI on a 2-4 showing that included a home run. Cruise (double, 2 R). Austin Aldridge (single) and Bryce Roe (single, BB) added an RBI each Gieertz (double with an RBI each. Maierhofer R) and Calvin Maierhofer doubled, walked once, and (SAC., R) each had two hits, with Casey Clennon and Aiden Wood each singling once.

GSW Lady Panthers Softball

Thursday, May 19 **GSW** vs. Marquette Regional -

On May 19, GSW closed out its season following a 10-0 loss to Marquette in regional

"Marquette is a good team with the best pitching we've seen all year," stated Coach Carlson. "We played a close game until the fifth inning. The girls played a nice defensivve game. Marquette hit the ball hard and put the ball in play often. We finished the season on a positive note, despite the

score. We told the girls after the game that we have nothing to hang our heads about. We made Marquette earn their runs, and I am very proud of my girls for that."

Jayden Buchanan suffered the loss, giving up 10 earned runs on 11 hits, a hit batter, and four walks, striking out three. She also provided a single and a walk at the plate, in addition to a stolen base.

Katelyn Farris added a single, with Mary Clare Phillips swiping a bag.



DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

Monday, May 16 Dwight vs. Grace Christian Regional -

Samantha Harsh threw a perfect game in the first round of regional play against Grace Christian May 16, resulting in a big win for the Lady Trojans, 18-0.

Harsh struck out nine batters in her four innings of work.

At the dish, Erin Anderson went off for six RBI on a 2-3 showing that included two triples, a stolen base, and two runs scored. Alexis Thetard was 2-2 with a walk and two RBI. Megan Livingston (3 BB, 3 R), Katy Parker (BB), Jordan Schultz (single, HBP, 2 R), Emerson Peters (HBP), Harsh (BB, HBP), Maci Johnson (2 singles, 2 R), and Njomza Asllani (BB, R) added one RBI each. Rachel Heath put up two singles and a walk, while Avery Scheuer singled once and scored twice. Lilly Duffy walked once and later scored.

Averi Jury (HBP) and Mia Buck each scored a run. Brynn Connor drew a walk and scored three runs.

Wednesday, May 18 Dwight vs. Woodland Regional -

In the regional semifinals May 18, Dwight had its season come to a close following an 8-5 loss to Woodland.

Samantha Harsh suffered the loss, giving up eight earned runs on 12 hits and two walks, fanning five in six innings.

Rachel Heath led the offense with two RBI on a single and a double, scoring once. Erin Anderson (3-4, R), Averi Jury (2-4), and Harsh (double) each batted in a run. Jordan Schultz was 2-4 with a double and two runs scored. Megan Livingston (R) and Avery Scheuer each singled. Alexis Thetard walked once.

The Lady Trojans end the season with a record of 12-12.



Thursday, May 19

In regional semifinal play May 19, the Lady Irish defeated Peotone, 4-0, to advance to the regional championship.

vance," said Coach Holman. they found a way to win. Alyssa Zellers had her best stuff when we needed it the most ."

nings, allowing no runs on five hits and a walk, striking out 10.

Audry McNabb (1-2, SAC.) and Taya Roe (2 SAC.) each had one RBI. Zellers pitched in run scored. Allie Arwood, Madi Mino, and Maddy Klicker each had the other hits.

Friday, May 20 Seneca vs. Manteno - Regional

Seneca vs. Peotone – Regional

"Had to survive and ad-"Happy for the girls and how

Zellers pitched all seven in-

The regional championship between Seneca and Manteno was held May 20, with the Lady Irish falling, 5-4.

"Great softball game at Manteno," said Coach Holman. "Effort and execution was at a championship level, unfortunately we came up a run short."

Zellers went six innings, allowing five earned runs on nine

Offensively, Allie Arwood was 2-2 with a triple, two RBI, and two runs scored. Zoe Hougas went 2-3 with a triple, while Kennedy Hartwig singled twice and scored once.

"Great season from the on offense with a single and a girls," Holman added. "I couldn't be more proud. Go Irish!"

Fighting Irish, Trojans Take Part in Class 1A Sectional

Wednesday, May 18 Seneca and Dwight at Sectional

On May 18, the Seneca Fighting Irish and the Dwight Trojans boys track teams took part in sectional action, posting the following results:

Seneca -

100: David Bergeson, 16th, 12.09 (PR).

