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## Gardner Village Board Approves Bid for Sewerplant Gate

#### by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session June 27, opening with the approval of the minutes of the June 13 meeting and payment of the bills. Commissioner Rob Wolf was absent.

The board discussed and approved the bid for the sewer plant gate. The board approved the bid of \$7,800 from Alliance Fence at the June 13 meeting and Mayor Mike Serena reported Alliance made a change in their bid after being contacted by the village to determine the cost for replacing the existing posts rather than reusing the existing posts. The Alliance bid, with post replacement, increased to \$13,897 compared to the Marchio bid of \$9,863.44, which also includes post replacement. The board voted to accept the Marchio bid in light of the new information.

The board continued discussion of the ordinance to allow the raising of chickens in the village. Mayor Serena inquired of the board regarding the permit fees for the coop and fence, in addition to the fee for holding the chickens. The board also discussed various requirements including maxinum number of hens to be allowed, zoning designations allowing hens, minimum size of coops and runs, minimum

lot sizes, and penalties for violations.

The board discussed and approved the appropriations ordinance. Commissioner Dick Hileman noted there have been some changes from the previous ordinance reflective of the completed water tower, street repair and maintenance, increased energy costs, and work in progress on the water and sewer plant.

**Commissioner Hileman** reported the Ida Lane lift station has been brought online, with the Dibble station scheduled to come online next. The sewer pond cleaning is moving forward. Commissioner Erik Smith inquired regarding Safe Routes to Schools grants for sidewalk improvements. Village Engineer Casey McCollom suggested the board visit with the school superintendents from both schools ahead of the next grant cycle.

McCollom reported the streets projects are on hold due to the labor dispute at the stone quarries, affecting asphalt production. Projects will begin moving once the dispute is settled. Village Clerk Pat Malinowski reported the village received a "thank you" from the Gardner Area Band Boosters and a \$100 donation toward the two-cell jail from the Cadillac & LaSalle (automobile) Club.

## New Light Poles are Up on East Main Street, Dwight



## Lights, camera, action Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant to make TV debut

by Brandon LaChance

TV cameras are not the norm in the village of Dwight.

However, this may change thanks to the Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant.

"CBS contacted me a month ago and then called me (Wednesday, June 22) for an over-the-phone interview for a show. The very next day, they called me back and told me we were selected for their new TV show," said Maria Ahmedi, owner of the Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant. "The guy I had done the interview with had to present our story to the CBS executive producer in Los Angeles and he's the one who approved us for the show.

"They loved our story. We have a oneof-a-kind restaurant and we have four generations. It's a family-owned business and we've been serving food for 30 years. We've survived everything in those 30 years. We've put our heart and soul into the business.

"With the complete renovation of the restaurant, they just loved it and felt like our story was good enough for the show."

The show Ahmedi and her family (husband Naser, son Luan (Lu, 29), daughters Brendita (25), Lindita (20), daughter-inlaw Malia (29), and granddaughter (Leona, 2, the fourth generation) will be featured



OLD RT. 66 FAMILY RESTAURANT, Dwight, Illinois.

on is Destination Chicago, Series 1.

To Maria's understanding, the show is based on CBS picking numerous businesses, of all sorts, not just restaurants, in Chicago, suburbs, and the towns surrounding the suburbs.

For the Ahmedi family, the contact, the interview, and the acceptance was surprising but rewarding.

The family opened a small restaurant in Odell 30 years ago and moved to Dwight on Nov. 5, 2001. After taking over the building at 105 S Old Rt. 66, the family never closed the doors. They renovated during the night while keeping the business open during eating hours.

Through the trials and tribulations of owning a restaurant in the United States of America, Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant still opens its doors, serves award-winning dishes, and welcomes all visitors back.

"This is a dream come true. I feel like we've accomplished something really big and it's a sign that we've made it," said Maria Ahmedi. "Our renovation was a dream come true, but this is the icing on the cake. When you have CBS calling you, (continued on page 12)





THE WAIT IS OVER...and don't they look grand. New light posts with banner hangers are gracing East Main Street. Construction on the roadway was completed three years ago and the final touch, the light poles, are now in place. Come downtown to do some shopping and/or to grab some lunch or dinner. Plenty of new to do in the Downtown area.

ROTARY PARK will be lit this Christmas. A power pole is now in place and will benefit the park and community for lighting up the park. Pictured above are Rotary members, I to r, Donald McClarey, Pastor Victor Randall, Del Hancock, Dale Adams, John Mueller, Lon Lovellette and Earl McCoy.

# **Lights in Rotary Park, Dwight**

by Brandon LaChance

In the past, it was hard not to wear sunglasses during December nights in Dwight.

Rotary Park would have Christmas light displays spread from corner to corner to spread winter cheer through the community.

Unfortunately, the tradition was canceled due to unknown reasons.

Now, the Dwight Rotary Club wants to reinstall the tradition, Christmas cheer and community unity with Christmas light displays in Rotary Park.

"Tom Tock had an article in *The Paper* in December of 2020 talking about how Rotary Park used to be lit up during Christmas time," said John Mueller, former Rotary Club president who passed the role to Dwight attorney Don McClarey on Wednesday, June 29. "The Rotary Club decided this may be a good thing to revive. We applied for a grant from Rotary and we received a \$2,000 grant.

"We worked with the city to have a power pole installed at the park. Hopefully, this winter we'll be able to have the first light display at the park in quite some time."

The grant was received in October, but due to Covid-19 restrictions and other delays, the pole was installed in May.

Currently the pole is in place, but it still needs to be hooked up to the electrical grid and local electricians need to install plugs and circuitry.

By the Christmas season these needs will be met, and Rotary Park will be lit once again.

"We are going to solicit the local businesses and organizations to put up a lighting display of their choice for the holidays in conjunction with the Christmas parade in Dwight," Mueller said. "We haven't set boundaries or restrictions at this point. We will do it soon. "This year, it will probably be in the triangle by the tennis courts on Franklin St. We hope that eventually, we can get light displays spread throughout the park. We have one business that has already agreed to have a display in the park."

Mueller, McClarey, and the Dwight Rotary Club are ecstatic the light show will happen again, and Rotary Park will have the foot traffic it deserves.

"We are hoping to utilize the park, which is in many ways underutilized," Mueller said. "We want to bring back the tradition. If we get the displays that we're hoping for, we think it will draw people to the community which benefits businesses in the community as well."

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

June 29: Christopher J. Galbraith, Dwight, 18, insurance-operate uninsured, OP autocycle w/o Class D license.

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

#### **6** Written Warnings

Speeding – 3; Only One Headlight – 1; Disobey Stop Sign – 1; No Registration Plate Light – 1.

#### **Dwight Police Blotter**

June 24: Dwight Police generated a report for a Theft of Services.

June 25: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop for improper driving and equipment. The subject was found to have a medical condition and transported to an area hospital.

June 27: Dwight Police were dispatched to W. Northbrook Dr. A semi driver advised three of his tires had been damaged by a former co-driver; Dwight Police were dispatched to Prospect Ave. Arrested for Assault was Michael McGregor, 37. He was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.

June 28: Dwight Police met with a walk-in to DPD. The resident advised there had been fraudulent charges made on their bank account.

Medical Aid - 3; Lockout -3; Cell 911 Open Line – 1; Well Being Check – 2; Burglar Alarm – 4; Fraud – 1; Found Child -1; Traffic Stop -8; Subject Removal – 4; Return Call-11; Extra Patrol-4; Assist Agency - 4; Domestic Issue -1; Follow Up -5; Found Dog – 1; Unknown Problem -1; Fireworks -2; Motorist Assist - 1; Check Area – 5; Custody Issues – 1; Check Vehicle – 2; Reckless

Driver - 1; Noise Complaint -1; Mental Health Response – 4; Suspicious Activity - 3; Accident -3.

#### **Accident Reports**

Monday, June 27, 2:30 p.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at Morris Rd. and Old Route 66 involving Natalie McCloskey, Dwight, the driver of a Toyota sedan, which struck cement on the bridge at Rt. 66.

Wednesday, June 29, 9:01 p.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at E 3100 North Rd. and Old Route 66 involving Jason Draper, Pontiac, the driver of a Ford Explorer, which struck a deer; at 10:35 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving Damandeep Sidhu, Cambridge, ON, the driver of a Frei., which struck a parked Volvo, owned by Lansavat Keodara, Spartanburg, SC, while attempting to back into a space.



#### **Ambulance Runs** by Dwight EMS

June 23: Julie, trauma, Morris: Delaware, medical, Morris. June 24: 2400N, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell. June 25: I-55, medical, Morris; Brewster, fire.

June 26: Main St., medical, Morris.

June 27: Bannon, medical, St. Mary's - Kankakee; Chippewa St., medical, St. James, mutual aid Morris EMS; John, medical, Morris. June 28: Mazon, medical, Morris; Morris, medical, Morris; Industrial, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner.

June 30: Oak, medical, refusal, mutual aid to Odell; Main, medical, Morris.

**National Night Out** In Dwight - Aug. 2





#### *Temps - 2022*

June 23 – high 86°, low 56° June 24 – high 90°, low 63° June 25 - high 81°, low 65° .65" precip. June 26 – high 77°, low 54° June 27 – high 77°, low 53° June 28 - high 83°, low 59° .03" precip. June 29 - high 87°, low 64° One Year Ago-July 6, 2021 high 85°, low 65°



#### **Dwight Fire** Incidents June 24 - July 1

The Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

6/25 - Report of a Train on fire - false call - rural Dwight. Dwight FPD also responded to 8 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

#### Celebrate **Odell Days!** July 8 & 9

Fun starts at 5 p.m. Friday, July 8.

Beer Tent, Music by Tommy Edwards.

