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FOR THE RECORD

**Tickets Issued by Dwight Police**

August 18: Jesse A. Marron-Papaleo, 23, Romeoville, insurance--operate uninsured.

August 19: Douglas S. Siebert, 32, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Jennifer A. Williams, 48, Dwight, driving/no license/permit/age; Terri L. Williams, 32, Dwight, canceled/revoked/suspend regis./ill., driving while driver's license, permit, or privilege to operate motor vehicle is suspended or revoked.

August 20: William C. Lasiter, IV, 26, Plainfield, illegal stopping/standing/parking.

August 21: Dakota M. Cuff, 24, Dwight, driving in wrong lane, unlicensed. use medical can./driver.

August 22: Kristina M. Mainard, 23, Bourbonnais, insurance--operate uninsured; Shon Smith, 28, Indianapolis, IN, no valid registration, insurance--operate uninsured, driving on suspended/revoked license.

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

**11 Written Warnings**

Speeding – 4; Disregard Stop Sign – 4; No Registration Plate Light – 3.

**Dwight Police Blotter**

August 18: Dwight Police were dispatched to 12 W. Northbrook for an accident. A semi (Alberto Ruiz, Texas) traveling east through parking lot, turning right to go south, struck two parked Love's service trucks, causing damage to both.

August 19: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Mazon Ave. Arrested for Driving While License and Registration Suspended was Terri Williams, of Dwight. Ms. Williams was issued citations and her vehicle was towed; A business on Watters Dr. reported a theft; Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop in the

vicinity of Watters at Mazon. Arrested for Driving While License Suspended was Jennifer Williams, of Dwight. Ms. Williams was issued a citation and her vehicle was towed; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Julie Dr. for a disturbance.

August 20: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Renfrew for reports of a loud, intoxicated subject; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of W. Delaware St. Arrested for Domestic Battery was Molique Butler. Mr. Butler was transported to Livingston County Jail; Dwight Police received a complaint of an illegally parked vehicle in the 200 block of E. Waupansie St.

August 21: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Mazon Ave. Cited for driving in the wrong lane and open cannabis was Dakota Cuff, of Dwight.

August 22: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 17 at 27688 Rd. Cited for Expired Registration, Suspended License and No Proof of Insurance was Shon Smith, of Indianapolis, IN.

August 23: Dwight Police met with a walk in to Dwight PD for a domestic issue.

Extra Patrol; Accident – 4; Walk In – 8; Property Retrieval – 1; Reckless Driver – 1; Report of Possible DUI – 1; Road Hazard – 1; Fire Alarm – 3; Landlord Problem – 2; Return Call – 9; Loose Dog – 1; Medical Aid – 3; Motorist Assist – 1; Out With Vehicle – 1; Traffic Stop – 18; Burglar Alarm – 2; Lost Dog – 1; Illegal Parked Vehicle – 1; Victim Notification – 1; Assist Agency – 2; Animal – 1; Gas Leak – 1; Check Area – 3; 911 Cell Hang Up – 1; Domestic Issue – 2; Out With Subject – 1.

**Accident Reports**

Saturday, August 20, 4:24 p.m., an accident was reported at I-55 and Rt. 47 involving a 2019 Cadillac, driven by a sub-

ject from Gurnee, which struck a 2018 Freightliner, driven by a subject from Chelsea, OK, while attempting to pass on the shoulder.

Monday, August 22, 6:18 a.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at Old Route 66 and N. Union St. involving a 2007 Volkswagen 2D hatchback, driven by a subject from Bloomington, which struck a stop sign and stop light at the intersection, citing fog.

Tuesday, August 23, 7:10 a.m., an accident was reported at 11 E. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2011 Intr., driven by a subject from Chicago, which struck a parked 2020 Petco., driven by a subject from Midleton, IN, while attempting to back into a parking space.



**Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

August 18: I-55, fire.

August 19: Mazon Ave., trauma; Vermillion, trauma, OSF Peoria, mutual aid to Odell and from Life Flight; Bannock, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, St. James; Delaware, trauma, refusal.

August 20: Mazon, medical, Morris; 2800 N. Rd., medical, Morris.

August 21: Union, fire; Union, fire; Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris; Mazon Ave., fire; Dewitt, COQ, mutual aid to Coal City.

August 22: Chippewa, medical, Morris; Waupansie, medical, St. James.

August 23: Mazon, fire; Watters, fire; John, medical, Morris.

August 24: 2200 East Rd., medical, Carle BroMann, mutual aid to Odell; St. Louis, fire; Main, medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris.

August 25: John, trauma, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris Hospital.

Dwight Fire Incidents 8/19 - 8/26

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

August 21: Automatic Fire Alarm (twice) – N. Union; Automatic Fire Alarm – E. Mazon.



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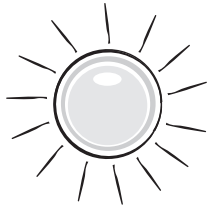
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Livingston County Offices Closed Sept. 5

All Livingston County Offices will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.



Temps - 2022

Aug. 18 – high 82°, low 54° trace precip.

Aug. 19 – high 84°, low 59° 1.03" precip.

Aug. 20 – high 84°, low 59° .79" precip.

Aug. 21 – high 80°, low 56° trace precip.

Aug. 22 – high 78°, low 54°

Aug. 23 – high 80°, low 55°

Aug. 24 – high 74°, low 56° trace precip.

**One Year Ago – Aug. 31, 2021**  
high 88°, low 54°

Dwight Township Meeting Sept. 6

The monthly meeting of Dwight Township will be held Tuesday, September 6.

All regularly scheduled meetings are held in the Dwight Township Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Cullom Man Convicted of Christmas 2019 Murder

Clifford Brewer, 55, of Cullom was found guilty on six counts of first-degree murder in the Christmas 2019 deaths of his wife, son and neighbor by a Livingston County Jury on Tuesday August 16.

Brewer was arrested December 25, 2019 and charged with the murder of his wife, Shirley Brewer, 48; his son, Christian Brewer, 27; and his neighbor Norman Walker, 51. Each died of a single gunshot to the head.

Police reports show Brewer called 911 at 2:05 a.m. Christmas Day. He maintained he awoke to find his son dead in his upstairs bedroom, with his wife and Walker dead in an adjacent room. A gun was found next to Shirley Brewer. He initially had told police his wife had killed herself after killing her son and neighbor.

Prosecutors said that when officers arrived, they noticed Brewer's hands were wet and he appeared to be washing men's clothing.

Brewer worked as a corrections officer at the Pontiac Correctional Center at the time of the incident.

Judge Jennifer Bauknecht presided over the trial.

Following the verdict announcement, she immediately revoked Brewer's bond, and he was remanded into the custody of the Livingston's County Sheriff's Office.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 5.



**A GOAL OF THE DWIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY has been to erect a sign identifying Dwight's earliest burial ground, Old Town Cemetery, located on Old Route 66. Thanks to the Mortensen family's generous donation in memory of their husband/father Bill Mortensen, Linda and Gary Emmling's gift of vintage iron gates, Steve Connor's design and creation, and others who earmarked donations to the Society for the sign, we now can call this acre of land, donated so many years ago by early resident John Conant, by its name.**

photo submitted

Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

Report gives more warnings about Illinois' Unemployment trust fund debt

The University of Illinois' Institute of Government and Public Affairs has released a report examining the debt in the state's unemployment insurance trust fund.

It highlighted a number of concerning problems in the way the state managed the fund both before and after the pandemic hit.

Illinois' unemployment insurance trust fund ran up a deficit of more than \$4 billion, and did not pay it back before the deadline to avoid accumulating interest. Paying back the debt could now require either higher taxes on employer paychecks, lower benefits to unemployed workers, or both.

The report found that before the pandemic hit, Illinois distributed unemployment benefits without saving enough money to continue paying benefits in the event of a severe crisis.

When that crisis hit in March 2020 and hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans lost their jobs due to the pandemic shutdowns, the state had to borrow billions from Washington, DC in order to pay the additional claims.

Illinois unemployment was higher during the pandemic than other states, and we recently learned that more than half of the unemployment funds paid out by the state may have gone to fraudulent actors rather than unemployed Illinoisans who needed the help.

The state budget which passed on a party-line vote back in the spring could have appropriated enough funds to pay down the deficit but instead left a \$1.8 billion hole which will have to be made up somehow.

We should not raise taxes on jobs, nor should we cut unemployment benefits for those who need them. This report shows that Illinois has to do better.

**Another state trooper injured in crash – please be careful!** A couple of weeks ago I told you about the 14th crash this year involving an Illinois State Police vehicle which was stopped to assist a motorist in distress.