100 wheelchair: Josh Doloski, 1st, 26.20 (PR). 200: Bergeson, 8th, 24.31

(PR); AJ Keedy, 18th, 25.45. 200 - wheelchair: Doloski,

1st, 49.55 (PR). 400: Chris Poyner, 13th,

58.42. 800: Poyner, 3rd, 2:07.90

(PR); Drew Danek, 20th, 2:39.98. 1600: Brady Danek, 9th,

5:15.83; Connor Pabian, 23rd, 5:51.96. 3200: B. Danek, 3rd,

11:08.69 (PR); Pabian, 15th, 12:47.58

110 hurdles: Given Siegel, 3rd, 16.25 (PR).

300 hurdles: Nate Sprinkel, 8th, 48.76; D. Danek, 9th, 48.86 (SR).

4x100: Bergeson, Siegel, Sprinkel, Keedy, 8th, 46.70.

4x200: Bergeson, Keedy, Pumphrey, Sprinkel, 1:38.52.

4x400: B. Danek, Poyner, Sprinkel, Colton Pumphrey, 7th,

4x800: D. Danek, Colin Collet, Jayce Keedy, Sebastian Deering, 6th, 10:21.13.

Shot put: Alex Bogner-Kidwell, 7th, 11.82; Carter Thomas, 17th, 10.57.

Discus: Thomas, 2nd, 39.97 (PR); Patrick Griffin, 8th, 32.28.

High jump: Siegel, 3rd, 1.75;

John Farcus, 5th, 1.75. Pole vault: Collin Wright,

6th, 2.59 (PR). Long jump: Siegel, 6th, 6.16

(SR): Wright, 8th, 6.02. Triple jump: Asher Hamby, 12th, 10.30.

Dwight -

100: Austin Burkhardt, 26th, 12.68 (PR); Tracer Brown, 28th,

200: Burkhardt, 20th, 25.94 (PR); Brown, 21st, 26.81.

400: Tristan Larkin, 12th, 57.94; Dylan Crouch, 22nd, 1:01.52 (PR).

2:17.38; Cade Croy, 14th, 2:23.13 (PR).

800: Carter Butterbrodt, 6th,

1600: Tristan Chambers, 7th, 5:03.17; Shawn Romanetto, 13th, 5:32.07 (PR).

3200: Frank Lasser, 16th,

4x100: Burkhardt, Ayden Roff, Samuel Edwards, Emmett Emmons, 6th, 45.63.

4x200: Burkhardt, Roff, Edwards, Emmons, 5th, 1:35.21.

4x400: Burkhardt, Carter Butterbrodt, Jack Duffy, Edwards, 2nd, 3:36.79.

Shot put: Gabe Seabert, 20th, 10.34; Cree Croy, 21st, 10.00. Discus: Seabert, 5th, 36.05; Edwards, 7th, 34.19.

Long jump: Duffy, 7th, 6.09 (PR); Burkhardt, 21st, 4.94.



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City/Village	May 23	May 16
Dwight	\$4.77	\$4.63
Kankakee	\$4.86	\$4.67
Streator	\$4.79	\$4.74
Pontiac	\$4.49	\$4.37
Gardner	\$4.81	\$4.67
Braceville	\$4.69	\$4.66
Morris	\$4.79	\$4.75
Herscher	\$4.72	\$4.64
Chicago	\$5.37	\$5.27
Illinois	\$4.81	\$4.83
U.S.	\$4.59	\$4.48

Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration. Gasoline price data collected by The Paper and brought to you by Steve's Tire.









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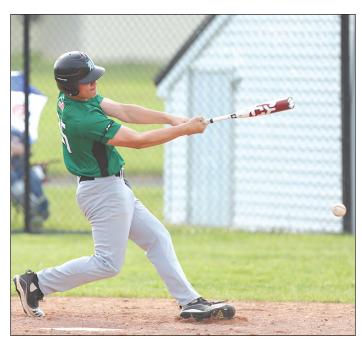




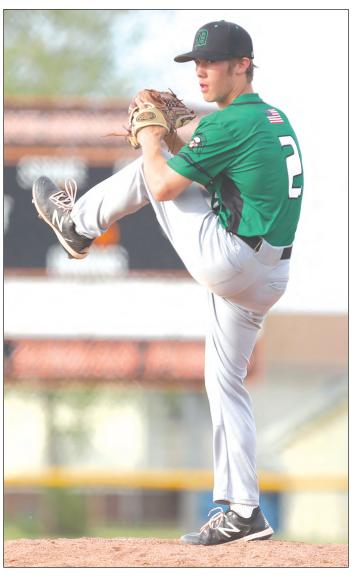
2022 GSW Salutatorian, Ashley Frideres and Valedictorian, Easton Ashley

More Graduation photos next week from around the towns.

