



CARS, TRUCKS, and people lined East Main Street in downtown Dwight for the annual Buzz The Gut Car Show on Saturday June 25. A morning rain gave way to a bright sunny day and beautiful evening for the event. At right, Irv and Lynn Masching check out the vintage autos.

AT RIGHT, local favorite Tommy Edwards entertains the Buzz The Gut crowd with a wide range of musical selections. Above, vintage car fans reminisce about when cars were cars.



Strengthening Bonds

Dwight Police Department Reaching Out to Community

by Brandon LaChance

Dwight Police Department Detective and School Liaison, Gary Beier, is always looking for opportunities to help improve the village. Whether it's strengthening the inner core or expanding to make Dwight bigger and better, Beier regularly searches for ideas. He found another one with National Night Out, which DPD will host 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2.

"We didn't know it existed. I saw the Braidwood Police Department was doing it and that's when I thought, 'We should be doing this,'" said Beier, who is the lead organizer but has help from a volunteer committee. "It helps build good community partnership with not only the businesses but also with the citizens. I think that's huge.

"It offers heightened crime and drug prevention, generates support for the anti-crime efforts and strengthens police and community partnerships. We've done things in the past such as citizens police academies, but this is an event that when it came across, we thought it would be great for our community. And fun...I hope."

The fun comes from a long list of activities and another sizeable list of demonstrations and



educational information.

DJ Buckeye, horse and carriage rides, bounce houses, ax throwing, car show, petting zoo, reptile hugs, and a sidewalk chalk contest will be available to add smiles, laughter, and excitement to the event.

Demonstrations will be held by different organizations.

The Pontiac Police Department will take its show to the sky as they will highlight drone and robot operations. Dwight Emergency Services will host Stop the Bleed, which is about how to assist someone with a serious injury while waiting for an ambulance or medics.

Dwight's K-9 Officer, Officer McKee, will show how dogs help police departments. The Dwight Fire Department will display how to properly use air bags and fire extinguishers, and

the Grundy Co. Coroner's Office will show Megan's Story as Megan Bugg passed away from cancer after advocating and raising \$1 million dollars for research.

"Another piece of this is we are hoping to have local, county-wide groups there with information of services that they provide, which is always important for members of the community to know what services are available to them," Beier said. "It'll be both a fun time, but also an opportunity to educate people about some of the things we have as resources."

Besides activities, demonstrations, and getting to know the police department better, there is another benefit to attending.

National Night Out doesn't cost you a penny. "Everything is free. The goal of this program is to make it free for everybody," Beier said. "I've been collecting donations and we've had great sponsorship. If there is anyone who would like to sponsor and help us out, I'd love for them to reach out (call the Dwight Police Department at 815-584-3132)."

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
June 17: Annabelle J. Krull, 20, Dwight, operate uninsured vehicle.
June 19: Desiree M. Borg, 31, Chicago, speeding over statutory limit.
June 21 Kaitlyn S. Alltop, 25, Pontiac, driving 15-20 MPH above speed limit; driving on susp/revoked license.

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

4 Written Warnings
Speeding – 2; One Headlamp – 1; Driver’s License not on person - 1.

Dwight Police Blotter
June 20: Dwight Police were dispatched to W. Northbrook Drive for retail theft; Dwight Police spoke with resident who reported an item having been taken from their bag, while at pool. (Please do not leave items of value unattended)
June 21: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Arrested was Kaitlyn Alltop of Pontiac, for speeding and driving with a revoked driver’s license. She was transported to Dwight Police Department for her citations, given a court date and was released. Her vehicle was towed and impounded.

Dwight Police Calls For Service
Return Call – 9; Motorist Assistance - 1; Theft -1; Special Detail; - 1; Reckless Driver - 1; Traffic Stop - 6; Walk-in - 4; Suspicious Person - 1; Follow up - 2; Cell 911 Open Line - 1, Out With Vehicle - 1; Noise Complaint -2; Found Item - 1; Assist Agency - 5; Vin Verification - 1; Extra Patrol - 3; Possible Sound of Gunshots - 1; Lock Out - 2; Domestic Un-

known - 1; Suspicious Noise - 1; Found Dog - 1; Retail Theft - 1; Burglar Alarm - 2; Medical Assistance - 6; Warrant Check - 1; Check Vacant House - 1, Well Being Check -1; Cell 911 Open Line - 1; Subject Removal - 2.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
June 17: Dewitt, Change of Quarters; mutual aid to Coal City; Crystal, medical, St. Joseph, Joliet, mutual aid to Coal City; 2650 E. Rd., fire, no pp.
June 18: Mazon, medical, Morris; Tremont, medical, refused; Union, trauma, Morris; Prairie, citizen’s assist; Mazon, medical, Morris.
June 19: Hianton, medical, Morris; Chippewa, medical, St. James; Mazon, mutual aid Change of Quarters to Mazon; Mazon, medical, Morris; High St., Medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Oak St., medical, mutual aid to Odell.
June 20: Main, medical, Morris; Delaware, medical, Morris; E. Mazon, medical, Riverside.
June 21: Spencer, medical, Morris; Union, medical, refusal; 3100 N Rd., medical, Morris; 3300 N Rd., medical, Morris.
June 22: Mazon, medical, refusal; Prairie, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, Riverside; Northbrook, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, St. Mary’s, mutual aid from Morris; Julie Dr., medical, Riverside.
June 23: Morris, medical, Morris; Mazon, trauma, Riverside; Mazon, medical, St. James; Franklin, trauma, Riverside.

‘Dwight’s Big Mover and Shaker’

A former Dwight resident recently sent *The Paper* an article that appeared in the November 22, 1982, edition of the daily *Times Press*, Streator, concerning Frank L. Smith, one of Dwight’s outstanding citizens.

The article was written by Sue Cummings and appeared in her *Prairie Post* column in the *Times Press*.

Frank L. Smith was probably Dwight’s biggest mover and shaker in recent times. It is said that his money and political influence made Dwight the home of the former veterans administration hospital, Illinois’ only women’s prison, the nation’s still bank designed by Frank Lloyd Wright still in use – and even an occasional bout between Smith’s sandlot sluggers and the Chicago White Sox.

Smith had a reputation as a very big spender, for himself, friends, charities and political campaigns. At least once in his life his willingness to unload greenbacks gained him national attention. But Smith wasn’t born into a wealthy family, his ability to manage money was an acquired skill.

Smith was born in Dwight in 1867, the son of a German blacksmith. After attending Dwight public schools, Smith got work setting poles for the Postal Telegraph Co. Later he taught in a country school, then worked as a clerk for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and Chicago & Alton Railroads.

In 1891, he became a partner with his uncle in the real estate business and soon found himself in a suitable financial position to marry. In 1893 he wed his high school sweetheart, Erminie Ahern.

