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Dwight Welcomes Two New Officers Jake Bakalik, Trevor Sember Sworn In Monday

by Brandon LaChance

If you were trying to memorize the roster of the Dwight Police Department, it might be tougher than knowing the Chicago Cubs around the trade deadline.

Chief Mike Nolan took the position in February and has gone through a high turnover as veterans are retiring and new guys are stepping in.

"It's an exciting time for the Dwight Police Department. This is probably the biggest turnover ever," Nolan said. "Detective Gary Beier and I have gone back in the archives to see if there was ever another time where six full-time officers were hired in an 18-month period like we're in the process of doing."

"We're sending two guys at a time to the police academy. When I was hired, I remember we'd send one at a time every few years. We're in a very good position in Dwight."

On Monday, Aug. 8, Dwight welcomed two new officers to the staff as Officer Jake Bakalik and Officer Trevor Sember were sworn into office.

Both officers went through the police academy and Nolan is happy to add them to the roster.

"We just had these two gentlemen graduate from the police academy on July 29," Nolan said. "That's after completing 14 weeks, about 560 hours, of basic training at the Macon County

Law Enforcement Training Center in Decatur.

"The training covers everything from report writing to mental health and crisis management to accident investigation to being certified with handguns, rifles, and tasers, scenario-based training, along with the power point training they have to sit through."

With Bakalik and Sember now members of the DPD and two more graduating from the police academy at the end of August, Dwight will be back to full staff as they'll have 11 officers with nine of them full-time and two of them part-time.

However, two will be leaving the squad soon as Sgt. Glenn Peters and Officer Charlie Houch plan to retire.

Officer Bakalik and Officer Sember are excited to put on the Dwight Police Department badge and help the community.

Let's get to know them:
OFFICER JAKE BAKALIK

Bakalik, 25, originally from Gardner who bought a house in Marseilles prior to employment with the DPD, hadn't worn a badge before but he's not new to uniforms.

"I started my career in the military. I've been in the National Guard for 7½ years. I've explored other careers. What it came down to was the structure and being able to help people. I (continued on page 14)



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT was held in downtown Dwight August 2, with community members enjoying the festivities.



James Feller Named Herscher Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce and its Labor Day Parade Committee have announced that James Feller has been selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2022 Herscher Grand Labor Day Parade.

Born June 14, 1945, James is the middle child of Gilbert and Edith Feller (Burling). His sisters are Wanda Splear and the late Donna Denault.

James and his wife, Bonnie (Meents), recently marked their 57th wedding anniversary. They have two children, whom are both married with families: Tim and his wife, Susan; Melinda and her husband, Kelly DUBY; and five grandchildren, Brandon (Val), Madyson, Blaise, Delaney and Saige; and two great-grandchildren, Abbott and Taytum.

James grew up on a farm between Herscher and Buckingham, where he helped his father with farming starting at eight years of age. He attended Buckingham Grade School for six years before going to Herscher to finish grade school and graduated from Herscher High School in 1963. He played numerous sports throughout his years in school, including summer leagues. He started working for farmers in the area when he was 12 years old, bailing hay, shelling corn, and



James Feller

walking beans – "you name it, I did it," Feller says.

In 1960, when James was 15, he and his parents moved off the farm to Herscher and started running the Herscher Frozen Food Locker. His duties included shooting, loading and cleaning the livestock and then hanging it in the cooler for his dad to custom butcher and store for the farmer. Working at the locker through high school at nights and on weekends, until it closed in 1967 due to changes in health department requirements, is how he earned his spending money.

One week after graduating high school, James went to work in construction for Elmer Brinkman Construction. In 1975, he started his own busi-

ness, James A. Feller General Contractor, which he owned and operated until 2019. In this time, he built custom homes and additions, remodeled homes, built several buildings for VanVoorst Lumber, roofed houses and poured concrete in the area from Wilmington to Paxton and Dwight to Kankakee. He also built and/or added on to three banks, State Bank of Herscher, State Bank of Herscher – Limestone, and Vermillion Valley Bank in Chatsworth, along with additions to a dentist office and a doctor's office.

James was involved in the community over the years in different capacities, from volunteering to coach his son's baseball teams to serving four years as a Village Board Trustee. In his younger years, he played and eventually sponsored a slow pitch softball team for many years. He was a Chamber of Commerce member for years and received the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award in 2015. He was also a member of the Herscher Lions and served as president for one year, as well as helping to cook for Corn Bowl, running a shift at the big stand and working the beer tent on Labor Day, and announcing the raffle at Spring Fling.

National Night Out: A Great Success

by Brandon LaChance

Dwight Police Department detective and school liaison, Gary Beier, didn't know what to expect from the first National Night Out celebration in downtown Dwight.

When the approximately 500 guests left, the bounce houses, display tables, and activities were all put away to conclude the Aug. 2 event, Beier and committed volunteers turned the lights off with smiles on their faces.

"I thought it went very well. It was very well attended," Beier said. "I have some better planning to do for the future. I didn't know how many people would attend. It was an awesome lesson to learn and I'm prepared for next year."

"It was amazing to have the type of turnout we did. There has been so much positive feedback about the night. The point of the event was to get people together and have fun. I think we accomplished that."

The list of thank yous is pretty long as a majority of the community came together to

make the event successful.

The Dwight Rotary Club and the Dwight Lions Club came together to man the grills. Beier said they cooked all night and didn't take a break. He added the clubs were surprised with the turnout as well and that National Night Out wouldn't have been possible without the Rotary or the Lions.

The Dwight Woman's Club was busy throughout the celebration as it ran the sidewalk chalk competition. Heritage Woods provided desserts such as cake and brownies. They were all gone.

"We were going to have popcorn but the popcorn maker didn't work, so we just skipped it. I'll take that as the only problem with an event, every time," Beier said. "That was an easy decision. We put that thing to the side and I don't think anyone was disappointed."

"It's nice to have everyone to come together. That's what National Night Out is all about. We all came together for a great night. That makes our community that much stronger. We like that."

Operation SOS (Support Our Soldiers) attended the National Night Out and received generous donations such as \$708.

The Streator Onized Credit Union crew had the task of keeping the snow cones coming with the help of the snow cone machine donated by the Dwight Economic Alliance. SOCU also manned the bounce houses.

"We were disappointed Oly Farms had to back out, but everyone is hoping for the best for Lena (Olson)," said Beier of the petting zoo provider who recently was kicked in the stomach resulting in four broken ribs and a Grade 4 lacerated liver. "I hated to not have them here. Hopefully she's recouping and we'll have them here next year."

"I'm very grateful for everyone that came out and helped. Hopefully, we can pull it off again next year."

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

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

July 28: Elmer A. Rivera, 24, Logansport, IN, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Christopher J. Strnad, 22, Aurora, speeding.
 July 29: Henry T. Gubernat, III, 50, Dwight, driving on suspended license.

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

14 Written Warnings

No Rear Plate Light - 2; Speeding - 7; Driver's License Not on Person - 1; Expired Registration - 1; Driving w/ No Lights When Required - 1; Only One Headlight - 1; Disobey Stop Sign - 1.

Dwight Police Blotter

July 20: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Arrested for Driving on a Suspended License was Henry Gubernat, of Dwight. His vehicle was towed from the scene.
 July 31: A resident reported a bike had been taken from the Pool.