I am sorry to tell you that since then we have had a 15th and now a 16th crash involving a trooper who was stopped on the roadside. In the latest incident, a state trooper was injured and hospitalized when a squad car was hit on Route 45 in Kankakee County last weekend.

The driver whom the trooper was assisting was also injured in the crash. The alleged drunk driver who struck the trooper's vehicle has been charged.

A state law called "Scott's Law" requires drivers to move over and slow down when a first responder vehicle is on the side of the road with its emergency lights activated. These include such vehicles as police cars, fire trucks, ambulances and tow trucks. The law is named for a firefighter who was killed while responding to an accident in 2000.

Violating Scott's Law can lead to significant fines and restrictions on driving privileges. A violation which causes an injury or death is a Class 4 felony which can carry a sentence of up to one to three years in prison. Please be careful on the roadways and keep our first responders safe.

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**Are You Properly Insured?**

You probably won't see it on your calendar, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. And it is indeed important to be aware of the importance of life insurance. Are you adequately insured?

Many people aren't. About 40% of Americans face some type of life insurance gap, either because they're uninsured or underinsured, according to a 2021 survey by the research and advocacy groups LIMRA and Life Happens.

The need for life insurance is pretty straightforward: If something were to happen to you, would your family be able to continue their same lifestyle? Would the mortgage still be paid? Would your children still be able to further their education?

So, if you decide that you should acquire or strengthen your life insurance, how much do you need? Your employer may provide you with some insurance as an employee benefit, but it may not be sufficient. You might have heard that you should have coverage worth seven or eight times your annual salary. But this estimate is just that — an estimate. Everyone's situation is different, and there's really no one formula that can tell you how much insurance you require. To determine the coverage you need, you'll want to consider several factors, including your age, number of dependents, your income and that of your spouse and the size of your mortgage.

Knowing how much coverage you need is obviously important, but you'll also want to consider what type of life insurance is right for you. You have two basic choices: term or permanent insurance.

As the name suggests, term insurance provides coverage for a specified amount of time, such as 10, 20 or 25 years. Term insurance only offers a death benefit — there's no buildup of cash value in your policy. Generally speaking, term insurance is considered to be quite affordable, especially when you're young.

Permanent insurance, on the other hand, offers a death benefit and the opportunity to build cash value. Because of this, premiums for permanent insurance — which includes "whole life" or "universal life" — are considerably higher than those for term life.

Which type of insurance should you choose? Again, it all depends on your situation and your preferences. Some financial experts advise people to "buy term and invest the difference" — that is, use the money saved on the lower term insurance premiums to invest in stocks and mutual funds. Others, however, disagree, and point to the benefits of permanent insurance, such as the ability to borrow against the cash value of a policy to pay for unexpected expenses. Ultimately, in making the choice between term and permanent insurance, you'll need to look at your entire financial picture to determine which option is best for you.

In fact, life insurance should be a key component of your overall financial strategy, along with your investment mix and the long-term goals you've set. Insurance can even play a role in your estate planning, as you determine the best way to distribute assets to your family members and any charitable organizations you support.

Life Insurance Awareness Month lasts 30 days — but your need for life insurance can endure for decades. Make sure you're doing everything you can to protect your loved ones.

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ORDINANCE NO. 8-08-22

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2023**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of said BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT have prepared or caused to be prepared in tentative form, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget on August 8, 2022, and as said District lies within Grundy County, Illinois, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty (30) days’ notice prior and advertised at the BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Firehouse and the Braceville Post Office, meeting all legal requirements to conduct said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois:

SECTION 1: That the following budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures and the appropriations contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for said BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2023; and the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for its fiscal year ending April 30, 2023 for the respective objects and purposes, as hereinafter set forth, namely:

<b><u>AMBULANCE ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</u></b>		
Cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year	\$	4,597.81
Taxes received in this fiscal year		60,799.87
<u>Ambulance billing</u>		<u>40,000.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		\$105,397.68

<b><u>AMBULANCE OPERATIONS</u></b>		
<b><u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b><u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriated</u></b>
Utilities	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Phones	9,000.00	9,500.00
Licenses	700.00	800.00
Training & Travel Expenses	45,000.00	48,000.00
Ambulance Supplies	6,000.00	8,000.00
Fuel	7,500.00	8,000.00
New/replace/repair EMS equipment	16,000.00	19,000.00
Maintenance/repairs/payments on ambulance	41,000.00	43,000.00
Station office supplies	2,500.00	3,000.00
Physicals for ambulance personnel	1,000.00	1,500.00
Payroll	55,000.00	60,000.00
<u>Miscellaneous expenses</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED		
AMBULANCE EXPENSES	\$209,700.00	\$230,800.00

The foregoing appropriations are appropriated from the proceeds of a special tax for ambulance service purposes and are in addition to all other Fire Protection District taxes as provided by law.

SECTION 2: It is estimated that no cash will be on hand at the end of said fiscal year.

SECTION 3: All unexpended balance of any item or items of any general appropriation made by this Ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: If any item or any portion thereof of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

<b><u>CORPORATE/FIRE ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</u></b>		
Cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year	\$	4,597.80
Taxes received in this fiscal year (corporation)		60,799.87
Taxes received in this fiscal year (tort/liability)		95,000.82
Foreign Fire Tax		1,200.00
<u>Interest Income</u>		<u>1.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		\$161,599.49
<b><u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
<b><u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriated</u></b>
Trustees’ Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Office supplies, postage & publications	2,500.00	3,000.00
Trustees’ training expenses	1,000.00	1,200.00
Legal expenses	15,000.00	18,000.00
Workman’s comp insurance	7,000.00	8,000.00
Casualty & liability insurance	40,000.00	42,000.00
<u>Miscellaneous expenses</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$71,000.00	\$80,200.00

<b><u>BUILDING, APPARATUS &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>		
Firehouse mortgage payments	\$ 38,000.00	40,000.00
Firehouse repairs	20,000.00	25,000.00
<u>Firehouse apparatus/equip funds</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 71,000.00

<b><u>OPERATIONS</u></b>		
Fitness test for firemen	1,000.00	1,500.00
Maintenance/repairs on vehicles, pumps, etc.	18,000.00	20,000.00
Replacement/new fire and office equipment	10,000.00	12,000.00
Fuel	12,000.00	14,000.00
Firefighter gear/uniforms (new, replace & repair)	16,000.00	19,000.00
Radio repair/replacement	18,000.00	20,000.00
Hydro test	2,000.00	2,500.00
<u>Miscellaneous expenses</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 90,500.00	\$104,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED		
CORPORATE EXPENSES	\$224,500.00	\$255,200.00

The foregoing appropriations are appropriated from the above revenue sources including the general property tax for corporate purposes.

PASSED in lawful session of the Board of Trustees of said BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, on August 8, 2022.

Brandon Offidenkamp/President  
BRACEVILLE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

Attest:  
Randy Berry/Secretary/Treasurer  
BRACEVILLE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Wednesday, August 31, 2022

OBITUARIES

### Edward Joseph Reis

On August 25, 2022 with over 95 years full of faith and love, Edward Joseph Reis passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family.



Mass of Christian Burial will be 2 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2022 in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, Illinois.

Visitation will be held at the church one hour preceding the Mass.

Burial will follow the services in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, rural Dwight. Full military rites will be accorded.

Memorials in honor of Edward may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight or the Knights of Columbus.

Edward was born to John and Eleanor Reis in 1927. He was raised and lived in Pontiac, Illinois until joining the U.S. Navy in 1945 during WWII. Edward was expedited through boot camp and was stationed in the Philippines.

Edward received his associates degree from St. Bede’s Academy, his Bachelor’s degree from Quincy College, and his Masters in Education from the University of Illinois.

He began his career teaching business in Worden, Illinois. There he had met his beloved bride-to-be. Edward knew it was meant to be and shortly thereafter married Mary Ann Beck on October 15th of 1954 in Sacred Heart Church, Livingston, Illinois.

Edward’s next chapter began with a move to Dwight and the birth of his six children. Edward’s career continued as a teacher at Gardner High School. During this time he spent many years working at the Dwight Correctional Center, where he taught, coached ball and fulfilled whatever positions were appointed to him. He always had a glee about him when he discussed his “coaching” at DCC. He would say, “I didn’t know about the rules and they handed me a book to learn right away.”

After retiring from Gardner, he took an interim position as principal of South Wilmington Grade School. Edward took pride in his teaching and would

still come across his students into the last year of his life.