Family Bags begin at 6 p.m. followed by an Outdoor Family Movie at 8:30 p.m..

A street dance with "The Clients" closes out the evening from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Beer tent closes at 1 a.m.

Saturday holds fun-filled activities starting at 7:45 a.m. with a School Spirit 5K.

The Odell Firemen will be serving breakfast at the firehouse from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. A Bloody Mary Bar sponsored by GD's Saloon with be on the downtown square and the beer tent opens at 8 a.m. until mid-

night.



TUESDAY, JUNE 21. IT HAPPENED. Our photographer was able to capture the temperature at 100 degrees on the Dwight Banking Center's marquee. Here is to the rest of summer. More warm days and many more memories to be made.

## IL 113, IL 47 Railroad Crossing **Closings Upcoming**

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that Illinois 113 will be closed for repairs at the BNSF Railroad crossing in Coal City Monday, July 11. The closure will be for approximately two days.

A posted detour will direct eastbound Illinois 113 traffic to use Broadway Street, North Street and First Avenue. Westbound Illinois 113 traffic will use Fifth Avenue, North Street and Broadway Street.

IDOT also announced that the BNSF Railroad crossing on IL 47 in Mazon will be closed beginning Thursday, July 14. The repairs are expected to take two days to complete.

A posted detour will direct motorists to IL 113 and I-55.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate

routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices, and be alert for workers and equipment.

For IDOT, District 3 updates on Twitter, follow @IDOTDistrict3 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map at GettingAroundIllinois.com.

#### Nicor Gas Offers Tips, Tools to Help **Customers Turn Down the Heat this Summer**

With high temperatures and humidity kicking off this summer, the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program is providing energy-saving tips to help customers keep their cool while saving money and energy.

During the summer months, water is one of the elements pasta or water your garden, that we tend to use more of as you'll have water available.

bills.

• Re-use water from washing fruits and veggies. Instead of watching water go down the drain after you rinse off those garden fruits and veggies, capture it and reuse it. The next time you want to make some • **Install high-efficiency show-** faucet aerators, pipe insulation more from the tap, and tend to erheads and faucet aerators. and more by scheduling either You can save gallons of water every year without giving up comfort or water pressure by installing high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators.

system.

• Turn off water when brushing teeth. While you're brushing, make sure to turn the water off. Even if it's a small amount of time, it can make a big difference in your water savings. • Schedule a free home assessment. Customers can get free high-efficiency showerheads, a virtual or in-person home assessment. One of their energy advisors can help you maximize your energy-saving opportunities and either install free products or ship them to your home. To sign up for your free home energy assessment and for more energy-saving tips for summer savings, visit nicorgas. com/saveathome.

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A sand Volleyball Tournament starts at 9 a.m. and Adult Bingo runs 9-11 a.m. Kids Bingo follows from 11- Noon.

Inflatables will be up 11-4 for the kids enjoyment. Also, 11-4, Oly Farms petting zoo, face painting and a magician. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 2 p.m., followed by adult Tractor Pull. Adult bags tourney runs 12-

4 p.m.. Hunter Kivlehan performs music 3-6 p.m. and a street dance with "The Brat Pack" 8-11 p.m.

our gardens and lawns. This also means that we use more natural gas, and here are some tips to help customers minimize their use while still enjoying all of those activities and more year round:

• Shorten your showers. Lowering the time you spend in the shower can save water and heating. Belt out five minutes worth of your favorite songs and see the difference in your

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#### What to Expect From a Financial Advisor

If you know how important it is to invest for your future, but you're unsure of the road to follow, you may want to get some guidance and direction from a financial professional. But if you've never worked with one before, what can you expect? Here are some things to look for:

Assessment - A financial advisor will assess your current financial situation - assets, income, debts and so on - but that's just the start. These days, advisors recognize the need to view their clients' lives holistically. Consequently, you will see questions like this: What are your feelings about investing? How would you judge your risk tolerance? What are your individual financial goals? What hopes and dreams do you have for your family?

• Recommendations – Only after fully understanding your needs, goals and preferences will a financial advisor recommend any investment moves. There are no "one-size-fits-all" solutions. You may want to steer clear of individuals claiming to be financial advisors who "guarantee" big returns with no risk. In the investment world, there are few guarantees, and every investment carries some type of risk.

· Communications - Financial professionals communicate with their clients in different ways, but you should always feel free to reach out to an advisor with any questions or concerns. Most financial advisors will want to meet with clients at least once a year, either in person or through an online platform, to review their investment portfolios. During the review. the financial advisor will help you determine if any changes are needed. But financial advisors won't wait a full year to contact clients to discuss a particular investment move that might need to be made. Also, depending on the firm you choose, you should be able to go online to review your portfolio at your convenience.

 Technology – A financial advisor can employ a variety of software programs to help clients. For example, a financial advisor can determine the rate of return you might need to attain specific goals, helping shape your investment strategy. But there are also a lot of "what ifs" in anyone's life, so an advisor can use hypothetical illustrations to show you where you might end up if you take different paths, such as retiring earlier (or later) than you had planned or putting in more (or less) money toward a specific goal, such as education for your children. Anyone's plans can change, so the ability to view different potential scenarios can prove valuable.

Above all, a financial advisor can help you feel more confident as you pursue your goals. Among investors who work with a financial advisor, 84% said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a survey conducted in 2020 by Age Wave and Edward Jones. And during times of market turbulence, such as we've experienced this year, a financial advisor can help you avoid overreacting to downturns. When unexpected events crop up, such as a lapse in employment, a financial advisor can suggest moves that may enable you to avoid major disruptions to your financial strategy. Conversely, when a new opportunity emerges, perhaps from an inheritance or some other windfall, your financial advisor can help you take advantage of it.

Navigating the investment landscape can be challenging - but the journey can be a lot smoother if you've got the right guide.

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

#### **Mobile Pantry in Dwight, Odell Monthly**

St. Nicholas Mobile Pantry, products, and baby products. a ministry of Catholic Charities, serves those in need in the Diocese of Peoria. The van stops in Dwight, in the parking lot of St. Patrick Church, and Odell, in the St. Paul Church parking lot, on the second at cdop.org/catholic-charities. Thursday afternoon of each month.

These items may change monthly depending on needs and what is donated.

You must fill out an application in order to utilize this monthly service. You can do so Click on Region 3 and then the Link button.

This month, the date is Thursday, July 14.

Individuals are given items such as blankets, socks, cleaning products, personal hygiene Charities.

If you need assistance, contact the Diocese at 309-671-1550 and ask for Catholic

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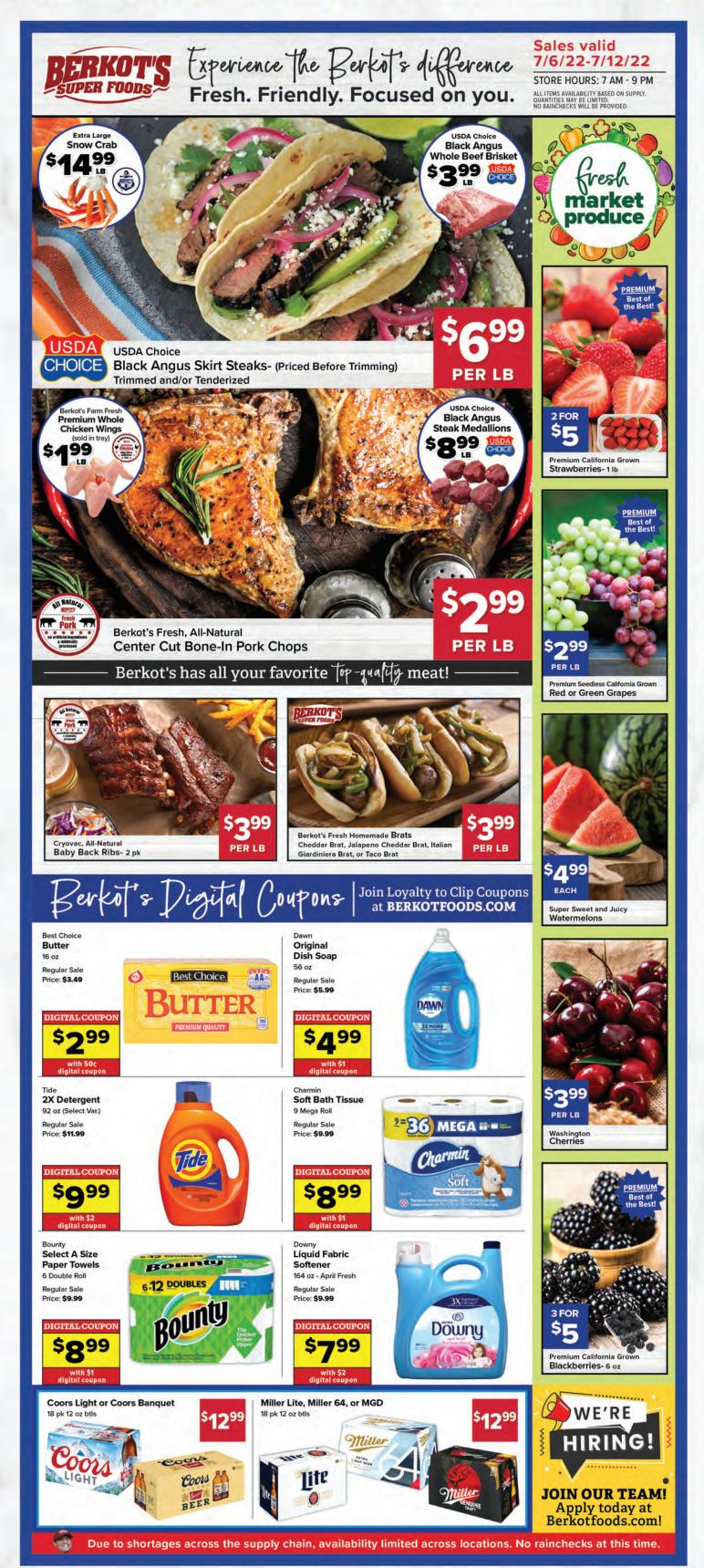
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#### Ice Cream Social at Zion Lutheran Church July 10

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In addition to ice cream delights and assorted desserts, there will be sloppy Joes, ham sandwiches, chips, apple sauce,

and potato salad. It will be served from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

The church is located on Route 17, just east of Herscher Road. Everyone is welcome.

