

FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
June 12: Donovan E. Harkins, 25, Plainfield, no valid regis./1st and 2nd.
June 13: Marie C. Becker, 42, Pontiac, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Danyelle A. Brewster, 19, Chenoa, speeding over statutory limit.
June 14: Manuel Tirado, 40, Chicago, driving during revocation.

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

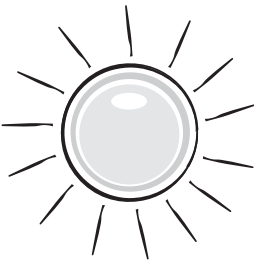
16 Written Warnings
Speeding – 12; Disobey Stop Sign – 1; No Registration Plate Light – 1; Only One Red Taillight – 1; One Headlamp – 1.

Dwight Police Blotter
June 12: Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook for a report of a stolen vehicle; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of W. South for a disturbance.
June 14: Dwight Police met with a walk-in at DPD. A subject advised they had been a victim of wire fraud; Dwight Police met with a walk-in at DPD. A subject advised they were being harassed; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Main for a disorderly patron; Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 47. Arrested for Driving on a Revoked License was Manuel Tirado of Chicago. Tirado was given citations, a court date, and his vehicle was towed and impounded.
June 15: Dwight Police met with a walk-in at DPD. A subject advised they were being harassed.
Check Area – 2; Extra Patrol – 4; Traffic Stop – 21; Medical Aid – 8; Well Being Check – 2; Lockout – 3; Op Vi-

olation – 1; Return Call – 7; Property Dispute – 1; Gas Leak – 1; Stolen Vehicle – 1; Loud Noise – 1; Fight In Progress – 1; Miscellaneous – 1; Follow Up – 2; Report of 4-wheeler – 1; Illegally Parked Vehicle – 1; Paper Service – 2; Assist Agency – 2; Solicitor Complaint – 1; Fraud – 1; Customer Problem – 1; Animal – 1; Walk In – 7; Motorist Assist – 1.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
June 9: Union St., medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.
June 10: Morris, fire, mutual aid to Morris; Pontiac, trauma, mutual aid to Pontiac; Eisenhower, medical, n/a; 3000 Rd., medical, St. James.
June 11: High St., medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; John, trauma, Morris Hosp.; Dwight, medical, Morris Hosp.; Morris, medical, Morris Hosp.; Chippewa, fire; Chippewa, medical; Prairie, medical.
June 12: Mazon, trauma, Morris.
June 13: Mazon, trauma, Riverside; Bannon, trauma, refusal.
June 14: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Main, medical, Morris; John, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Braidwood; Mazon, medical; Prairie, trauma, refusal; I-55, fire.
June 15: North, medical, Morris; Waupansie, medical, refusal; Columbia, medical, refusal; Watters, trauma, refusal; Mazon, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, refusal.
June 16: Mazon, medical, Morris.



Temps - 2022

June 9 – high 77°, low 52°
June 10 – high 71°, low 53° .04” precip.
June 11 – high 75°, low 54° .10” precip.
June 12 – high 80°, low 58°
June 13 – high 93°, low 62° trace precip.
June 14 – high 95°, low 75°
June 15 – high 95°, low 72° trace precip.

One Year Ago – June 22, 2021
high 83°, low 63° .27” precip.



THE DWIGHT POLICE DEPARTMENT teamed up with Dwight Public Schools to host a threat assessment training. The two-day training was instructed by Don Shomette, a nationally known school safety expert. Members of the Dwight Schools Threat Assessment Team (DSTAT) attended. Several area School Resource Officers also attended. The Livingston County Sheriff’s Office was represented as well. “Mr. Shomette’s information is invaluable as we continue to create a safe space for our students and staff,” said Dwight Common School Principal, Julie Schultz. They are attempting to get Mr. Shomette back in August to present to staff and parents.



MULTIPLE FIRE DEPARTMENTS responded to a machine shed fire at the home of Rod and Sue Hogan in rural Buckingham on Wednesday June 14. The fire swept through the structure in less than an hour and most of the contents were



destroyed including tractors, grain wagons and a 24 row planter. Fire officials are working to determine the cause of the fire.



Dwight Fire Incidents
6/10 - 6/17

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:
June 10: Mutual Aid to Morris.
June 11: Natural Gas Leak – W. Chippewa.
June 14: Structure Fire – Mutual Aid to Buckingham;

Smoke Scare – I-55.
June 15: Citizens Assist – E. Seminole.
June 17: Brush Fire – rural Dwight.
Dwight FPD also responded to 17 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

‘Only One Candidate Checks the Boxes...’

I am writing this letter to express my support for **Tom Vagasky for Republican candidate** for Livingston County Sheriff in the June 28th primary election.
I served the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office for 30 years before being elected to 2 terms as sheriff.
In disclosure, I admit to being biased against the other candidate. When any law enforcement agency hires an officer they are looking for the best person with higher standards and character. The public expects those wearing a badge to be above reproach and to behave at all times whether on-duty or off as an example to the rest of us.
I point out that Tom Vagasky has had a lengthy career in law enforcement having served in the Illinois Department of Corrections before joining the Illinois State Police.
He has real experience and achieved promotions with the Illinois State Police. His last assignment was supervisor of the area drug unit covering 13 counties.
Tom has also served as an instructor in criminal law and rules of evidence.
Tom is the candidate with experience in budgets and grant programs. I had conversation with his opponent who when I asked about his experience dealing with budgets and the taxpayers money said he would, “let somebody take care of that.”
I ask that before you cast your vote to look at the candidates based on experience, educational background and achievement. Only 1 candidate checks the boxes on issues that we need in the next sheriff. **Join me and vote for Tom Vagasky.**

Robert McCarty

Traveling Abroad This Summer? Security Tips to Keep You and Your Family Safe

Summer is here and as domestic and international travel rebounds, lingering effects of the pandemic, coupled with rising violence due to global instability, has created new risks for travelers. Security expert Dale Buckner of Global Guardian offers the following tips to help all Americans stay safe while abroad.
• Understand a Country’s Security Climate: According to Global Guardian’s 2022 Worldwide Threat Assessment, theft, robbery, drug smuggling, and kidnapping are “rebounding globally.” In addition to the U.S, Mexico, Nigeria, India and Sweden are just some of the countries experiencing some form of unrest. Before embarking on a trip, vacationers should familiarize themselves with where they will be traveling in-country and any security warnings issued for that country or its regions.
• Rethink Public Transportation: Mexico is among the top 20 most dangerous countries in the world. If traveling to Latin America in particular, airport taxis and ride shares should be

avoided at all costs as taxi drivers often serve as scouts on the lookout for vulnerable people. Instead, secure transportation should be arranged ahead of time. Vacationers should also not stray from the safety of the resort and consider traveling with others if they must leave.
• Make Medical Preparations In Advance: Since not all countries offer the same quality of medical care, it is important to understand the local emergency response systems and capabilities available at a destination in the event of injury, sickness or a natural disaster. People should also review their health insurance policies to ensure they are properly covered while away and consider getting medical evacuation coverage as an extra layer of protection.
• Stay Up to Date on Vaccinations: For travel to exotic and geographically remote locations and regions that have limited medical resources and/or limited access to modern medical practices, travelers should also consider a pre-trip appointment with a physician to ensure all necessary vaccinations have

been completed. They should also prepare a past medical history and current medication list document in the destination's native language, a travel health kit, and arrange for translator services if available.
• Know a Region’s COVID-19 Protocols: COVID-19 health protocols can differ by country and could change at any time, especially as cases continue to rise in many parts of the world. Travelers should understand all requirements, including what to do in the event of illness while in-country.
• Don’t Rely on U.S. Government Emergency Assistance: One should not solely rely on U.S. government assistance in the event of an emergency

evacuation because there are limits to the assistance the US Embassy can provide in an emergency.
“If you stop and think about the increase in violence here in the United States, one of the most developed countries, then you can only imagine the inherent risks facing travelers in other parts of the world,” said Dale Buckner, CEO of the security firm Global Guardian. “It’s imperative that people account for all the unimaginable emergency scenarios that could happen, before arriving at their destination.”

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THE NEWLY-REBUILT AMBULANCE, above, will soon be in service for the Dwight EMS Department. Representatives from Stryker Medical Equipment, below, provide training to Dwight EMS personnel on the powered transport system that is installed on the new ambulance. The state of the art equipment will allow for easier and more secure transport of patients.



Grocery Tax to Be Suspended

The State of Illinois has announced that it will suspend the state 1% sales and use tax on retail sales of groceries from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Groceries normally taxed at the 1% rate include food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food con-

sisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption).