August 1: A resident came into DPD to advise they had been a victim of ID Theft/Fraud; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 600 block of W. Mazon Ave. for Trespass to Property.
 August 2: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Julie Dr. for a Theft from a Motor Vehicle.

Walk In - 10; Return Call - 12; Found Item - 1; Accident - 2; Burglar Alarm - 1; Illegal Burn - 1; Traffic Stop - 20; Fraud - 1; Follow Up - 4; Loose Dog - 2; Flagged Down - 1; Motorist Assist - 2; Harassment - 1; Neighbor Problem - 2; Extra Patrol - 3; Stolen Bike - 1; Check Area - 2; Missing Person - 1; Theft - 1; Assist Agency - 2; Lock-out - 2; Reckless Driver - 1; Break In Not in Progress - 1.

July 21: Mazon, medical, Riverside; Wabash, medical, Morris; Dewitt, mutual aid to Coal City.

July 22: Main, medical, Morris; Scott, trauma, refusal; Dewitt, mutual aid to Coal City; Main, medical, mutual aid from Coal City.

July 23: Bannon, medical, Morris.

July 24: Mazon, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, refusal.

July 25: William, trauma; Mazon, medical, refusal; Prospect, trauma, refusal; Mazon, trauma, Morris.

July 26: Bannon, trauma, refusal; 2600 N. Rd., medical, Riverside; Waupansie, fire.

July 27: Franklin, medical, Morris; Clinton, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Pontiac; I-55, trauma, refusal.

July 28: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Pontiac; Mazon, medical, Morris Hospital, received from Pontiac; Mazon, medical, Morris Hospital; Chippewa, fire; Spencer, trauma, refusal; Prairie, Odell, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Pontiac.

July 29: Main, medical, Riverside; Morris COQ; Mazon, medical, Riverside; 2500 N., Odell, fire, mutual aid to Odell.

July 30: 2700, fire; Jackson, trauma, St. Joe's, mutual aid to Gardner; Prairie, trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Prospect, trauma; Prospect.

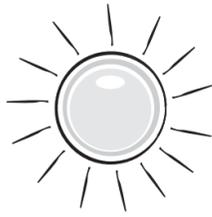
July 31: Bannon, trauma, Morris; Mazon, medical, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris; East, medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Gardner; Mazon, medical, St. James.

August 1: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Waupansie, medical, St. James; James, medical, Riverside; James, trauma, refusal; Scott, trauma, Riverside; Mazon, medical, Morris.

August 2: Mazon, medical, Riverside; Prospect, accidental, refusal.

August 3: 2400, medical, Morris; Watters, medical, St. James; Prospect, trauma, refusal.

August 4: Spencer, medical, Riverside.



Temps - 2022

July 28 - high 79°, low 56°
 July 29 - high 79°, low 54°
 July 30 - high 83°, low 55°
 July 31 - high 82°, low 58°

.15" precip.
 Aug. 1 - high 85°, low 62°
 Aug. 2 - high 84°, low 62°
 Aug. 3 - high 90°, low 69°

trace precip.
One Year Ago - Aug. 10, 2021
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 .67" precip.



Dwight Fire Incidents 7/29 - 8/5

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

July 29: Illegal Burn - E. Chippewa.

July 30: Powering Down - Rural Dwight.

Dwight FPD also responded to 14 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

Junk In The Trunk in Morris August 21

Junk In The Trunk or "JITT", a flea market/community sale, will take place Sunday, August 21, at 100 Commercial Drive in Morris (just west of Rt. 47 behind the BP Amoco station).

Set-up time is 8:30 a.m., with the sale running from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a charity flea market and all donations and vendor fees are given to a different charity each month.

Participating vendors will need to read and agree with the rules prior to attending the event. A fee applies per spot.

This is a fun, family-oriented event where many treasures are found, and a good place to find that special antique, gift, toy, decoration, collectible, or tool.

No commercial or home-based businesses or mass-produced imported items are allowed.

All participants do so at their own risk.

JITT will be at the Morris location the third Sunday of each month through October, weather permitting.



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City/Village	Aug. 8	Aug. 1
Dwight	\$4.46	\$4.55
Kankakee	\$4.06	\$4.15
Streator	\$4.53	\$4.70
Pontiac	\$4.34	\$4.47
Gardner	\$4.54	\$4.74
Braceville	\$4.47	\$4.73
Morris	\$4.39	\$4.72
Herscher	\$4.29	\$4.55
Chicago	\$4.79	\$5.01
Illinois	\$4.40	\$4.61
U.S.	\$4.06	\$4.21

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

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Embattled DCFS director grilled by Legislative Audit Commission

Since December, nine children have died under DCFS watch. Meanwhile, DCFS Director Marc Smith has been held in contempt of court 12 times for failing to place children in state care appropriately.

Last week, Director Smith and DCFS staff appeared before the bipartisan Legislative Audit Commission to answer for troubling missteps outlined in recent State audits of the agency. According to CBS 2 Chicago and other media reports, Smith was grilled by legislators over the agency's massive and repeated failures to protect children under its care.

Several audits of the department reveal glaring problems. In 98% of cases, DCFS was unable to provide home safety checklists and 100% of employees and contractors had no receipt or acknowledgement of DCFS policies.

I and fellow House Republicans have repeatedly called for Director Smith's resignation and a complete restructuring of DCFS. Thus far, those calls have gone unanswered by Governor Pritzker and his administration.

Illinois State Police changes FOID card

"clear and present danger" standard.

The presumption, under Illinois law, is that most persons who apply for a FOID card, required to purchase and possess a firearm, ought to get one. Exceptions include the authority granted to the State Police not to issue a FOID card to any person who is a "clear and present danger" to others.

"Clear and present danger" is a legal term that can be expanded or shrunk; and the State Police have now expanded the definition of "clear and present danger" to prevent likely dangerous individuals from receiving a FOID card to purchase firearms.

Rather than defining "clear and present danger" as involving an actual impending or imminent threat of substantial bodily harm to themselves of another person, the new standard adopted will allow any violent, suicidal, or assaultive threat, even if not immediate or imminent, to stop the issuance of a FOID card.

The new State Police language was adopted by emergency rule, which means that it is already in effect.

Job Fair at KCC Sept. 29

Kankakee Community College will sponsor a Job Fair from 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, September 29.

Booths are available, free of charge, for area businesses to participate. The reservation deadline is September 26. Employers can register at kcc.edu/jobfair.

"Today more than ever, a job fair is the quintessential platform for employers and job seekers to make a face-to-face connection," said Cesar

Avalos, coordinator of workforce opportunities at KCC. "It is the opportunity for our students and our community to secure employment leads, and employers to have a conversation with real people, rather than resumes."

The Job Fair is sponsored by KCC's Charlton Career Services Center.

For further information, phone 815-802-8202, e-mail careerservices@kcc.edu, or visit kcc.edu/jobfair.

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Seneca Civic Fund Seeking Nonprofits to Receive Grants, Provide Services

The Seneca Civic Fund is seeking nonprofits to receive grants to provide services to residents of Seneca. Priority populations include seniors, children, people with disabilities, and low income families. All services must occur in Seneca whether weekly, monthly, or one-time programs.