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District June 28 Primary sets fall matchups

With the conclusion of the primary election Tuesday, June 28, Illinoisans now know what the matchups will be for statewide offices this fall.

Democratic Governor JB Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton will face Republican nominees, state Senator Darren Bailey and Stephanie Trussell.

Treasurer Mike Frerichs (D) will face state Rep. Tom Demmer (R).

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza (D) will face Shannon Teresi (R).

Thomas Devore (R) will take on Attorney General Kwame Raoul (D).

In the race to succeed retiring Secretary of State Jesse White, Democrats nominated Alexi Giannoulias and Republicans chose state Rep. Dan Brady.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Around the District. Summertime in east-central Illinois is one of the best times of the year for getting out and around the District.

... a special program and dinner in Pontiac celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the Pontiac Kiwanis Club, which I attended and was grateful to have been able to say a few words

. . the 150th anniversary celebration in Roberts

. . . Buckley Fun Days wonderful weather, good music and delicious food

I met with Hoopeston Mayor, Chamber Director and others to discuss plans for Hoopeston. I appreciate the partnership between businesses, not for profits and the different levels of government to try to improve local business economy.

Don't forget about summertime safety. With all this summertime fun comes a reminder about keeping safe, whether it is at the grill, out in the heat, or when celebrating with fireworks.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$1,999,105,699 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$3.1 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.

by John Patrick

The Barn III in Goodfield is happy to present a long time Barn favorite, EVERYBODY OPAL by John LOVES EVERYBODY Patrick! LOVES OPAL opens Thursday, July 7th and runs until Sunday, August 14, 2022. The show will be playing on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays evenings and Sundays matinees.

Meet Opal Kronkie (Dan Challacombe), a middle-aged recluse, who lives in a tumbledown mansion at the edge of the municipal dump. The general disarray of her establishment is aggravated by the fact that Opal collects things-anything that can be toted home in her little red wagon. Opal is also an optimist, for no matter how mean her lot-or her "friends" --- Opal responds with unfailing kindness and an abiding faith in the goodness of human nature. Into her rather strange world comes Gloria (Sagan Drake), Bradford (Christian Meredith) and Solomon (Pat Gaik), three purveyors of bogus perfume who are running from authorities.

Opal's unique abode is the perfect hideout-and Opal, herself, might be the remedy for their shattered finances. They decide that what she needs is plenty of insurance, a rapid demise, and three beneficiaries named Gloria, Bradford and Solomon. Attempted murder wouldn't seem to be funny, but in hands of Mary Simon's directing, it is uproarious! The unsavory trio concocts elaborate schemes and through it all, Opal radiates kindness, affection and, strangely enough, gratitude. A highly entertaining comedy of when life never

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seems to go the way you want it. There are many morals that shine through the plotline, many coming from Opal herself.

This show stars Barn III Company Members Dan Challacombe, Pat Gaik, Nate Gaik, Sagan Drake, Christian Meredith and new to The Barn stage, Ethan Smith and Oliver Challacombe (Dan & Tamra's Cat).

EVERYBODY LOVES OPAL is produced by Abby Reel and directed by Mary Simon. Set design and Technical Direction by Tracy Sim-

mons

Tickets for Dinner Theatre shows during 2022 are person for all regular performances. Tickets can be purchased online at www.thebarniii.com or by phone at 309-965-2545 from the box office which is open from 10 AM to 5 PM on Wednesdays and 1 to 5 PM on Thursdays and Fridays.

Everybody Loves Opal will be featuring the Barn's Smoked Beef Brisket with Rosemary Potatoes, Creamy Alfredo Pasta and House Blend Vegetables as well as its classic Barn

III Fried Chicken and Tilapia with Mango Salsa. Featured Dessert is Strawberry Upside Down Cake and its signature cocktail is "The Red Wagon" (Bloody Mary). Guests can enjoy unlimited Barn favorites like the famous beer cheese and crackers along with salad, bread baskets and more.

The Barn III also offers a full service bar on site and as such outside alcohol is not allowed. For more information visit www.thebarniii.com or email: boxoffice@thebarniii.com.

#### Gardner/ **Braceville** Referendum Results

Two local referendum were on the ballot June 28.

Gardner village residents voted 126 - 99 in favor of creating a quiet zone to silence train horns within the Village of Gardner. The Village Council will now take the non-binding vote under consideration and make the final decision.

Braceville residents de-





*Everyone Loves Opal* – Now Playing at The Barn III –

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## **Livingston County Board District**

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feated a proposal 63 - 55 to approve a five percent increase in the corporate line item on the annual tax levy for the Braceville Fire Protection Dis-

trict



|    |   | City/Village                              |
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|    | Time for the no longer<br>on the sidewalk                           | Dwight<br>Kankakee<br>Streator            |
|    | SIDEWALK<br>SALE  | Pontiac<br>Gardner<br>Braceville          |
|    | Thu., July 7 9:30 - 4:30  | Morris<br>Herscher                        |
| t. | Fri., July 8 9:30 - 4:30<br>Sat., July 9 9:30 - 5:00                | Chicago<br>Illinois<br>U.S.               |
| •  | Sun, July 10 1:00 - 5:00<br>Store Closed Wed., July 6<br>To Prepare | Sources: GasBuddy.<br>Gasol               |
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|    |   |   |

JOYCE FEZEKAS, DWIGHT, stands next to her flowering yucca plant. The shrub, though nearly 10 years old has never flowered, until now!

The yucca plant generally flowers once per season if you are lucky, but more likely every few years. The bloom lasts weeks but then gets ratty and dies.

According to horticulture websites, once all the flowers are gone, you can cut the entire stalk right down to its base, just like removing dead leaves. This will allow the plant to focus energy on new growth.

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

Since June, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has decreased by four cents to \$4.85. Due to the delayed release of the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) report on gasoline supply and demand last week, the federal agency released two weeks of data July 1st that showed gasoline demand decreased each week.

These supply/demand dynamics and decreasing oil prices have pushed pump prices lower.

| City/Village | July 2 | June 27 | ( |
|--------------|--------|---------|---|
| Dwight       | \$5.16 | \$5.15  |   |
| Kankakee     | \$4.83 | \$5.34  |   |
| Streator     | \$5.19 | \$5.22  |   |
| Pontiac      | \$4.99 | \$5.06  |   |
| Gardner      | \$5.24 | \$5.24  |   |
| Braceville   | \$5.23 | \$5.35  |   |
| Morris       | \$5.12 | \$5.23  |   |
| Herscher     | \$5.29 | \$5.29  |   |
| Chicago      | \$5.74 | \$5.82  |   |
| Illinois     | \$5.34 | \$5.45  |   |
| U.S.         | \$4.82 | \$4.90  |   |

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#### **Dwight Public Schools** Fall Registration Information 2022-2023

Dwight Public Schools is pleased to announce registration information for the 2022-2023 school year. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 17th. Mondays will continue to be our early release days for school improvement. Please see other important information below:

#### **Regular School Days**

|       | PK-4th Grades:              | 8:00AM to 3:00PM  |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|       | <ul> <li>(AM-PK)</li> </ul> | 8:00AM to 10:45AM |
|       | <ul> <li>(PM-PK)</li> </ul> | 12:15PM to 3:00PM |
|       | 5th-8th Grades:             | 8:00AM to 3:05PM  |
|       | HS:                         | 8:10AM to 3:10PM  |
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| Early | PM Dismissals an            | nd All Mondays    |
|       | PK-4th Grades:              | 8:00AM to 2:00PM  |
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|  | <ul> <li>(AM-PK)</li> </ul> | 8:00AM to 10:30AM |  |
|  | <ul> <li>(PM-PK)</li> </ul> | 11:30AM to 2:00PM |  |
|  | 5th-8th Grades              | 8:00AM to 2:05PM  |  |
|  | HS:                         | 8:10AM to 2:10PM  |  |
|  |                             |                   |  |

#### GRADE SCHOOL SPECIFIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION

RETURNING STUDENTS ONLY: ONLINE registration open July 1st through August 12th.

#### www.dwightk12.org

Once at the Dwight Public Schools website, you will need to be on the appropriate school page, Dwight Common School. From there, click on the REGISTER NOW button. Please make sure all information is correct in Skyward. Any questions regarding online registration should be directed to Mr. Skrapates in the technology department at skrapatesd@dwightk12.org

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 3RD: New students (new to the district or PreK/Kindergarten) will need to register in-person at the grade school and/or high school offices beginning on August 3rd between 8:00A - 3:00P. The grade school and high school offices will be closed through August 2nd.

#### IMPORTANT: EMERGENCY & GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

As you register, please review the emergency contact information and ge neral contact information (phone numbers & email) provided. All students need THREE different emergency contacts listed. It is also important that the emergency contacts are able to arrive at the school quickly to pick-up a sick child.

#### GRADE SCHOOL HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

In addition to being in compliance relative to immunizations, children must receive physical examinations prior to entering Illinois schools for the first time, prior to the date of entering PreK. Kindergarten or first grade, prior to entering sixth grade, and prior to entering ninth grade. Children who have not received physical examinations, as required, are considered to be in noncompliance whether or not they have received the required immunizations.