Retailers, to the extent feasible, shall include the following statement on any cash register tape, receipt, invoice, or sales ticket issued to customers: "From July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the

State of Illinois sales tax on groceries is 0%." If it is not feasible for the retailer to include the statement, then the retailer shall post the statement on a sign that is clearly visible to customers.

No tax will continue to be imposed on items that meet the definition of a qualifying medicine or drug.

Dwight Peace Meals

Home delivery
Monday - Friday
60 and up homebound—
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reservations –

Wed., Jun. 22: Sub sandwich, cucumber salad, overnight fruit salad, bun.

Thurs., Jun. 23: Ham & beans, coleslaw, cantaloupe, apple slices, corn bread.

Fri., Jun. 24: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies, apricots, whole grain wheat.

Mon., Jun. 27: Beef ravioli w/meat sauce, Italian green

beans, buttered carrots, pineapple, dinner roll.

Tues., Jun. 28: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California veggie blend, peaches, whole grain wheat.

Wed., Jun. 29: Saucy ham loaf, sweet potatoes, Nantucket veggies, applesauce, whole grain wheat.

Thurs., Jun. 30: Sloppy Joe sandwich, baked beans, broccoli, pears, bun.

Milk served each day.

For reservation, call:
1-800-543-1770.

Free Food to Be Distributed June 22

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, June 22, 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.

Gardner Village Board Holds June 13 Meeting

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session June 13, opening with the approval of minutes of the May 9 and May 26 meetings, payment of the bills, and approval of the treasurer's report for April and May. Commissioners Tim Hill and Dick Hileman were absent.

The board discussed and approved the bid for the new sewer plant gate. Alliance fence submitted the low bid of \$7,800 compared to the other bid of \$9,863.44. The low bid makes use of one of the existing posts. The gate will remain manual, with the option to add an automatic opener in the future for additional cost. The village will inquire on the added

cost if the post cannot be reused.

The board continued discussion on an ordinance that would allow chickens to be raised in the village, reviewing ordinances from several other municipalities. Mayor Mike Serena suggested if an out-building for a coop is built, a building permit should be required. Commissioner Erik Smith inquired regarding the number of permits for raising chickens would be allowed. Serena noted some villages limit the number of chickens, none of the ordinances reviewed discuss the number of operations allowed. Commissioner Rob Wolf inquired re-

garding the disposition of chickens if a permit is revoked. The board also discussed the fee for the permit.

The street repair contracts were signed and will be sent to IDOT for approval.

Mayor Mike Serena reported the Heritage Corridor CVB will give a Route 66 yard display sign to the village in exchange for the village installing and maintaining the sign. The sign is identical to the sign at the Route 66 museum in Joliet and stands six feet high.

Mayor Serena asked that the village hall be kept open as a cooling center during the extreme heat.



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New Books at Piper City Library

Piper City Public Library now has the following books available for check-out:

Killing the SS by Bill O'Reilly; Secrets by Fern Michaels; Sparring Partners by John Grisham.

In addition, they also have Clive Cussler's Dark Vector by Graham Brown.

Kurt Austin must find a vanished ship and stave off a global catastrophe in the latest novel in the #1 New York Times-bestselling series created by the "grand master of adventure" Clive Cussler.

A freighter carrying top-secret computers of unparalleled capability disappears in the Western Pacific. While searching for a lost treasure that once belonged to the famous Chinese pirate queen, Ching Shih, Kurt Austin and Joe Zavala are redirected to look for the missing vessel.

Discovering that the sinking of the ship is just part of an intricate web of deception, they find themselves in the middle of a cyber-war between rival groups of hackers, both of whom want to control the flow of data around the world.

With no allies except a group of pirates who operate under their own crude laws, Kurt and Joe must rescue a colleague held hostage – while keeping the computers out of Russian or Chinese hands and the world's digital information safe from the hackers.

During their Summer Reading Program, Read Beyond the Beaten Path, one of the activities at Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) is the STEM-onade Stand, a weekly Take-and-Make kit parents can pick up for their children.

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Each week, their STEM-onade table will feature a simple craft based on a STEM concept. Each Ziploc bag contains the parts necessary and instructions for the craft. Once a STEM-onade Stand project has been completed, patrons only need to show staff a picture or post one on Facebook/Instagram and tag the library to qualify for a ticket for their Summer Reading Chance Baskets.

If you have not registered for Summer Reading yet, there is still time. Patrons and community members of all ages can sign up and receive information packets that include reading logs and fun paper activities. During summer reading, participants can earn chance tickets for fun baskets by logging the number of minutes read and attending programs.

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

George, their giant stuffed monkey, will attend for children who want to practice their reading skills by reading to George.

Every Wednesday, kids in third grade and up can go to the library for a new Take-and-Make craft from the STEM-onade Stand. These bags contain items to make a fun STEM-inspired craft. Directions included. June 22 features a Fibonacci Bracelet. June 29 features a catapult.

Drop-In Maker Space is happening Friday, June 24, for the entire family. Have a craft you want to finish or work on something from their Maker Space Cart? Drop in the library and find something creative to work on.

Saturdays feature a Weekend Crafting Session. On Saturday, June 25, they are going to Tie Dye in two sessions. Kids in fourth through eighth grades are to go at 11:00 a.m. High school age and adults will have a session at 1:00 p.m. Participants need to take their own t-shirts.

Join for an Adult Craft Night Out crafting Rock Coasters Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. Have a fun night at the library and make decorative rock coasters to use on your patio or at camp.

Their monthly Writer's Group will meet Tuesday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting



Room. They plan to edit and critique each other's work, becoming better writers in the process. When you sign up, include your e-mail address so they can send your writing piece to other members to critique ahead of time.

Kids in second through fifth grades, join when they present Grow Your Own Crystals Thursday, June 30, at 1:00 p.m. They are exploring the science of growing your own crystals

with Epsom Salt in a hands-on experiment.

Register ahead of time so they can have plenty of supplies on hand. Check their website at limestonelibrary.org as well as Facebook, Instagram, and *The Paper* for updates.

Any questions? Call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message them at Facebook or Instagram.

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Father Allam Visits

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needs of my mission," Father Allam said. "We need to buy books, provide uniforms, shoes, computers, sports equipment, new classrooms, and new washrooms. These are the main pressing needs, so we're trying to raise funds to take care of them."

Father Allam arrived in Illinois on June 8 and is here until June 28.

He has visited with Father Ron Neitzke, who was Father Allam's successor at the Catholic parishes in Herscher, Irwin, and Goodwin.

The predecessor said Father Ron Neitzke and the congregation have been very welcoming, helpful, and accommodating just like the environment he grew up in and tries to implement in his parish.

"My father is a farmer. We have five nuns in our family. They were a great influence on me growing up. We had priests in our village and they were also an influence on me to become a priest," said Father Allam. "It is very, very impor-



Father Allam, as he was preparing to leave for India in 2019.

tant to help because the basic needs we have to give every human being is respect and dignity. We also have to provide the children opportunities so they can become something. By helping them, we are breaking the cycle of poverty.

"We are trying to help bring children up in life. The seniors are mostly left abandoned and on the streets, so we provide them with dignity and respect in their last days of life."

Donations can be sent via checks made payable to Safe Harbor, which is a non-profit organization and tax-deductible.

The address for donations to be sent is 110 S. School St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Brandon LaChance is a journalist with *The Paper*.

101st Herscher Labor Day Celebration September 3-5

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce and its Labor Day Parade Committee announced the following for its 2022 Labor Day Parade:

The Parade will have a theme this year as the Village of Herscher and the Herscher Chamber of Commerce host the 101st Homecoming Celebration.

The theme that has been selected is: "Rockin The Decades". We all have our favorite "decade". Whether it is the 40s, the 50s, maybe the 70s, etc. Maybe it is music of a certain decade or maybe it is an event that occurred that made a certain decade "rock".

The Parade Committee is looking for the graduated

classes of Herscher High School with their year ending in a 2 – such as: 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002, 2012, and 2022 – to build a float for the Labor Day Parade. Additionally, **any** graduated class of Herscher High School is welcome to enter a float in the Parade.

Parade applications will be mailed in mid-July to those on the Chamber of Commerce's mailing list. Additional forms will also then be available locally at the Herscher Village Hall and Midland States Bank in Herscher.

For more information, contact John Branz at 815-426-6183.

Odell KC Extravaganza June 25

The Odell Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Extravaganza Saturday, June 25, at the KC Hall.