Edward had a substantial relationship with his faith up until his death. He was an active member of the St. Patrick Church in Dwight, and this year was his 75th anniversary as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He sang with the choir for a multitude of years with his melodic vocals being heard throughout the church. Edward would also fill in playing the organ for the choir. Edward was a 75-year member of the VFW.

Edward’s earlier years were enjoyed by swimming, jogging, and traveling. He was very proud of teaching his children how to swim. He attended weekly coffee with his teacher friends for many years. During the later years, Edward’s happiness was fulfilled by being around his family every day, rides around town, dinners out at Cracker Barrel or Route 66 Family Restaurant, going to Mass, visiting the Shrine and Cathedral, or talking about times past.

Edward is survived by: daughters, Eleanor (Mike) Crouse of DeKalb, Illinois; Deborah (Bill) Lund of Dwight; Cynthia Reis of Chicago; Barbara Lambert of San Antonio, Texas; Jane (Claude) Cimino of Wheaton, Illinois; son, David (Chu Son) Reis of Dwight; a beautiful amount of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and one great-great-granddaughter.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Bernadine; brothers, Eugene, John and Bernard; his wife, Mary Ann; his namesake grandson, Eddie; and many dogs.

If anyone was to ask Edward what his greatest accomplishment in life was, he would tell you “His Family.”

*Edward will be dearly missed.*

A special thank you to Lightways Hospice, Hannah and Helen for all their kind care and support during Edward’s most precious and vulnerable days.

Condolences may be left at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

### LeRoy ‘Peachy’ Wakeman

LeRoy “Peachy” Wakeman, age 92, of South Wilmington, Illinois passed away peacefully Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Lightways Hospice Home in Joliet, Illinois.



Born November 27, 1929 in Coal City, Illinois to the late Fred and Mary (Mombrun) Wakeman.

For 18 years, LeRoy worked for Berta Lumber in Coal City, eventually retiring from the Laborer’s Local #75 after many years of employment.

LeRoy enjoyed his daily golf cart cruises, whether it was a trip to the South Wilmington Fireman’s Club, where he loved to fish, or around town catching up with neighbors.

He took great care of his garden, and thoroughly enjoyed woodworking. His best times were spent having family and friends over, and not to forget, swinging with his dog, Lucky.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Irene Marie (nee Domagala) Wakeman of South Wilmington, whom he married July 18, 1953 in St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington; two children, Terry (Diane) Wakeman of Coal City and Debra (fiance, Steve Yero) Basham of South Wilmington; four grandchil-

dren, Lisa (Raymond) Brackett of Coal City; Kellie (Ryan Dodge) Basham of Morris, Illinois; Kyle (Katie) Basham of South Wilmington; and Michelle Emmons of Phoenix, Arizona.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Rhylan, Tyler, Brynna, Calen, Tucker, Jenna and Lauren; numerous nieces, nephews and their families; and his four-legged companion, Lucky.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Fred and Mary; two great-grandchildren, Reese and Raygan; son-in-law, Ed Basham; two brothers, Raymond (Josephine) Wakeman and Louis (Joan) Wakeman; and two sisters, Ella Mae (Troy) Bridges and Mildred (Walter) Elliott.

As per LeRoy’s wishes, cremation rites were accorded without services.

R. W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to the South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook.

Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: **The Paper**  
fax: 815-584-2196 email: [thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net)

## Dwight Village Board Hears from GLCEDC

Adam Dontz of the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council (GLCEDC), gave a presentation to the Dwight Village Finance and Administrative Committee Meeting on Monday August 22. This particular committee consists of the entire Board of Trustees along with the Village President. All were in attendance.

Dontz outlined the contributions and efforts the Council has provided over the past year to the entire county and specifically Dwight.

Main in discussion was MegaSite 55, the 362 acre tract of land just northeast of Dwight, adjacent to the Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific mainlines. The GLCEDC holds an option on the land, with the potential of adding an additional 1,000 acres if the development should take off and need to expand. The parcel is unique with the site being in the Midwest and having access

to rail lines that reach in all four directions, with the ability to access domestic as well as international locations.

Dontz pointed out to the Board that nearly every comparable development similar in size and scope has been provided some incentive to developers by the local governments involved and urged the Dwight Board to consider the same for this locale. He suggested a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District be created, which would provide his group with a starting point of negotiation for potential investors. He shared with the Board a recap of inquiries on the site that funnel through the State and related how often the first point of elimination is the lack of any local incentives.

The consensus of the Board was to take the suggestion into consideration and get input from other affected taxing bodies before taking any actions.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE TO ELDERLY (OVER 65) AND HANDICAPPED VOTERS**  
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- If an elderly or disabled voter has difficulty in reading the ballot sheet, he or she may ask for assistance at the polling place, or may bring a friend or relative to assist. After filling out the proper affidavit, the friend or relative, or two judges of opposite parties, can assist you.
- A request can be made by phone, mail, or email to the County Clerk’s Office for a Vote By Mail ballot. When the request is received by phone or mail an application for a Vote By Mail ballot will be mailed to the voter. You can download an application on line by going to: [livingstoncountyil.gov](http://livingstoncountyil.gov). This application must be filled out and mailed or hand delivered to the County Clerk, who will then mail the Vote By Mail ballot to the voter. After marking the Vote By Mail ballot it must be mailed or hand delivered back to the County Clerk’s Office, so it can be counted on Election Day. Application for a VBM ballot may also be made by email from the Livingston County Official web site by going to: County Services; County Clerk; Elections; and Emailable Vote By Mail Ballot Application Request.
- Illinois election law allows for Early and Grace Period voting to be conducted in the County Clerk’s Office. The clerk’s office will be open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon for Early and Grace Period Registration Voting on Saturdays October 15, October 22, October 29, and November 5. Voting will also take place during the regular office hours Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with extended hours on Wednesdays, October 19 and October 26 from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
- The County Clerk’s office will offer two methods of voting, the Unisyn OVO Tabulator unit and FVT Touchscreen electronic voting system.

Dated: August 25, 2022

Kristy A. Masching  
Livingston County Clerk  
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815-842-9318



Dwight Village Board Discusses Park Street Closures

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allow for the Dwight Knights of Columbus to conduct their annual Tootsie Roll drive on September 16 from 8 to 5 and on Saturday, September 17 from 8 to noon.  
A request by Avtar Singh of Jaskarn Pantry LLC to obtain a Class C Liquor License was tabled until further information could be reviewed. Singh is the operator of the gas station at 10 E. Northbrook, Dwight, and was wishing to add gaming terminals at the location.  
In Old Business, Trustee Randy Irvin questioned why installation of new water meters had not begun. He pointed out funds had been identified for the project for some time and delaying was costing the Village money. Irvin also requested that landowners at the old Arby's Restaurant and at the end of Burbeck Drive be required to clean up their properties.  
The next regular Village Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday September 12.

Livingston Cty. T.B. Board, BoH Meetings Sept. 19

Meetings of the Tuberculosis Board and Board of Health for the Livingston County Public Health Department are scheduled for Monday, September 19, in the Conference Room of the new Health and Education Building, 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac.  
Meeting times are as follows: The Tuberculosis Board Meeting is at 5:45 p.m., and the Board of Health Meeting is at 6:00 p.m.

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Schedule of Events September 1-5

**Day 1**  
**Thursday, September 1**  
**Welcome Day**  
• 10:00 a.m. – Opening Ceremony  
• 11:00 a.m. – Saw Mill; Threshing  
• 12:00 p.m. – Noon Whistle - Dinner  
• 2:00 p.m. – Threshing; Rock Crushing  
**Day 2**  
**Friday, September 2**  
**Education Day for the Young & Old**  
• 10:00 a.m. – Sheep Shearing; Champaign-Urbana Spinners; Plowing

• 10:30 a.m. – Saw Mill  
• 11:00 a.m. – Sheep Shearing; Threshing  
• 12:00 p.m. – Noon Whistle - Dinner  
• 1:00 p.m. – Sheep Shearing; Parade of Power  
• 1:30 p.m. – Saw Mill; Rock Crushing  
• 2:00 p.m. – Threshing  
• 3:00 p.m. – Plowing  
• 6:00 p.m. – Stock Tractor Pull and Pre-35 Tractor Pull  
**Day 3**  
**Saturday, September 3**  
• 8:30 a.m. – Country Tractor Drive  
• 10:00 a.m. –

Plowing; Horse Pull  
• 10:30 a.m. – Saw Mill; Pedal Tractor Pull  
• 11:00 a.m. – Threshing  
• 12:00 p.m. – Noon Whistle - Dinner  
• 1:00 p.m. – Parade of Power; Saw Mill.  
• 2:00 p.m. – Pedal Tractor Pull; Threshing; Rock Crushing  
• 3:00 p.m. – Plowing  
• 4:00 p.m. – Baling  
• 5:00 p.m. – Illini State Pullers