#### DENTAL

Illinois law (Child Health Examination Code, 77 III. Adm. Code 665) states all children in kindergarten and the second, sixth and ninth grades of any public, private or parochial school shall have a dental examination. The examination must have taken place within 18 months prior to May 15 of the school year. A licensed dentist must complete the examination, sign and date this Proof of School Dental Examination Form. If you are unable to get this required examination for your child, fill out a separate Dental Examination Waiver Form.

#### VISION

Illinois law requires that proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or physician (such as an ophthalmologist) who provides eye examinations be submitted to the school no later than October 15 of the year the child is first enrolled (Kindergarten; not required for PreK) or as required by the school for other children. The examination must be completed within one year prior to the first day of the school year the child enters the Illinois school system for the first time. The parent of any child who is unable to obtain an examination must submit a waiver form to the school

#### **5TH-8TH GRADE EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION**

Students that plan to participate in a fall sport are required to register on 8 to 18 for each individual sport prior to attending the first practice each season. The student must be registered by a parent/guardian

Any student who is participating in a sport is required by the IESA to have a current sport physical prior to attending any practices or activity on file in the office. Athletes should visit their primary doctor for all physicals

Athletic Fees:

\$30 one athlete/one sport; \$60 one athlete/multiple sports; \$90 max per family

#### **GRADE SCHOOL REGISTRATION COSTS**

| PreK=\$0                    | 5th-8th Locks Fee=\$10            |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ECE Half Day=\$50           | 5th-8th PE Uniform Fee=           |
| ECE Full Day=\$100          | \$7.50 shirt/\$7.50 shorts        |
| K-8 Students= \$100         |                                   |
| 5th-8th Technology Fee=\$25 | *Free and Reduced Student Fee=\$0 |
|                             |                                   |

#### HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online Registration: July 1st - August 12th (returning students only)

- To register online, please visit the school website and click on the Register Now button.
- In-Person Registration: August 3rd August 12th 7:30AM 2:30PM (for students new to district or parents that are having issues with online registration) All students must be registered before school begins on August 17th
- All students that are in ANY activity or sport are required to register on 8 to18 for each individual activity or sport prior to attending a practice each season. This includes Marching Band, Pep Band, Chorus, Scholastic Bowl, Drama, Winter Guard, all sports, etc. The student must be registered by a parent/guardian
- red by the IHSA to have a current spor

#### **COVID-19** Vaccinations Approved for 6 months and up

Public Health (IDPH) recently announced support for the recommendation by the CDC for the use of two COVID-19 vaccines for pediatric populations, following FDA authorization. The vaccines are the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages six months through four years of age, and the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for children ages six months through five years of age.

The decision by FDA and CDC to recommend COVID-19 vaccination for younger children followed an in-depth review of available safety, immune response, and efficacy data.

According to IDPH, children who have previously had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated, as vaccination offers added protection.

Vaccination continues to be

The Illinois Department of the best way to protect yourself and others. Families are welcome to visit the LCHD (310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac) for their COVID-19 vaccinations on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged .

Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson are all available free of charge to the public for first, second, third, and booster doses, including Pfizer and Moderna pediatric doses. All children age 17 and younger must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Adults must have their driver's license/State ID as well as their vaccination card for all doses except the first. Masks must be worn in clinic area and when interacting with LCHD staff. For those with limited mobility, your vaccination may be taken to your vehicle.

#### Enjoy The Summertime!



**Thank You** for your Support in the race for **Livingston County** Sheriff.

Ryan Bohm





- physical prior to attending any practices or activity. (see code 2.150 of the IHSA Constitution). Athletes should visit their primary doctor for all physicals.
- According to the State of Illinois requirements, all students entering grade 9 or a student who is new to a school in the State of Illinois, must have a physical examination and proof of a dental exam.
- IMPORTANT: EMERGENCY & GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION As you register, please review the emergency contact information and general contact information (phone numbers & email) provided All students need THREE different emergency contacts listed. Please make sure your information is accurate. High school students' phone numbers should also be added.

#### DTHS Registration Costs Beginning 2022-2023 School Year

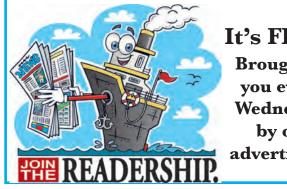
wight Township High School will continue to have a flat fee for student registration ext fall. The annual fee will include any classes the student would like to take ncluding all classroom fees for projects), book rental, yearly planner and entry into all ome athletic events (excluding tournaments). The Board of Education will review this at fee and may adjust it accordingly on an annual basis.

In order to qualify for the Free and Reduced student rate, the student(s) must either be directly certified through the Medicaid system already; or you may complete the paperwork to determine if your student(s) qualify.

| REGISTRATI  | ON COSTS*         |                                   |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Student Fee   | \$125.00          |                                   |
| Free and Reduced Student Fee                                    | \$35.00           |                                   |
| *This cost includes one PE uniform, set of lock<br>students new | ts and Behind the | wheel for all <b>Freshmen and</b> |

If a student participates in sports or LACC, there is an additional cost that will be added to this fee. Additional PE clothes and locks may be purchased if needed at the cost listed below

| Ala                    | Carte Optic | ons             |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| ltem                   | Price       | Class Available |
| PE Shirt               | \$ 8.00     | All             |
| PE Short               | \$ 8.00     | All             |
| PE Set                 | \$ 16.00    | All             |
| Single Lock            | \$ 6.00     | All             |
| Double Lock            | \$ 12.00    | All             |
| LACC 1                 | \$ 100.00   | Junior/Senior   |
| LACC 2                 | \$ 200.00   | Junior/Senior   |
| Sports Fee Per Student | \$ 75.00    | All             |



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# **Dwight Pool Staff Trains with Village EMS**

Some staff at the Dwight Stevenson Memorial Pool participated in emergency medical training with Paramedics Dylan Williams and Sandy Kokaly recently, poolside in Dwight, as part of their regularly scheduled continuing education program.

WIlliams, assisted by Kokaly, used a hands-on, participative approach with the Pool staff based on requested topics given by Corilyn Hensel-McCullough, Pool Manager and Head Lifeguard. Training topics included: Stop-the-bleed, Choking procedures, Drug-overdose response using Narcan, Allergic Reaction using EpiPens, CPR: for Adults, pregnant women, children, and infants, AED use, and Common Epileptic/Grand mal & Petite Seizure re-

sponses.

"Dylan and Sandy were amazing with us," said Hensel-McCullough. "They were thorough and professional from start to finish. We all walked away feeling even more ready to better serve our public and keep everyone safe while swimming. They also helped us realize that calling 9-1-1- and doing more for someone, care wise, is always the best choice. Hopefully, we will never need to use the training in a real emergency; but as part of our ongoing bimonthly training for different scenarios that could happen, it is always better to be very well prepared."

Using "CPR-dummies" and the "Heimlich vest" along with other illustrative,

hands-on supports, the Pool staff successfully worked through scenarios that could be typical emergencies at the Pool or in general. Participating in the mandatory training were Carson Collet, Clair Robison, Corilyn Hensel-McCullough, Destinie Drapeau, Ellora McCullough, Jacob Weissmann, Lisbet-Marie Soto, Michael Michon, and Reece Mortensen.

The next training for the Dwight Pool staff includes water extraction using a back board and spine safety when removing someone from the water with an injury. For more information about this or anything pool-related, contact the Pool at 815-584-3385.





DWIGHT EMS worked with staff of Dwight Stevenson Memorial Pool recently as part of the continuing education program. Dwight Paramedics Sandy Kokaly and Dylan Williams were poolside for the class. More training is scheduled for the **Dwight Pool staff.** 





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## **Dwight Dolphins Compete** in Tri-Team Swim Meet

eled to Pontiac June 30 to compete against the Pontiac Pacers and the Bloomington Marlins in a regularly scheduled triteam swim meet.

"The Dolphins gave it their all; with more personal records again this week," offered Head Coach Corilyn Hensel-McCullough. "The team had a great time and enjoyed the competition swimming with the Pacers and the Marlins. The Pontiac team is always a gracious host, so it was a "swimmingly' good meet for everyone."

Competing at the event were the girls 11-12 50 Free, 50

The Dwight Dolphins trav- Breast, and 50 Back; Sadie Harlen competed in the boys 8-Burke swam in the girls 8-year old 25 Free, 25 Breast, and 25 Back; Sienna Burke competed in the girls 11-12 50 Free, 50 Breast, and 50 Back; Chloe Carpenter competed in the girls 7-8 50 Free, 25 Free, and 25 Back; Cat Collet swam in the girls 9-10 50 Free, 25 Breast, and 25 Back; Lucy Cotter swam in the 7-8 25 Free, 25 Breast, and 25 Back; Alex Craven competed in the Mixed 6&U 25 Free and 25 Breast; Blayze Halsted swam in the boys 9-10 50 Free, 50 Breast, and 50 Back; Breckin Halsted Ryleigh Brown, who swam in swam in the boys 7-8 25 Free. 25 Breast, and 25 Back; Bren

year old 25 Free and 25 Back; Mia Hoffner competed in the girls 7-8 25 Free and 25 Back; Maddie McGrath swam in the girls 14-year old 100 IM, 100 Free, and 100 Fly; Callie Robison competed in the girls 11-12 50 Free, 50 Breast and 50 Back; Braelyn Schou swam in the girls 11-12 50 Free, 50 Breast, and 50 Back.

The next big event for the Dolphins is the Pontiac Pentathlon, set for Saturday, July 9.