If your nonprofit would like to apply for funding, complete an online application at cf-grundy.com/peg-davis-civic-fund/.

The Seneca Civic Fund Committee will review applications and award grants. Applications are due no later than Monday, September 5. Questions can be directed to Devan Gagliardo at 815-941-0852 or: devan@cfgrundycounty.com

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Dwight DEA Welcomes J & D Pickin' Adventures on Main



Dwight DEA board members, Bill Flott and Bob Ohlendorf, Dawn Coyde and Jeff Alcox of J & D Pickin' Adventures on Main and DEA board member, Shayla Smith.

J & D Pickin' Adventures is located at 154 E. Main St., Dwight, offering antiques, vintage, candy, toys and more. Call 630-486-9384.

Hines VA Outreach Program in Channahon August 10

The Grundy County VAC and the Hines Outreach Coordinator, with the support of the Village of Channahon, will be available to answer questions and provide information about a variety of veteran's benefits Wednesday, August 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall in Channahon, 24555 S. Navajo Drive.

This event is free and open to all area veterans. No registration is required.

The Grundy County VAC

and Hines Outreach coordinator can answer questions and assist with enrollment in VA health care, service connected disability claims, and burial benefits, to name a few benefits available to honorably discharged veterans.

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Morris Hospital's June Fire Starter Demonstrates Pride and Teamwork



was honored as Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers' June Fire Starter of the Month.

"Melissa is a great asset to Morris Hospital," a co-worker wrote in nominating Hackett as Fire Starter of the Month. "She is dedicated to her job and her department, loves this organization, and feels a sense of belonging here. She takes pride in what she does and is willing to learn all aspects of Environmental Services."

While Hackett is always willing to help wherever she is needed, she is best known for assuring that clean linen is available for the hospital and clinics. This involves receiving the clean linen from an outside vendor, maintaining and stocking carts in the linen room, preparing linen supplies for delivery to off-site locations, and making sure ambulance linen packs are available every day. She takes pride in her responsibilities and keeps track of the linen that leaves the hospital and the linen that comes back, along with notifying her manager when more linen needs to be ordered.

"Melissa knows her linen, and she knows her clinics," says Ana Mendrick, Manager of Environmental Services at Morris Hospital. "She is an ex-

cellent team member, always hard working and very reliable. I am very excited for her to receive this honor. For me, her dedication and hard work is gold."

As much as Hackett is counted on to keep the linen room running smoothly, both Mendrick and Environment Services Supervisor Sue Raikes appreciate her genuine willingness to step away from the linen room and assist with cleaning office space and departments when needed.

"Over the last several years in particular, Melissa has stepped out of her regular duties when needed to help with coverage and staffing issues," says Raikes. "She is always willing to help and will even volunteer to come in an extra day when she sees that we are short staffed. That way, she knows everything will be ready to go when she comes in on Monday. She does whatever it takes to get the job done. She has a huge heart and is truly a team player."

Hackett says her favorite part of coming to work every day is simply doing her job. She also enjoys seeing her co-workers and helping others.

"It feels good helping people," she says.

In early civilizations, fire starters were individuals who had the important job of keeping the flame alive. With over 1,400 employees, Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is the largest employer in Grundy County.

Holistic Health & Wellness Fair in Godley August 13

Spotted Dog Acres will be hosting a Holistic Health & Wellness Fair at Godley Park District Saturday, August 13. This fair will feature intuitive readers, massage therapists, energy healers, crystals, aura photography, natural products, and more. The purpose of the fair is to spread awareness of self-care and non-traditional healing modalities.

Spotted Dog Acres' Holistic Health & Wellness Fair will feature 19 booths with 17 mind/body/spirit/arts exhibitors from near and far. Some of the more local exhibitors will be The Mind and Body Shop of Wilmington, Melba Clark of Reddick, and Healing Spirit Wellness Spa of Morris. One out-of-state exhibitor, Marcia Colver, is traveling all the way from Montana to share her gifts. With many exhibitors offering mini sessions, it's a perfect way to try something new without having to commit to a full session.

There's a growing interest in holistic wellness and metaphysical principles, yet there aren't many local resources or connections available for people in the area. Spotted Dog Acres' Holistic Health & Wellness Fair aims to change that by connecting people both near and far. And what better place to do that than Godley Park District? The park district grounds are tranquil and beautiful, and it's centrally located to many other neighboring towns.

The fair will be held in the GPD gymnasium on August 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, visit spotteddogacres.com/events or facebook.com/spotteddogacres.

Spotted Dog Acres is a holistic farm based in Gardner. They raise goats, chickens, and rabbits, and make goat milk soaps, bath bombs, and farmhouse décor.

Area Students Make WIU Dean's List

A total of 192 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2022 summer Dean's List, including the following area students:

- **Bourbonnais:** Mason Staubus, senior.
- **Ottawa:** Johnathon Fuller, senior; Chase Libby, senior; Adam Poundstone, senior.
- **Streator:** Michael Elias, senior.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of six credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g. student teaching, internships).

KCC President's, Honors Lists Features Area Students

The following area students have been named to the **President's List** at Kankakee Community College for the summer 2022 term:

- **Buckingham:** Haley Wagner.
- **Dwight:** Kelsey Christensen.
- **Herscher:** John Raimondo.

To be named to the President's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.80 or higher and be en-

rolled in six or more credit hours.

Area KCC students making the **Honors List** are:

- **Buckingham:** Alyssa Rattin.
- **Herscher:** Hailey Ullman.

To be named to the Honors List, a student must maintain a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.79 and be enrolled in six or more semester hours.

LCHD Tire Collection Begins September 6

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) will be assisting in the collection of unused tires in an effort to reduce mosquito breeding grounds by providing a means of environmentally safe tire disposal.

Tires are notorious breeding grounds for mosquitoes. After sitting outdoors, tires often fill with stagnant water and nutritious leaves making them perfect environments for mosquitoes to thrive.

Tire disposal program eligibility requirements:

- Collection is scheduled to

start September 6 and end on September 29.

- No farm or construction equipment tires can be accepted.
- Tires can be off or on the rim.
- Tires must be unloaded by the individual dropping them off.
- Appointment is required. No exceptions. Call today to schedule an appointment.
- Collection will end once funding has been allocated for disposal costs.

To schedule a tire drop-off appointment, call the LCHD Environmental Health Division at 815-842-5921.

Soil and Water Outcomes Fund Enrollment Now Open

The enrollment period is now open for farmers interested in participating in the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund.

Rather than provide farmers payment for practice implementation, the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund provides payment for the multiple environmental outcomes of new conservation practices. These outcomes include water quality improvements and carbon sequestration.

Farmers in the following area counties are eligible to enroll: Boone, Bureau, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Will, and Winnebago.

To enroll, visit <https://bit.ly/ilsowof> or contact Conservation Agronomist Kevin Schbacker at 779-861-2979. The application deadline is September 1.

Notice of Budget Hearing:

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Dwight Common School District #232 will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, on September 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dwight Common Library, 801 South Columbia Street, Dwight, IL 60420. Any person interested in said budget may be present at said time and place, and may be heard in regard to the proposed budget amendment. The proposed budget amendment is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education at the District Office, located at 801 South Franklin Street, Dwight, IL 60420. The budget may be reviewed upon request prior to the said hearing by the Public.