Tickets are available for purchase and include two chicken dinners with all the trimmings to be served from 4:00-7:30 p.m. and a chance to win cash prizes. Chicken dinners can also be purchased at the door.

The drawing starts at 7:00 p.m. Only 250 tickets will be sold.

Top prize is \$2,000; second prize, \$1,000; third through 10th prizes, \$100; 11th through 15th prizes, \$50. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets are available at Odell Bank, GD's Saloon, and from any KC member.

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Crypto: Investment or Speculation?

With cryptocurrencies so much in the news, you might be wondering if you should invest in them. But "invest" may not be the right word – because, in many ways, cryptocurrencies, or "crypto" for short, are more speculation than investment.

But what's really the difference between a speculator and an investor? Probably the main factor is the differing views of time. A true investor is in it for the long term, building a portfolio that, over many years, can eventually provide the financial resources to achieve important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But speculators want to see results, in the form of big gains, right now – and they're often willing to take big risks to achieve these outcomes.

There's also the difference in knowledge. Investors know that they're buying shares of stock in a company that manufactures products or provides services. But many speculators in cryptocurrency don't fully comprehend what they're buying – because crypto just isn't that easy to understand. Cryptocurrency is a digital asset, and cryptocurrency transactions only exist as digital entries on a blockchain, with the "block" essentially being just a collection of information, or digital ledgers. But even knowing this doesn't necessarily provide a clear picture to many of those entering the crypto world.

In addition to time and understanding, two other elements help define cryptocurrency's speculative nature:

- **Volatility** – Cryptocurrencies are subject to truly astonishing price swings, with big gains followed by enormous losses – sometimes within a matter of hours. What's behind this type of volatility? Actually, several factors are involved. For one thing, the price of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies depends heavily on supply and demand – and the demand can skyrocket when media outlets and crypto "celebrities" tout a particular offering. Furthermore, speculators will bet on crypto prices moving up or down, and these bets can trigger a rush on buying and selling, again leading to the rapid price movements. And many purchasers of crypto, especially young people, want to see big profits quickly, so when they lose large amounts, which is common, they often simply quit the market, contributing to the volatility.
- **Lack of regulation** – When you invest in the traditional financial markets, your transactions are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the firms with which you invest are typically overseen by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Other agencies are also involved in regulating various investments. These regulating bodies work to ensure the basic fairness of the financial markets and to prevent and investigate fraud. But cryptocurrency exchanges are essentially unregulated, and this lack of oversight has contributed to the growth of "scam" exchanges, crypto market manipulation, excessive trading fees and other predatory practices. This "Wild West" scenario should be of concern to anyone putting money in crypto.

The cryptocurrency market is still relatively new, and it's certainly possible that, in the future, crypto can become more of an investment and less of a speculation. In fact, Congress is actively considering ways to regulate the cryptocurrency market. But for now, caveat emptor – "let the buyer beware."

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Gardner-South Wilmington High School Board Meets

On June 15, Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 held a Regular Board Meeting.

There was no Public Comment during the meeting.

Mr. Josh DeLong discussed the Building and Grounds Report:

- Parking Lot Update: The front sidewalk is being torn out. Then the concrete sidewalk area will be poured this week, along with blacktop being poured on the entire parking lot area.
- Boiler Update: Korellis System Control will be installing a brand new back-up boiler. They will also be getting a new control module with that system. This will be done in the fall.
- Summer Work Update: Painting is in progress, room changes are taking place, and new floor tile will be put in the main office, teachers' work room, board room, and Principal's office.

Superintendent DeLong presented on the following:

- School Board Conference – Board members were asked to let Mrs. Sue Avery know if they plan to attend the Conference being held in Chicago in November.
- Next year's Levy figures: The Levy will bring in 1.8 million dollars. The tax rate will be \$2.57.
- Football agreement: Mr. DeLong will look into a written agreement between GSW and Dwight for the new football co-op. As of now, the Dwight bus is transporting GSW students to and from Dwight for summer weight lifting training. There are currently three students participating. Hopefully there will be more students when the season officially begins.
- Student parking spots – The new parking lot will be lined, but they will not be numbering the spots. GSW will no longer charge students for individual

parking spots. The students will be allowed to park in any spots in either the west or south student parking lot areas.

- Thank you – Mr. DeLong again thanked the board members and stated he enjoyed his three years of being Supt. at GSW High School. The board members discussed his time here and improvements made and wished him well in the future.

There were no BOE Members reports this month.

Action Items included the following:

- Consolidated District Title 1 Plan for 2022-2023
- Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal
- Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal
- Approve Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund of \$150,000
- Approve Rodosky Accounting as payroll vendor

- Approve Michelle Scaccia as Freshman Class Sponsor
- Approve the First Reading of press Plus 109
- Destruction of Closed Session audio recordings 18-months and older
- Opening of Board of Education Closed Session minutes from January 2022 – May 2022
- Accept the bid from Korellis System Control to install a new boiler at \$44,830
- Authorize the payment of July 2022 bills
- Authorize employment of new staff for (2022-2023)
- Approve the Resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2022, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the Levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

OBITUARY

Barbara Wipplinger

DWIGHT – Barbara Wipplinger, 86, of Dwight passed away at 11:09 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at Accolade Healthcare of Pontiac in Pontiac, Illinois.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight, Illinois.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the services.

Graveside services followed in Round Grove Cemetery, rural Campus, Illinois.

Hager Memorial Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials in Barbara's name may be left to the American Breast Cancer Society.

Barbara was born February 26, 1936, in Dwight, Illinois, a daughter of Edwin R. and Lela (Eyre) Fieldman. She married Jasper Barton Harris 1955 and later married James Patrick Wipplinger on September 25, 1967. He passed away January 6, 1975. She then married John Koker in 1979.

She is survived by her children: Debra (William) Cline of Imperial, Missouri; Brenda Harris of Dwight; and Jamie (Steven) Shoop of Pontiac; grandchildren: Bobby (Kha-



Han) Sintas, Lana Green, Sonny Sintas, Caitlyn Cline, C a r l e i g h (M i c h a e l) Capriglione, Ekaterina (Christopher) Olbrot, Alexander (Britney Kinser) Harris, Jennifer Hobson, Amanda Hobson, Matthew Hobson, Nathan Shoop, and Ian (Taylor) Shoop.

Also surviving are great-grandchildren: Heather, Haleigh, Tucker, Kamren, Avery, Evelyn, Remington, Anastasiya, Lincoln, Jaxon, Elliott and one on the way; great-great-grandchildren, Gemma and Ryker; and sister, Marlene Wilson of Morton; Kitty Daphne.

She was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Wipplinger; and a sister, Linda Dolan.

She attended Emmanuel Lutheran Church and New Life Assembly of God Church. Barbara enjoyed traveling and vacationing in Hawaii, roller skating, horses and hanging out at the pool. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at: www.calvertmemorial.com

More obituaries on page 7.

Check out these zoos and aquariums

Zoos and aquariums can be both informative and entertaining. Without these facilities, millions of people may never get a chance to glimpse marine and land animals, nor learn about their habitats in person.

It's fun to plan excursions to zoos and aquariums, particularly when they offer special attractions or exhibits.

- **San Diego Zoo:** Located in California and founded in 1916, San Diego's zoo is world renowned. It is home to more than 3,700 animals, including giant pandas. Those who are California-bound should seriously consider including a trip to this zoo in their travel plans.

- **Georgia Aquarium:** Advertised as the largest aquarium in the world, the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta is home to thousands of fish. Other marine animals swim in the aquarium's eight million gallons of water, including gentle giants like whale sharks.

- **Lincoln Park Zoo:** Located in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, this is one of the country's only free-admission zoos. Rare Japanese macaques and red pandas are included in this compact zoo landscape that takes up 35 acres of the cityscape.

- **National Aquarium:** The National Aquarium is a visually stunning facility within the tourist-centric Inner Harbor neighborhood of Baltimore. There are more than 600 species to admire, and a rooftop rainforest enables visitors to check out exotic birds and tree dwellers in addition to the marine life.

- **Indianapolis Zoo:** Midwest visitors can check out this zoo that boasts penguins, seals and rhinos. Many people are drawn here by the opportunity to swim with dolphins.

- **Bronx Zoo:** At 265 acres, the Bronx Zoo ranks as one of the largest metropolitan zoos in the world. More than 6,000 animals call the zoo home.

- **Tennessee Aquarium:** While many aquariums showcase the diversity of saltwater marine life, the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga focuses on freshwater fish and other animals. Enjoy a touch tank with sturgeon, one of the world's oldest fish species. It's also home to more turtle species than any other American zoo or aquarium.