For more information about the Dwight Dolphin swim team, call the Pool at 815-584-3385.

interview at Illinois Central School Bus 751 Eastgate Industrial Parkway Kankakee, IL 60901







#### **OBITUARY**

#### **Raymond Paul Norris**

Raymond Paul Norris, age arv 12, 1997. 65, of Dwight, Illinois and formerly of Elwood, Illinois passed away at his home in Dwight on Friday, July 1, 2022

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Victory Lanes Bowling Alley in Dwight, hosted by the family, starting at 4 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date in Elwood Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois

Memorials in honor of Raymond may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond was born August 27, 1956 in Elwood, Illinois, the son of Warren and Winifred (Keopp) Norris. He married Linda Larson in Elwood, Illinois. She passed away Febru-

Surviving are sons: Christopher Norris of Elwood, Illinois; Matthew Norris of Dwight, Illinois; daughters: Jennifer (Bobby) Tilley of Dwight; Tracy (Larry) Shriver of Parker, Colorado; brother, Warren (Jackie) Norris of LaSalle, Illinois; sister, Ann (Andy) Rotunno of Bluffton, South Carolina; grandchildren: Tori Tilley, Kilie Tilley, and Trent Tilley; nieces and nephews; his best friend Paintball Joe and his favorite dog Chewie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

He was a member of Moran AC of Joliet for more than 40 years. Raymond was the biggest St. Louis Cardinals' fan and loved to travel down to St. Louis to see them play. He also enjoyed watching Jeopardy.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### **...article about Frank L. Smith** isn't entirely accurate.'

The reprint of the 1982 arti- Commerce Commission. He entirely accurate.

Smith was an egomaniac who ran for every possible public office every year for decades (he won only once), who named his bank The Frank L. Smith Bank, his baseball team The Frank L. Smiths, and whose billboards made one think they were entering the village of Frank L. Smith instead of the village of Dwight. He called himself "Colonel Smith" his entire life but he never was in the military; the fake title was bestowed by a governor for political favors. Smith's petty revenge actions against people in public life hurt him more than it hurt them

Smith didn't seek the nomination for governor in 1926, it was 1920. The party chose Small, so Smith ran for the senate in 1920 and was roundly beaten by William B. McKinley (the article says McKinley beat Smith by a landslide).

It says a lot about his character when he allied himself he was doing for himself. with Len Small, the most cro

cle about Frank L. Smith isn't used his position to shake down the utilities he was regulating for campaign contributions. He raised a fortune, which helped him beat McKinley for the senate nomination in 1926. Smith won the election, but the U.S. Senate would not let him in because of his crooked methods in winning the election. Smith is the only person ever elected to the senate who was refused admission. Smith was too crooked even for that den of thieves.

It was up to Small to appoint a replacement. The arrogant Small appointed Smith. He again was refused. Smith didn't adandon the fight, as the article said, he was booted out in no uncertain terms. He ran for the nomination again in 1928 and lost.

Smith's career is detailed in my book, "Len Small: Governors and Gangsters.'

The article said Smith did a lot of good for Dwight. Whatever good he did was an incidental side effect of the good

#### **Livingston County Key Primary Results**

Ryan Bohm defeated Tom Vagasky to win the Republican nomination for Livingston County Sheriff in the primary election on Tuesday June

Bohm tallied 3,902 (58.54%) votes to 2,764 for Vagasky (41.46%). Bohm is a Livingston County Deputy Sheriff, Vagasky a retired officer from the Illinois State Police.

#### In the race for the Republican Governor nomination, State Senator Darren Bailey gathered the most Livingston County votes:

|  | 1055 | 65 61 0/ |
|--|------|----------|
| (Darren Bailey/(Stephanie Trussell (Rep) | 4277 | 65.61 %  |
| (Paul Schimpf/(Carolyn Schofield (Rep)   | 126  | 1.93 %   |
| (Richard C. Irvin/(Avery Bourne (Rep)    | 779  | 11.95 %  |
| (Gary Rabine/(Aaron Del Mar (Rep)        | 147  | 2.25 %   |
| (Max Solomon/(Latasha H. Fields (Rep)    | 62   | 0.95 %   |
| (Jesse Sullivan/(Kathleen Murphy (Rep)   | 1128 | 17.3 %   |
|  |      |          |

#### On The Democratic Side JB Pritzker was the winner:

| (JB Pritzker/(Juliana Stratton (Dem) | 520 | 85.25 % |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---------|
| (Beverly Miles/(Karla Shaw (Dem)     | 90  | 4.75 %  |

#### **Results For Republican County Board**

| 1st District (Vote For 6)   |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Marty Fannin (Rep)          | 995  |
| William Mays (Rep)          | 992  |
| Regina "Gina" Manker (Rep)  | 1197 |
| James A. Carley (Rep)       | 1269 |
| Jim Blackard (Rep)          | 939  |
| Corlee Erkkila (Rep)        | 649  |
| John L. (Jack) Vietti (Rep) | 1509 |
|                             |      |
| 2nd District (Voter For 6)  |      |
| Robert F. Weller (Rep)      | 980  |
| Dan Myers (Rep)             | 990  |
| Joel Barickman (Rep)        | 1102 |
| Steven J Lovell (Rep)       | 909  |
| Gerald L. Earing (Rep)      | 932  |
| Jason R Bunting (Rep)       | 1288 |
| Joseph D. Steichen (Rep)    | 843  |
| 3rd District (Vote For 6)   |      |
| Craig Monson (Rep)          | 663  |
| Paul Ritter (Rep)           | 1117 |
| Mark Runyon (Rep)           | 1395 |
| Jared Drayer (Rep)          | 748  |
| Linda Ambrose (Rep)         | 1528 |
| Rebekah Fehr (Rep)          | 1647 |
| Seth L. Welch (Rep)         | 1188 |
|                             | 679  |
| Steven R. Tjarks (Rep)      |      |
| John J. Vitzthum (Rep)      | 1351 |

Full results can be found at: https://il-livingston.pollresults.net/

#### **Grundy County Key Primary Results**

In the race for the Republican Governor nomination, State Senator Darren Bailey gathered the most Grundy County votes:

| (Darren Bailey/(Stephanie Trussell (Rep) | 3296 | 65.42 % |
|--|------|---------|
|  |      |         |
| (Paul Schimpf/(Carolyn Schofield (Rep)   | 120  | 2.38 %  |
| (Richard C. Irvin/(Avery Bourne (Rep)    | 683  | 13.56 % |
| (Gary Rabine/(Aaron Del Mar (Rep)        | 195  | 3.87 %  |
| (Max Solomon/(Latasha H. Fields (Rep)    | 35   | 0.69 %  |
| (Jesse Sullivan/(Kathleen Murphy (Rep)   | 709  | 14.07 % |

#### On The Democratic Side JB Pritzker was the winner:

| (JB Pritzker/(Juliana Stratton (Dem) | 1375 | 89.17 % |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------|
| (Beverly Miles/(Karla Shaw (Dem)     | 167  | 10.83 % |

#### **Results For Grundy County Board - Republican**

| District One (Vote For 6)            |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Christina Jenkins-Likar (Republican) | 1011 |
| Dan Cheshareck (Republican)          | 1232 |
| Douglas Ferro (Republican)           | 999  |
| Drew Muffler (Republican)            | 1334 |

1093

976



#### **Go Visit**

Coming up this weekend is Odell Days and it reminds me of a fundamental point about living in a small town.

Most communities have an annual festival of some sort that allows for the community to come together as one and host any number of events. These events can include street dances, carnivals, water fights, church dinners, craft shows, and innumerable other activities.

The actual type of event really isn't as important as the act of communal organization and communal socialization that comes with it.

The comradery and pride created when a civic group gets together and works through all the details and challenges of hosting a festival, are at the basic core of American small town life.

The organizers of any town festival are usually people who have limited free time of their own, without the added burden of the volunteer work. But they manage, and somehow the work gets done.

Our way of life has changed over the last few years, even before the pandemic. There are fewer volunteers available or willing to help out, and the manpower resources just aren't there any more, so the ones who do volunteer are that much more valuable.

The pandemic has us all a bit reluctant to get back into the mainstream and encounter other humans once again. An outdoor venue in an open street environment is the perfect place to interact.

When a town as Odell puts on a celebration day, they are saying to surrounding communities, and even their own residents, "Come out and visit, us. See what we are about and let us be your host for a few days".

So my message this week is to get out and visit your neighbors in Odell, and other similar town gatherings coming up this summer. Tell them thanks for the invite and thanks for all the hard work.

You might even have a beer or two.

Go, Cubs!

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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

We welcome your thoughts.



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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, No. 21-CH-35 vs.

MICHAEL J. KENNEDY, and unknown owners and nonrecord claimants,

#### **D**efendants

#### **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, Mc-Clarey 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 FORECLO-SURE LAW.



CAT CLAUSEN, top left, stands with the Mural Project completed during the Naperville Fine Art & Artisan Fair, June 25-26. Event promoter, Marie Gnesda and her daughter, stand with Clausen. At right, the painted squares are put on the mural board. Below, the artists are hard at work. The planned 2-day project was mostly completed in one day as rain hampered festivities on Saturday.

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#### **Limestone Township Library District Happenings**

Limestone Township Library District (LTLD) challenged the community to read as many minutes as possible during our Summer Reading Program, Read Beyond the Beaten Path. And they have responded resoundingly!

As of this writing at the end of the fourth week of Summer Reading, our community has logged over 77,000 minutes. Community members are rewarded with tickets for our Summer Reading Chance baskets for every 100 minutes read.

We are also seeing huge success with our STEM-onade Stand, a weekly Take-and-Make project based on Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math. This week kids can pick up kits to make a Coffee Filter Chromatography. Past week projects have included a catapult and an Anglerfish light. By the end of the fourth week, 164 kits have left the building.