Board of Education
Dwight Common School District #232

Mrs. Debbie Conroy
Board Secretary

Notice of Budget Hearing:

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Dwight Township High School District #230 will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, on September 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dwight Township High School Board Room, 801 South Franklin Street, Dwight, IL 60420. Any person interested in said budget may be present at said time and place, and may be heard in regard to the budget. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education at the District Office, located at 801 South Franklin Street, Dwight, IL 60420. The budget may be reviewed upon request prior to the said hearing by the Public.

Board of Education
Dwight Township High School District #230

Mrs. Debbie Conroy
Board Secretary

Notice of Public Hearing

Gardner Community Consolidated School District 72C

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School Board of School District Number 72C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 598 N. Elm St., Gardner, Illinois in this School District. From and after 9 o'clock a.m., on the 15th day of August, 2022. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7 o'clock p.m., on the 15th day of September, 2022, at Gardner Grade School in this School District Number 72C.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2022.

School Board of School District Number 72C,
in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois.

By Lauren Vitko, Secretary

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OBITUARIES

Roger Henry Holsten

Roger Henry Holsten was born on October 26, 1939 to Henry and Anna Marie Bargsten Holsten in their home near Colfax, Illinois. Big sister, Dorothy, went to a neighbor's home during the arrival.



non, Rick's daughter, and her two sons, Travis and Tyler.

Roger also has relatives in Nebraska, Texas and Rhade, Germany who survive him.

On July 28, Paula met with a representative from Lightways Hospice, Joliet. Roger was going to come home to be away from loud hallways, alarms, needles, blood pressure checks, etc.

Rog attended school near Fairbury until second grade. His folks moved to Dwight to farm and raise pigs. Roger attended Dwight Township High School and graduated in 1957.

Roger worked at Joliet Caterpillar, doing various jobs, but ended up being an inspector of steering and brake valves.

Roger married Paula J. Fieldman on April 21, 1985 in a small ceremony following church on Sunday morning. They were married 37 years and had numerous dogs and cats as their family.

Rog was very active at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He was an usher, trustee, board of Evangelism, choir and handbell member, and worked on many projects such as shoe collection and benefits.

Roger is predeceased by his parents, his sister, brother-in-law, Delbert Henrichs, and nephew, Duane Henrichs, (Debra), Aunt Margaret Mueller (Bill), cousins Ruby Heinke, Darlene McGee, and Herman Mueller.

Surviving are his widow, Paula; her siblings, Brenda Benzik (Richard), Rick Fieldman (Cathy), and nephew, Daryl Henrichs (Kellie), Jason and Hailey Henrichs.

Also surviving are nephews, James Benzik, Nick Benzik (Stephanie), Miles, and Mia, great nephew and niece; Shan-

God had a different plan for him. Roger passed this earthly life on July 29, 2022 at approximately 1:07 a.m. His body was donated to ScienceCare for medical research projects. His cremated remains will return home in three to five weeks from date of collection.

On the anniversary of his passing, a tree will be planted in his memory. A service will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on September 11, 2022 at 1:00. A luncheon will follow the service.

Please consider body donation when a loved one passes. Medical students learn so much from your deceased loved one's remains. You may want to Google ScienceCare to learn more about the process.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending memorials to American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Research, Kidney disease research, Diabetes Research, and/or Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Special thanks to Pastor John Mueller, Pam, Nicky and Katerina, staff members from At Home, Quality Care, for keeping Roger as healthy as possible for as long as possible.

Theresa A. Slanicky

Theresa A. Slanicky, age 83, of rural Braceville, Illinois passed away Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Morris Hospital.



Born October 12, 1938 in Chicago, Theresa Ann was the daughter of Thomas and Anne (Hajcak) Buban.

She attended St. Rose Grade School in Wilmington; St. Francis Academy in Joliet, and was a proud alumni of the College of St. Francis, class of 1960.

Theresa pursued a career as a teacher in elementary education, first teaching at Bradley West Elementary School and then moving on to Brodnicki Elementary School in Justice.

Locally, Theresa was a substitute teacher at St. Rose School, Braceville Elementary, Goodfarm School, Coal City Elementary and Gardner Grade School. It was from Gardner Grade School that she retired as a full-time teacher's aide in 2002 after being at the school for 15 years.

Theresa was a long-term parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood. In addition to being a very devoted mother, she loved to read and do word searches. Theresa was dedicated to her Catholic faith, praying the Rosary daily. She loved to be with her children and loved even more making and sending "care packages" to her grandson, Nickolas.

Surviving are three children: John and Michael of Braceville and Rosanne Whyte of Chico, CA; one grandson, Nickolas Whyte, who was the light of her life; one brother, Tom (Linnea) Buban of rural Braceville; and the father of her children, Kenneth Slanicky.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents and an uncle, John Vdovka.

Cremation rites have been accorded per Theresa's wishes.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 110 S. School Street, in Braidwood. Rev. Joshua Miller and Rev. Stanley Drewniak will officiate.

Interment of ashes will immediately follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials in Theresa's memory may be made as gifts to a food pantry or animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, and share Theresa's memorial page via social media.

Cremation and memorial services have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City (815-634-2125) www.ReevesFuneral.com

Ida M. Schopp

Ida M. Schopp, age 95, of Gardner, Illinois, died peacefully Friday, August 5, 2022 at Heritage Health in Dwight, Illinois.



Born May 12, 1927 in Lexington, Illinois Ida Mae was a daughter of Leo Walter and Dora Susan (Baumgardner) Burke.

She was raised and educated in Chenoa, and on December 22, 1945, Ida married Gordon Francis Schopp in Pontiac. Together, Ida and Gordon settled in Gardner in 1955, where they raised their family.

Ida's employment started at Nationwide Glove Factory in Pontiac, where she earned 45 cents per hour. She later took positions at Ideal Manufacturing in Gardner, where she made baby clothes and then the Coil Factory in Dwight before becoming the Deputy Clerk in Gardner in 1979, where she worked until retiring in 2000.

A dedicated member of the Gardner community, Ida belonged to Church of Hope where she served as a Deacon and Elder, as well as sang in the choir. She was active in the Gardner Beautification Committee; Gardner Legion Auxiliary and the Gardner Lions Club. When her children were young she served as President of the P.T.A. and was also a Scout Leader. Ida was proud to have been the founder of the Gardner Food Pantry at the Church of Hope and remained active until recent years curating the Gardner Archives. Outside of the community she loved so dearly, she was also a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Generous and blessed, Ida was constantly crocheting afghans for over 60 years giving nearly every one away. When she saw someone in need, it was always the desire in her heart to meet their need to the best of her ability. Ida truly was a generous and selfless soul.

Some of her favorite pastimes including attending auctions. Ida loved antique dishes, and amongst her vast collection included her countless Jewel Tea dishes. It would also be an understatement to say that Ida loved to garden. Aside from her own meticulous gardens that surrounded her beautiful Victorian home, Ida also created the landscaping and maintained the flowers at Church of Hope for many years. Gardner was proud to have their own Ida Schopp as the Grand Marshal of the Grundy County Corn Festival in

2013, and it was only fitting that her float was adorned with flowers from her own gardens and flower seed packets were handed out, all signed by Ida herself.