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**Day 4**  
**Sunday, September 4**  
**All Day Antique Car & Truck Display (815-848-7219)**  
• 9:00 a.m. – Church  
• 10:00 a.m. – Plowing  
• 11:00 a.m. – Threshing  
• 12:00 p.m. – Noon Whistle - Dinner  
• 1:00 p.m. – Parade of Power  
• 1:15 p.m. – Threshermen's Parade (Downtown Pontiac)  
• 2:00 p.m. – SawMill;

Threshing  
• 3:00 p.m. – Plowing  
• 3:30 p.m. – Baling  
• 4:00 p.m. – ITPA Sanction Tractor Pull (Antique, Classic, Light Super Stock, 6850 Pro-Farm, 9500 ProFarm)  
**Day 5**  
**Monday September 5**  
• 10:00 a.m. – Saw Mill; Plowing  
• 10:30 a.m. – Threshing  
• 12:00 p.m. – Noon Whistle - Dinner  
• 1:00 p.m. – Saw Mill  
• 2:00 p.m. – Plowing  
• 2:30 p.m. – Baling  
• 3:00 p.m. – Saw Mill

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gardner Fire Protection District

Gardner Fire Protection District met on August 24, 2022 in a special meeting to address the issue of staffing.

The Trustees have been made aware of the misleading claims made on social media by a few residents. Trustee Ken Unland wants to stress that while GFPD did have some

members walk out during their shift, we still have staff manning the ambulance and providing fire service. He also stated that the surrounding towns are helping out, Coal City, will automatically respond to ambulance calls. No calls will be missed.

Gardner is diligently working to build up staffing, with

support from Riverside EMS system and the state. There is a national shortage for EMS personnel and firefighters, with the average career length being 4 to 6 years. Many departments in the country, and specifically Illinois, have had to close due to lack of staff. Gardner is looking at creative solutions for bringing in needed staff, including beginning a Cadet Program.

The national average pay for a full-time paramedic is approx-

imately \$35,000 annually. The pay at Gardner is within the national average. While the pay for Gardner seems low, compared to the bigger towns around us, it is based on our tax and limited ambulance billing revenue.

We are looking to the community for patience and support during this time of rebuilding.

Trustee Ken Unland  
Gardner Fire Protection District



Gene and Betty Webster

Gene and Betty Webster Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Gene and Betty (Swearingen) Webster, of rural Buckingham, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a family gathering hosted by their children at the Emancipation Brewing Company, rural Fairbury.

The couple was married August 25, 1962, at the Methodist Church in Kempton. They are the parents of Todd and Becky Webster, of Fairbury, Tony Webster, of Herscher, and Gena and Michael Haberkorn, of Cullom. They have six grandchildren: Tyler and Ginny Webster, of Chenoa, Dylan Webster, of Fairbury, Emily Webster, of Bradley, Cameron Webster, of Herscher, Jessica and AJ Olsen, of Chenoa, and Jared Haberkorn, of Cullom. The couple also has three great-grandchildren: Ian and Eli Webster, and Sawyer Olsen, all of Chenoa.



Allen and Jane Hoffman to Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary

Allen and Jane (Constantine) Hoffman will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house at Station 343 in Dwight from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 11.

Allen and Jane were married on September 8, 1957.

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OBITUARIES

Don Jensen

Don Jensen, age 82, a lifelong resident of Gardner, Illinois, passed away Thursday, August 11, 2022 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Born January 10, 1940 in Morris, Illinois, Don was a son of Harold and Myrtle (Thompson) Jensen. He was raised in Gardner and attended Gardner schools. On March 17, 1967, Don married Sandy Wilkey in Dwight and together they had two children, Barbara in 1967 and Jodi in 1968.

During the '60s, Don worked at Uniroyal in Elwood, repairing typewriters and serving on the fire department. It was then in the '70s that he followed his passion for fire service, working on the Fermilab Fire Department in Batavia.

Every summer, Don would repair all the typewriters for the GSW High School in his shop at home.

The '80s took him to the Corps of Engineers as a Lockman, first in Starved Rock and then Dresden, from where he retired in 2003.

Not being one to sit around, Don soon found himself as a stock "boy" at Testa's in Coal City, and finally working at Fisher Auto Parts, delivering, until his REAL retirement in 2013, when he stopped working to care for his wife, who had become sick.

Don, his dad Harold and brother Gene literally built the Gardner Fire Department from the ground up. He served on the fire department from 1958 until his retirement in 1999, serving as Chief from 1993-1999. This was a role Don truly loved doing while being of service to the community as a volunteer his whole career. In addition, Don also served as a Grundy County Deputy Coroner from 1966-2003.

Don's biggest enjoyment came from his two grandchildren, and attending every event while they were growing up. Later in life, Don's attention turned to cutting grass, whether you wanted your grass cut or not. Don was on it!! He loved to be on his John Deere, and more often than not his Best Friend, Cuervo, was on his lap



while mowing! Don did love to go to the Dollar Store, where he would spend hours chit-chatting and come out with maybe two things.

Don is survived by his daughter, Barb Jett; grandchildren, Lucas (Paige) Jett

and Megan Jett; and his beloved great-granddaughter, Ivy Faye Jett; his best friends, Cuervo and Red Head (Bailey); and his Granddogs, Gypsy and Brandy.

Don is preceded in death by his wife, Sandy, in 2014; his parents; and daughter, Jodi, in 1969.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials should be to the Gardner Fire Protection District or to the family for distribution to charities of their choosing.

The family received friends for a visitation at Reeves Funeral Home, 230 Liberty Street in Gardner on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until time of the fireman walk-through at 3:45 p.m.

Since Don was a HUGE CUBS fan, those in attendance were encouraged to wear CUBS or very casual attire, he wasn't a fancy fella. Fire and EMS friends were also asked to wear attire representing their respective department.

Funeral services took place at 4:00 p.m. with Pastor Jan Chandler officiating.

Burial followed in Braceville - Gardner Cemetery, where Don was laid to rest with his late wife and daughter.

Pallbearers were: Lucas Jett, Brian Jensen, John Hill, Tim Hill, Howard "Duck" Lardi and Jeff Bexson. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Coleman, Harold Holsinger and Ken Roeske.

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

Funeral services and arrangements were made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Gardner. (815-237-2526) [www.ReevesFuneral.com](http://www.ReevesFuneral.com)

Nina E. 'Beth' McBride

Nina E. "Beth" McBride, age 72, of Morris, Illinois and formerly of Dwight, Illinois and Grand Saline, Texas, passed away at Park Pointe Rehab & Healthcare in Morris, Illinois on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022 at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, Illinois.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the services.

Private family burial will be held at a later date in Texas.

Due to Beth's long battle with dementia, memorials in honor of her may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Beth was born December 10, 1949 in Pampa, Texas, the daughter of James M. and Loy I. (Elliott) Bryant.

Surviving are children:



Christina (Bo) Partney of Dwight, Illinois; and Tanya (Caleb) Koger of Diamond, Illinois; grandchildren: Jordan and Jake Partney of Dwight; Landon, Karson, amond, Illinois; brother, Jim (Kerrie) Bryant of Heath, Texas; many nieces and nephews and many others she held close to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Jan Dempsey, Margaret "Peggy" Martin, Caroline Ann Bryant and Linda Sue Bryant.

Beth taught pre - school at Amarillo Montessori Academy for many years. She had a love for teaching. Later in life, she worked as a phone operator for Wal-Mart for over 25 years. Above all else, she loved spending time with her friends and family.

Condolences may be left at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

(More Obituaries appear on page 4)

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Unknown heirs of GREGORY A. NOVAK a/k/a GREG NOVAK, Special Representative of Gregory A. Novak a/k/a Greg Novak, Deceased, EDWARD NOVAK, Heir, CARLI NOVAK, minor heir, by and through her mother and next Friend, HEIDI NOVAK, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-36

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown heirs of GREGORY A. NOVAK a/k/a GREG NOVAK, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

TRACT 1:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, thence North along the East line of the said West Half of the said Southwest Quarter 267.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence from said point of beginning West 264 feet, thence North 165 feet, thence East 264 feet to the East line of the said West Half of the said Southwest Quarter, thence South along said East line of the West Half of the said Southwest Quarter 165 feet to the point of beginning, Livingston County, Illinois.

TRACT 2:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Livingston County, Illinois, thence North along the East line of the said West Half of the said Southwest Quarter 432½ feet, thence West 128 feet, which is the point of beginning, thence North 130 feet, thence West 136 feet, thence South 130 feet, thence East 136 feet to the place of beginning.