Zoos and aquariums can be part of travel plans this season or any time of year.

Video Gaming Continues to Attract Customers

Video gambling in Illinois continued on its merry way in May with the addition of 394 video gaming terminals and 51

new locations. Results for the month of May for Dwight and Gardner are below.

Dwight

May	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Anne	108,263	93,903	14,359	4,104	717
Cherry Red	6,476	3,300	3,175	921	158
Lili Mae's	111,349	89,653	21,695	6,291	1,084
Love's	193,969	143,819	50,149	14,543	2,507
VFW	146,041	115,715	30,325	8,794	1,516
Vic. Lanes	6,857	3,137	3,719	1,078	185
Virbapa	7,555	4,981	2,573	746	128
Willy's	124,531	96,728	27,802	8,062	1,390
TOTAL	\$705,041	551,240	153,800	44,602	7,690

Gardner

May	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Gardner
Buddies (3)	463	149	314	91	16
Marks (5)	52,408	38,842	13,566	3,934	678
TOTAL:	\$52,871	38,991	13,880	4,025	694

*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.

Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBLER.

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 10, 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 Quik Wash Laundry, located at 502 W. Howard St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

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Kristy A. Masching
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OBITUARIES

Clara ‘Penny’ Nora (Ogg) Bingaman

Clara “Penny” Nora (Ogg) Bingaman, age 98, received her angel wings at Mount Carmel Senior Living in St. Charles, Missouri on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Her husband, Paul Bingaman; her parents and brothers and sisters, daughter Diana, daughter - in - law Peggy, and niece Madison preceded her in death.

She is survived by David (Sarah), Mark (Sandra), Rodney, Debbe (Steve); six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Born on a small farm near Dwight, Illinois on March 17, 1924 to Mary Ellen and John Ogg, Penny lived a full and happy life. In recent years she lived in St. Peters, Missouri, and prior to that St. Charles, Missouri.

After graduating from high school in Dwight, Illinois during WW II, she worked at Elwood Ordnance plant near Joliet, Illinois, making bullets, and then in Chicago as a riveter, making airplanes for Douglas Aircraft Company. She was a real “Rosie, the Riveter.”

Then she got a job as a switchboard operator / disc jockey, where she enjoyed playing records upon request through speakers to taverns throughout Chicago. She continued to support the war effort by operating a drill press making radios for PT boats. Then she returned home to help run the family farm.

Penny met her husband Paul through letters while he was in



the Air Force stationed in England. After meeting at the Chicago bus station, they married and bought their first house in St. Charles. She actively supported her kids in school through the PTA, and served as a

den mother. Penny loved flowers, she served as president of the St. Charles Garden Club, and spent many weekends tending her wildflowers at the family cabin. She owned The Keepsake Shop in St. Charles, where she made and sold dried flower arrangements and antiques. She took private pilot flying lessons and once flew in the Goodyear Blimp.

Penny helped start an organization called F.I.S.H., that provided food and clothes for innumerable people in need, and she worked there four days a week for 43 years. She also took oil painting lessons from noted TV artist Bob Ross, became a talented painter of “happy little trees,” and was certified as a Bob Ross painting instructor.

Over the years Penny and her family were active members at the First United Methodist Church and then Faith United Methodist Church in St. Charles.

A memorial service will be held at Baue Funeral Home Cave Springs, 3950 W. Clay St., St. Charles, Missouri (636-940-1000) at noon on Saturday, July 9, 2022.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Doris J. Lowe

Doris J. Lowe, 86, of Cabery passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at Evenglow Inn of Pontiac.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 20, 2022 at Kempton United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m.

A visitation was held two hours prior to the service, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Burial followed in Broughton Cemetery, rural Emington, Illinois.

Calvert & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Doris was born November 17, 1935 in Emington, Illinois, the daughter of Fred and Lucy (Haag) Lambert. She married Robert “Bob” Lowe on September 4, 1954 in the Kempton United Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on November 14, 2019.

She is survived by her children: Deb (Don) English of Kempton, Illinois; David (Audrey) Lowe of Saunemin, Illinois; Daphne (the late Brad) Wepprecht of Reddick, Illinois; Dean (Tammy) Lowe of Kempton, Illinois; and Robin (Bruce) Oldfather of Saunemin, Illinois.

Eighteen grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and two on the way; her stepsister, Shirley (Steve) Zeller; a brother-in-law, Terry (Shirley) Wagner; a niece and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grand-



daughters, Hillary and Amber Wepprecht; a sister, Donna Wagner; her sister-in-law, Ena Margaret Kemp; and brother-in-law, Richard Kemp Sr.

Doris was a member of the Kempton United Methodist Church.

She was very active in UMW. She was a Sunday and Bible School teacher. She was a counselor with the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She sang in the church choir and the Community Chord Chorale. She was a waitress at the Dew Drop Inn in Emington for several years. She retired from RR Donnelley.

Doris loved to garden. She was an avid reader. She was a regular blood donor, and received a pin for donating five gallons over the years. She was into family history and genealogy. She was active in the Cabery/Kempton high school reunions. She enjoyed camping trips with the family, especially to Rensselaer, Indiana. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great - grandmother and aunt.

The family would like to thank Evenglow Inn for their love and the care they took with Doris over the last two-and-a-half years.

Memorials may be made to Kempton United Methodist Church or Evenglow Inn.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No.21-CH-22
)
DWIGHT RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC, an Illinois)
Limited Liability Corporation, WILLIAM OHLEN-)
DORF, ROBERT H. OHLENDORF, CAROL OHLEN-)
DORF, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 101 W. South St., Dwight, IL 60420.

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

The North 310 feet of the East 290 of Block 7 in Hahn’s Addition to the Village of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 05-09-251-003

Commonly known as: 101 W. South St., Dwight, IL 60420.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 21,156 sq. ft. restaurant and banquet facility (17,960 sq. ft. useable ground) on a 2.06 acre lot, operated until approx. December 2017 as the “Country Mansion”. Improvements include two older historical buildings which have had several additions over the years.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: July 12, 2022 at 10:15 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

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DONALD R. McCLAREY
Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

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Saint Louis

I’m leaving the Windy City. It’s been a great 4-5 year run but I’m taking my talents to the Gateway to the West, St. Louis, Missouri (more specifically the suburbs).

I love Chicago, warts and all, and it will always be there. But one thing I’m not sure I’m prepared to do is be in enemy fan territory. I’ve never had to deal with that much. The only time I’ve ever experienced anything close to it is going to a Cubs-White Sox game. Even going up to Milwaukee to watch a Cubs-Brewers game felt like the Cubs were the home team a lot of the time.

However, that’s all coming to an end. If I choose to attend a Cardinal or Blues game, even if they are playing their Chicago counterpart, I will likely be incredibly, overwhelmingly outnumbered.

I’ve done it before. I’ve gone to Dodger Stadium in the playoffs when they faced off against the Cubs, and I went to the ISU National Championship Football Game in Texas which probably featured an 80% fan split of North Dakota State University fans versus Redbirds.

While there’s somewhat of an adrenal rush from representing the opposition, it’s also a little bit unnerving. I don’t get too out of control at any of these events but I’ve certainly seen enough stories and videos of Dodgers and Giants fans getting into fights to know that while the threat of something occurring is low, it’s still there.

To make matters worse, the Cubs and the Blackhawks STINK right now. They’re both very bad. Mostly rudderless. Any games they’re coming to St. Louis to play are going to be thought of by the St. Louis fans as an automatic win for the foreseeable future.

I hope that changes but I just don’t see it happening anytime soon. For now I am faced with never attending live sporting events, or only attending them when the teams I like watching are getting blown out.

It’s a choice of the lesser evil and I hope that choice changes soon.

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Aaron J. Boma
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Plaintiff,)
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)
BRIAN R. DUNN, FORREST REDI-MIX, INC., an Illi-)
nois Corporation, DAVID A. SMITH, d/b/a D.M. Smith)
& Co., STATE OF ILLINOIS, and unknown owners and)
non-record claimants,)
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B. The common address of the real estate is 23277 E. 1225 N. Rd., Fairbury, IL 61739.