At that time, the real estate business in Dwight was booming. The Keeley Institute and its cure for alcoholism was bringing in outsiders by the hundreds, and hotels and businesses popped up all over town to accommodate their demands. When the owners of the institute sought to form a real estate firm to invest the business profits, Smith was more than ready to help. He and another family member established Romberger and Smith and by 1895 it was said to be one of the largest businesses in central Illinois.

Within seven years, Romberger left the partnership and Smith directed the wheeling and dealing by himself. By 1904 he needed another place to put his money, so he began to plan a bank. Having now learned not to be shy with funds, Smith sought a design for his building that was in keeping with the grandest hopes for the growth of the town. He employed Frank Lloyd Wright.

In February of 1906, the First National Bank opened its doors with Smith as its president. While tellers stood behind solid oak windows on one half of the building, Smith kept the other side for himself.

Giant billboards on the north and south entrances of town directed traffic to his office with the slogan, “Dwight, home of Frank L. Smith the land man. If you deal with me you get results.”

When Smith wasn’t brainstorming new financial ventures, he was kicking the dust



at the ball park. He supported a local team every season and some of his boys were good enough to try out for the big leagues. But when his boys couldn’t make the big time, he just brought the big time to Dwight.

Ralph Sodini, who worked with Smith at the First National Bank, has a scorecard from a 1912 post season game that pitted the Frank L. Smith team against the Chicago Cubs. Sodini says the White Sox and the Detroit Tigers also played on the diamond in Dwight.

Although Smith’s baseball games brought him notoriety, he is probably best remembered for his political career. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention during most of his adulthood, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee several times, and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1919-1921. Yet his years of service failed to gain much attention until the primary campaign for the U.S. Senate in April 1926.

According to “Illinois, A History of the Prairie State” by Robert P. Howard, Smith wanted to run for governor that year but party bosses preferred Len Small of Kankakee. Instead, Smith was offered the Senate. He made the best of it by towering over the Republican incumbent William B. McKinley by more than 100,000 votes. By May, however, the U.S. Senate was questioning the rumors from several states that expenditures in the Senate primaries were excessive.

The Senate passed a resolution to allow investigations into campaign spending and in June a committee headed by James A. Reed, a Democrat from Missouri, was in Chicago digging for dirt. Old issues of the Times-Press say the senators found what they were looking for. The Reed Commission reported that Smith spent \$458,782 in the primary, an amount considered enormous at the time. They charged that only \$171,500 of that was his own money, the rest was contributed by officials of large public service organizations.

Worse yet, the committee reported that Smith was serving as the chairman of the

Illinois Commerce Commission, a body that regulated public utilities, when he accepted a contribution of \$125,000 from Samuel Insull, head of Commonwealth Edison and several other public utility companies.

Smith was undaunted by the front page headlines and went on to win the November election by more than 67,000 votes. While the Senate was preparing an unfriendly welcome for the senator-elect, a cog was thrown into the process. The lame duck Senator McKinley died and Gov. Small appointed senator-elect Smith to fill the vacancy.

The Senate moved up the schedule for a floor fight and on Jan. 19, 1927, Smith sat in the back of the chambers, waiting for recognition. Instead, Reed proposed that Smith be denied oath of office until the privileges and election committee could investigate his credentials. The Senate agreed with Reed by a 48-33 vote. Shortly thereafter, Smith fell ill and abandoned the fight and returned to Dwight.

In December, 1927, Congress and Smith resumed the skirmish, with Smith returning to Washington to claim the seat that voters elected him to in 1926. Reed, however, refused to give up. Again he introduced and got passed a resolution to deny Smith oath of office and refer his credentials to committee – this time to the Reed Committee.

Smith was indignant before the tribunal, contending that he had done nothing illegal, that he could not accept the committee as a trial court and that it had no right to deny Illinois of its constitutional representation. The Senate disagreed. On Jan. 20, 1928, after days of debate, the senators voted 61-23 to declare Smith’s seat vacant.

Smith, however, was still undaunted. Bolstered by support from Small and Chicago’s mayor “Big Bill” Thompson, Smith danced a dazzling political polka. He resigned from the office he was denied and Small immediately appointed him to fill that vacancy. Realizing it was no use to send Smith immediately back to the Senate, Small called for a special primary to nominate Senate candidates and scheduled it in conjunction with the regular primary in April 1928.

When they went to the polls that spring, Republicans voted against the Smith-Small two-step and swept them both from their potential seats.

Disappointed but nevertheless unshaken, Smith returned to Dwight and kept his attentions closer to home. Then 61, he never again ran for office but continued to contribute – to charities as well as political campaigns. He is credited with establishing Dwight’s library, country club golf course, and donating to causes at every turn.

“He did a lot for the community,” Sodini remembers. “He gave more money away than anybody I’ve ever known. He picked up more tabs. And wining and dining politicians. He spent a lot of money.”

“He never slowed up. He just kept going” until he died at the age of 82 in the English home that still stands at 123 W. Mazon Ave.

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Here are a few suggestions:

- **Save, invest ... and repeat.** There’s really no shortcut to achieving financial freedom – you do have to save and invest for many years. And that means you should take full advantage of the opportunities available to you. If you have a 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, try to put in as much as you can afford each year, and when your salary goes up, increase your contributions. Even if you have a 401(k), you may also be eligible to fund an IRA. Both a 401(k) and an IRA offer tax benefits and an array of investment options, so they are powerful retirement savings vehicles.
- **Invest for growth.** How much you invest is obviously a key factor in reaching your financial freedom. But how you invest is also important. If you’re going to accumulate the resources you need to retire comfortably and meet your other financial goals, you will need to devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles, including stocks and stock-based mutual funds. Of course, these investments will fluctuate in value, so you’ll need to be prepared to accept a certain level of risk. Your individual risk tolerance will help determine how much of your portfolio should be devoted to growth investments.
- **Put financial windfalls to work.** Whenever you receive a financial windfall, such as a bonus from your employer, a tax refund or even an inheritance, consider putting some of it to work in your investment portfolio. Over time, these windfalls can add up.
- **Reduce your debts.** It may be easier said than done, but try to reduce, or eliminate, as many debts as you can. The less money you have to pay each month on your debts, the more you’ll have available to save and invest. Of course, some debts, such as your mortgage, can’t be easily erased, but if you can find ways to cut down on spending, you may be surprised at how much progress you can make toward debt reduction.
- **Prepare for the unexpected.** Life is unpredictable – and some unforeseen events could threaten your ability to achieve, and maintain, your financial independence. For example, if you were unable to work for a while due to illness or injury, you might be forced to dip into your savings and long-term investments just to help meet your cost of living. You can help protect yourself from this risk by building an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. And you may want to consult with a financial professional to learn about other protection strategies.

It will take a concerted effort to reach your financial independence – but, like all freedoms, it offers immense benefits.