PIN: 02-02-32-300-002

Commonly known as: 27051 N. 725 E. Rd., Manville, IL 61319.

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are the Heirs and legatees of GREGORY A. NOVAK a/k/a GREG NOVAK, Deceased. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on April 19, 2019 and recorded on April 24, 2019 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2019R-01403. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-36 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown heirs of GREGORY A. NOVAK a/k/a GREG NOVAK, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before September 30, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2022.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk  
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

5 Minutes with Boma



Da Bears

A few columns ago I discussed how deep I'm into fantasy football but now I think it's time to talk about real football. After all, you do need real football to be played to enjoy the fantasy version.

The discussion on real football is centered around none other than the Chicago Bears. They've been through quite the off-season. Basically everything is new, quarterback (relatively), new coach, new GM, new offense, and new players on defense. It's the beginning of the makeover.

This year, the prospects for a good year are not very high. Any chance at even being semi-competent definitely starts and stops with how superhuman Justin Fields can be. The offensive line is probably in the bottom third of the league, the receiving core doesn't have anyone on Madden-rated 80 or higher (yes, this is a very scientific way to decide who's good), so the situation on that side of the ball looks very bleak. However, the running backs do appear to be solid.

On the defensive side of the ball you have a fair number of new faces that were acquired through the draft, but that's somewhat been overshadowed by the back and forth between Roquan Smith and the front office and the looming need to give him an extension so he's a Chicago Bear for a very long time.

Most of what I've written so far has been generally pessimistic, and frankly I don't know how you would look at this roster and this situation and not be that way.

However, Mr. Fields in the last preseason game looked GOOD, capital letters good. It all comes down to his performance if this team has even an inkling of making the playoffs. I'm slightly higher on them than the consensus. I think Vegas has their over-under at 4.5 wins on the season. I think they can get to 6 or 7.

That's still not a great season, but 6 or 7 wins at least gets you started in the right direction for future years.

Go, Bears.

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MFA 2017-RPL1 TRUST, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2017-RPL1, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

MICHAEL E. ADAMS; JILL R. ADAMS; DEFENDANTS.

2020 CH 35

Address: 1501 Bethany Lane Pontiac, IL 61764

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 10, 2022, I, Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois, will on September 29, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL, 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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P.I.N.: 15-15-28-126-002

The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$187,708.85

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 7795.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON  
IN THE ESTATE OF  
VIRGINIA L. FREUTEL, Deceased, No. 2022-PR-57

CLAIM NOTICE and NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given in the death of Virginia L. Freutel, a resident of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois, on October 24, 2021. Decedent died at her residence home at 401 East Mazon Avenue, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Notice is hereby given to creditors and unknown heirs of said decedent not named in the Petition for Administration of the Estate of the Decedent, whose names and addresses are not stated in said Petition, of the death of said decedent.

Letters of Office were issued on May 23, 2022, to Kenneth W. Freutel, Executor, whose mailing address is 401 East Mazon Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420, as Independent Executor of the Estate. The resident agent for Claims submission, and the resident agent for Service of Process is Kenneth W. Freutel, Executor, whose mailing address is 401 East Mazon Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420, for any Notice or Demand required or permitted by law to be served on the Independent Executor for any legal purpose. The Attorney for the Estate is Atty. Emmanuel F. Guyon, 5 East Bridge Street, Streator, Illinois 61364. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration to the Circuit Clerk of Court.

Claims in the estate may be filed on or before February 17, 2023. Any claim not filed by date of February 17, 2023, is barred. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, Ms. LeAnn Dixon, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Livingston County Courthouse, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764-1904, or claims may be filed with the Executor as the estate's agent identified herein, or both. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten days of filing, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Executor, and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. To learn more and to select a service provider, visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm>. Alternatively, visit <https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office if you need additional help or have trouble e-filing.

Kenneth W. Freutel, Independent Executor of the Estate of Virginia L. Freutel, Deceased  
Emmanuel F. Guyon, Attorney  
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### Bible Study Group to Begin

A weekly bible study group led by Rev. Bruce Hollister, OPC Home Missionary, will begin meeting Thursday September 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 326 W. Chippewa St. in Dwight. The theme of the program is "Distinctives of the Reformed Faith." Registration is preferred but not mandatory. To register call 815-603-8533 or email - holliste@flash.net.

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### LCCA Presents 'Brothers' at PTHS September 12



You don't want to miss the next performance of the Livingston County Concert Association's season line-up. Jim Witter and Ian Tanner will be offering their new show "Brothers" to the Pontiac Township High School Auditorium Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Canadian singer/pianist/producer Jim Witter has been entertaining crowds for over 30 years. His new show, performed with his multi-instrumentalist musical partner Ian Tanner, called Brothers, features the hits of "musical brothers" like Lennon and McCartney, Hall & Oates, The Righteous Brothers, The Beach Boys and many others. This talented duo features Witter on vocals, piano and guitar, and Tanner on bass, guitar and vocals. Terrific videos complement the show, taking you back to the era of these songs.

Memberships for the 2022/2023 season are still available and can be purchased at the auditorium prior to the concert or by calling Ruth Schlosser at 815-844-6394.

Adult memberships and family tickets for the season are available for a fee. Memberships in the LCCA also include four concerts in Ottawa.

Individual tickets for the September 12 concert are available for purchase. Area high school students can attend the concert free of charge. Adults with a ticket may also take children with them at no additional

charge.

For more information about the LCCA, you can contact Rod or Dorothy Patterson at 815-844-7833 or patterson.hjemme@gmail.com.

Additional information is available from Allied Concert Services, 3535 Plymouth Blvd. #212, Plymouth, MN 55447. Phone, 763-559-8019. Visit alliedconcertservices.com.

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### OSF HealthCare Has Gone Purple

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, and the Center for Health in Streator are illuminated in purple lights now through September 3.

They are joining the community to bring awareness to drug overdoses and reduce the stigma of drug-related death.

August 31 is recognized as International Overdose Awareness Day – a day that raises awareness about overdoses and acknowledges the grieving families and friends.

Stop to remember those who have died or suffered permanent injury as a result of a drug overdose and celebrate the lives that have been saved.

### Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Offers Free Admission to First Responders

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, IL is inviting first responders and healthcare workers to visit the museum free of charge on September 11, in recognition of the important work they do.

Police and paramedics, soldiers and ER nurses, firefighters and dispatchers – they all work hard to keep people safe. On the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attack, they can visit a museum dedicated to a president who kept the nation safe. They simply need to present an employer ID.

The offer of free admission is one in a series of "Abe Appreciation" events where the ALPLM recognizes people and organizations that contribute to the community. Other groups honored include teachers and workers in the tourism and hospitality industry.

"Throughout the Civil War, President Lincoln offered the nation's thanks to soldiers for their 'skill, endurance and

dauntless courage.' Those same words apply to today's first responders and medical personnel who step up to help others during times of crisis," said ALPLM Executive Director Christina Shutt. "I'm glad we can thank them in a small way by inviting them to learn more about President Lincoln's legacy."

The mission of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is to inspire civic engagement through the diverse lens of Illinois history and sharing with the world the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln. They pursue this mission through a combination of rigorous scholarship and high-tech showmanship built on the bedrock of the ALPLM's unparalleled collection of historical materials – some 13 million items from all eras of Illinois history.

For more information, visit PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov or follow the ALPLM on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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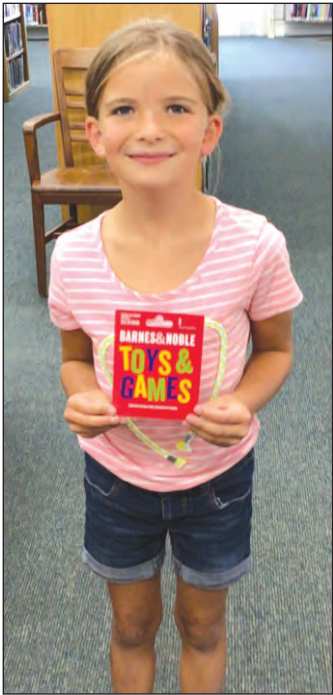
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## Program Completion at Prairie Creek Library



**DYLAN COMPLETED THE 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight. Children who participate in the program win a prize every time they read 100 books.**



**OAKLEIGH COMPLETED THE 500 Books Before Middle School program sponsored by Prairie Creek Library. She earned a Barnes and Noble gift card. This reading incentive program is for grade school students. They earn a prize for every 100 books read.**

## Trivia Night to Benefit St. Paul School Sept. 17

St. Paul School, Odell, will host a Family Trivia Night Saturday, September 17, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Odell.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and questions will begin at 7:00 p.m. Due to limited space, reservations are required and can be made by calling 815-998-2194.