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DTHS Athletes Jacob Watchinski, **Dylan Sarff** and Alexis Thetard

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Share Rural Roads Safely During Spring Planting Season

After a cold, wet spring, Illinois farmers are racing to get their crops in the field. As large farm equipment moves along country roads, both farmers and those driving a vehicle should adopt a "safety first" attitude.

The 2022 spring planting season is progressing rapidly with many workers moving at a rapid pace to keep up. During spring planting season, more slow-moving farm equipment travel on the roadways, creating potentially hazardous traffic jams where motorists in a rush least expect them.

Transportation incidents, including tractor overturns, are cle is nearby – they cannot see the leading work-related cause drivers that are following of death for farmworkers, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Farmers will pull off the road to allow motorists to pass when it is safe for them to do so, but they cannot move aside immediately since it can be a hazardous maneuver. Unpaved road shoulders can be soft, wet, rutted, or steep, which can ing farming equipment cause farm vehicles to tip over.

Drivers should watch for the Slow-Moving Vehicle, SMV, sign – a bright orange triangle trimmed with red reflective warning to motorists that the preparing to turn

vehicle they are approaching is only capable of moving up to 25 mph, and poses a hazard. The emblem is required by law on all tractors, combines, and other farm equipment.

Equipment operators should clean dirt off SMV signs, flashers, and reflective tape to ensure visibility and replace faded SMV emblems and reflective material. Add extra reflective tape to increase visibility. Avoid heavy traffic times and bad weather.

Drivers should not assume that the person operating the farm equipment knows a vehiclosely or if they are traveling close to the side of the equipment. Modern farm equipment is often wider than a traffic lane, particularly on bridges and raised roadways. Approaching traffic needs to be prepared to allow wide equipment to pass.

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Calling for hearings on Pontiac Correctional Center status

successful town hall meeting last week in Pontiac, a bipartisan group of legislators from around the area is calling on House and Senate oversight committees to hold hearings into the status of the Pontiac Correctional Center and the Department of Corrections' refusal to answer questions from legislators and the public.

We wrote to the chairwomen of the Senate Judiciary Committee and House Appropriations-Public Safety Committee to ask them to convene a joint hearing of the two committees to get answers from IDOC.

Director Rob Jeffreys said he would come to Pontiac to answer questions from the public, but then he backed out. Since he won't provide answers to the public or to area legislators, maybe he will be willing to talk to the legislative committees with oversight of IDOC. We are calling for transparency in these decisions which affect not only those who work at Pontiac, but also their families and the community as a whole. We need clear and consistent answers and an end to the secrecy.

I will keep you posted as we continue our efforts.

Farmers market legislation signed into law. Governor Pritzker has signed into law a bill I sponsored to ease the perfarmers markets in Illinois. Under Senate Bill 3838, the qualifications and fees for obtaining a permit to be a vendor at a farmers market are standardized so that farmers and other vendors have fewer hoops to jump through in order to sell their products at farmers markets. The bill passed both houses unanimously.

Study finds Illinois is America's third-most corrupt state. An annual report by the University of Illinois at Chicago has found that for the third year in a row, Chicago is the most corrupt city in America, and Illinois is the nation's third-most corrupt state. The report was compiled by former Chicago Alderman Dick Simpson, who is now a professor at the university, and is based on U.S. Department of Justice public corruption statistics.

Simpson cited "the sheer number and political stature of the Illinois elected officials and business leaders who are implicated, indicted or convicted," and called the figure "staggering." The recent indictments include multiple state legislators, including the former Speaker of the House, Michael Madigan, who has pled not guilty to a 22-count federal corruption indictment.