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

That part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 27 North, Range 6 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Livingston County, Illinois bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said North Half of the Southwest Quarter, and running thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds West, along the South line of said North Half, 1286.30 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 17 seconds West, perpendicular to said South Line 1220.00 feet; thence South 79 degrees 39 minutes 51 seconds West 273.45 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 17 seconds East 120.00 feet; thence South 53 degrees 33 minutes 53 seconds East 297.67 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 17 seconds East 874.21 feet to said South line of the North Half; and thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds East, along said South line, 30.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PIN: 22-13-300-010

Commonly known as: 23277 E. 1225 N. Rd., Fairbury, IL 61739.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 2-story single-family home, including 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, full basement, and 2-car attached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: July 12, 2022 at 10:15 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

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DONALD R. McCLAREY
Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

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B. The common address of the real estate is 701 S. Vermillion St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 6 in Block 22 in Fell’s Second Addition to Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-27-129-013

Commonly known as: 701 S. Vermillion St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 1-story single-family home, including 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, crawl space, and 2-car attached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

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by Brandon LaChance

If you're from Dwight or the surrounding area, it's quite possible you've heard of the River Road Trio.

They've been performing since 2011 and have been all over Illinois as Terry Carter (guitarist, vocalist) is from Dwight, Jonelle Carter – Terry's wife of 10 years who is the female front vocalist – is from Seneca, and good friend Kyle Ripsch (piano, vocalist) is from Coal City.

However, they're known outside of Illinois as well.

"We play our original songs and we do covers. We really found that the area we live in responds very well to covers," Jonelle Carter said. "I think as a song writer, it's important

Dwight in Nashville – River Road Trio

when you're putting music out that people are not familiar with right away, it's important to capture them with songs they do know. Our show is a nice mix of originals and cover songs. When we travel to Nashville or do a specific original show, then we'll just throw one or two cover songs in."

"We go to Nashville a couple times a year. We have a great relationship with a bunch of people there that really love and support the original music scene, which believe it or not is a little difficult to find in Nashville these days. There is a lot of cover stuff going on."

"We have a show on Aug. 11 in Nashville, which will be a duo show with Terry and I. On Oct. 23 we head down to Nashville for the Josie Music

Awards, an independent music organization. We've been nominated for four awards through them. The award show is at the Grand Ole Opry."

The River Road Trio was nominated for a Midwest Country Music Award in the past making the Josie Music Awards the Trio's second chance to earn some hardware.

Terry Carter is excited about being nominated and hopes the band gets the opportunity to play at the Grand Ole Opry – the iconic country music venue every act wants to take stage.

However, if they don't, being involved in the music and the environment is just as cool.

"It's kind of hard to believe or wrap your head around. It's a great honor to be nominated

for awards," said Terry, who was able to put a check mark next to recording one of his father's (Roy Carter) songs in a studio on his bucket list. "It's also been on my bucket list to play the Opry. Hopefully, we get that opportunity, but just being there around your peers, it's a good feeling. It's a good feeling to be recognized as an unsigned, independent artist."

"Our vision is to get as big as we can. We will take our music wherever it takes us. We don't have any restrictions as far as what we're willing to do. My main goal is to write and play our own music. That was the main reason for the Trio."

"I've played for so many years and I've always felt that it's treated me really well, but (continued on page 9)





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Continues to Make a Name in Music

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I've been a jukebox playing everybody else's music. I always wanted to do my own music."
Terry Carter, who graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1983, started playing the guitar when he was five-years old, first performed on stage with his father when he was nine, and was in his first band at 16.
He was a founding member of a band with two other Dwight natives before he wanted to create something of his own with his wife and close friend, Ripsch.
"Terry was playing with the Clients Band (formed in 1995 with Dwight residents, Greg Pfeifer and Roger Hoegger), which we're still a part of,"

Jonelle Carter said. "Terry was reforming the band after one member was retiring. He hired Kyle as a piano player, and he hired me as a female front. The Clients had never had a female front before, so this was going to be a new element for the band.
"I'd always been a song writer and we really wanted to form something where we could write and perform original music. In 2011, we branched off into an acoustic trio, the River Road Trio."
The trio defines itself as country-rock or country-alternative with a little splash of blue grass.
The influence list includes Wille Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bob

Seger, and Huey Lewis...just to name a few.
When you put Terry, Jonelle, and Kyle together, the female lead says, "You'll find something really eclectic and we can deep dive into some really crazy songs."
On June 23, the River Road Trio opens for Sara Evans in Frankfort.
They also have singles to be released and gigs booked locally as they wait for their next Nashville adventure in August.
"We play the last Sunday of every month at Willy's Pub in Dwight. Terry plays an acoustic solo show every other Wednesday at Station 343 in Dwight," Jonelle Carter said. "We absolutely love our fans in Dwight. They are literally the most supportive group of peo-

ple you could ever imagine. They showed up in Nashville and all the crazy places we play where we don't think we'll know anybody. Without them, we'd really have nothing because we would be playing to each other."
"We are releasing a new single in the next month called, 'Dear Ex'. It features Alex Smith, who goes under the stage name Alexandra Lee. She's a singer, song writer from Dwight as well."
The River Road Trio's booking and tour date information can be found on its website, riverroadtrio.com.
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Terry Carter, Jonelle Carter and Kyle Ripsch are the River Road Trio.

Buzz is Back... Car Show Brings Summer Vibe to Dwight

by Brandon LaChance

Summertime means a lot of things to a lot of people.
Pool parties, bags games, shorts, sun, beach volleyball, lemonade, fireworks, garage sales, carnivals, festivals, BBQ, patios, and the list can keep going...as long as car shows are added.
Dwight's car show is back as Let's Buzz the Gut will take place downtown June 25.
"It's a cruise - in car show for downtown Dwight. It's the spring car show that happens every year," said Let's Buzz the Gut Director and Dwight Economic Alliance President, Randy Irvin. "Obviously with the new businesses in downtown Dwight, we are going to be pushing for them to maybe stay open later, so we can have a lot more shopping and things like that going on. The more opportunities for Dwight to thrive, the better."

Alex McWilliams founded Buzz the Gut in 2006 and then handed the reins over to Irvin in 2018.
The vision of the car show has mainly stayed the same with some added dimensions such as live entertainment outside, different food vendors, and activities for children
This year's event features Tommy Edwards jamming at the Clock Park (4-7 p.m.), bounce houses provided by Oly Farms (3-7 p.m.), Monster Grilled Cheese (2-8 p.m., a food truck Irvin said Dwight residents asked for), and free raffles.
"You figure two people per car - about 250 - and then we bring in people from out of town. So, we're talking about 500-1,000 people downtown throughout four or five hours," Irvin said. "Hopefully we bring in more, but we don't count the attendance."
"What I see it as is we want to bring people to the downtown area so they can see what

Dwight has to offer. Dwight has a great selection of restaurants in town. For our size, we have quite a good selection of restaurants. You have to go somewhere like Joliet or Kankakee to get the different things that we have.
"We also have a lot more shops this year than we've had in previous years. I'm hoping that will catch the eye of quite a few people walking around and they'll spend some time in Dwight. Maybe not only for this weekend, but say hey, 'We should come back again.'"
Entrants for Let's Buzz the Gut have a registration fee of \$10 to enter their vintage vehicle.
There will be dash plaques for the first 150 entrants and there will be door prizes for all participants.
Over the years, the car show has seen an average of 125 vehicles entered annually, but Irvin thinks there is a possibility for this year to have a higher number since the last two years

of life were affected by Covid-19.
The pandemic turnaround for Dwight as a village has been impressive and it should be the same for Let's Buzz the Gut.
"I think Dwight has turned around pretty well with what we have going on in Dwight. You see a lot of downtowns that are dying," said Irvin. "I know people in town say, 'Oh, we have some vacant buildings.' I challenge them to go to towns with 4,200 people and tell me what their downtowns look like."
"I guarantee they're nothing like ours. We have three or four vacant buildings. There are a lot of towns our size that 85-90 percent of the downtown area is boarded up. I think Dwight is only one or two shops away from having the complete package downtown."
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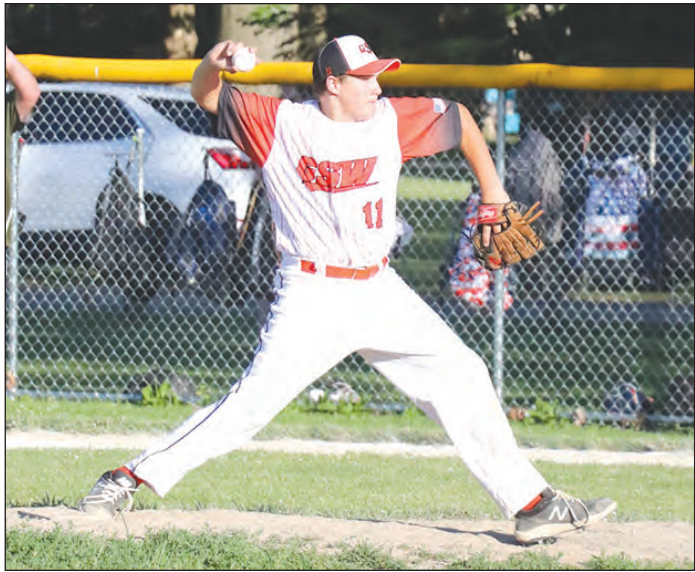
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This event is family-friendly and offers Race Day Registration for the Kid’s Race for a fee. Pre-register for the 5K at grundypads.org for a fee. Race Day Registration for runners begins at 4:00 p.m. on July 3, with the fee increasing. The Kid’s Race begins at 5:00 p.m. and the 5K kicks off at 6:00 p.m.