Teams can be made up of six to 10 people. A fee applies per person.

This event is kid friendly and children are welcome to play. In between rounds of questions will be physical challenges in which teams also can compete for bonus points.

Food and snacks will be available for purchase. Teams are encouraged to come up with a team name and dress according to their team's theme. A prize will be given for the best-costumed table.

## Junk In The Trunk Events in Morris

The "Junk In The Trunk", or JITT, flea Market of Morris will take place Sunday, September 18, at 100 Commercial Drive (behind BP Amoco, next to McDonald's), and Saturday, October 1, in the parking lot at Honest Abes restaurant, south of Morris on Rt. 47 (just north of Southmor Rd.)

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

It is a first-go, first-served event. No reservations are needed. A fee applies per spot that is given to a local charity.

Participating vendors will need to read the rules and state that they agree to them by re-

turning them to Ken at willis824@comcast.net. Phone number is 815-942-2032 (no texts). Leave a message with your name, address, e-mail address, and phone number.

The JITT event Oct. 1 is during the Grundy County Corn Fest.

## Lots of Giveaways at Prairie Creek Library, Dwight, in September

Throughout the month of September, Prairie Creek Library in Dwight will host a number of free giveaways.

On Tuesday, September 6, which is National Read a Book Day, the library will have a display of free books located in the foyer. Whether one has a library card or not, all are welcome to go in and take a book from the display.

On National Teddy Bear Day, which is Friday, Septem-

ber 9, kids who visit the children's department with their teddy bears will receive a yummy treat.

From September 12-16, kids who check out items in the children's department will be entered to win a Play-Doh kit in celebration of National Play-Doh Day.

September 17-23, teens are invited to celebrate National Dear Diary Day by stopping in and picking up a free journal.

Journals will be available in the Teen/YA area while supplies last.

From September 26-30, the library will celebrate National Pancake Day. Adults who check out items on the main floor before noon each day will be entered in a drawing to win a pancake gift pack.

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# 101st Herscher Labor Day Celebration September 2-5

### Schedule of Events

ALL THREE DAYS – IN VILLAGE PARK: CONCESSION STANDS, GAME BOOTHS, AND MORE.

Times may be subject to change based on weather or delays. Other events may be added as they become available.

Visit [herscher.net](http://herscher.net) or the Herscher Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for more information.

#### Friday, September 2

• 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. – Beer Stand Open

#### Saturday, September 3 Kids Day

All games will be played at Village Park in Herscher

- No need to sign up early. Just show up that day during your designated time slot.
- **Food Vendors** will be up and running by noon.
- The Herscher High School Cheerleaders will be there from 2:00-5:00 p.m. to keep the kids entertained. They will have toss the tiger games, prizes and snow cones.
- Go and have fun, even if you don't play ball.

#### Schedule of Games

- 12:00 p.m. – 3rd thru 5th grade softball game with pitching machine
  - 1:00 p.m. – 6th thru 8th grade softball game
  - 2:00 p.m. 7- and 8-year old baseball game with pitching machine
  - 3:30 p.m. – 9- and 10-year old baseball game
  - 5:00 p.m. – 11- and 12-year old baseball game
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- 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. – Beer Stand Open (featuring Matt Yeager and the South Side Social Club, 7:00-11:30 p.m.)

- 12:00-3:00 p.m. – Herscher Area Historical Society
  - Museum at 190 S. Main St. open
  - HAHS Anderson House at 161 W. Myrtle St. open
  - Farm and yard displays at the Annex (Anderson House)

#### Sunday, September 4 17th Annual Co-Ed 16" Softball Tournament Begins

- 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. – Beer Stand Open (featuring Tim Gleason and The Whiskey Disco Band, 7:00-11:30 p.m.)
- 12:00-3:00 p.m. – Herscher Area Historical Society
  - Museum at 190 S. Main St. open
  - HAHS Anderson House at 161 W. Myrtle St. open
  - Farm and yard displays at the Annex (Anderson House)
- 1:00-5:00 p.m. – Inflatables (wrist band covers entire weekend and can be purchased in the beer tent)
  - Kid's Ranch
  - 52' Long Warrior Jump
  - 21' Tall Dual Lane Slide (dry)
  - 70' Castle Empire Obstacle
  - Fiesta Dual Lane Combo (dry)
  - 15 x 15 Castle Bouncer
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. – 41st Annual Herscher Hare and Tortoise Race - 5K Run/2 Mile Fun Walk Check-in at Herscher High School

- Football Field
- 5:30 p.m. – Herscher Hare and Tortoise Race - 5K Run and 2 Mile Fun Walk. Starts at Herscher High School Football Field (a tradition started when Herscher celebrated its 100th birthday in 1982); 7th Annual Bunny Dash - Kids 7 and Under.
  - 9:30 p.m. – Laser Light Show - Sponsored by the Village of Herscher

#### Monday, September 5 17th Annual Co-Ed 16" Softball Tournament Continues

- 9:00 a.m. – Arts and Crafts Show opens in State Bank of Herscher parking lot.
- 10:30 a.m. – **Grand Parade** - Grand Marshal: James Feller - Featuring marching bands, floats, horses, antique vehicles, farm equipment and marching units, etc.
- 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Beer Stand Open
- 12:00-3:00 p.m. – Herscher Area Historical Society
  - Museum at 190 S. Main St. open
  - HAHS Anderson House at 161 W. Myrtle St. open – hands-on, turn-of-the-century outdoor activities including food truck, ice cream and water (Monday only)
  - Farm and yard displays at the Annex (Anderson House)
- 12:00-5:00 p.m. – Inflatables (wrist band covers entire weekend and can be purchased in the beer tent)

- Kid's Ranch
  - 52' Long Warrior Jump
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  - 70' Castle Empire Obstacle
  - Fiesta Dual Lane Combo (dry)
  - 15 x 15 Castle Bouncer
- 1:00 p.m. – Kiddie Tractor Pull at Village Park
  - 1:30-3:30 p.m. – BINGO - Legion Community Center

#### On Stage in Village Park Monday, September 5

- 12:30 p.m. – Herscher Area Historical Society presentation
- 1:00-1:30 p.m. – Herscher High School marching band
- 1:30 p.m. – Despina Pafralides, Tiny Country Band and Fox Crossing Stringband - solo acoustic performance
- 2:30-4:00 p.m. – Herscher School District music department
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. – The Silhouettes (7-member, premier classic rock band that has been performing their stage show for more than 40 years in cities across WI, IN, and throughout IL for festivals, fairs, corporations, benefits, and fund-raisers. The charitable monies The Silhouettes have helped raise over the years is now closing in on a million dollars)
- 6:30 p.m. – Herscher Chamber of Commerce drawing

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FSW ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02  
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE FOR 2022  
AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND  
MAKING APPROPRIATION OF MONEY FOR ALL THE  
NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE FORREST-  
STRAWN-WING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR CORPORATE  
PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

Of the Forrest/Strawn/Wing Fire Protection District located in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the calendar year beginning July 1st, 2022, and ending June 30th, 2023.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriate Ordinance on August 15th, 2022 at 7 p.m.

WHEREAS, there has been prepared, in tentative form, a budget and appropriation ordinance for the FSW Fire Protection District, Livingston County, Illinois, and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereupon;

HOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the FSW Fire Protection District, Livingston County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: Each total being divided among the several objects and purposes specified herein, the total appropriations in the amount of \$282,600.00 for the calendar year beginning July 1st, 2022 and ending to June 30th, 2023, is the annual appropriation necessary for the purpose of defraying the necessary corporate expenses and liability of said District, and that the following budget be and the same is hereby adoption by this District as passed by the Board of Trustees as required by law and shall be in full force and effect from and after 10 days following the adoption hereof.