Programming is plentiful at the library.

Story Time takes place on Wednesdays. We meet 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, our 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 come to the library for a new Take-and-Make craft from our S.T.E.M.onade Stand. These bags contain items to make a fun STEM inspired craft. Directions included. July 6 features a Coffee Filter Chromatography. July 13 features a cup and string telephone.

Join us on Thursday, July 7 at 1:00 P.M. to make a Nebula Jar. Create your own universe in a Mason jar. This program is for children in Kindergarten through 5th.

Make your own Mosquito Repellant Candle on Friday, July 8 at 11:00 A.M. Join us to learn how to make the candle that will keep away those annoying Mosquitos. This program is for adults and teens.

Computer Building Class 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.

We invite families to join us on Monday, July 11 at 6:30 P.M. when we will make our own fossils using plaster of Paris.

The Adult Book Club meets

#### on Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 P.M. We are discussing The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg.

Books are available at the Front Desk.

We are having a Paracord Bracelet Workshop on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 P.M. for the entire family. Using a series of knots, we will create those popular bracelets with the nylon roping.

Join us at the library for Science Demonstration with Ms. Faith and Ms. Holly on Friday, July 15 at 11:00 A.M. Our intrepid staff members will demonstrate a science experiment using items you have at home. This program is for kids in 1st through 5th grade.

Adults can beat the heat by coming in for a few rounds of Euchre on Friday, July 15 at 1:00 P.M. Cards and drinks provided.

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

Please check our website at www.limestonelibrary.org as well as Facebook and Instagram pages for updates.

Any questions? Call us at 815-939-1696, email us at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message us at Facebook or Instagram.

# Livingston County: They Need Your Help!

Over 10,000 Livingston County residents, nearly 30% of the population, lack access to basic broadband coverage. The Livingston County Broadband Team, along with Connect Illinois, University of Illinois Extension and the Benton Institute are teaming together to develop a plan to ensure all residents have access to affordable, reliable connectivity of 100/20 Mbps by 2028.

Please assist in the efforts by completing this survey. Please ensure that you are connected to your local wifi / internet connection (not cellular) when completing the survey at con- Livingston County Board nectlivingston.org If you or someone you

know does not have internet service, please complete a paper survey available at: **GLCEDC** 210 W. Water St., Pontiac 61764 815-842-2900

Dwight Village Hall: 209 S Prairie Ave, Dwight, IL 60420

City of Pontiac: 115 W. Howard St., Pontiac IL 61764

City of Fairbury: 201 W. Locust St. Fairbury, IL 61739

For questions or concerns, contact the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council at 210 W. Water Street, Pontiac, IL 61764; Tel: 815-842-2900.

Please share with all your Livingston County friends and Family!

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| 18 F150 S/C XLT, 71K, 4WD                | \$29,900 |
| 17 F150 Crew XLT, 82K, 4WD               | Just In! |
| 16 F250 Crew XLT, 46K, 4WD, Diesel       | \$48,900 |
| 12 Chevy 1500 Crew LT, 148K, 4WD, Lifted | \$19,900 |
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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
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| '20 Corsair, 16K, AWD                 | .\$38,900 |
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| '20 Explorer LTD Hybrid, 18K, 4WD     | .\$46,900 |
| '20 Explorer XLT, 31K, RWD            | .\$33,900 |
| '19 Explorer Platinum, 56K, 4WD       | .\$39,900 |
| '19 Nautilus Reserve, 13K, AWD        | .\$47,900 |
| '19 EcoSport Titanium, 13K, 4WD       | .\$24,900 |
| '18 Escape SEL, 68K, FWD              | .\$23,900 |
| '18 Terrain SLT, 75K, AWD             | \$26,900  |
| '18 Explorer LTD, 62K, FWD            | \$31,900  |
| '17 Mazda CX-5 Grand Select, 29K, AWD | .\$27,900 |
| '15 Escape SE, 86K, FWD               | .\$15,900 |
| '14 Edge SEL, 73K, AWD                | .\$17,900 |
| '14 Escape SE, 94K, FWD               | .\$14,900 |
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to all our fellow DTHS Alumni and Staff to join us at the Dwight Country Club on July 16, 2022, for the celebration. (for dinner reservations call the Dwight Country Club at 815-584-9825.)

Victory Lanes Bowling, Dwight **SUMMER** LEAGUE **RESULTS** Summer League **9** Pin Bowlers June 22

HSG: Jason Ragsdale, 246; John Samoska, 242; Doug Gassman, 241 – Annie Sporrer, 210; Kathy Hanard, 175; Irma Ruiz, 171. HSS: Jason Ragsdale, 696; Doug Gassman, 637; Paul Seabert, 599 - Annie Sporrer, 523; Irma Ruiz, 487; Jennifer Light, 448. HSG: Future Tree Services, 805. HHG: Future Tree Services, 805. HSS: Future Tree Services, 2197. HHS: Future Tree Services, 2197.

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| League Standings | W  | L  |
| Gobblers         | 11 | 5  |
| Cafe 110         | 10 | 6  |
| Follow Tim       | 10 | 6  |
| Future Tree      | 9  | 7  |
| Maxwell Truck.   | 8  | 8  |
| Team Mike        | 6  | 10 |
| The Hookers      | 6  | 10 |
| Miller Busch     | 4  | 12 |
|                  |    |    |





## 4 popular colors for 2022

Home design trends come and go. The fleeting nature of such trends can make it hard for homeowners to commit to a particular style, especially if they want their home decor to stay as current as possible. Paint provides one way to stay current and refresh a home's interior. Paint trends change, but these colors are already making the rounds in 2022.

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• Very Peri: Very Peri is the Pantone® 2022 Color of the Year. A brand new shade of blue, Very Peri was designed to rekindle some of the qualities that the color blue represents while simultaneously complementing a modern perspective. The home design pros at HGTV recommend pairing Very Peri with neutrals like taupes and creams or deeper shades like navy or brown.

• Evergreen Fog: The paint experts at Sherwin-Williams note that this shade of green is symbolic of nature and a color associated with revitalization and growth. Those characteristics make it great for

homeowners who are looking to create a new beginning with their home interiors, particularly in relaxing spaces like living rooms and bedrooms.

• Breezeway: Breezeway from Behr® is another popular color that provides a soft look. Breezeway is the Behr® Color of the Year for 2022 and is described as a silvery green shade with cool undertones. Behr® touts the versatility of Breezeway, which the company indicates inspires awe in bedrooms, living rooms or hallways. Breezeway pairs well with creamy white, taupe, softened black, and nuanced pink.

• Gilded Linen: Gilded Linen from Valspar® is ideal for homeowners who want a color to organize and connect spaces throughout their homes. Gilded Linen is a minimalist white that mixes well with natural elements like wood and greenery. The soft tone of Gilded Linen makes it suitable in a variety of rooms, which is one reason why it's so popular in homes with open floor plans.



## What to know about outdoor living spaces

What was popular as recently as a decade ago may have lost some luster in the eyes of today's home buyers. Though that's historically been the case in regard to real estate, outdoor living rooms are one relatively recent home trend that figures to have a longer shelf life, especially in the aftermath of a global pandemic during which people were encouraged to stay home as much as possible.

Real estate professionals and organizations like the National Association of Home Builders note the popularity of outdoor living spaces among prospective home buyers, and how that popularity has grown in recent years. Outdoor living rooms not only appeal to potential buyers, they also serve as a means for current homeowners to get more out of their properties. Homeowners mulling outdoor living space projects should consider various factors before deciding to go ahead with a project. • Cost: The home renovation resource HomeAdvisor estimates that the average cost of an outdoor living space is around \$7,600. That cost can easily go up depending on where homeowners live and the features they want to have in their outdoor living spaces. For example, including a built-in fire pit in an outdoor living space will cost more than purchasing a stand-alone fire pit that can be picked up and moved. But many homeowners feel a built-in fire pit makes an outdoor living space even more special. • Return on investment: Return on investment is another factor for homeowners to consider as they try to decide if they should install outdoor living spaces and how to design those areas. Much conflicting data about the ROI on outdoor kitchens can be found online, but many trusted real estate organizations report that such additions do not mesmerize prospective buyers. Data from the American Institute of Architects indicates that outdoor kitchens are routinely ranked among the least desirable home features, which means homeowners should not expect substantial ROI when selling their homes. But that built-in fire pit? Estimates from the National Association of Realtors suggest fire features recover around 67 percent of homeowners' initial investment. In

Home trends come and go. addition, 83 percent of home- read a good book. In addition, owners surveyed by the NAR who had installed fire features said they had a greater desire to be home after completing the project.

• Space: An outdoor living space may only be as relaxing as the space allows. The proximity of neighbors may affect privacy levels, which can make it hard to enjoy movie night outdoors or curl up to quietly

landscaping also may need to be addressed if drainage is an issue in the backyard. That can add to the cost, and drainage concerns may limit the materials homeowners can work with.

Outdoor living spaces are popular. Homeowners must consider various factors before deciding if such spaces are for them.

## landscape on a budget

Homeowners can improve their landscapes without digging themselves into financial holes. These strategies can help anyone save some cash and still end up with attractive gardens and more. • Use stones or gravel for a

walkway. Flagstone or individually purchased and spaced pavers and pea gravel can be used to create pathways. Soften the look with moss or other plants on the perimeter.

• Remove some lawn. Reduce the size of a lawn by putting in a mixed planting bed of perennials or ornamental grasses, or use landscape fabric and mulch.

• Look for free mulch. Municipal recycling centers may offer residents access to free mulch. Spread the mulch for an ornamental look or to insulate landscapes over winter and protect against weeds.