One of Ida's quotes was "Things half done, are never done..."

It is fair to say that Ida Schopp accomplished great things and got a lot done. She did leave this world in a better place because of her acts and deeds. In Matthew 25:23 it is stated: "Well done, good and faithful servant..." Ida Schopp was a faithful and dedicated servant. She helped the poor, served her community well, and strived to preserve the history of others. Gone from our sight, Ida leaves behind a priceless collection of memories and good deeds that will carry on in the hearts of all those who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

Survivors include her children: Gordon Schopp (Lorraine McDonald) of Utah, Evelyn (Dan) Jerbi of Gardner and Kathy Fredrick of Minooka; her daughter-in-law, Kay Schopp of Arizona; (25) wonderful grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother, Howard (Emmy) Burke, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ida was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon January 18, 2001 and one son, Duane Schopp.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at The Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe Street in Gardner on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow Thursday morning, August 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Reverend Jan Chandler will officiate.

Burial will be in Braceville Gardner Cemetery, where Ida will be laid to rest with her late husband, Gordon. Her grandsons will act as pallbearers.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Ida's memory to Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe Street - P.O. Box 248, Gardner, IL 60424

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Ida's memorial page online through social media.

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Gardner. (815-237-2526).

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of)
) No. 2022-PR-65
MARGARET L. FOGARTY, Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of MARGARET L. FOGARTY, whose place of residence at the time of her death was 112 E. South Street, Dwight, IL 60420, and who died on May 23, 2022.

Letters of Independent Executor were issued on July 15, 2022 to MARY ANN DENKER and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is July 27, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in cause No. 2022-PR-65 or with the Independent Executrix or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent administrator and the administrator's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

DONALD R. McCLAREY
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PNC Bank, National Association, PLAINTIFF,
Vs.
Ethel Jean Carter; Kelly Garecht; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Bradley D. Carter; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Joseph Dehn, as Special Representative for Bradley D. Carter (deceased), DEFENDANTS.
2022FC9

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Ethel Jean Carter
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Bradley D. Carter
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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Bradley D. Carter

the Mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois, as Document No. 00595808; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

LeAnn Dixon,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
110 N. Main
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on or before August 26, 2022, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Aaron Disc Sharpening, located at 612 E. Elm, Fairbury, IL 61739.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2022.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 27, 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 Palm Lennox, located at 303 E. Pine St., Chatsworth, IL 60921.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2022.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

*****Cancellation of Assumed Business Name***** ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 26, 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 CTM Overhead Door, located at 1715 S. Mill St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2022.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 26, 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 Merlino Overhead Door, located at 1715 S. Mill St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2022.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

Illinois Farmers Impressed With Variety of Bay State Agriculture

by Tammie Sloup
FarmWeek

Standing on a cranberry bog, a group of Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders felt the earth ripple as a peer jumped up and down.

"Whoa, the ground is moving," one nervously announced.

Bogs are a type of wetland, characterized by a spongy, mat-like substance on the water's surface, making it possible for the ground to slightly bounce. Cranberries grow on low-lying vines in bogs (or marshes) layered with clay, gravel, peat and sand.

"It's something totally out of the norm for us in Illinois; just to feel how different the soil is to produce cranberries," said Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee member Sadie Asher.

Asher joined nearly 40 others on the IFB Young Leader Ag Industry Tour July 11-15 in Massachusetts. In fact, much of the tour was "out of the norm" for Illinois farmers.

During their visit to the Bay State, the Young Leaders also:

- Shucked oysters from Duxbury Bay.
- Plucked and tasted berries straight from the vine.
- Stood alongside lobstermen as they fished lobsters from Boston Harbor.
- Explored more than a dozen agriculture, aquaculture and agritourism operations throughout Massachusetts, meeting and learning from young and seasoned farmers, as well as Massachusetts Farm Bureau leaders and staff.

Massachusetts' climate and soil – largely heavy, clay subsoil – nourish the nurseries and fruit and vegetable farms spanning the rolling hills, broken in the state's center by the Connecticut River Valley.

Agriculture is not a major industry in Massachusetts, which is nearly 50% urban. Land is expensive, and farms are smaller, averaging 60 acres.

But Young Leaders saw firsthand how the state's farmers – many first-generation farmers – are doing more with less.

"A lot of these farmers here have been first generation and while they're in one of the oldest parts in the United States, they're still beginning their businesses here," said Caitlin Morris, a primary science teacher from Vermilion County.

For example, Ryan MacKay is a 31-year old first-generation farmer who has built upon his agriculture endeavors since high school.

He treated the group to tours of two locations on his Lilac Hedge Farm in Rutland – his pasture-raised livestock farm and packing facility for home-delivered meals and grocer clients, and what he describes as his more "public" farm, featuring AirBnB residences, a farm bar and kitchen, farmstand, bandshell and a walking path where guests can get up close with emus, ostriches, a camel and other animals.

"A lot of it was fighting the kinks out as we went,"

said MacKay, who is also the Massachusetts Farm Bureau vice president. "No other farm has the offerings we do and we pride ourselves on that."

Young Leaders frequently commented on the progressiveness of the state's farmers.

"They have to take risks because the cost to invest is so high due to urbanization, and it causes them to have to look around for other ways to make money," said Lucas Hanke, who works on his family's corn, soybean and wheat farm in Clinton County.

Johnathon Lock, Fulton County Young Leader chairman who farms with his dad, said he was surprised by the small farm sizes and specialization of operations.

"And just the amount of risk that some of these farmers are having to take out here," Lock said. "Obviously, all farmers have risks but I've just been amazed at how much that they are risking, and are still thriving through these times and not being beat down."

First-generation farmers also have an advantage, Morris added.

"They're not sticking to the 'This is the way we've always done it,' because they haven't been around for as long. They're really looking forward to making sure that they're moving with the market and growing as the market needs them," Morris said. "It's incredible."

Many of the farmer hosts have received state and federal funding to help build their operations.

"One thing that has really stood out to me is how many young farmers are applying for grants and using the USDA to get their farm up and running," said Illinois Young Leader Committee member Ida Hand of Montgomery County. Hand grew up on a row crop and beef cattle farm and now works for Farm Service Agency. "That really shocked me because I feel like in Illinois, not a lot of people use USDA, or even apply for grants that they hear about."

And it's not just newer farmers broadening their operations and creating niche markets.

Third-generation cranberry grower Cassander "Cass" Gilmore, who operates Bogside Acres and Benson's Pond with wife, Erin, has seen agritourism take off in recent years. And he wasn't about to be left behind. The couple converted the former screenhouse on the property into a farm wedding venue. With views of the 40-acre cranberry bog, the venue is booked three years out.

He also offers tours of the cranberry bog, which is owned by the Gilmore family, a member of the Ocean Spray Cooperative.

When it comes to ag innovation, Barstow's Longview Farm's motto says it all: "Looking forward since 1806."

Denise Barstow is part of the seventh generation on the Hadley farm, which is nestled between a mountain range and the Connecticut River.