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Bringing Back Wedding Memories

Heritage Health Holds Wedding Expo

by Brandon LaChance

The residents of Heritage Health in Dwight didn't recognize the dining room on June 9.

Instead of the normal back wall with the same old décor they've seen since they arrived, the decorations and the background music made them feel like they were at their wedding.

"We first included piano music by one of our volunteers (Andrea) and she played love songs in the morning," said Heritage Health Activities Director, Lisa Witheft, who has been with Heritage Health for three years. "We revamped the entire back side of the dining room into a wedding venue with a backdrop and lights. We displayed six wedding dresses brought in from one resident and five employees ranging from 1953-to-2021. We also had pictures from the residents' weddings and photos with descriptions showing how they met.

"We had food that they would have had at their weddings back in the day – finger sandwiches, appetizers, and fruit punch. We made veils for the ladies to wear. We had one woman say, 'I finally got to wear a veil.' She didn't get to wear one for her wedding."



Lisa and Keith Witheft

The food for the wedding exposition was made by the activities department. Residents enjoyed it so much, most of them asked for seconds and leftover cupcakes were a request a few days after the event.

The morning piano music was a hit, and so was the evening singing by John Pollard.

Add the inspired memories, the scenery, the eats, and the lovely music together and the wedding expo is still a key talking point almost a month later.

"The residents are still talking about it today," Witheft said. "They can't believe how beautiful it looked. Some of them had worked for catering services for venues and they said the decorations here were prettier than some of the places they had seen at work."

The staff or the residents didn't have the ability to find wedding photos.

So, family came to the rescue. "We sent letters out to the families because the residents don't have access, so we had to have family participation," Witheft (continued on page 7)



Bryan and Sara Harris



DONNA WITHEFT, above, stands with her bridal gown and below, the Witheft wedding photos.



Dwight Township Meeting July 5

The monthly meeting of Dwight Township will be held Tuesday, July 5.

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Prison Thoughts

When Central Management Services denied my recent Freedom of Information request to them for details of its maintenance costs at the closed Dwight Correctional Center, I had to wonder -- what are they hiding?

Previously CMS had provided annual maintenance costs in the \$300,000 range for both 2020 and 2021. Some Village of Dwight officials thought those numbers were high and somehow came up with a different set of figures from CMS that were in the \$200,000 range. When the Correctional Center closed in 2013, officials estimated the annual maintenance costs at the abandoned prison would be \$350,000.

If the numbers above mean anything, it is that CMS -- and the Village -- have no real idea what the costs are for maintaining DCC in its present abandoned and deplorable state.

Dwight will discover the real costs should it purchase the prison property for \$1.

And then there are the costs that will be involved with the adventurous plans for the Center. ? ? ? ?

A more proper sale of the property would take place if the State of Illinois cut a check to the Village for the \$40-\$50-million in economic damage it caused this area when it abandoned the Correctional Center in 2013.

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Morris Hospital Hosts Community Blood Drive

In response to the ongoing blood supply shortage, Morris Hospital is hosting a blood drive in cooperation with Versiti Blood Center on Friday, July 8, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in Conference Rooms 2 & 3 on the lower level of Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street in Morris.

Those who donate will be helping replenish the local blood supply as Versiti supplies blood products for Morris Hospital. All blood types are needed.

Blood donors must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and free from cold or flu symptoms

on the day of donation. In Illinois, 16-year-olds may donate with written approval from a parent or guardian. Donors are required to wear a mask while inside Morris Hospital.

The entire process for donating blood takes about 1 hour, including registration, a brief medical screening, blood collection and refreshments. Donors should bring a photo ID with proof of age. Those planning to donate should eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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Heartland Students Named to Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Phi Theta Kappa has welcomed a new group of Heartland Community College students into the organization's membership. Sixty-three Heartland students have been named to the international two-year college honor society.

Membership to Phi Theta Kappa is offered to students if they have completed at least 12 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students involved in the organization are afforded unique leadership, service, scholarship, and fellowship opportunities.

The following area students accepted membership into the Alpha Omega Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Heartland Community College in the spring 2022 semester:

- **Saunemin:** Amelia Logan.
- **Odell:** Trevor Sexton

MVK Seniors Meet June 21

The MVK Seniors met Tuesday, June 21 at the Mazon American Legion with lunch provided by CNN and furnished by the "Whistle Stop" in Coal City.

President Sherry McIntosh called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. In addition a silent prayer was said for EMT, World Economy. McIntosh thanked the helpers who helped serve, that it was greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday was sung to Joyce Lucus, Lea Sharp, and Linda Poppleton. Door prizes were won by Helen Griffiths, Nancy Johnson and Frank Sereno.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's report was read and Robin Homerding motioned to accept. Betty Robinson seconded. Linda Poppleton motioned to end the meeting and Bob Hollenbeck seconded.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 19 with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m., and with 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.

Limestone Township Library District Summer Reading

During the Summer Reading Program, Read Beyond the Beaten Path, Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) challenged the community to read as many minutes as possible.

As of this writing at the end of the third week of Summer Reading, the community has logged 55,200 minutes read. They hope to reach a goal of 120,000 minutes read for the entirety of summer reading. Remember to turn in your log sheets to collect tickets and build up minutes.

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

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

Every Wednesday, kids in 3rd grade and up can go to the library for a new Take-and-Make craft from the S.T.E.M.onade Stand. These bags contain items to make a fun STEM inspired craft. Directions included. June 29 features a catapult. July 6 features a Coffee Filter Chromatography.

Kids in 2nd – 5th Grades are invited to Grow Your Own Crystals on June 30 at 1:00 P.M. Go to the library and explore the science of growing crystals with Epsom Salt.

Saturday, July 2 will have a



Ethan Stewart, right, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the United States Army.

Ethan Stewart Graduates Army Officer Candidate School

Ethan Stewart, a 2016 graduate of Dwight Township High School and a 2020 graduate of St. Ambrose University, graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, on June 3. Stewart was commissioned into the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant.

2LT Stewart was part of the 006-22 Bravo Company class consisting of 102 candidates that will move on into 17 different branches of the US Army. Brigadier General Anthony McQueen, Commanding General of the US Army Medical Research and Development Command, delivered the keynote address.

2LT Stewart is stationed at Fort Benning, GA, where he will continue his training as part of the 2-16 Cavalry, 199th Brigade. He will complete his Armor Basic Officer Leadership Course in March, 2023.

Ethan is the son of Eric and Kathy Stewart of Dwight.

takes place on Saturday, July 9 at 11:00 A.M. Families can have fun learning how to put together a computer. No experience necessary.


Please be aware that the library will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day, re-opening on Tuesday, July 5 at 10:00 A.M.

Please register ahead of time so they can have plenty of supplies on hand.

Check the website at www.limestonelibrary.org as well as Facebook and Instagram pages for updates.

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

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Bringing Back Wedding Memories — — —

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eft said. “Marcie Herb usually doesn’t say anything. We opened her photobook and she had the biggest smile on her face. She was so excited to talk about herself and her husband Carl. She was so happy and couldn’t stop talking.