• Repurpose old items into planters. Old wheelbarrows, barrels, watering cans, and other items can be repurposed into container gardening vessels.

• Invest in plants that are easy to propagate. Perennials are the gardener's friend when it comes to saving money. These plants sprout anew each year, and many, such as sedum, catmint, ferns, hostas, and black-eyed Susans, can propagate by division.

• Shop end-of season sales. Garden centers may begin to make room for holiday items come the fall. Take advantage of reduced costs on remaining plants and landscape accessories during this time of year.

• Pool your resources. Homeowners planning on a big landscaping or revitalization project may want to speak with neighbors to see if they're interested in doing the same. Contractors guaranteed business from a few homes in the same neighborhood may be willing to negotiate lower prices for the volume of work on things like driveway repaving, deck- or fence-building, or installation of paver patios.

Some handy ideas can help homeowners transform landwithout spending too scapes much.

## Revitalize your Summer slide is a concept even through creative fiction

that has been on educators'

minds since 1996, when the first

comprehensive study on the

topic was published. Students

lose significant knowledge in

core subjects over the summer

break, and those losses increase

each year. There's much parents

can do to help their children con-

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tional projects children can work

experiments, such as growing the

biggest vegetable or studying

butterflies or insects that visit the

· Maintain a journal about ad-

ventures during summer vacation

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• Conduct informal science

even through creative fictional accounts based on the child's experiences. • Search for patterns in nature,

such as those in shells or flowers. · Learn about money by keep-

ing tallies on souvenir purchases or the cost of items in stores.

· Calculate distances from home by using maps and mileage.

· Become amateur meteorologists, keeping track of changing weather patterns and which signs indicate precipitation.

· Stock up on summer reading books that everyone in the family can enjoy while sitting poolside or at the beach.

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#### **SAUNEMIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements** May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022

| <u>General Fund</u><br>Balance on Hand 5/1/2021<br>Revenues |                       | \$284,868.94 |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| Liv. Co. Tax Collector                                      | 137,047.44            |              |
| State of Illinois, Replacement Tax                          |                       |              |
| Fox Valley Career Center                                    | 5,000.00              |              |
| Misc., Grant  | 1,000.00              |              |
| Total Revenue   | 149,982.68            |              |
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| <b>Disbursements</b>  |                       |              |
| Chase, fuel/supplies  | 6,721.00              |              |
| Quad County, repairs  | 7,538.87              |              |
| Frontier  | 2,221.02              |              |
| NICOR   | 1,566.85              |              |
| Com ED  | 1,249.68              |              |
| IL American Water   | 342.47                |              |
| V COM ETSB  | 4,816.08              |              |
| State Bank of Saunemin                                      | 88,092.00             |              |
| Bernies   | 341.58                |              |
| MES   | 2,912.90              |              |
| McQueen   | 2,021.45              |              |
| Getz Fire Eq  | 266.90                |              |
| Rich Electric   | 200.00                |              |
| SCBA & Air One  | 1,949.70              |              |
| ULLLC   | 1,595.00              |              |
| Supreme Radio Comm  | 2,683.15              |              |
| The Paper   | 109.00                |              |
| IL Assoc. FPD & Il Fire Chief                               | 300.00                |              |
| City of Pontiac   | 15,000.00             |              |
| U S Post  | 58.00                 |              |
| Donnells Printing   | 130.76                |              |
| Jodi Cramer, Supplies/Time                                  | 661.44                |              |
| 5 Alarm   | 315.47                |              |
| Denny Rich, Trustee   | 400.00                |              |
| Dave Lowe, Trustee  | 400.00                |              |
| Jim Tronc, Trustee  | 400.00                |              |
| Robert Fox, Fireman   | 160.00                |              |
| Gary Swartz, Fire Chief                                     | 1,585.00              |              |
| Vance Miller, Fireman                                       | 180.00                |              |
| Craig Cramer, Fireman                                       | 765.00                |              |
| Craig Swartz, Fireman                                       | 942.50                |              |
| Randy Mauser, Fireman                                       | 45.00                 |              |
| Elaine Walker, Fireman                                      | 900.00                |              |
| Austin Moore, Fireman                                       | 440.00                |              |
| Gregg Harms, Fireman  | 15.00                 |              |
| Trevor Sancken, Fireman                                     | 465.00                |              |
| Will Vitzthum, Fireman                                      | 165.00                |              |
| Seth Perry, Fireman   | 245.00                |              |
| Mark Eggenberger, Fireman                                   | 165.00                |              |
| Peyton Cramer, Fireman                                      | 230.00                |              |
| Ryan Reed, Fireman  | 190.00                |              |
| Ken McGill, Fireman   | 290.00                |              |
| Total Disbursements   | \$149,075.82          |              |
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#### Balance on Hand 4/30/2022

#### \$285,775.80

The foregoing is a true and correct statement of all receipts and disbursements for the year ended April 30, 2022 and the State of the Treasury as of April 30, 2022. Jim Tronc, Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn before me by said Jim Tronc, Trustee and Treasurer of the Saunemin Fire Protection District, this 27th day of June, 2022. Cindy J. Bertsche, Notary Public

| <u>Tort Insurance Fund</u>         |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance on Hand 5/1/2021           |           | 22,825.43 |
| Revenues                           |           |           |
| Compass Insurance                  | 61.00     |           |
| Municipal League, Foreign Fire Tax | 1,278.43  |           |
| Livingston Co. Tax Collector       | 15,748.20 |           |

#### **Residents Asked to Take Survey on Current Internet Access for Kankakee County Rural Broadband Expansion Project**

Expanding rural access to reliable broadband internet is important to the Kankakee County Farm Bureau. If you are a Kankakee County resident, take a few minutes to submit some information to assist their broadband expansion planning and the future allocation of resources

Access to rural broadband is critical for farmers who move a lot of data and crunch a lot of numbers. Farmers who have broadband access can improve their bottom line and improve soil and water health.

Access to rural broadband is also criti-

cal for rural students learning from home, for people who work from their rural homes, and for rural tele-health and telemedicine. Rural broadband access is also beneficial to other rural businesses, rural municipalities, and public safety.

In an effort to deliver broadband service to the rural areas of the County, Kankakee County has been approved as a new partner in the Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Program. A portion of the Accelerate program includes collecting information regarding internet access, speed availability, affordability, and reliability across Kankakee 28.

County. It is paramount that Kankakee County residents tell them their current access and future needs.

A portion of this survey is a speed test that will allow them to better understand the needs of the community. Remember to take this survey using your local internet connection and not your cellular data. Access the survey by visiting the following link:

illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/S V\_b17IaXHyT5ga21g.

This survey will remain open until July

## **Summer Food Safety Tips**

Food is an important part of many summer backyard activities. Don't let food-related illness ruin your fun.

Food safety boils down to five basic rules:

1) Keep hot food hot and cold food cold. 2) Keep everything in the cooking area clean.

3) Wash hands frequently.

4) Keep grills and utensils clean.

5) Properly handle leftovers.

Refrigerate cooked foods that are not served immediately. If food is left unrefrigerated longer than two hours, the chance of bacterial growth increases. Check your refrigerator to make sure it is at 41°F or less.

#### Prevent Bacteria from Getting into Food

Hands should always be thoroughly washed with soap and warm water before handling food and after touching raw food. Towels and wash cloths should be kept clean. Grill preparation areas and utensils should be washed with hot, soapy water between each step in food preparation. Avoid cross contamination by washing or using separate plates when transferring uncooked food onto the grill the meat, avoiding fat and bone. For poul-

and from the grill to be served.

#### **Proper Thawing and Cooking**

Many warm-blooded animals, turkeys and other poultry, often harbor Salmonella and other organisms that can cause foodrelated illness. Purchased and packaged meats, too, can be contaminated with these organisms. Proper thawing and cooking are important to avoid these illnesses.

To avoid contamination, store all raw meat products on the bottom shelf or separate from other food products in your refrigerator, especially during the thawing process. This will help keep raw meat juices from contaminating other foods. Thaw food in a refrigerator where the temperature is no higher than 41°F. Cook fish, meat, and poultry completely without interrupting the cooking process; an interruption could allow bacteria to grow. Be sure that fish, hot dogs, and steaks are cooked to 145°F, pork, brats, and hamburger reaches the temperature of at least 155°F, and poultry reaches the temperature of 165°F or above. To check the temperature, use a meat thermometer. Insert the thermometer into the thickest part of try, insert it into the thick part of the thigh next to the body. Wash and rinse the thermometer between uses to prevent possible contamination.

Leftovers

The safe storage of leftovers is just as important as proper cooking. After the meal, immediately refrigerate leftovers in small shallow containers. Do not allow foods to sit several hours as this will provide time for the growth of disease-causing bacteria. Do not cool leftovers on the kitchen counter. Divide them into smaller portions so they will cool quicker, putting them in the refrigerator as soon as possible. Serve leftovers either very cold (directly from the refrigerator) or very hot (heated to 165°F or higher).

Young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those who are ill or whose immune systems are compromised, should not eat raw or undercooked animal products unless they have consulted their physician.

For more information regarding food safety, contact the Iroquois County Public Health Department at 815-432-2483 or visit the ICPHD website, iroquoiscountyil.gov/offices/health-department.

#### Bug bites, poison ivy, minor burn? Virtual urgent care might be your best option this summer

Your toddler spent the day in the pool and now has a weird rash that's kept her up all night. You're feeling a familiar pain and you just know it's a urinary tract infection but you're leaving for vacation in the morning.

These are typical summertime scenarios, and instead of having to wait until a walk-in clinic opens, OSF OnCall Urconvenient, like what they're used to experiencing with online shopping and banking, so OSF is responding with lowercost, easy virtual urgent care options, especially when a minor illness or injury happens after hours.