The milk market crash in the early 2000s fast-



WES PENNEY OF TWO BUOYS LOBSTER talks with Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders about fishing in the Boston Harbor. The three-man crew typically fishes six days a week, except from February until mid-May when whales are in the bay. It takes about seven years for lobsters to grow to a desired size, with the crew catching between 40,000 and 50,000 pounds a year.

ORCHARDS WERE A LARGE PART of the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Ag Industry Tour in Massachusetts. Cherries, apples, peaches and raspberries, like this black raspberry at Nourse Farms in Whately, were popular treats of the Young Leaders.

(photos by Tammie Sloup of FarmWeek)



tracked the family's decision to diversify their dairy farm. They opened an on-site farm store and bakery and installed an anaerobic digester that creates enough energy from methane gas to power 1,600 homes. A USDA grant, along with local investors, afforded the family the unique opportunity to install the digester.

"It's one of the first digesters that also runs on food waste," Barstow said, adding food waste is collected from area restaurants. "It offsets our carbon footprint by 85%."

Challenges shared between farmers in both states include drought conditions this year, as well as staffing issues. Many of the host farmers said they struggle to find workers, especially seasonal help. A handful of the farmers rely on H2A workers, many of whom are Jamaican.

But even the H2A program can be costly and is

heavily regulated, farmers said, adding that requirements mandate everything from housing conditions to the number of silverware pieces needed for each worker.

From aquaculture to fruit plants and orchards, Massachusetts agriculture looks little like Illinois' sprawling corn and soybean fields. But Young Leaders say opportunities such as the Ag Industry Tour bring farmers together to share ideas and challenges.

"We pigeonhole ourselves in trying to make sure we educate our own consumers when we need to make sure that we're educating ourselves about agriculture outside of our state," Morris said.

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.



Cullom Homecoming August

The Village of Cullom is gearing up for its annual Homecoming Celebration August 10-13, in addition to the 74th Annual Junior Fair August 12 and 13.

Some new things are in store for the 2022 edition of the Cullom Homecoming Celebration, including:

- The last quilt that Pat Johnson worked on before becoming ill and unable to help is to be re-raffled at the 2022 Library Quilt Raffle – donated back by the

Fagan family. Also, a Hot Air Balloon Quilt, made and donated by Linda Vercler, will be auctioned off before the Steer Auction in the park August 13. The proceeds will go to the Cullom Jr. Fair.

- Food will be available Thursday thru Saturday.
- At the Park – FFA Alumni: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- On the Midway – St. John's Lutheran Church; Old Tyme Ice Cream; Old

Saltys Coffees, Shaved Ice and Chili Cheese Dogs; Mess Hall Gals; Between the Buns.

Cullom Homecoming, Junior Fair Schedule of Events

- **Sunday, August 7:** Entries Due.
- **Tuesday, August 9:** Fair Set-up, 8:00 a.m. at the park. All encouraged to attend.
- **Wednesday, August 10:**

- Rabbit Show, 5:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 11:** All Swine must be in place. Weigh-in begins at 6:00 p.m.; 6:00-9:30 p.m.: Inflatables on the Midway; Dunk Tank; Race Car Simulator; Video Gaming Trailer; Games; Peddle Tractor Pull, 6:00 p.m.; Balloon Ascension, 6:30 p.m.; BINGO, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Cullom Advisory Board Ticket Sales for Christmas Cash.
- **Friday, August 12:** All

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Safety Expert Presentation at DTHS Aug. 16

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 16, as Dwight Township High School welcomes Don Shomette in the DTHS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. to offer a school safety presentation for parents, guardians, and Dwight community members.

Shomette is a nationally-recognized violence prevention expert with a concentration in

human safety, threat assessments, student safety assessments, community policing, and school-based officers.

He is different than any other safety expert in the fact that he treats people **holistically**.

Those who attend his trainings or benefit from his coaching and consulting grow both

professionally and personally. It is his mission to inspire and motivate those that he helps to not only grow more proficient in their work, but also happier in their lives by seeing safety as something so much more than cameras and locks.

Child care will be provided by DTHS students for children ages three to 12.

Kankakee County to Mail Postcards for Voting By Mail

Voters in Kankakee County will receive a postcard in early August explaining a new option for voting by mail.

According to Kankakee County Clerk Dan Hendrickson, "You may now apply to permanently be placed on vote by mail status."

The postcard to voters will include an application to be permanently placed on this list, and an explanation of the new law that created the list. Those on the permanent vote by mail list will automatically receive a ballot in the mail 40 days in advance of any general, consolidated or primary election. When they receive the postcard, voters have four options related to the new permanent vote by mail list.

1. Apply to receive a ballot in advance of every Kankakee County election, stating which party's ballot the voter wants for primary elections. They will cast their ballots by mail.
2. Apply to receive a ballot by mail for only elections that do not require a party designation.
3. Apply to receive a ballot solely for the 2022 General Election.
4. Do nothing and not be placed on the list. They will continue to vote at their polling places on election day, vote early, or vote by mail as allowed in the past.

This new voting option was put into place by Illinois law in June 2021. Illinois is one of several states to have this option for their voters. Hendrickson said he is required by law to send the letter and application to all voters in Kankakee County on August 10. This law is part of a trend to encourage

voting by mail.

"There is the convenience of early voting from home. In some of the larger polling places, it relieves the pressure of long lines at the end of election day," he said. "In general, (voters) have the benefit of sitting at home, researching the candidates and taking their time to fill out a ballot. If you want to vote by mail, you don't have to remember to request the ballot," he added.

Other advantages of permanent voting by mail relate to possible bad weather on an election day, and more convenience for people with a disability, limited mobility or transportation concerns.

Hendrickson said he does have some concerns.

"I don't see a problem with fraud," he said. "We have a good handle on the number of ballots we mail out and the ones that have come back. My biggest concern is if you are on the permanent ballot list and then you want to switch between parties for a primary, we've already sent you a ballot. I'm wanting to ensure the first ballot comes back to our office and the right ballot gets to you."

When someone moves, he wants to be sure that he is notified of address changes, and wants to know ballots are going to the right address.

"I do have a concern where we mail out a ballot, they don't get it or forget, and then go to the polling place. On the poll book, it states that a ballot was sent, and the election judge will see that."

There are procedures between the precincts and the

County Clerk's office to work this out on election day.

Hendrickson is also concerned about the costs associated with the mailing to all county voters. He assures voters that while the whole country is trending to early voting and mail-in ballots, regular Election Day will continue in Kankakee County.

"The polls are going to be open. You will still have the option to do what you've always done and vote on election day if that's your preference," he said. "When we get that application back, that's when something will change. Or if you choose not to apply now, you can always come back later to the County Clerk's office and ask for an application to be put on the permanent vote by mail list."

Hendrickson said the letters to voters will be sent Aug. 10. Ballots will be sent on September 29 to those who return an application asking to be on the permanent vote by mail list. Hendrickson noted that some voters might get similar letters from other groups who are encouraging permanent voting by mail. Despite other mailings, he is required to send a letter from their office to every Kankakee County voter. Voters only need to file one application.

Most importantly, he wants people to understand this option and urges people to call or come in to the office at the 189 East Court Street in Kankakee if they have questions, call 815-937-2990 or e-mail at county clerk@k3.county.net.