“We ended up making copies of the photos, laminating them, and then putting them in a binder in her room. She looks at it every day after lunch.”

Witheft couldn’t have pulled off the wedding exposition by herself.

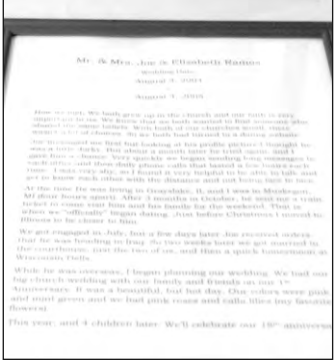
She had help with each dynamic of the event from her staff of Liz Ramos, Tim Smith, Steffanie Donnely, and Alicia Daly.

“It took our whole team to make this happen. We’ve been planning it for over a month,” Witheft said. “Every time we thought about something, it just made it that much more special. The whole ambiance, the feel, of the place felt like you were walking into a wedding. We wanted them to feel like they were not in the dining room at Heritage Health but transformed into a whole different environment.

“They’ve been reminiscing ever since. They couldn’t believe the thought and effort put into it because they knew it took work to put it together. They were very happy with the results. We will do it next year and see if we get a better turnout.”



Brenda and Donny Burton



Liz and Joe Ramos

Shredding, Tire Recycling Events in Grundy County in July

The Grundy County Land Use Department will be hosting a document shredding event for residents Wednesday, July 13, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the parking lot to the north of the Grundy County Animal Control Facility, located at 310 East DuPont Road in Morris.

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

As this event will save you the time of shredding sensitive documents, the cost of a shredder, and recycle the most recoverable material, it is a complete win for you and the environment.

The process that takes place at the shredding event the day of the event is the following:

- Paper is dumped into a shredding device that is part of a box truck.
- Documents are shredded on site by a shredder located inside the box truck.
- Shredded paper is weighed and then recycled.
- Grundy County residents give back to the Earth’s resources.

If you should have any questions, feel free to contact their office at 815-941-3228.

The Land Use Department will also host a tire recycling

event at Olson’s Recycling Center, located at 354 W. Jackson Street (West Route 6) in Seneca Thursday, July 14, through Saturday, July 16.

The hours on Thursday and Friday are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

They ask that all residents comply with the following:

- No commercial, industrial or agricultural tires.
- All tires must be off of the rims or will be declined.
- Only passenger truck or car tires will be allowed.
- Limited to ten (10) tires per vehicle.
- Must be able to unload tires and assist in the loading of the tires into the trailer.

K & S Tire Recycling, Inc. of Chicago Heights will be their tire recycler and will process the tires for the following green uses:

- Crumb rubber that will have an end use for welcome mats, railroad ties, and rubberized asphalt.
- Industrial feedstock used for automotive parts, paints and coatings.
- Rubber mulch for garden use.
- Agricultural applications.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Cheryl Wardell at 815-941-3228 or cwardell@grundyco.org.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR the ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Odell Public Library District of the County of Livingston and State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in The Paper, a newspaper of general circulation in the Odell Public Library District and it is effective immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Odell, Illinois this 15th day of June, 2022.

Posted: 6/15/22

Dale Hoke
President of the Board of Trustees
Odell Public Library District

ATTEST:
Sandra Erickson
Secretary

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Property Taxes - Return on Investment

Having recently received this year’s Livingston County Real Estate Tax Bill, I wish to draw your readers’ attention to the line item for the Prairie Creek Library. Although the rate is the smallest among the taxing bodies, I assert the benefits afforded are among the highest. A few months ago the library began including a state-

ment with each due date slip for books and videos checked out: “Using the library today saved you: \$xx.xx”

In the last month alone I have “saved” approximately five times my annual tax amount. I can think of no better return on investment.

Yours sincerely,
Judith C. Meckley

Livingston Cty. Offices Closed July 4

All Livingston County Offices will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: **The Paper** email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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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.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2022.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

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

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

ESTATE OF:)
) No. 2022-PR-59
RANDALL D. HAACKE, Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE


Notice is given of the death of Randall D. Haacke. Letters of Office were issued on June 12, 2022 to Eric R. Haacke, 206 West North St., Dwight, IL 60420 as Administrator, whose attorney of record is Alan M. Schrock, Blakeman & Schrock, Ltd., 307 West Washington Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by e-filing a Petition to Terminate with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, pursuant to instructions found on the Circuit Clerk’s website.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed with the Court on or before the 4th day of January, 2023 or by mailing or delivery of a notice to the Independent Executor as required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-1) by the date stated in this Notice. Any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Claims may be e-filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Executor or to the attorney for the estate, or both. If e-filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Executor and to the attorney for the estate and e-file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.


Dated this 22nd day of June, 2022.

Eric R. Haacke, Administrator of the Estate of Randall D. Haacke, Deceased

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Baseball Brawl

Fighting in just about any situation is dumb. Almost every single dispute that has ever existed about anything could have been resolved without a fight.

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There’s something about a fight between just a few individuals, that leads to the entire dugouts emptying, where nothing usually happens but players holding back other players, that really brings dumb and mixes it with entertaining.

This happened over the weekend between the Mariners and the Angels which stemmed from pitchers throwing at batters, as with most baseball fights.

This brouhaha got a little extra bonus because the bullpens, which were located in the outfield, emptied as well, leading to even more unnecessary players rushing on the field, to do mostly nothing.

This fight did include punches actually being thrown, which means a few players will probably get suspensions, which doesn’t happen in every kerfuffle that takes place on a baseball diamond.

What makes a baseball scuffle a truly great scuffle is when something that could only happen on a baseball field occurs.

That took place when a relief pitcher for the Angels took a bucket of sunflower seeds and chucked it onto the diamond and all the seeds flew out of the bucket.

It’s been a while since there was a truly great chaotic baseball fight that had all the ingredients above and it was good to see some “normalcy” work its way back for once. It was delightful, as far as fights can be delightful.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No.21-CH-35
)
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY, and unknown owners and non-)
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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 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.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: July 26, 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.

I. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

DONALD R. McCLAREY
Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

GLCAC Presents ‘Multiple Personalities’ at GLCAC Art Center During July

The Greater Livingston County Arts Council will present its Gallery Show, “Multiple Personalities” by Mike Rodino, during the month of July.

“Multiple Personalities” by Mike Rodino is the July featured show in the Joe Bailey Gallery at the GLCAC Art Center. It opens Tuesday, July 5, and will run through the end of the month. An opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, at 5:00 p.m. The Joe Bailey Gallery is lo-

cated upstairs at the Art Center. An elevator/lift is available.