This corruption affects every single Illinoisan in many ways, from backroom deals

On the heels of our very mitting process for vendors at which lead to wasteful spending of taxpayer money, to poor delivery of government services. We need to stop delaying and enact real ethics reform

> State of Illinois still investing funds in Russia. After Russia invaded Ukraine I joined with many other members of the House in sponsoring legislation to divest Illinois assets from investments in Russia. Illinois taxpayer funds should not be going to help Vladimir Putin's regime. We introduced legislation, House Bill 5705, to add Russian companies to a list of restricted companies for the purpose of investment of Illinois pension funds. In the closing week of session, a very similar bill, House Bill 1293, passed the House unanimously, but did not get called for a vote in the Senate.

> This means that in spite of the images that we have seen on TV, and the strong statements made by many public officials, Illinois has not taken the action it needs to in order to stop funds from flowing to Russia.

I was proud to co-sponsor the first bill to stop these investments, and proud to support the bipartisan bill which passed the House. It is a real disappointment that we could not get this bill across the finish

Congratulations, Dr. Jancek. The Dwight community came together Saturday night to congratulate Dr. Richard Jancek, long-time Superintendent of Dwight Public Schools,

on his retirement. Deb Karch attended to present a certificate from the Gen-Assembly commemorate his 33 years of educational service and leader-

Nick Stipanovich, president of Dwight Grade School Board of Education, and Tim Henson, president of Dwight Township High School Board of Education, were on hand to celebrate Dr. Jancek's great leadership! Congratulations!

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$2,391,538,723 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$4.4 bil-

Did you know? Here are some statistics about the Land of Lincoln from the Illinois Blue Book. As of 2020 there were 107 airports in the state of Illinois. Our state has 15,969 miles of highway and 9,982 miles of railroad. Illinois has a total of 48 community colleges and nine public universities which are spread over 12 cam-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'It's time…to get a fresh start in leadership in the Sheriff's office.'

We are proud to support Wall, Marv Rutledge, and Al Tom Vagasky in his effort to be the next Sheriff of Livingston County. He will bring the respectability, leadership, and proven experience needed in that office.

In the recent past, 2 Sheriffs have resigned before their terms ended, one under investigation for official misconduct. the other for undisclosed reasons. Both of their entire cawere within the reers department.

Also, if you look at 3 other persons to hold the office in the Dee Ingles past without such issues: Don

Lindsay, they all have one thing in common, successful careers with the Illinois State Police. Tom is recently retired from the ISP, and served in many capacities, including overseeing a task force fighting drug distribution, a major problem in our County.

It's time once again to get a fresh start in leadership in the Sheriff's office. Tom has the managerial experience needed in Livingston County.

Mike Ingles

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We welcome your thoughts.

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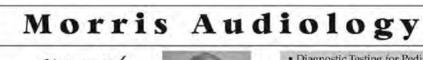
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For Christmas, Riegel receives photos and digital messages that she gives to the wife or mother of a soldier to put together for a video to send to the soldier.

Easter packages sent across the pond from SOS included gifts from a 10-year-old Dwight resident as he won a gift certificate and his mother encouraged him to donate it to a good cause. He did exactly that as he bought items for SOS packages.

"On Valentine's Day, we typically do a T-shirt. This year

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we did a T-shirt with their know what branch each person is in," Riegel said. "We always ask for their T-shirt size when they get put on the list so we know what size they wear when it's T-shirt time."

This Memorial Day, the package could also include a gift card, an Amazon card, or maybe a check - which SOS has done before.

Whether it's a shirt, toothpaste, a photo of family and friends, currency, or a stick of their favorite gum, SOS supports the military in any way possible.

"Right now, I don't person-

branch on it because we do ally know anyone in a war zone," Riegel said. "For most of my childhood, I always knew someone who was in the military overseas. But, it doesn't matter if I don't know them, because they're from our community and they're fighting for our country.'

> SOS and every item sent to the military from Dwight is funded solely on donations.

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



ST. PAUL SCHOOL, Odell, recently held its annual Track and Field Day, alongside students from St. Mary's in Pontiac. Students enjoyed water games, races, gaga ball, and other fun activities. Pictured enjoying the traditional sno-cones from the concession stand are fifth grade students Isla Davis, Lilly Wolf, Emma Eggenberger, and McKenna Lovell.