To skip the line on Race Day, go to their Pre-Registration Party at Ebby George’s at 402 Liberty St., Morris, Friday, July 1, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Registered runners can pick up their race bags, and a registration table will be available to sign up new runners. Those who register in person during the party will enjoy a 10% discount on registration costs. Ebby George’s will also be offering a special Liberty Shot, with \$1 from each shot sold going towards Grundy Area PADS.

Because the goal of the Liberty 5K is to honor local veterans, they are now offering a new “wall shirt” to give people the chance to recognize their special veterans by contributing to the local groups that help them every day. For a fee, you can add your veteran’s name and branch of service to the 2022 Liberty 5K commemorative race shirt. One-hundred percent of the proceeds from the Wall Shirt will be donated to local veteran groups including the Grundy County VAC, the Morris Color Guard, VFW Post #6049, American Legion Post #294, DAV Chapter 86, Forty & Eight Local 1195, and the Marine Corps League.

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THE DTHS TROJANS baseball program held its awards ceremony recently. Pictured, left to right, are Ryan Turner (Heart Award), Dawson Carr (Heart Award), Luke Gallet (MVP and Gold Glove), Terry Wilkey (Pitcher of the Year), Wyatt Statler (Most Improved), and Jack Duffy (Hitter of the Year). Duffy was named 2nd Team All-Conference, while Gallet earned Honorable Mention All-Conference and was also named All-Area Honorable Mention by the Daily Journal.

Earl Muir Memorial
Kid’s Fishing Derby Held in Odell

Members of the Odell Sportsman’s Club hosted their 13th Annual Earl Muir Memorial Kid’s Fishing Derby on June 12 at Muir’s pond in rural Odell.

The event was attended by 20 girls and 18 boys, all between the ages of three and 13. They caught a total of 105 fish, which were cleaned by club members. Bev Muir, widow of Earl, was also present at the event.

The Sportsman’s Club extended its thanks to Greg Muir and family for the use of their pond.

After the fishing derby ended, hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks were served to the participants and their family members. Club President, Joe

Thomas Bolen, presented trophies after the meal was served. In the girls and boys categories, plaques were awarded for first through third place in “Most Fish Caught” and “Biggest Fish Caught”. All participants received a \$5.00 gift card.

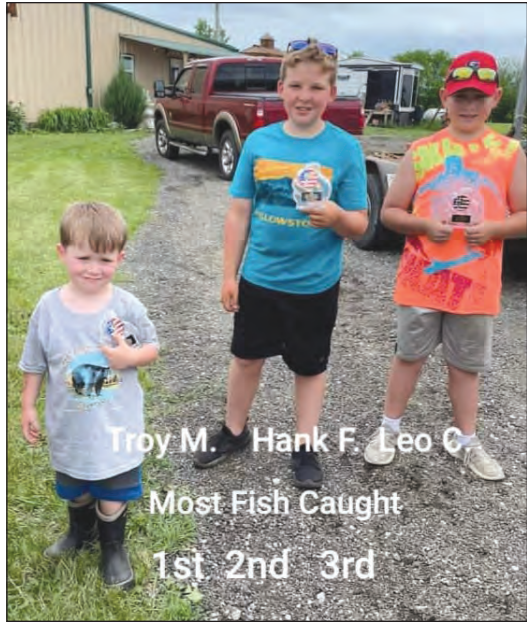
Girls “Biggest Fish Caught” winners: Beatrice C., first place, 14¼; Sophie M., second place, 13¾; and Dana T., third place, 13¼ (two-way tie). Girls “Most Fish Caught” winners: Sophie M., first place, 15 fish; Lily M., second place, three fish; and Emilia C., third place, three fish (four-way tie).

Boys “Biggest Fish Caught” winners: Wesley R., first place, 14¼; Hank F., second place, 14¼; and Owen T., third place, 14¼ (two-way tie). Boys “Most

Fish Caught” winners: Troy M., first place, 14 fish; Hank F., second place, 13 fish; and Leo C., third place, seven fish (three-way tie).

President Bolen wishes to thank the following donors of awards, food, cookies, and drinks: Grief’s Monuments and Laser Etchings, G.D.’S Saloon, Sharon Wall, and Lee Cleary.

The OSC Kid’s Fishing Derby is an annual (except for 2020) family event and is open to all children ages three to 14 years of age. For information regarding membership, contact Bonnie Bolen, secretary, at 815-848-2217, e-mail doubled10@frontier.com, or contact a club member.



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The Local Patsy Cline

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her.
Pfeifer began singing karaoke regularly, she heard Patsy Cline Songs and thought they were cool. Once she started singing those, she would be asked to sing Cline songs again.
“I found out that I had a weakness with my voice. Streator has a community theater, so when I taught there I did some karaoke at Streator and the English teacher at the high school said, ‘I really want to produce the play ‘Always Patsy Cline’ and if I ever get the chance, I’d like you to try out for it.’ That was in 1999 and ten years later, 2009, he got the chance.
“In the meantime, if things wouldn’t have happened how they happened – and a lot happened – I got to sing publicly in Streator, somebody saw me, and asked me to be part of their band. I played with an 11-piece band in Chicago. That gave me the opportunity to learn stage presence, my confidence level went up, I learned more songs, and got me confident enough to join other bands and create my own band, Mary & the Troublemakers.”
As Pfeifer puts it, ‘it all just fell like dominoes.’
Except for one aspect, she put in the work to be the best Patsy Cline she could be.
“The only show I do, I talk about her. I don’t just sing her music. I lay the groundwork as to who she is and interact with people to get them to laugh,” said Pfeifer, who was booked as a cover artist by Starved Rock five months after she sang Cline’s songs in the Streator play. “It’s an actual show of interacting with them as well as singing her songs.

It’s all about her. I’ve read every book I can find on her. My tribute is to her, not just her music.
“What got me started doing just the Patsy Cline show was people telling me that was what they wanted to hear me sing. I didn’t grow up with Patsy Cline. The week before I competed against my brother, he had a party at his house. I sang a Hank Williams song and my brother-in-law said, ‘That was a fine Patsy Cline.’ I asked, ‘Who?’
“He noticed it first. Then when I was getting ready to do karaoke, I asked a few people if I should sing ‘Walking After Midnight’ (Cline) or ‘Dancing in the Street’ (Martha and the Vandellas/David Bowie and Mick Jagger)? It was always ‘Walking After Midnight.’ People kept encouraging me to do the Patsy Cline show.”
Pfeifer has already performed one show for the Lockport Park District in which she takes requests.
She isn’t just singing Cline, but Bonnie Raitt, Linda Ronstadt, Carole King, or Chubby Checker. The singer likes a lot of different music and wants to sing it all.
With continuously putting her voice and love for music out for everyone to hear, word caught on about the local singer and she began performing outside of Illinois.
“I sang at Boot City Opry in Terre Haute, Indiana and they found me because they were specifically looking for a Patsy Cline. They supplied a band for me, and they already knew Cline’s music,” Pfeifer said. “I started going there every year and I’ve been there five or six years. It was about the second year, I said to the owner,