Riverside Opens Center for Emotional Well-Being

The Riverside Atrium in Bradley is now home to the Riverside Center for Emotional Well-Being, bringing together Riverside Psychiatric Specialists and the Riverside Pathways Programming. This move allows Riverside to increase outpatient mental health services to the community.

"The last few years have brought to light the need for additional mental health services within our community," said Riverside President and CEO Phil Kambic. "By expanding and bringing our outpatient

mental health services together under one roof, we hope to make these more accessible to those in our community that need mental health assistance."

Riverside Pathways offers Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) in a group setting. The Pathways PHP program provides a minimum of 20 treatment hours per week and the IOP program provides a minimum of nine treatment hours per week. Pathways currently treats clients starting at the age of eight. Each pro-

gram's overall goal is to stabilize day-to-day stressors, create healthy coping skills and provide medication monitoring.

Also located within the Riverside Center for Emotional Well-Being are Riverside Psychiatric Specialists, who see patients in a one-on-one setting.

If you or someone you know needs mental health services or would like to learn more about the services provided by Riverside Behavioral Medicine, call the Central Intake Division at 844-442-2551.

Upcoming Sexual Harassment Prevention Virtual Training Dates

Every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted, so whether we are aware of it or not, we are all working with survivors.

Clove Alliance, located at 1440 W. Court St., Kankakee, hopes to continue to spread awareness in hopes of creating a safer and more victim-centered community.

All employers in the state of Illinois are required to provide one hour of sexual harassment prevention training to all employees on a yearly basis.

Clove Alliance is providing free virtual and in-person trainings to help companies stay updated with the latest labor laws, as well as working with businesses to create safe and inclusive working environments for all.

For businesses or agencies with eight or more employees, contact them to set up a private training session for your group. Note, this training does not currently fulfill the state's requirements for licensed cosmetologists.

Upcoming Training Dates:

- Wednesday, August 24, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 7, noon to 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 6, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

All open session trainings for the remainder of 2022 will be held *virtually* over Zoom. You will receive the access link upon registration.

To register, contact Clove Alliance's Prevention team at prevention@clovealliance.org.

The Paper Deadline for news and advertising is Friday at noon.

and Junior Fair 10-13

Livestock must be in place, 8:00 a.m.; Swine Show, 8:30 a.m.; Dairy Show, 9:00 a.m.; Floriculture and Domestic Arts Exhibits Checked in, 8:30-11:00 a.m.; Domestic Arts and Flower Judging, 1:00 p.m.; Weighing of Sheep and Steers, 1:30 p.m.; All Beef Registration Papers Checked, 3:00 p.m.; Sheep Costume Lead, 5:00 p.m.; Skully's Hunter Lucas, 5:30-7:00 p.m.; Kiddie Water Fights, 6:30 p.m.; Cullom Library Quilt Raffle; 6:30-

9:30 p.m.: Inflatables on the Midway; Dunk Tank; Race Car Simulator; Video Gaming Trailer; Games; BINGO; Silver String, 7:00-10:00 p.m.; Breaking Storm, 9:00 p.m. to midnight at American Legion; Cullom Advisory Board Ticket Sales for Christmas Cash.

• **Saturday, August 13:** Sheep Show, 8:00 a.m.; Antique Tractor Show, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; View Flower Show and Domestic Arts, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;

Beef Show (Breeding Beef first, followed by Steers), 10:00 a.m.; Farmyard Tractor Pull, 1:00 p.m.; Release of Floriculture and Domestic Arts Exhibits, 3:00 p.m.; Skully's - Cullom Idol at the BINGO Tent, 3:00-6:00 p.m. and after party, 7:00-11:00 p.m.; On The Midway, 4:00-9:30 p.m.: Inflatables; Release of all exhibits and entries, 4:00 p.m.; Auction Sale, 6:00-9:30 p.m.: Dunk Tank; Race

Car Simulator; Video Gaming Trailer; Games; Pie Auction, 6:00 p.m.; Kiddie Water Fights, 6:30 p.m.; Cullom Library Quilt Raffle; BINGO, 7:00 p.m. until Fireworks; Fireworks at Dusk; American Legion - High Anxiety, 9:00 p.m. to midnight; Cullom Advisory Board Ticket Sales for Christmas Cash.

• **Monday, August 15:** Fair Clean-up, 8:00 a.m. at the park. All encouraged to attend.



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Registration Underway for Morris Hospital Corn Fest 5K Run

Morris Hospital & Health-care Centers will host its annual Corn Fest 5K Saturday, October 1, from Morris Elementary School, 2001 Dupont Avenue, Morris, as part of the Grundy County Corn Festival. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. and is preceded by a Youth Fun Run for children 10 and under, beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Early bird registration for the 5K run is currently underway through August 28. A fee applies per person. From August 29-September 26, the registration fee increases, as does race day registration.

The first 300 pre-registered 5K participants will receive a

unisex shirt available in adult sizes only.

The course is a 3.1 mile USATF certified course that starts on Dupont Avenue in front of Morris Elementary School and winds through residential neighborhoods. Awards will be presented to the top three in each age group, along with overall awards presented to the top three males and females.

A fee applies per child for the Youth Fun Run, whether registering in advance or on race day. Children ages six to 10 will run a half mile course around the grounds of the school starting at 8:15 a.m. At

8:30 a.m., children five and under will run a 100 yard course on the field behind Morris Elementary School. Children registered for the Youth Fun Run will receive a short sleeve cotton t-shirt.

Online registration is available through September 26 at raceroster.com/59660 or by going to morrishospital.org/events and clicking on the Special Events category. After September 26, participants may register in person on race day between 7:30-8:45 a.m.

For more information, call the Morris Hospital Wellness office at 815-705-7358.



SESSION III: Some of the kids in Swimming Lessons at the Dwight Pool.

Just Keep Swimmin'

The Pool in Dwight welcomed 3,250 patrons from the first to the 31st of July this summer, which just goes to show, our communities, "...just keep swimmin'."

Swimming at the Dwight Pool will soon adjust to schools' beginning with the hours changing Saturday, August 13, when it is open from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, August 14-16, the Pool will be open from 12:30-4:30 p.m., as well. Wednesday through Friday,

August 17-19, the Dwight Pool will be open evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, August 20, the Pool hours are 12:30-4:30 p.m. The Pool will be closed Sunday, August 21.

The next week, Monday-Friday, August 22-26, the Pool will again be open in the evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, August 27, the Pool hours are 12:30-4:30 p.m., and it will be closed Sunday, August 28. Finally, Monday, August 29, through Friday, September 2, the hours for the

Pool are evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The final day for swimming will be Saturday, September 3, from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Morning Water Aerobics/AM Lap Swim continues through Friday, August 26, from 7:00-8:00 a.m. Evening/PM Lap Swim has its final session Friday, August 12, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The Village of Dwight Pool is located at 600 Morris Road in Dwight. For more information, call the Pool at 815-584-3385.

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Hole-in-One at Dwight Country Club

Robbie Lee, of Mazon, recorded a hole-in-one at Dwight Country Club Friday, August 5, on the par 3, 115-yard 11th hole.

Robbie used a gap wedge and the shot was witnessed by Leon Residori.