Area Memorial Day Services

DWIGHT

set for 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 30, at the Dwight VFW, Drink with the following agenda:

- Welcome Gary Gillespie, Commander VFW
- Pledge of Allegiance to the
- Prayer Don Scott, VFW Chaplain
- Operation SOS Carol Dippon/VFW Auxiliary
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- the Colors Guard • 21-Gun Salute - Dwight American Legion and VFW
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The Saunemin American Legion will conduct Memorial Day Services Monday, May 30, at Sunny Slope Cemetery, beginning 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 Saunemin Community Center, located on North Street.

The Legion Auxiliary will be The Ransom American Le- hosting a gathering with refreshments at the Community Center following the service.

> The service, memorializing deceased veterans, is held annually by the Saunemin Legion Post 531.



DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL celebrated its School Lunch Heroes May 6. Arbor Management provided t-shirts and the Districts presented them with a dozen roses. These are the ladies who take care of providing breakfast and lunches to the students and staff. "We celebrate them and appreciate all the hard work they do," said Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek. Pictured, front row, from left, are Lisa Sage-Winnie, Sherry Leonard, Betsy Larsen, Darla Leonard, Victoria Taylor; back row, Kathleen Jury, Sharon Soto, Rachel Handzus.

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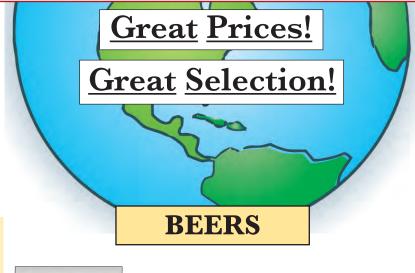
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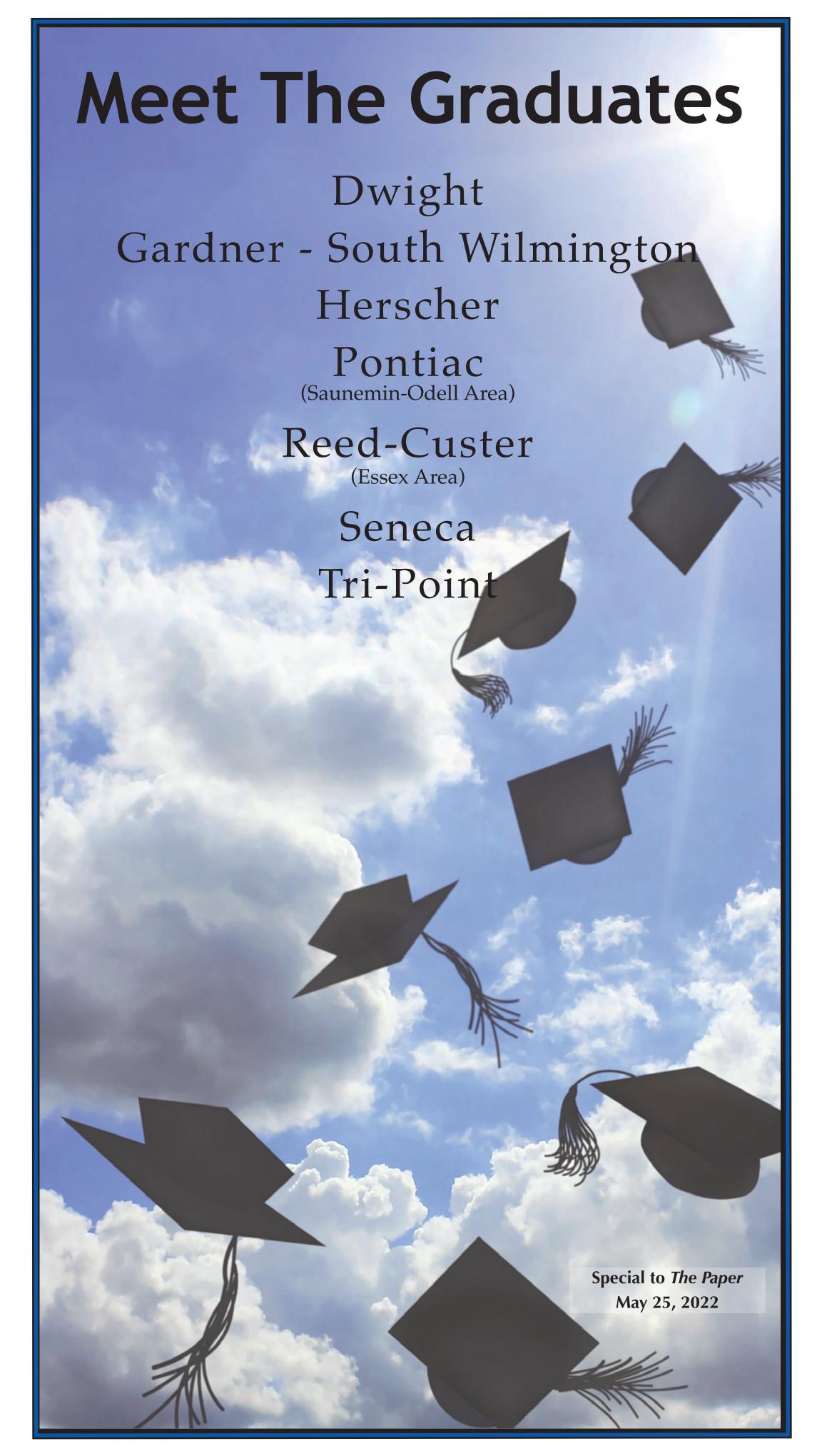
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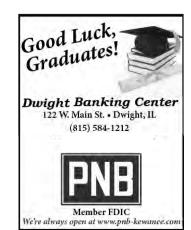
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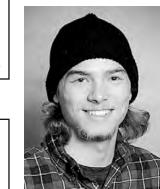