‘We’re heading to Nashville from here.’ The owner replied, ‘Oh, you have to meet a Terre Haute boy that’s made good, John England.’
“He plays at Robert’s Western World almost every Monday night and he’s been there almost 20 years on Broadway in Nashville. He used to tour with Loretta Lynn. He’s the nicest guy in the world. After I met him, he asked if I’d like to come up and perform. I got a very good response from him and the band. I asked him, ‘Do you mind if I come down in February and do six songs with you?’ I added, I’d come down dressed as Patsy Cline. It was for the advertisement.”
Pfeifer has never done a Patsy Cline show or performed by herself in Nashville.
Her only Nashville experience is singing songs with England after he calls her to the stage during one of his shows.
Of course, she would love to be a paid act and have her own show in the country music oasis of Nashville. But until then, she enjoys working with England and improving as an on-stage performer.
“It’s something I never knew I would do. Some kids are in high school and they’re paying attention to ‘American Idol’ or ‘America’s Got Talent’

and they’re ready to compete and to be somebody,” Pfeifer said. “Never. Never in my whole life did I think I would be performing as a singer to large audiences, ever. It just wasn’t in the plan.
“It just kind of happened. I caught serendipity. Everything that happened was, wow. If I didn’t get hired in Streator, the guy I met to join the 11-piece band would never have happened. I wouldn’t have done the Patsy Cline play. I wouldn’t have played for the Red Cross. I wouldn’t have met John England. All these things wouldn’t have happened. It’s weird how life works.”
All of Mary Pfeifer’s performances can be found on her website, marypfeifer.com, but here are the next few gigs on her calendar:
Patsy – 6:15-8:30 p.m. June 23, Country Night at Bicentennial Park in Joliet
Mary & the Troublemakers – 6-9 p.m., July 1, Joliet American Legion
Mary & the Troublemakers – 6 p.m., July 3, Varna Campgrounds
Mary Solo – 6:30-8:30 p.m., July 6, Prairie Bluff Golf Course in Crest Hill
Simply Patsy – 5 p.m., July 7, Naperville Carillon in Naperville

Gas Prices For This Week

Since last Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has decreased by three pennies to \$4.98. According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks fell by 700,000 bbl to 217.5 million bbl last week. Meanwhile, gasoline demand declined slightly from 9.2 million b/d to 9.09 million b/d. The slight drop in gas demand has helped to limit pump price increases. However, as crude oil prices remain volatile, the price per gallon for gasoline will likely remain elevated.

At the close of Wednesday’s formal trading session, WTI decreased by \$3.62 to settle at \$115.31. Crude prices dropped yesterday amid broad market concern regarding the potential for economic growth to slow after the U.S. Federal Reserve raised the interest rate by 0.75 percent. Slower than expected economic growth could cause crude demand to decline, leading prices to follow suit. Crude prices decreased after the EIA reported that total domestic stocks increased by 1.9 million bbl to 418.7 million bbl last week. As a result, the current storage level is approximately 10 percent lower than a year ago.

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Gardner	\$5.27	\$5.29
Braceville	\$5.35	\$5.39
Morris	\$5.31	\$5.31
Herscher	\$5.31	\$5.29
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Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

Gas prices continue to rise; ‘Shrinkflation’ hits stores

Average gas price passes \$5 per gallon, legislation to help is still stuck in committee. A few days ago Illinois joined a handful of other states which now have average statewide gas prices of more than \$5 per gallon. This information came from the findings of a gas prices survey conducted by the American Automobile Association.

Prices are high everywhere in the country because of bad federal energy policy, but Illinois prices are higher than other states in part because of an additional tax which we charge on every gallon of gas.

Earlier this spring I told you about our bill to help bring down prices in Illinois. House Bill 5723, which I am sponsoring along with more than 30 other representatives, would cap the sales tax on a gallon of gas at 18 cents. Right now Illinois is one of the few states which levies a sales tax on the cost of a gallon of gas; the more the price of the gas goes, the more the sales tax goes up. Our bill would put a ceiling on the rise in this sales tax so that it would stop increasing during times like these.

Unfortunately, even though the bill was introduced three months ago, it was sent to the House Rules Committee and has not been allowed to have a hearing or a vote. Meanwhile, Illinoisans continue to get hit with higher gas prices while state government refuses to act.

“Shrinkflation” hitting consumers at the grocery store. We’ve talked a lot about the inflation which is causing prices to skyrocket in Illinois and across the country, but there is another side effect of these high prices which is causing shoppers to feel they are not getting their money’s worth at the store: something known as “shrinkflation.”

Due to inflation, some manufacturers are offering smaller sizes of products, but charging the same price as before. These shrinking sizes have been seen

at the grocery store for such items as chips, snacks and yogurt, but also such items as tissues, toilet paper and soap.

As inflation remains at 40-year highs this problem is only getting worse. Some analysts are citing the rising cost of diesel fuel as one reason, as marketers try to make up the difference from higher costs all along the supply chain. Illinois charges an excise tax on diesel fuel, plus that sales tax I mentioned above.

Caterpillar headquarters to leave Illinois for Texas. A large company which has been a bedrock of the Illinois economy for decades announced this week that it is moving its headquarters to Texas.

Caterpillar, which employs thousands of Illinoisans, says the move only applies to the 230 workers at its headquarters in the Chicago suburbs and that none of its manufacturing facilities in the state will be affected. This news follows the announcement a few weeks ago that Boeing is moving its headquarters from Chicago to northern Virginia.

This is just another sign that Illinois needs to improve its business and tax climate. We cannot continue to have large employers leave our state for more business-friendly destinations. Improving our job creation climate must be a priority for state government.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$2,966,762,845 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$3.4 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as our unfunded pension liability which is subject to a wide range of factors and has been estimated to be more than \$141 billion.

Megan’s Mission Foundation Partners with Community Foundation of Grundy County

The family of Megan Bugg is excited to announce that the Megan’s Mission Foundation is now official by partnering with the Community Foundation of Grundy County.

“When we learned more about the Community Foundation, it just made sense to start a fund with them as they are already a 501c3. By placing our foundation fund with them, it alleviates the need for my family to worry about annual IRS filings, tax receipts, and more,” explained Kent Bugg, father of Megan. “Now instead of running a separate 501c3 nonprofit, we can focus on fund-raising for childhood cancer research in order to find a cure for this horrible disease.”

The Bugg family has selected a committee to assist them with running the foundation fund. In addition to Deb and Kent, their daughter, MacKenzie, Jack Micetich, and Kim Scerine will make up the inaugural committee. This committee will be responsible for fund-raising for the foundation and recommending the nonprofits and research facilities to receive grants from the

fund.

“We want this fund to live indefinitely and have a broader purpose than just finding a cure for childhood cancer. The nurses who cared for Megan truly improved her quality of life – we couldn’t have done it without them – so our plan is to someday provide scholarships to young professionals in the medical and research fields,” added Dr. Bugg. “But our work to educate others on the lack of progress in treatment for childhood cancer continues. This foundation will help with that, too.”

“The Megan’s Mission Foundation being housed at the Community Foundation of Grundy County is a great fit and one reason why community foundations were created in the first place. Our role is to steward donor-designed funds, get those monies out into the community where they are needed, and eliminate the need for individuals to create 501c3 nonprofits when they really don’t want to run them,” explained Julie Buck, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Grundy County.



“All donor funds under our care fall under our annual state and federal filings, which is a huge burden we can lift away from families who just want to make a difference in the world.”

The Megan’s Mission Foundation golf outing is scheduled for July 23 at The Creek Golf Course in Morris. Golfers and sponsors wanting more information can find it at facebook.com/teammeganbugg.

To make a donation directly

to the Megan’s Mission Foundation, the community can mail checks or donate online. Make checks payable to “Community Foundation of Grundy County” and put “Megan’s Mission” in the memo line, then mail to 520 W. Illinois Avenue, Morris, IL 60450. To make a one-time or recurring online donation, go to cgrundycounty.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funid_id=1330. All donations to Megan’s Mission Foundation at CFGC are tax deductible as allowed by law. Consult your tax professional.

A Subtle Reminder to All Men – June is Men's Health Awareness Month



Let’s face it. Many men don’t like dealing with health issues. They don’t like talking about it, they tend to procrastinate when it comes to potential symptoms, and they really don’t like visiting the doctor – it usually takes a persistent wife or significant other to even make the darned appointment.

June is National Men’s Health Month. It’s a time to encourage all men to take their health seriously, make necessary lifestyle changes and get reacquainted with their physi-

cian.

According to Dr. Mohammed Khan, a family practice physician with OSF HealthCare, the reasons vary. For some men, it’s a macho thing. They don’t need any help. For others, they don’t want to make the time to address their health, and for others it’s simply a case of ‘if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.’

“A lot of men don’t feel like anything is wrong,” Dr. Khan says. “I’m doing fine. I’m feeling fine. I don’t need to see a doctor.”

But they do.

A few years ago, Cleveland Clinic surveyed men ages 18 to 70 across the country and found that only three in five men get an annual physical, and just over 40% go to the doctor only when they fear they have a serious medical condition.

For starters, Dr. Khan recommends all men should have an annual physical to (using a car analogy) make sure all the parts under the hood are working efficiently. It’s also the time to catch any potential problems.

“What we do during a wellness visit is to go over your entire history, address any questions or concerns, we do some basic bloodwork, check for diabetes, and check your cholesterol,” Dr. Khan says. “I can tell you at least five or six patients every couple of months that I see, who haven’t been seen in more than a year, I check them for diabetes and guess what? They have diabetes.”