USDA Increases Funding for Partnerships to Safeguard, Restore Wetland Ecosystems

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing up to \$20 million in fiscal 2023 to help conservation partners nationwide protect and restore critical wetlands through the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP). USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is prioritizing proposals that support efforts to mitigate climate change by restoring wetlands while also prioritizing assistance to underserved communities. Last year, NRCS funded \$11 million in partnerships. Partner proposals are due September 23.

"Restoring and protecting wetlands can improve water quality, enhance wildlife habi-

tat and help address climate change. Partnerships are absolutely essential to this work," said Ivan Dozier, State Conservationist in Illinois.

Restored wetlands help to improve water quality downstream, enhance wildlife habitat, reduce impacts from flooding and provide recreational benefits. The most sought-after lands for the WREP program are referred to as "marginal," meaning they do not produce to their full capacity due to repeat flooding or standing water. Removing marginal lands from production can provide economic benefits for agricultural landowners while also restoring the wetlands to accomplish their full

functions and values.

Through WREP projects, eligible conservation partners protect, restore and enhance high-priority wetlands on agricultural lands. WREP enables effective integration of wetland restoration on working agricultural landscapes, providing meaningful benefits to farmers and ranchers who enroll in the program and to the communities where the wetlands exist.

WREP will continue to prioritize enrollment of historically underserved landowners in its ranking of proposals. This includes proposals that:

- Target places with historically underserved producers,
- Focus outreach to historically underserved producers,
- Provide assistance with application materials and helping resolve heirs' property and title issues.

Partners target outreach and enrollment priorities by NRCS, including places impacted by natural disasters. Eligible partners include Tribes, state and local governments and non-government organizations. WREP partners are required to contribute a financial or technical assistance fund match. **This WREP funding is for fiscal year 2023, which begins on October 1, 2022.**

How to Apply – Partners interested in applying should contact their NRCS state office for more information. Proposals are due by **September 23**. Partners looking to learn more about opportunities for WREP funding for fiscal year 2023 are encouraged to attend the virtual

WREP workshop on August 17, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern. Contact Lisa McCauley at lisa.mccauley@usda.gov for the login information. The webinar will be recorded and available for any partners unable to attend.

The Lower Wabash River & White River Oxbow project in Indiana and Illinois, led by The Nature Conservancy, seeks to enroll 1,000 acres. This project aims to build on existing efforts of local partnerships between NRCS, The Nature Conservancy and the Conservation Law Center to enroll historically underserved landowners in the historic Lyle's Station area, which was settled in the early 1800's and is one of the last remaining Black American settlements in the state. The project focus is to reduce nutrient export from the Wabash River and to improve important habitat around priority oxbow lakes for monarch butterflies, migratory birds and large river fish species.

WREP is part of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), which is a Farm Bill conservation program. Through WREP, states, local units of government, non-governmental organizations and American Indian tribes collaborate with NRCS through cooperative and partnership agreements. These partners work with tribal and private landowners who voluntarily enroll eligible land into easements to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their properties.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Braceville Elementary School District 75

Braceville Elementary School District 75 will conduct a public hearing regarding the FY2022-2023 budget on September 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Braceville Elementary School Library.

Final action on the FY2022-2023 budget will take place at the regularly scheduled Braceville Elementary School Board meeting, which immediately follows the budget hearing in the Braceville Elementary School Library on September 14, 2022.

The tentative budget will be on display in the Braceville Elementary School office August 10, 2022 through September 14, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except for the September 5 holiday).

Board of Education
Braceville Elementary School District 75
Beth Fatlan, BOE Secretary

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Gardner-South Wilmington High School District 73

Gardner-South Wilmington High School will conduct a public hearing regarding the FY2022-2023 budget on September 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gardner-South Wilmington Board Room.

Final action on the FY2022-2023 budget will take place at the regularly scheduled Gardner-South Wilmington School Board meeting, which immediately follows the budget hearing in the Gardner-South Wilmington Board Room on September 17, 2022.

The tentative budget will be on display in the Gardner-South Wilmington High School office August 17, 2022 through September 17, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except for the September 5 holiday).

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Thurs., Aug. 11: Taco salad w/beans, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, sour cream & taco sauce, tropical fruit blend, taco chips.

Fri., Aug. 12: Saucy riblet sandwich, au gratin potatoes, Brussels sprouts, sunshine salad, bun.

Mon., Aug. 15: Sweet 'n sour chunks, stir fry veggie blend, seasoned carrots, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll.

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MEMBERS OF THE DWIGHT WOMAN'S CLUB recently spent a few hours working at Lions Lake in the DWC Butterfly Garden. The garden was planted by Woman's Club Ladies and members of Girl Scout Troop 1181. Butterfly Benches in memory of Woman's Club members Judy Gillespie and Margaret Kime provide a place to stop, sit and enjoy the view while walking the path around the lake.

**Dwight Welcomes Two New Officers
Jake Bakalik, Trevor Sember Sworn In Monday**



OFFICER JAKE BAKALIK

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wanted to be there for the community," Bakalik said. "I felt like I wasn't really fulfilling something that I needed.

"I wanted to stay local. I only applied to Minooka, Grundy County, and Dwight. I like the area. I have the smaller-town mindset. I think it's easier to learn here and there is more opportunity. I have no specific job duties that I'm excited about. I'm excited to do and be a part of everything. I want to be there for people when they need someone the most."

The National Guard helped with some of the training because he was used to the physical aspect.

However, some of it didn't help him sleep at night at the academy because it was new and different from the military.

"Having a military background, I was already prepared for the academy. When you first start off in this job field it's mind-wrenching because policing is a lot different than the military," Officer Bakalik said. "It's not where you just go out and do your thing. There is more interaction, and talking with people.

"Starting off, everyone is nervous. I was nervous. As you go through the academy, they break all of that out of you. You get a lot of experience talking with people and they break away your insecurities so you can jump right in and have confidence when you get to the streets."

OFFICER TREVOR SEMBER

Sember, 21, is only a few years out of high school.

However, the Streator native has known he was going to be a police officer for quite some time.

"My grandfather (Lee Sember) and my uncle (Brian Sember) were both police officers. I started my career as a correctional officer at Livingston County Jail," Sember said. "With my family, I always heard their stories. There were all kinds of stories with different types of people



OFFICER TREVOR SEMBER

they were involved with and the stories were different in terms of good, bad, or funny.

"I knew when I went into corrections that I wanted to use it as a stepping stone to get to the road. Being able to talk with officers about their stories was influential as well."

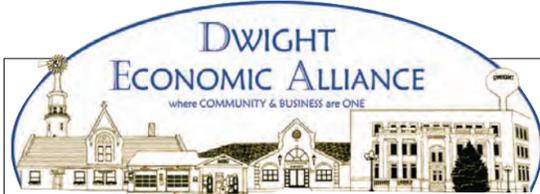
Sember will be the youngest officer in the Dwight Police Department.

Instead of worrying about his youth being used against him, he's using it as an advantage and a strength early on in his career.

"I'm excited to be able to do this for 30 years," Officer Sember said. "Being young, I feel I have a different perspective than a lot of people. I'll learn and get an education from others and I'll be able to share and educate others because of how young I am.

"I feel everyone in the department is very educated on their jobs and I feel I'll be able to learn a lot here."

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