1.	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND	
	A. Salaries of Trustees	\$5,000.00
	B. Salary of Treasurer	\$3,500.00
	C. Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00
	D. Travel expense for Trustee	\$500.00
	E. Printing, publications, postage	\$750.00
	F. Dues to Associations	\$1,000.00
	Total Estimated Adminstration Expenses	\$12,750.00
2.	OPERATING EXPENSE FUND	
	A. Wages of Fireman at Dept	\$20,000.00
	B. 911 Dispatch Services	\$5,400.00
	C. Purchase of Fire Fighting Equipment	\$25,000.00
	D. Maintenance/Repairs of Equipment	\$20,000.00
	E. Electrical Service	\$3,500.00
	F. Telephone Expense	\$500.00
	G. Fuel for Buildings	\$2,500.00
	H. Gas and Oil for Vehicles	\$6,000.00
	I. Chemicals and Foam	\$2,500.00
	J. Building Maintenance	\$8,500.00
	K. Payroll Tax Expense	\$250.00
	L. Medical Expense for Fireman	\$1,500.00
	M. Loan Payments on Building	\$44,400.00
	N. Interest Expense	\$6,500.00
	O. Miscellaneous Expenses of Department	\$3,000.00
	P. Expense of Forrest/Strawn Departments	\$36,000.00
	Total Estimated Operating Expenses	\$185,050.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$198,300.00
3.	INSURANCE/TORT LIABILITY FUND	
	For the cost of protecting the District against liability, be It property, damage, or less, as provided in the Local Governmental Employee Tort Immunity Act for the fiscal year July 1st, 2022 through June 30th, 2023, the following Costs are necessary:	
	Tort Liability Coverage	\$9,200.00
	Worker's Compensation Coverage	\$5,300.00
	Property Damage Coverage	\$4,600.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$19,100.00
4.	CONTINGENT LIABILITY FUND	
	For miscellaneous and contingent Expenses unforeseen & not included	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$10,000.00
5.	EMERGENCY AND RESCUE FUND	
	A. Wages for Emergency Crew	\$10,000.00
	B. For Purchase of New Equipment	\$3,000.00
	C. Gas & Oil	\$1,200.00
	D. For Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,500.00
	E. 911 Dispatch Services	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$21,200.00
6.	FIRE TRUCK FUND	
	Payment on Fire Truck	\$14,000.00
	Accumulation of Funds for Purchase of New Trucks	\$20,000.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$34,000.00
7.	FIRE PROTECTION BOND FUND	
	Principal and Interest of General Obligation Fire Protection Bonds, Series 2003	\$0.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$0.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1st, 2022 and ENDING JUNE 30th, 2023	\$282,600.00
	SUMMARY OF BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2023 BY FUND	
	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND	\$17,750.00
	OPERATING EXPENSE FUND	\$185,550.00
	INSURANCE/TORT LIABILITY FUND	\$19,100.00
	CONTINGENT LIABILITY FUND	\$10,000.00
	EMERGENCY/RESCUE FUND	\$21,200.00
	FIRE TRUCK FUND	\$34,000.00
	FIRE PROTECTION BOND FUND	\$0.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$282,600.00

SECTION 2: That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation may, by this Ordinance, be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriations made by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: That should any clause, sentence paragraph, or part of this Ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 4: That this Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 2022-02.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with law.

## A Message From Senator Patrick Joyce

“Once in your life, you need a doctor, a lawyer, a policeman, and a preacher. But every day, three times a day, you need a farmer.”

I am fortunate to work on many different issues as your State Senator: aid for first responders and their families, transportation investment, support for our local schools. But one issue is especially close to my heart because it has been such an important part of my family for decades: helping the family farmers.

Agriculture is celebrated at local county fairs throughout Illinois all summer long, culminating each August with the Illinois State Fair in Springfield and the Du Quoin State Fair in southern Illinois. I was proud to join Congresswoman Cheri Bustos for a great conversation about the 2023 federal Farm Bill at Ag Day

at the State Fair.

But as I discussed last summer with my colleague on the Illinois Senate Agriculture Committee, Scott Bennett, it’s easy to lose sight of just how important it is for our farmers to be successful, in our everyday lives. I thought the quote I found on the internet in preparing the opener of this column hit the nail on the head.

As Chairman of the Illinois Senate Agriculture Committee, farm issues are front and center for me. I worked closely with soybean farmers this year on legislation to encourage more biodiesel use. I celebrated National Farmers Market Week August 7-13, where Illinois has the third most farmers markets in the country.

I am a lifetime member of Future Farmers of America, and I was proud to work this year with

the Illinois Secretary of State to issue special license plates to help support FFA programming.

I joined Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello this spring to promote the state’s Farm Family Resource Initiative, providing farmers and their families with needed mental health support.

In May, I joined President Joe Biden at a local Kankakee farm to discuss the real and painful impact of inflation and the pandemic on farm costs and food supply. Ongoing supply chain shortages and the war in Ukraine – the region where 25% of the world’s fertilizer is distributed from – continue to drive up farmers’ high input costs.

In our conversation last year, Sen. Bennett made an important point that will carry over to the new General Assembly that will take over next January. As new

legislators go to Springfield and the districts they represent change, fewer legislations are representing large portions of “ag country” anymore. That means I will need to team with other farmers and farm-minded legislators from both sides of the aisle to make agriculture the top priority it must be for our policymaking.

Take a minute to thank a farmer you know next time you run into him or her – our livelihoods depends on their success.

I urge you to contact me anytime I can help: 708-756-0882, or at [senatorpatrickjoyce.com/](mailto:senatorpatrickjoyce.com/). I will continue to share the latest news on my website, in *The Paper*, and on my Facebook page, [facebook.com/sen/Patrickjoyce40/](https://facebook.com/sen/Patrickjoyce40/).

Sen. Patrick Joyce  
D-Essex  
40th State Senate District

## NOTICE

This notice is published as a courtesy. Official notice is being provided otherwise as required by the Livingston County Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be commenced by the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at Pontiac Township High School at 1100 East Indiana Avenue, Pontiac, Illinois relative to an application for a special use permit and an application for variance under the Livingston County Zoning Regulations (the “Applications”), both of which are brought by Livingston Wind Project, LLC (“LWP”) acting for itself. The Application for Special Use Permit requests permission to construct and operate a wind energy conversion system consisting of a maximum of 88 wind turbines, two substations, an operation and maintenance center, a temporary construction laydown area, below ground and above ground electric lines and other associated facilities (the “Project”), along with a property line setback variation and such other waivers and approvals as are required for the Project.

The Project will be located primarily in Broughton and Sullivan Townships. The Project may also include up to three turbines in the northeast quarter of Union Township, all located within a half mile of the Township’s eastern border. The Project may additionally include up to four turbines and a substation in Round Grove Township, all within a mile of the Township’s southern border. A general map of the properties participating in this Project is included with this notice. A list of participating property owners and the legal descriptions are part of the application and the official notice.

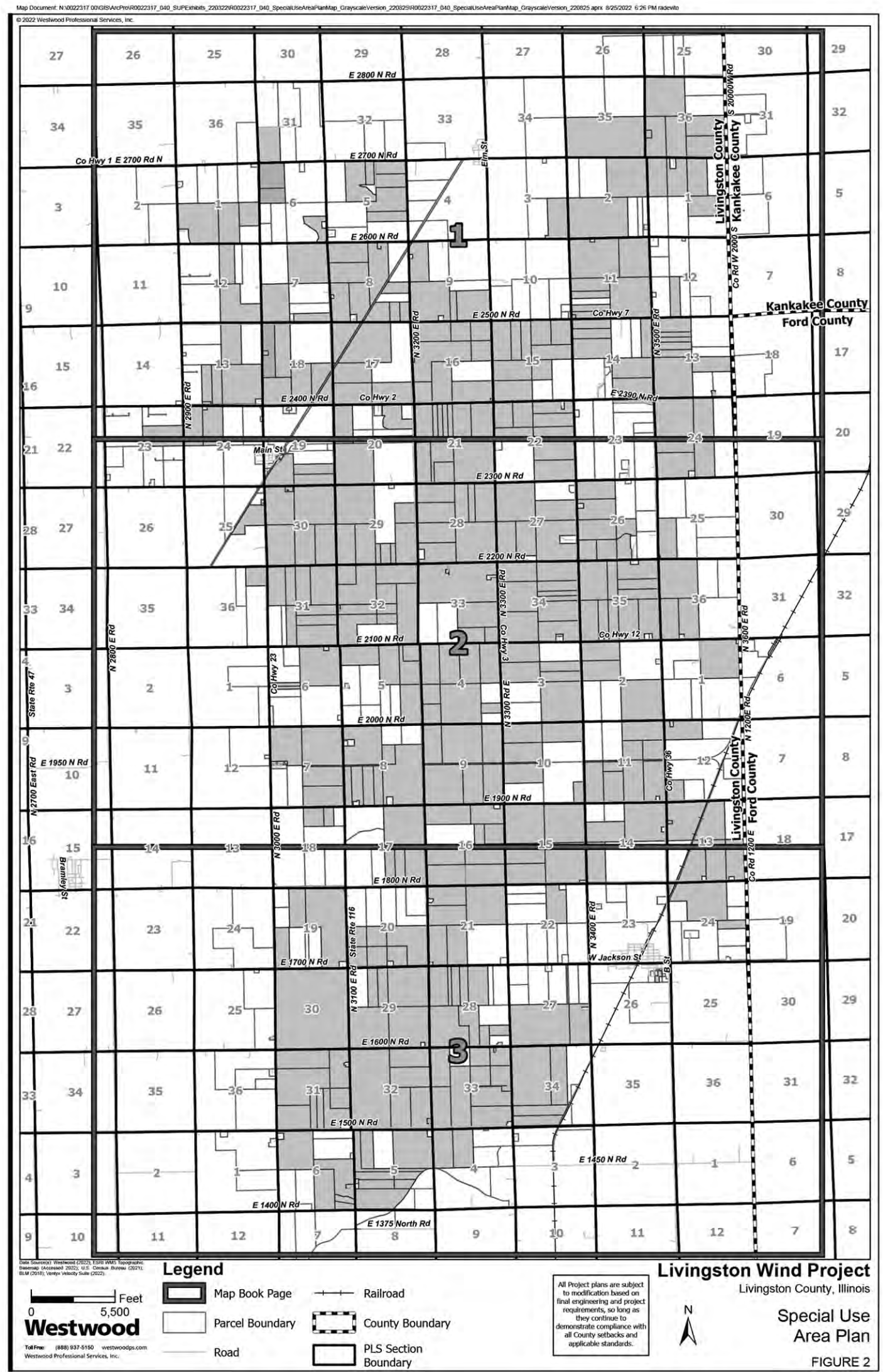
LWP is requesting a property line setback variance on PIN 06-31-300-004, legally described as S31 T30 R8 15 ACRES W950 OF N687.79 OF FOLL: W80 ACS LYG S OF THE N300 ACS OF SEC 3, at the northeast of the intersection of E 2700 Road N and N 3000 Rd. E, to allow construction of a substation closer than 1600 feet to an adjacent property with a primary residence on it.