In addition to diabetes, men

should have annual screenings for hypertension and cholesterol, as well as certain cancer screenings. Also, self-exam is important when it comes to issues such as testicular cancer, which is more than 90% curable if caught early enough.

“For men the common screenings are colon cancer and prostate cancer screening,” Dr. Khan says. “Colon cancer screening is typically age 50 and is repeated every five or 10 years, depending on what they see. In some cases where there is a family history of colon cancer, sometimes the screening will start at age 40, whereas prostate cancer screening will start at 46 or 47 and that’s an annual screening.”

Another issue affecting men is stress. Whether it is job or family related, or stems from health or financial issues, everyone has reason to worry from time to time. Dr. Khan recommends several options for dealing with anxiety, which if not handled properly, can cause major health problems.

“If you keep it inside, you tend to get stressed out,” he says. “There are a few ways to handle stress. You can go see a counselor or a therapist. There are some people who are not open to discussing these things. What I tell them is to use exercise as a stress reliever. Go for a walk or a run or hit the gym every so often. That helps relieve the stress and anxiety.”

No one is invincible and problems are going to crop up at some point in our lives. The key, Dr. Khan says, is to take care of ourselves, listen to our bodies, and check in with the doctor at least once a year. It’s the least we can do not only for ourselves but our loved ones

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE VILLAGE OF ODELL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odell as follows:

SECTION I: That the following appropriation be and the same is hereby adopted for the purpose of defraying the necessary corporate expenses and liabilities of the Village of Odell for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2023, to wit:

Salaries:	
Elected/Appointed Officials & Administration	\$63,200.00
Employee Insurance Benefits	46,000.00
General Corporate Expense:	
Maint/Supplies - Building	5,000.00
Professional Services	41,400.00
Communications	11,900.00
Professional Development	1,500.00
Electric Services/Street Lighting	6,000.00
Garbage	80,000.00
Corporate Insurance	30,000.00
Police	20,000.00
General Supplies	26,000.00
Capital Outlay	27,000.00
Streets/Alleys:	
Salaries	45,000.00
Maint/Supplies - Building & Streets	50,000.00
Professional Services	4,500.00
Electric Service/Street Lighting	25,000.00
Maint/Supplies - Equip, Vehicle, Operations; Fuel	39,500.00
Capital Outlay	90,000.00
Motor Fuel Tax	80,000.00
IMRF	40,000.00
Social Security	14,000.00
Odell Tourism	72,775.00
Waterworks:	
Salaries	50,000.00
Maint/Supplies - Building & Utility System	20,000.00
Professional Service	13,000.00
Publishing/Postage	1,700.00
Dues/Travel/Professional Development	3,100.00
Electric Service/Pumpage	30,000.00
Maint/Supplies - Equip, Operations; Fuel	84,000.00
Interest	5,100.00
Capital Outlay	335,000.00
Litigation	-0-
Sewer Works:	
Salaries	47,000.00
Maint/Supplies - Building & Sewer System	35,000.00
Professional	6,000.00
Dues/Training	2,500.00
Electric Services/Sewer Plant	25,000.00
Maint/Supplies - Equip, Operations; Fuel	15,000.00
Interest Expense	-0-
Capital Outlay	155,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$ 1,646,175.00

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form. ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odell on the ____ day of ____, 2022.

Votes: Ayes _____
 Nays _____

BRIAN MILLS - Village President
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IRIS THORNE - Village Clerk



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I; 2- Tartar 3 Point Carry-All Brackets for Platform; Wick-ing Herbicide Applicator, (Rolling), 10 Gal., 4 Ft. Wide Wick; TSC "V" Style Acreage Rake, 48", 4 Wheel; **Trucks - Van (To Sell at Approx. 12:30 p.m.):** 2000 International "Navistar 8100" Truck Tractor, Auto. Trans., Diesel, Alum. Flat Bed w/ Trailer Ball, New Cab Interior, 295/75R22.5 Tires, (White); 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1/2 Ton, 2WD, Std. Cab, 8ft. Bed, 4.3 Liter V-6, 5 Speed Manual Trans., Receiver Hitch, 144,300 Miles, (Beige); 1976 Chevy C-65, Single Axle, 454 Gas Engine, 5x2 Trans., 13-1/2ft. Steel Grain Box w/ Hoist, Spring Rear Bumper, Newer Paint, 83,000 Miles; 1967 Chevy 50, Single Axle, 292 Gas Engine, 5x2 Trans., 13-1/2ft. Flat Bed w/ 16" Steel Sides, 75,000 Miles; 1961 Chevy 50 "Viking", Single Axle, Manual w/ 2 Speed, 13ft. Bed w/ 18" Sides & Hoist; 1963 Chevy 60, Tandem Axle, 16ft. Grain Box, w/ Hoist, (In Parts); 1982 Dodge Ram "250 Custom" Window Sport Van, 318 Engine, Auto. 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Six New Employees for Tri-Point Schools

The Tri-Point Schools Board met Wednesday, June 15, when six new employees were approved: Shivaughn Scully as social worker to be placed on year 20 MS of Certified Salary Schedule; Mark Kelly as high school PE teacher; Alison Buckley as high school athletic director; Brendan Elens as high school head basketball coach; and Kayla Highland and Jordyn Deany as high school Student

Council sponsors.

- Also approved were:
- the Superintendent to develop 2022-23 School District budget;
 - acceptance of the insurance proposal from Compass Insurance Partners at a premium of \$117,353;
 - participation in the Community Eligibility Pro-vision meal program;
 - the resolution to adopt the

- TRS Supplemental Savings Plan
- the bid from John McNeil to construct the Kempton Office Project
 - payment to Taylor Runyon and Luke Ward for providing summer skills camps
 - permanent transfer of \$500,000 from Transportation to Education.
 - the 2022-2023 non-union pay increases as presented.



ISABELLA BUNTING, right, competed against the top 10 creed speakers in the state at State FFA Convention in Springfield June 14, placing second. Issy had to recite the FFA creed by E.M. Tiffany and answer the judges' questions about her interpretation of the creed. Issy is a DTHS freshman who has put in countless hours and was truly dedicated to being the best she could be. The town congratulated her on her homecoming June 16 with a police and fire escort, along with many family and friends. "Way to represent our chapter, Issy," said FFA Advisor, Sidney Krople, "we are so proud of you!" Above left, fellow Dwight FFA member, Katy Parker, supported Bunting.

DGS Summer School in Session/ Free Lunch For All to End

by Mark Boma
The Dwight Common School #232 Board of Education met Wednesday, June 15 in the Grade School Library. In the Principal's Report it was noted that 81 students Pre-K through 8th grade were taking part in summer school. The last day for the summer session will be June 23. Online registration for students returning in the fall will be July 1 through July 15. New students need to register in person beginning August 3.

The federal program that has allowed school districts to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students regardless of income will expire on June 30, 2022. Since 2020, this program has eliminated the need to collect payments for school meals for any student.

At this time, the federal government has not extended the waivers for next school year to allow free meals for all students. As a result, the school meal program will be reverting back to free and reduced price meals based on income eligibility guidelines set by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

During the 2022-2023 school year, families who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch will have to pay for school meals. Students whose families are eligible for free or reduced price breakfast or lunch will be able to access meals next year at no cost or a discounted rate. Documentation will be collected at time of registration to determine who qualifies.

Assistant Principal Jeremy Jenkins brought to the Board a request by a parent to potentially add cross country to the DGS sports program. The season would begin in August and there currently is no stipend budgeted so the coach would have to be on a volunteer basis. There would be an IESA fee and the athlete(s) would need to run in 3 meets to be eligible for postseason participation. The consensus of the Board was in favor of the proposal but deferred an official decision until new Superintendent Josh DeLong had a chance to review.

In Unfinished Business, the Blue Sky Solar Project Tax Abatement Agreement was dis-

cussed. The timing of the project is being delayed and the boundaries have been adjusted from the original footprint which will impact the tax deferral amounts across taxing districts.

In New Business, the following items were addressed:

1. Meeting dates beginning in August will change to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
2. Minutes of past Executive Sessions will remain closed.
3. The Intergovernmental Agreement between District #232 and the Village of Dwight was deferred until more information was available.
4. Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance renewals were approved.

Board members present were Nick Stipanovich, Marc Ellis, Mark Christenson, Tara Hansen, Lori Bowman, and Jaime Mallaney. Absent was Michael Cornale.

There will be no regular meeting in July. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 10, 2022.



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