This show is Mike’s third one-person show for the Art Center. “Multiple Personalities” features three different disciplines that he is creatively involved with at the present time. His assemblages receive the greatest share of his effort; but the spray panels, which morphed out of his assemblage work, have become a major creative challenge. Most recently, he has been try-

ing to integrate his first love, oil painting, back into his repertoire.

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

Sales Tax Holiday August 5 through August 14

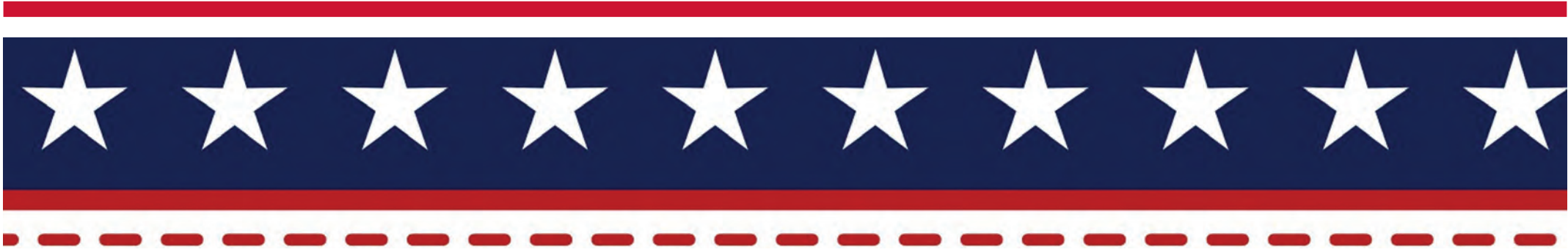
Illinois state sales tax will be reduced for the period August 5, 2022, through August 14, 2022.

The state sales tax holiday is a ten-day period in which consumers can purchase certain clothing and school-related items and pay sales tax at a reduced rate. The state’s portion of sales tax due throughout the holiday is reduced by 5% to 1.25%, down from the usual

6.25%.

Items include qualifying clothing and footwear with a retail selling price of less than \$125 per item and certain school supplies used by students in the course of study. School supplies are not subject to the \$125 threshold.

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The History of America’s Independence Day

Few summertime holidays elicit as much excitement as the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day in the United States. Each year, family, friends and revelers anticipate the arrival of the holiday so they can host barbecues, enjoy the sun, listen to their favorite summertime tunes, and commemorate the freedoms afforded by the monumental events that led to the holiday’s establishment.

Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1941, but July 4th has stood as the birth of American independence for much longer. July 4th

marks a pivotal moment in the American Revolution. According to PBS, the colonies were forced to pay taxes to England’s King George III despite having no representation in the British Parliament. “Taxation without representation” became a battle cry and was one of several grievances colonists had with Great Britain.

Conflict between the colonies had been going on for at least a year before the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in June of 1776, says Military.com. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted

in favor of independence from England. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.

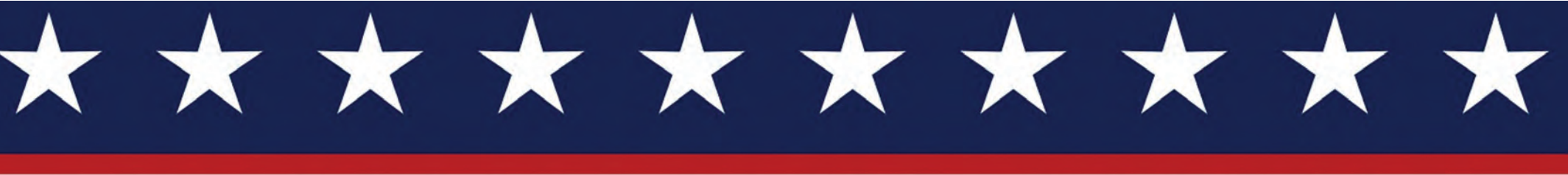
The Declaration of Independence is an historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer of the declaration writing committee charged with putting the colonies’ sentiments into words. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia was one of the first people to present a resolution for American independence,

and his commentary was the impetus for the formal Declaration of Independence. A total of 86 changes were made to Jefferson’s original draft until the final version was adopted. The signing of the document helped to solidify independence, and eventually lead to the formation of the United States of America.

A total of 56 delegates signed the document. Although John Hancock’s signature is the largest, it did not hold more weight than the other signatures. Rather, rumor has it, Hancock signed

it so large so that the “fat, old King could read it without his spectacles.” However, the National Archives says it was also customary that, since Hancock was the president of the Continental Congress, he be the first person to sign the document centered below the text.

The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776. The first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia’s Independence Square on July 8, 1776.



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Galloway Named to Academic All-America Team

AUSTIN, Texas --- Dwight native Daly Galloway, along with two University of St. Francis women's cross country/track & field teammates, were named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) NAIA Academic All-America Team on Tuesday June 21. Galloway and Katherine Bakken garnered second team recognition while Sabrina Baftiri earned a spot on the first team.

It marks the first time in school history that any USF athletic team has had as many as three honorees on the CoSIDA team in the same year.

Galloway adds the COSIDA award to her six NAIA All-American honors between cross country (twice) and track & field (four times). She was the top finisher on USF's national championship cross country team in 2020, placing 13th, while finishing 21st this past fall. In track, she has gained NAIA All-American distinction in the 5K both indoors and outdoors, 10,000 meters outdoors and the 4x800-meter relay outdoors.

At the CCAC level, Galloway has been a league champion twice, once indoors in the 3,000-meter event and once outdoors as part of the 4x800-meter relay team.

Both a four-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete and CCAC All-Academic pick, Galloway graduated this past May with a 3.86 grade point average and a bachelor's degree in Radiation Therapy. She is a six-time Dean's List honoree.

Galloway has also been an important cog to USF's success in track & field at the national level.



Daly Galloway



Dwight-Dolphins Swim Team Takes The Plunge

The Dwight Dolphins Swim Team took the plunge in Gridley, then in Fairbury over the past two weeks participating in two regular-season swim meets facing three teams: the Gliders, the Marlins and the Pacers.

At the Gridley Gliders, some of the Dwight Dolphins again set Personal Records (PRs) for individual and/or relay races. Teammates Ryleigh Brown, Chloe Carpenter, Cat Collet, Alex Craven, Breckin Halstead, Ellora McCullough, Maddie McGrath, Michael Michon, Callie Robison, and Braelyn Schou put their skills to the test and came out on top with PRs.