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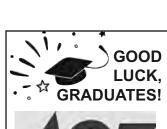
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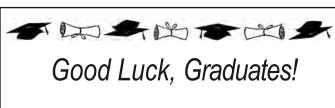
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Retiring DTHS and DCS Teachers



Jackie Froelich

Position/grade/subject taught/clubs advised: Began my teaching career at Melvin Sibley teaching P.E. and coaching junior high volleyball, basketball and track. Moved to Gibson City Melvin Sibley Middle School when they consolidated where I taught P.E. Started in Dwight teaching P.E., Wellness and PACE class in 2002 and became the Guidance Counselor in 2006. I currently serve as National Honor Society sponsor, Class Sponsor and Peer Advisor sponsor.

At what school? Melvin-Sibley

Have you had any "special accomplishments" or awards as an edu**cator?** I completed the Academy for College Admission Counseling in

teaching/how many at your current **school?** I have been teaching 33 years - with the last 20 here at DTHS

Why did you decide to retire now? I decided to retire now because I have met the requirements to retire with

What are your plans after retire**ment?** I plan to spend more time with family, work on projects with my husband and pursue activities like

What are your general thoughts and feelings on your time spent teaching, and now, your retirement? Ever since I started my first job in education at Melvin-Sibley, I have absolutely loved everything I have experienced. I have worked with so many great people throughout my career and it has been a pleasure to watch former students become successful adults in and outside of our community.

What will you miss most about teaching?

The thing I will miss the most about teaching is watching students as they grow from the time they walk into DTHS at Freshmen Orientation to the moment they walk across the stage to receive their diploma. It is such an exciting time in their life with the whole world in front of them and I have tried to help all students to realize that throughout their entire high school career.

What is/are your favorite memory/ies from your teaching ca**reer?** All the opportunities to get to know students and watch them shine outside of the classroom; whether it be volunteering in our community, working concession stands, playing on the athletic field or performing on

What is your town of residence (or planned residence if you're going to move now that you are retiring)? We plan to stay in Dwight at this

Family members if any (spouse, number of children, grandchildren if any -- or even pets!) My husband is Jeff (retired from DTHS in 2020), daughter/son-in-law - Amy and Matt Starker (both teach and coach in the Pontiac school district) and are expecting their first child any day:), and son Andy who is currently active military in the U.S. Army. (both of our children are graduates of Dwight Public Schools).

Is there any other (brief) information you'd like to add? It is often said that if you love your job, you will never work a day in your life. I feel very lucky to have worked in a profession for 33 years where I can honestly say that I have loved every minute of my career, and I would not have changed a thing!