"It's the mom with multiple children who are sleeping and (she thinks) 'I have a sick kiddo who I cannot console gent Care offers virtual care and what do I do? Seeking out about symptoms and how

pected to travel this summer, and Barth believes virtual urgent care is a great choice for someone who comes down with a sinus infection right before leaving for vacation.

Individuals who want to virtually access OSF OnCall Urgent Care can select an online interview (taking between 5-15 minutes) where they're asked a series of questions

smartphone signal near a campsite, a video visit could be more convenient than finding the nearest walk-in clinic.

"Maybe the provider would need to visualize the bug bite or something that looks like a rash so we do have that video option also available to be able to assess that situation and be able to give a diagnosis in that case as well."

If treatment requires med-

| Livingston Co. Tax Collector15,748,20Total Revenue17,087.63Disbursements9,180.00Denny Rich, Trustee400.00Dave Lowe, Trustee400.00Jim Tronc, Trustee400.00GSB1,198.08Am Guard, Insurance1,520.00Total Disbursements13,098.08 | gent Care offers virtual care<br>options that are available 24/7<br>year-round, including holidays<br>and weekends.<br>Kate Barth, vice<br>president/chief nursing officer<br>for On-Demand Services, OSF<br>OnCall, says consumers want<br>health care options that are<br>Manganese State MCL  | If treatment requires med-<br>ication, a prescription can be<br>sent to the pharmacy of the in-<br>dividual's choice.<br>What happens if the online<br>consult or video visit reveals<br>someone needs to be seen in-<br>person?<br>"We all know there are<br>things that sometimes can't be<br>virtually treated. Sometimes a |  |
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| Balance on Hand 4/30/2022 26,814.98   |  | lab test may be needed or a hands-on assessment might be   |  |
| The foregoing is a true and correct statement of all receipts and   | IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER  | needed to confirm a diagnosis.<br>In that case, we simply refund   |  |
| disbursements for the year ended April 30, 2022 and the State of the Treasury as of April 30, 2022.<br>Jim Tronc, Treasurer   | disbursements for the year ended April 30, 2022 and the State of<br>the Treasury as of April 30, 2022.   |  |  |
| Subscribed and sworn before me by said Jim Tronc, Trustee and Treasurer of the Saunemin Fire Protection District, this 27th day of June, 2022.<br>Cindy J. Bertsche, Notary Public  | Our water system recently violated a state drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.  | care setting."<br>For example, sprains and<br>strains can usually be assessed<br>virtually, but broken bones can   |  |
| Ambulance, Rescue & Equipment FundBalance on Hand5/1/202180,407.20RevenuesEvenues17,916.64  | We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received<br>on 3/28/2022 show that our system exceeds the state maximum contaminant level (MCL), for<br>manganese. The state MCL for manganese is 0.15 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The average level of<br>manganese for a 4-sample set was 0.19 milligrams per liter.   | only be confirmed through an<br>X-ray, which is available at an<br>OSF OnCall Urgent Care<br>walk-in location.<br>Barth points out, those  |  |
| Donations 2,000.00  | What should I do? What does this mean?   | walk-in clinics also offer more  |  |
| Health Alliance & others2,004.40Total Revenue\$21,921.04  | DO NOT GIVE TAP WATER TO INFANTS. Formula and other food preparations for  | than simple urgent care.<br>The cost of virtual care is  |  |
| DisbursementsDuffy EMS1,650.00Selcas, Services400.00TSC Truck & Bernies82.00Praxaire, Linde1,426.70OSF St James & SELCAS, Meds276.32  | <ul> <li>DO NOT GIVE TAP WATER TO INFANTS. Formula and other food preparations for infants under 6 months old should not be prepared with tap water. Use bottled water or alternative sources of water for infants. Making formula or foods with water containing manganese levels above the health advisory can increase an infant's risk of health problems.</li> <li>DO NOT BOIL THE WATER Boiling, freezing, or letting water stand does not reduce manganese. Boiling can increase levels of manganese because manganese remains behind when the water evaporates.</li> </ul> | less than an in-person visit. An<br>online interview is \$25 and a<br>video visit, typically lasting<br>between 15 to 20 minutes, is<br>\$50. OSF OnCall Urgent Care<br>accepts a wide variety of insur-<br>ance plans, including Blue   |  |
| McQueen416.36Jim Tronc, reimbursement250.00Craig Swartz290.28   | <ul> <li>Children and adults who drink water with high levels of manganese for a long time may have<br/>problems with memory, attention, and motor skills. Infants (babies under one year old) may<br/>develop learning and behavior problems if they drink water with too much manganese in it.</li> </ul>  | Cross Blue Shield, Humana<br>and Health Alliance. Medicare<br>patients are welcome to use an   |  |
| Seth Perry15.02Rich Electric250.00  | <ul> <li>Excessive manganese in the water may cause staining of plumbing fixtures and laundry. It may also produce an unpleasant taste in beverages, including coffee &amp; tea.</li> </ul>  | OSF OnCall Urgent Care op-<br>tion, however a virtual visit is   |  |
| Stryker         25,452.00           Total Disbursements         \$30,508.68   | What happened? What is being done?   | not currently reimbursed.<br>Anyone experiencing a   |  |
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| Treasurer of the Saunemin Fire Protection District, this 27th day   |  | an emergency,  |  |
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**Kempton Church** of the Nazarene 105 E. Main St. 815-253-6250

#### <u>KINSMAN</u> Sacred Heart Catholic Church 219 W. Emmett Street Rev. Stanley Drewniak, swkrcatholics.org

#### MAZON

**Methodist Church** 509 7th Street 815-448-5677 Church 815-483-9343 Cell mazonmethodist.com Pastor Donald Batz Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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Church 109 N. Morgan Street Phone 815-998-2271 Rev. Janeen Tronc **RANSOM** 

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#### **Ransom United Methodist Church**

Worship Service Sunday 10 a.m. and live on Facebook 102 E. Plumb St. Phone: 815-587-0488 email: RansomUMC@gmail.com Pastor Andrew King Pastor cell: 815-257-4485

#### REDDICK

**Reddick United Methodist Church** 35900 E 3200 N Road Pastor Kevin Boesen 815-426-6169

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Pastor Andrea Boggs Email: Zoarcommunity

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#### **CULLOM** St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church NALC 511 W. Jackson 815.689.2120 st.johns@frontiernet.net

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## Lights, camera, action Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant to make TV debut

(cotinued from page 1) it's a big thing.

"It's a great feeling to be chosen to have your restaurant displayed on national TV. I just feel like it's a great accomplishment for our family. We've worked so hard for 30 years in this business. Being self-employed in the restaurant business is a very hard business, especially during Covid-19 and the way things are right now with the economy."

Ahmedi said she didn't know why CBS chose her restaurant.

But, if you've been inside, you know.

It could be the fire engine, the old school hostess stand, the gift shop with Rt. 66 memorabilia, the Rt. 66 sodas, the mural painted by Steve Connor, the honor of being Illinois Country Living Magazine's Top Restaurant in 2017, or being selected by the Best Things in Illinois as a Top 10 mom and pop restaurant and a Top 10 place to eat fried chicken.

It doesn't matter which of these options is the single reason, all of them are bringing in CBS cameras for four hours in the near future.

CBS hasn't set a date to come to Dwight but after a questionnaire is filled out and the TV schedule is inked instead of penned, Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant will be featured in millions of households across the country.

Note: An update of the filming and the airing of the TV show will be published upon notification.

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

Shop This Week's Inserts: ALDI Blain's Farm & Fleet

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The Ahmedi family owns and operates Old Rt. 66 family restaurant, a four-generation family-owned business in Dwight. Below, the inside of the renovated restaurant.



#### Buzz the Gut a Success! Dwight Village Board Meets

#### by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met Monday June 27 and navigated through a light agenda.

In Open Forum, Randy Irvin, representing the Dwight Economic Alliance, reported the Buzz The Gut event on June 25 was a success despite the weather conditions that morning. The afternoon gave way to a beautiful evening and more than 65 vehicles were registered. Mayor Paul Johnson commended the DEA for its efforts as he had multiple residents give him positive feedback on the vintage car show. In addition a fundraising campaign is underway to offset the cost of the 4th of July fireworks display. Residents can donate \$25 and receive a yard sign showing their support.

The Services, Health and Safety Committee met before the regular meeting and presented a recommendation for hiring of a new EMT. Gabrielle Kelly, in turn, was hired as part-time EMS Basic, with one year probation, pending accreditation by the Morris Hospital system. Director of Public Works,

Cory Scoles, informed the Board that water main installation on St. Louis would soon be underway.

The Dwight Economic Alliance request to allow golf carts on public streets during the Fourth of July Celebration was approved.

In Old Business, discussion surrounded the potential installation of scoreboards on the little league ballfields and the need to locate them so fences could be repositioned if needed. This would give different leagues flexibility in scheduling tournaments and allowing play on more than one field.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Johnson, Trustees Randy Irvin, Marla Kinkade, Jenny Johnson, and Justin Eggenberger. Absent were Pete Meister and Chuck Butterbrodt. The next regular meeting will be on July 11 at 6:30 in the basement of the Public Services Complex. The public is encouraged to attend.



## **Dwight Pool Attendance** *May 30 - June 30*

The attendance at the Stevenson, Village of Dwight, Pool shows swimming is one of the favorite summer pasttimes in the Village and area. With Dwight's population at 4,032 according to the 2020 census, they have a lot of swimmers enjoying the pool.

The attendance from May 30 through June 30 at the pool totaled 6,034.

They invite you to enjoy a swim at the pool, too. It is located at 600 N. Morris Rd., Dwight. Call 815-584-3385 for more information.