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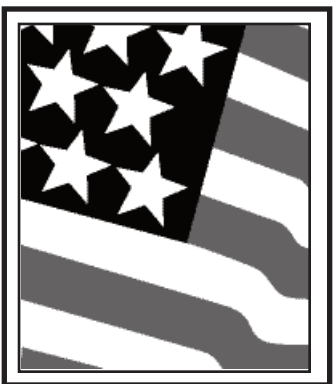
At the Floyd and Marion Stafford Community Pool in Fairbury, the Dolphins pushed themselves competing in a tri-meet against the Pontiac and Fairbury Swim Teams. Competing for Dwight were Ryleigh Brown who swam in the girls 11-12 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast, and 200 Free Relay; Sadie Burke who swam in the 8U 25 Free, 25 Back, 25 Breast, and 100 Free Relay; Sienna Burke competed in the 11-12 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast, and 200 Free Relay; Chloe Carpenter swam the 8U 25 Free, 25 Back, 10U 50 Free, and the 8U 100 Free Relay; Cat Collet competed in the 10U 50 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Back and subbed-in for the 11-12 200 Free Relay; Lucy Cotter competed in the 8U 25 Free, 25 Breast, 25 Back and 100 Free Relay; Alexandra Craven swam the 6U 25 Free, 8U 25 Free, and the 8U 25 Breast; Blayze Halstead competed in the 10U 50 Free, 50 Breast, and 50 Back; Breckin Halstead took on the 8U 25 Free, 25 Breast, and 25 Back; Bren Harlan swam the 8U 25 Free and 25 Back; Mia Hoffner competed in the 8U 25 Free, 25

Back, and the 100 Free Relay; Ellora McCullough swam the 15-16 100 IM, 100 Free, and 100 Breast; Michael Michon swam the 15&0 100 Free, 100 Fly, and 100 Breast; and Braelyn Schou swam in the 11-12 50 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Back, and 200 Free Relay. PRs were set by many of the teammates. Of note: a few swimmers on the Team were not able to attend this meet due to illness or vacation.

The next meet will be a tri-meet in Pontiac facing the Pacers and the Marlins. Practices for the Dolphins are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with meets on off-days. For more information about the Dwight Dolphins Swim Team or to join, please call the Pool at 815.584.3385.

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Pictured are members of the Dwight Dolphins Swim Team. If you would like information about the team, call the pool at 815-584-3385.

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Gas Prices For This Week

A drop in the global price of oil helped the national average for a gallon of gas to fall for a second week to land at \$4.90. Economic fears of a potential global recession leading to less demand for oil dropped the price to around \$107 per barrel, down from \$110 last week.

Today's national average of \$4.90 is 10 cents less than a week ago, 30 cents more than a month ago, and \$1.80 more than a year ago.

City/Village	June 27	June 20
Dwight	\$5.15	\$5.28
Kankakee	\$5.34	\$5.35
Streator	\$5.22	\$5.29
Pontiac	\$5.06	\$5.12
Gardner	\$5.24	\$5.27
Braceville	\$5.35	\$5.35
Morris	\$5.23	\$5.31
Herscher	\$5.29	\$5.31
Chicago	\$5.82	\$5.92
Illinois	\$5.45	\$5.58
U.S.	\$4.90	\$4.98

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

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NFPA Encourages Swimmers and Boaters to Know the Risks of Electric Shock Drowning in Pools and at Marinas

With summer here and the July 4th holiday weekend just around the corner, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is reminding people about potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools and hot tubs, onboard boats, on docks and piers, and in waters surrounding boats, marinas, and launch ramps.

While most people are unaware of electrical dangers posed in water environments such as electric shock drowning (ESD), each year people are injured or killed from these hazards. ESD can occur when improperly installed or maintained electrical systems within marinas or boat electrical systems result in electrical current in the water, which can then pass through a person's body, causing a level of paralysis that can ultimately cause serious injury or drowning.

"Continued education about the presence of electrical hazards in water can help reduce the risk of electric shock drowning from happening in pools and waterways," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach & Advocacy. "Have a qualified electrician inspect your boat, swimming pool equipment, hot tub, and spa before engaging in any water activities, and make sure they are regularly maintained to ensure all life-saving measures and protection systems are functioning properly."

Following are tips for swimmers, and pool and boat owners:

Swimmers
Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard.

While in a pool or hot tub look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker, or work intermittently. If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swimming in the direction you are heading. Try and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

Pool owners
If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations and that the completed work is inspected by the authority having

jurisdiction (AHJ).

Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary — replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

If there are overhead electrical lines, make sure they have proper clearance over the pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

Boat owners
Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. These areas can contain stray electrical currents in the water, possibly leading to electric shock drowning or injury from shock, including death.

Each year, have the boat's electrical system inspected by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including those set by the American Boat & Yacht Council. Make the necessary repairs, if recommended. Follow the same steps after any major storm that affects the boat.

Check with the marina owner to let you know if the marina's electrical system has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code® (NEC®).

Have ground fault circuit protection (GFCI and GFPE) installed on circuits supplying the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that bear the proper listing mark for marine applications when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

NEVER modify the electrical system on a boat or shore power to make something work. The code-required safety mechanisms in place are intended to alert people if something is wrong with the boat and with shore power. Find a licensed, qualified professional to help determine the cause of the problem.

NFPA has resources for swimmers, boat and pool owners, including videos, tip sheets, and checklists, that can be downloaded and shared. Please visit www.nfpa.org/watersafety.

Annual St. Paul School Golf 'Fore' a Huge Success

Gorgeous weather and an amazing turnout were present for the Annual 2022 Golf "Fore" St. Paul School – Mike Moyemont-Juli Sullivan Memorial Outing, held Sunday, June 12, at Wolf Creek Golf Course, Cayuga.

The team of Willy's Pub - Stevenson, Bozarth, & O'Donnell's led the A Flight with a 60. The team of Durham Electric - Chandler's & Border's won the B Flight with a 67. The Odell Bank team - Rebholz, Doran's, & King took the C Flight with a 72. Ties were broken by a scorecard playoff. Each team received prize baskets including gift certificates purchased with monetary donations in support of "giving back" to local small businesses, for their accomplishments.

Rick Bower won the putting contest. He received a putter from the Pro Shop, courtesy of Campus State Bank.

Other special contest winners were: Hole #1: Closest 2nd shot, Jamie Borders, Hole #2: Longest Putt, Cory Call, Hole #3: Longest Drive, Dave Wolf, Hole #4 – Closest to the Pin, Jeff LaBorence, Hole #5: Closest to the Pin in 2, Matt Bozarth, Hole #6: Longest Putt, Pat O'Donnell, Hole #7: Closest to the Pin, Jack Groves, Hole #8: Closest 2nd Shot, John Watson, Hole #9: Longest Putt, Josh Stevenson, Hole #10: Closest to the Green in 2 Without Being On, Jack Groves, Hole #11: Closest 2nd Shot, Jim O'Donnell, Hole #12: Closest to 150 Marker from Tee, Kim Verdun, Hole #13: Closest to the Pin, Jamie Borders, Hole #14: Longest

Drive, Bill Manker, Hole #15: Closest to the Pin, Ron Tickle, Hole #16: Closest to the Pin in 3, Graham Wolf, Hole #17: Longest Putt, Goober Hooker, and Hole #18: Closest 2nd Shot, Rick Lewis. Each of the contest winners received gift certificates in support of area local businesses or donated by local businesses, for their achievements.