Kathy Wiemken

Position/grade/subject taught/clubs advised:

Dwight Women's Prison: Secretarial Sciences Vocation Program; College Advisor (7 yrs)

Chenoa High School: Part-time: Intro to Business, Accounting (1 year)

Odell Grade School:

K-8 Computer Classes (11 years) Yearbook Administrative Assistant

Athletic Director

Dwight Common School: Part-time Technology Teacher/Parttime Tech Coordinator (4 years)

Dwight High School: (5 years) Subjects: Intro to Business, Computer Concepts, Accounting, Digital Media, Programming, Career Quest and Yearbook

Clubs: Class of 2021 Sponsor, Scholastic Bowl Yearbook Advisor **Business Club Sponsor**

Have you had any "special accomplishments" or awards as an educator? No

How many years have you been teaching/how many at your current

20 Years total; 9 at Dwight Public Schools

Why did you decide to retire now?

What are your plans after retirement? Help my husband with farming, vacationing and visit our

What are your general thoughts ment?

that I decided to pursue this career.

What will you miss most about teaching?

Communicating with the students, learning new subject areas through teaching, and seeing how students grow from freshman to senior year. I will also miss being involved in extracurricular activities because it gives you a feeling of being a part of the school community.

When thinking about my favorite memories, the extracurricular activities were opportunities to get to know students in a different setting. As a class sponsor, float building, decorating the halls, and concession stands were fun ways to interact with the students. As the business club sponsor, planning designs for Trojan apparel, making the apparel and selling it were also fond memories that come to mind. In the classroom, Shark Tank projects, Accounting Monopoly, and the hands on Programming projects were also fun times in the class-

Family members if any (spouse,

Spouse: Norval. Children: Amanda, Joey, Alyson and Mary Wiemken.



Tammy Stolzenbach.

I have taught for 34 years but for the last 32 years I have taught Physical Education for grades kindergarten through 8th grade at Dwight Common School. In those 32 years I have also coached track and field for 30 years, basketball for 10 and Volleyball for

Jr./Sr High School, Gibson City Melvin Sibley Middle School, and Dwight Township High School

How many years have you been

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children, and maybe learn to golf.

and feelings on your time spent teaching, and now, your retire-I did not originally plan to be a

teacher; but after teaching at the Dwight Correctional Center, I decided to pursue it. I enjoyed growing and learning as a teacher and am glad

What is/are your favorite memory/ies from your teaching ca-

What is your town of residence (or planned residence if you're going to move now that you are retiring)? Currently Dwight; not sure about the

number of children, grandchildren if any -- or even pets!)

Pets: Scout and Bouchee.

One accomplishment that I have as an educator is seeing my students become caring productive citizens in our community. Another accomplishment that is near and dear to my heart is seeing students come together and succeed in the sports that they love. Every year I coached track and field, and I have taken athletes to State. I am very fortunate and blessed to have coached State Champions and All-Staters. On the personal side my big

Why am I retiring you ask? To tell you the truth, I put my heart and soul into my career and I want to go out knowing that I have done my best and now that I am getting older it is hard to keep up the pace. Plus, I want to go and do things that I love to do but didn't have time to do. In retirement, I plan to spend more time with my family, play more golf, go on bike rides, go to the beach and go somewhere warm in the winter time.

accomplishment was getting my Mas-

ter of Arts in Education at Olivet

Nazarene College back in 2004.

For myself, I could have not asked for a more rewarding career. It has been my privilege and honor to share my teaching skills and knowledge with the students and to inculcate best skills in them. It is my fondest wish that I have left a positive imprint on Dwight Common School, because Dwight has given me so many wonderful memories and will always be a big part of my life. With that being said, I will miss the daily interaction with my students and co-workers. I still plan on keeping the relationships that I have built over the years with my students and co-workers.

My favorite memories are the same as my accomplishments.

Family Members are: My better half Kevin Corrigan. My three Stepdaughters are Jen Corrigan, Katie Klinker, and Courtney Newton. Two sons-in-law Doug Schou and Charles Newton, and then I have 6 grandchildren Colton Holm, Zaylee Klinker, Kazden Klinker, Braelyn Schou, Chase Newton and Cade Newton.

Area 8th Grade Graduates

Braceville <u>Elementary</u> School

Britney Fatlan, Gabriella Harvey, Dillion Homberg, Nadia Lindner, Kylee Mellendorf. Javian Sierra, Cheyann Wampler.