Other numerous Raffle prize winners, including a 50/50 Raffle, were announced that afternoon for a multitude of prizes that were donated by local supporting people & businesses. Half of the 50/50 was \$327.50 and was won by Lynette Senter.

Thank you to our sponsors for their wonderful donations.

Donors for the event included: Acres Inn, Amy Lund, Ann & Robert Travers, Bernardi's, Betty Murphy, Café Fontana, Campus State Bank, Caryl & Marilyn's Audrey Roberts, Cathy Masching, Conman Painting, County Market, Dianne Stadel, Don & Marjo Stadel, Doran Family, Ellen Gayon, Fraher Ford, GEMs Carpet Cleaning Plus, Huffman Tire and Auto, Jane Mies, Janet Theis, Jim Abry, Joe & Paula Cleary, Joe's Station House Pizzeria, Julie & Bob Harback, Lobo's Tap, Lynette Senter, Mary Jo & Dave Sullivan, Mike & Donna Dwyer, NAPA Dwight, NAPA Pontiac, Pfaff's Bakery, Pontiac Exchange George Lane, Rev. David Roche, Richard & Iris Thorne, Rita & George Kodat, Sheri Grieff, State Farm Insurance Lisa Kelley, Station 343 Firehouse Restaurant, Stillwell Agency Susan La-

Borence, Studio 134, The Cup and the Scone, The General Store, Toni Stadel, Wolf Creek Golf Course, and Wright's Furniture. Monetary donations were utilized to support raffle items, and purchase gift card prizes to local small businesses in an effort to "give back" and

support local businesses who so often generously support the school.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Juli Sullivan Scholarship Fund. The rest of the proceeds will directly benefit the students of St. Paul School.

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Thanks so much to our numerous supporters who contributed to the cause during these challenging times in our society. Thank you also to everyone that came out or signed up to golf as we had an amazing turnout! We appreciate your ongoing devotion to this annual event.

Thanks to our hosts, Tyler Mills, & the Staff at Wolf Creek Golf Course. Our utmost personal thanks go to the loving families of those memorialized, Mike Moyemont & Juli Sullivan: to the entire Moyemont family, and to Brian Sullivan and the Sullivan/Timmerman/Garwood families & friends. We appreciate all their immeasurable kindness, dedication, & generosity to St. Paul School. A portion of the proceeds go to the Juli Sullivan Scholarship Fund and the rest of the proceeds are to directly benefit the students of St. Paul School. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

Thank you,
Kathleen Stadel, Golf Chairperson,
and the St. Paul School Family

Victory Lanes, Dwight, Summer League RESULTS

Summer League 9 Pin Bowlers June 15

HSG: **Chuck Dudak, 300**; Aaron Paquette, 278; Kyle Battle, 274 – Annie Sporrer, 250; Stacey Banks, 184; Kathy Hanard, 172. HSS: Chuck Dudak, 781; Aaron Paquette, 775; Kyle Battle, 700 – Annie Sporrer, 645; Kathy Hanard, 464; Stacey Banks, 457. HSG/HHG: Future Tree Service, 888. HSS/HHS: Future Tree Service, 2457.

June 22

HSG: Paul Seabert, 278; Chuck Dudak, 251; Sevin Vargas, 245 – Annie Sporrer, 197;

Jennifer Light, 172; Kathy Hanard, 161. HSS: Jason Ragsdale, 688; John Samoska, 676; Chuck Dudak, 675 – Annie Sporrer, 510; Jennifer Light, 452; Kathy Hanard, 420. HSG: Maxwell Trucking, 801. HHG: Gobblers, 878. HSS: Maxwell Trucking, 2300. HHS: Gobblers, 2517.

League Standings	W	L
Cafe 110	8	4
Maxwell Truck.	7	5
Follow Tim	7	5
Gobblers	7	5
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Team Mike	5	7
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The Rookies	0	12

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The Village of Braceville, Illinois
Annual Report Available for Public Inspection

An audit of the funds of the Village of Braceville, Illinois for the year ending April 30, 2022 has been completed by the audit firm of Mack & Associates, P.C., certified public accountants. A copy of the audit report has been filed with the Grundy County Clerk and is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Braceville Village Office, located at 300 S. Mitchell St., Braceville, Illinois.

SUPERVISOR’S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
General Town Fund		
I, P. Douglas Abry, Supervisor of Nevada Township, Livingston County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022		
BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2021		75,250
REVENUES		
Property Tax	38,895	
Replacement Tax	4,960	
Interest Income	189	
TOTAL REVENUES		44,044
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	38,104	
Ins.	150	
Misc.	160	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		38,414
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2022		80,880

TO WHOM PAID	ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID	AMOUNT
Jim Abry	Road Commissioner	23,400
Patty Ribordy	Clerk	3,300
Doug Abry	Supervisor	3,570
Wm. Hoegger	Trustee	600
Larry Smith	Trustee	600
Mike Cassidy	Trustee	550
Chris Erickson	Trustee	550
Rick Anderson	Trustee	40
Kendal Cassidy	Auditor	50
Grace Sturms	Auditor	50
Angela Ross	Auditor	50
Borchnack-Pelletier & Co. Audits		4,500
All other vendors under \$2,500 each (7)		1,004

Pauper (GA) Fund		
BEGINNING BALANCE April, 2021		13,803
REVENUES		
Property Tax	691	
Interest Income	29	
TOTAL REVENUES		720
EXPENDITURES		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		0.00
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2022		14,523

Audit Fund		
BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2021		1,281
REVENUES		
Property Tax	714	
Interest Income	1	
TOTAL REVENUES		715
EXPENDITURES		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		0.00
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2022		1,996

ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT		
Road and Bridge Fund		
To the Highway Commissioner, Nevada Road District, Livingston County, Illinois.		
I, P. Douglas Abry, Treasurer of Nevada Road District, Livingston County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022		
BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2021		56,977
REVENUES		
Property Tax	63,690	
Replacement Tax	10,900	
Interest Income	29	
Miscellaneous Income	20	
TOTAL REVENUES		74,639
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	285	
Maintenance	72,418	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		72,703
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2022		58,913

The treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commissioner of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605ILCS5/6-205)
Subscribed and sworn to this 16th day of June, 2022.

Treasurer		
TO WHOM PAID	ON WHAT ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
	PAID	
Lee Cleary	Labor	4,030
Joe Cleary	Labor	1,517
Wm. Schnieber	Labor	188
Todd Cambell Trucking	Trucking/rock	31,026
Metal Culverts Inc.	Culverts	7,104
Evergreen FS	Fuel	5,560
D & D Pavement Solutions	Patch	4,746
Koenig Body	Tr. repair	3,443
Valley View	Rock	2,773
All other vendors under \$2,500 (23)		12,276

Equipment and Building Fund		
BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2021		34,305
REVENUES		
Property Tax	13,726	
Interest Income	21	
TOTAL REVENUES		13,747
EXPENDITURES		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		0
ENDING BALANCE		48,052

Tort Insurance Fund		
BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2021		63,451
REVENUES		
Property Tax	10,287	
Interest Income	91	
TOTAL REVENUES		10,378
EXPENDITURES		
Insurance	5,454	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		5,454
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2022		68,375

TO WHOM PAID	ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID	AMOUNT
TOIRMA	Insurance	5,454

Township Aid to Bridges Fund		
BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2021		20,568
REVENUES		
Property Tax	6,873	
Interest Income	15	
TOTAL REVENUES		6,888
EXPENDITURES		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		0.00
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2022		27,456

Monarchs Up 35% in Mexico: Illinois Expert Says Conservation Remains Important

By Kay Shipman
FarmWeek

More monarch butterflies spent the winter in Mexican mountain forests compared to the previous year, Mexico’s Commission for Protected Areas reported recently.

Known as the eastern monarch population, the monarchs that overwinter in Mexico migrate north through Texas and the Southern Plains, up through the Northern Plains, Illinois and the Midwest before moving into the Great Lakes region.

Mexican officials reported a 35% increase in the forested area where the butterflies stayed. The population covered 7 acres of trees compared to 5.2 acres the previous year. The annual butterfly count doesn’t measure numbers of individual butterflies, but the area they cover when clumped in trees.

Monarch expert David Zaya, a plant ecologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey, reported seeing his first monarchs of the season May 25. Earlier, Zaya had projected the first monarchs would start arriving in Illinois in late May.

“The overwintering monarch butterfly numbers each year should be viewed with an eye to the recent past. Not only should we be looking at the 2.8 hectares (7 acres) from this year, but also at the

trends in the last 10 or so years,” Zaya told FarmWeek.

“My takeaway from the reports out of Michoacán (Mexico) is that monarch numbers this year are ‘average’ for the last seven years — actually the median, not exactly the average,” Zaya continued.

“If we’re hit with another extreme year like 2012, or even worse two extreme years, the species could be on the brink of extinction. For that reason, conservation efforts along the migration route and especially here in their summer breeding range are urgently important,” he said.

Illinoisans can support monarchs by planting flowers, such as coneflowers and black-eyed Susans, for adult butterflies. Their larvae depend on milkweeds and grow on only plants in the milkweed family.

In Zaya’s view, farmers and rural landowners have an opportunity to make an impact because of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and other large-scale conservation programs, which he described as “game changers for pollinator conservation in Illinois.”

“CRP and other programs like that are going to have a huge impact on conservation of pollinators and other creatures in Illinois,” he continued. “When you create habitat for monarchs and other pollinators, it helps larger wildlife and



MONARCH BUTTERFLIES have started arriving back in Illinois from their Mexican wintering grounds. Winter numbers increased 35%, Mexican officials recently reported. (Illinois Farm Bureau file photo)

plants.”

Experts projected this year’s monarch increase could reflect the butterflies’ ability to adapt to more extreme bouts of heat or drought by varying the date when they leave Mexico, according to the Associated Press.

Traditionally, the monarchs arrive in the Mexican forests in early November and leave for the U.S. in March.

Last year, the butterflies left in February and escaped the heat and drought just north of the border that came in April and May. This year, they stayed

later until April.

Next year’s numbers might reflect if the delay proved beneficial, according to a government commission spokesman.

Monarch butterflies west of the Rocky Mountains overwinter on the California coast. This year, their numbers rebounded to more than 250,000 butterflies.

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Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District \$2 billion in fraudulent unemployment claims; Jobless rate steady

Illinois paid out almost \$2 billion in fraudulent unemployment claims. A state audit released a few days ago has revealed that fraudsters stole close to \$2 billion in federal money that was meant to help unemployed Illinoisans during the pandemic – more than half of the total amount of money paid out by the program.

All during 2020 and 2021 problems with the state’s unemployment system were the top issue which people in our area called my office about. The problems included long wait times for responses to legitimate applications, but also people who were victims of fraud or who received debit cards in their names even though they had never applied.

Now we are getting a look at just how widespread the fraud was and how badly the Department of Employment Security mismanaged the programs set up to help those who lost their jobs.

The problem with fraud was nationwide, but it was more acute in Illinois because of IDES’ failure to follow recommendations from the federal government about how to use the fraud-fighting tools which were made available to them. That information was revealed by a Chicago Tribune investigation more than a year ago.

Auditors said the level of fraud in Illinois was “unprecedented” and involved “fraudsters using highly sophisticated techniques to take advantage” of the unique circumstances created by the pandemic. Some members of the General Assembly are already calling for hearings into what went wrong. We need answers and we need accountability.

Illinois jobless rate un-

changed in May. The state’s unemployment rate held steady at 4.6%, stopping a streak of several months of a slow but steady decline in joblessness. One year ago unemployment in Illinois was 6.5%. The Department of Employment Security also revised its statistics for April showing that the state gained fewer jobs, about 6,400 instead of the 9,300 initially reported.

Once again, Illinois remains behind the rest of the nation when it comes to creating jobs. The national unemployment rate stands at 3.6%, a full percentage point better than Illinois.

Another controversial commutation by Gov. Pritzker’s Prisoner Review Board. Last week I told you about the cases of two convicted murderers who were approved for parole by the state’s Prisoner Review Board, the members of which are appointed by the Governor. Recently we learned of another killer who was released recently, drawing outrage from a police officer whom he also shot and wounded.

Former Chicago police officer Robert Mizera spoke at a press conference about the e-mail he received telling him that the man who shot him had been released from prison. His would-be killer was serving a 100-year sentence for the murder of a 65-year-old man, but the PRB commuted his sentence and released him in April 2021.

Republicans have introduced legislation to reform this process by bringing more transparency and by raising the threshold needed to release someone convicted of first-degree murder. These bills deserve a hearing and a vote.

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Dwight Village Board Holds Special Session

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday June 22 at 4:30 p.m. to address a street closure and sound amplification request by Aly Anne's Bar and Grill, 122 E. Main Street, Dwight. Mayor Paul Johnson was not in attendance; trustee Randy Irvin presided.

The request asked for Park Street at the rear of the business to be closed on June 23 starting at 4 p.m until Monday morning June 27 to coincide with the Buzz The Gut event on those dates. The sound amplification request was for 12 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and

Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The Trustees approved the applications but requested any future requests be submitted in a more timely manner so approvals could be given in regular meeting sessions. A form will be developed for applicants to use for making such requests. In addition, the business was asked to inform affected neighbors of the street closure and the extended noise hours.

Trustees at the meeting were Randy Irvin, Pete Meister, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbrodt, and Justin Eggenberger. Absent was Jenny Johnson.

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TOP CHEVY - Dina Walker
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