Dwight Common School

Aliya Addis, Ryan Bean, Marissa Betsworth, Indira Bradley, Natalia Brown, Alyssa Bruzzo, Sophia Buck, Melanie Colon Soto, Ethan Cox, Evan Cox, Maddox De-Long, Kaitlyn Dolan, Aidan Drapeau, Jeri Dunning, Madison Ely, Kamryn Folkers, Taylor Frobish, Michael Groves, Christopher Hammerstein, Angelina Harrison, Taylor Heath, Jameson Jury, Asher Kargle, Isabella Kelleher, Jackson Launius, Gavin Leach, Filemon Ortiz, Ethan Pakula, Sarah Parker, Alexa Robledo, Jonathan Salamone, Paityn Schmidberger, Benjamin Squellati, Joseph Starks, Jack Statler, Joseph Angeloff, Michael Breisch, Sullivan, Zander Tarnowski, Brooklynn Todd, Makayla Wahl-Seabert, Jacob Wilkey, Dorothy Wilson, Ethan Zappa.



Essex Grade School

William Aylward, Michael Gereaux, Nicholas Hayes, Isabella Lardi, Emily Lochner, Colten Monroe, Daniel Price, Lillian Schott, Olivia Smith. Alayna Valone, Jessen Valone, Noah Windsor.

Gardner Grade School

Zoe Brockett, Luca Byers, Maria Campagna, Sawyer Chapman, Dylan Cook, Jason Coughlin, Leanna Freeman, Charlee Funes, Haley Galvan, Aiden Himes, Bret Manzello, Madeline McConahay, Johnny Moats, Kayla Scheuber, Nina Siano, Gavin Smart, Aubree Stein, Owen Vitko, Tony Vyce, Madelyn Wilson, Addison Wright, Madison Wright.

MVK Middle School

MaryLou Acosta, Colton Lexie Buis, Drew Clark, Cody Clennon, Wyatt Coop, Vincent Corrado, Chloey Coyne, Paul Cuevas, Devon Daemicke, Clinton Darling, Madison DeGrush, Evan Eplin, Jaxson Finch, Jayden Hesik, Blade Housman, Justin Kane, Kyler Krull, Tessa Krull, Jocelyn Linder,

Jonaven Maretta, Alexa Moore, Ethan Othon, Hannah Paputsa, Lillian Pfeifer, Avery Phillips, Landyn Ramsey, Izabella Salinas, Brady Sheedy, Cameron Shriey, Kaylin Smith, Ruthie Steffes, Mason Thom, Lauren Thomas, Landen Venecia.

Odell Grade School

Kynlee Brandt, Addison Donnelly, Tyler Drechsel, Madison Franklin, Addison Hall, Ashlyn Hanson, Payton Harvey, Cody Knight, Zackary Legner, Mackenzie Makemson, Max Reichardt, Lainey Rexroad, Healfdene Riley, Sophie Riley, Mariah Wallis, Bryce Wildman.

Ransom **Grade School**

Gabriel Alderson, Madison Bedeker, Payton Franklin, Tanihya Glass, Hannah Keri, Lona Kress, Logan Meiners, Lily Michael, Trevon Perry, Mily Rodriguez, Daniel Sergenti, Riley Stevens, Cody Taylor.

St. Paul School

Drayden Ramsey, Nolan Weis, Graham Wolf.



Saunemin Grade School

Nicholas Doughan, Anjolie Duck, Abigail Farley, Kayla Finedore, Layne Heffelfinger, Michael Hendershott, Brice Kemp, JoAna Leiter, Sophia Leiter, Elizabeth Logan, Faith Mercado, Caleb Mozdzierz, Reese Raymond, Brynn Runyon, Troy Terry, Tysen Walker, Christopher Wipfler.

South Wilmington Grade School

Niko Alvarez, Mya Anderson, Vada Crawford, Grace Halpin, Kylie Hawks, Caydan Landry, Madeline Mahr, Alex McElroy, Jordan Shepherd, Aaron Tramutolo.

Tri-Point **Grade School**

Amber Arwood, Ashlynn Barnes, Rosalee Bennett, Helen Boots, Aeden Boyer, Wyatt Breen, Lauren Brzuchowski, Lily Burns, Jason Davis, Lillian Edwards, Benjamin Frantz, Rebecca Griner, Kassidy Harris, Riley Hastings, Aiden Hogan, Adriana Hummel, Emma Jarman, Emily Liescke, Madison McNeill, Chase Metke, Aiden Pelehowski, Glen Richie, Jacob Roman, Tamayo, Parker Melanie Tomko.

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