A copy of the Livingston Wind Project, LLC Applications, which include maps of the Project and the requested variance, can be found at the Livingston County website, [www.livingstoncounty-il.org](http://www.livingstoncounty-il.org), under “Zoning and Planning.” The Applications are also on file as Livingston County Zoning Cases SU-9-22 and V-3-22, available for examination in the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission Office, 112 W. Madison Street, Pontiac, Illinois.

All persons interested are invited to the hearing to be heard. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comment to the Livingston County Zoning Administrator, which must be received prior to September 20, 2022, and such written comment will be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals and made part of the record. Additional information about the Project and LWP can be found at <https://www.edf-re.com/project/livingston-wind-project/>.

The applicant is LWP, a Delaware limited liability company, with an address of 15445 Innovation Drive, San Diego, California 92128. The identity of LWP’s sole member is EDF Renewable Development, Inc. LWP’s officers are Cliff Graham, President; Kate O’Hair, Vice President; Dan Summa, Chief Operating Officer; Luis Silva, Treasurer; and Benoit Rigal, Secretary.

This hearing may be continued to dates, times and places as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals.





# 2022 DWIGHT HARVEST DAYS - REGISTRATION -

## Dwight Harvest Days BAGS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 24, 2022 Downtown Dwight



**\$600 IN PRIZES**

1st Place \$250  
2nd Place \$200  
3rd Place \$100  
4th Place \$50  
Plus Door Prizes

**GAME PLAY**  
\$20 entry fee per team, 2-person teams  
Only first 80 teams registered play  
(80 team maximum)  
Bags and boards provided  
Double elimination  
Best 2 of 3 games in winners bracket,  
1 game in losers bracket

**Sign in at 10 am  
in front of Willy's.  
Bags fly at 11 am!**

## 2022 Cutest Baby Contest DEADLINE SEPT. 15.



Item Requirements 4x6 or 5x7 Photo (non returnable)

Baby's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Cannot turn 3 before Sept. 15, 2022

Baby's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee: \$5 by Sept. 14. \$10 Late Entry

Information about Baby (Likes, Pets, Hobbies, Siblings, Friends)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Entry Form and Picture to:**  
**Dwight Harvest Days Cutest Baby Contest**  
**132 East Main St., Dwight, IL 60420**



## DWIGHT HARVEST DAYS CAR SHOW

FRIDAY, SEPT 23, 2022 DOWNTOWN DWIGHT

**All Cars - Trucks Welcome!**  
Food, Live Music and Over 20 Awards  
Dash Plaques to first 150!

**3 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Registration 2-6:45 p.m.**  
**AWARDS at 7 p.m.**

**LIVE MUSIC  
6-9 p.m.**

All entries with a chance to win over \$200 in Gift Cards! Gift Card winner to be drawn at 7 p.m. at Registration Tent  
**NO PRE-REGISTRATION Registration at Gate \$10 FOR MORE INFORMATION Call Randy at 815-474-9795**

## Harvest Days Needs Your Help!



Do you ever wonder what you could do to help out Dwight Harvest Days, but just don't have the time to commit? Here's your opportunity to help us in a big way. Our volunteers work year round to ensure that Dwight Harvest Days is a fun-filled event for everyone to enjoy. No committee members get paid for any of their time working to raise money, and get sponsors to ensure we have enough funds each year to bring you the Annual Dwight Harvest Days. Dwight Harvest Days is a 501 (c) 4 Not For Profit Organization. No money is given to Dwight Harvest Days from the Village. Here is your chance. Click the donation link and throw in as little as \$1.00 (or heck, as much as \$100,000.00). Keep in mind, 100% of the funds received will go toward this year's, and future, Dwight Harvest Days events.

**PURCHASE YOUR  
HARVEST DAYS  
BUTTON**

**5/\$150.00  
WINNERS**



## PARADE PARTICIPATION INFO

**Caribbean Theme Parade: Sunday, Sept. 25 @1p.m.**

Please call or email with any questions or concerns  
Parade Chair: Melissa Haller (815) 830-1662 Email: dwightharvestdaysparade.com  
In Person or Mail to: Melissa Haller 132 East Main St., Dwight, IL 60420  
**Entries: NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, SEPT. 5**  
Text photo of app to: 815-830-1662

**Judging:** Entrants and Participants will be judged based on the incorporation of this theme in their entry. Incorporation is inclusive of, but not limited to: themed decorations, clothing, music, etc. The more the theme is embraced in the entry, the more fun the audience will have watching the Parade and the better your score will be. **Trophies awarded for the top 3 entrants!**  
Cost: There is no cost to participate in the parade.

### Harvest Days Parade Entry Application

**:: Entrant:**

• Entrant Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Entrant Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

• Entrant Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**:: Entrant Category:** Check appropriate option below

• Business Float/Walkers	• Horse Group
• Organization Float/Walkers	• Vehicle
• Antique Vehicle/Farm Equipment	• Politician
• Band	• State/County Title Holder

• Brief description of float (i.e.: number of vehicles/trailers/approximate length, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

• Quick announcement for the MC (i.e. persons to mention, vehicle description, upcoming event, recent award, ad, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

• Will the float/vehicle have music playing? Yes No

• Will promotional items be handed out? Yes No

• Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

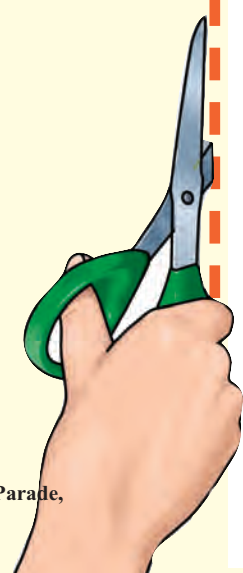
• Driver Number: \_\_\_\_\_

• Driver • Email: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing and/or returning this entry form the entrant agrees to hold the City of Dwight and the Harvest Days Committee harmless for any and/or all negligent or maliciously intentional acts made by any participating HD Parade entrant throughout the duration of the Parade, which includes the initial line-up time through the disbanding of the Parade.

Entrant Contact Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Dwight Harvest Days  
5k Run & 3K Fun Run/Walk  
Renfrew Park Dwight, IL**

**Saturday September 24th, 2022 8:30 a.m.**

**Registration:** Both events- \$25 received by 9/23 - \$30 day of race. Online registration available

**Packet Pick-Up:** Packet pick-up available between 7:00-8:15 am the day of the race at the North Pavillion of Renfrew Park Dwight, IL

**Awards:** Awards will be given to the top overall race champions, top Dwight runners and top finishers in each age group for both males and females. One award per person. All 5K and Fun Run/Walk participants who finish will also receive a special gift to remember their accomplishment. Awards for top age group finishers will be given 3 deep.

**Age Groups:** 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & above

**Race Course:** This chip timed course is flat and fast utilizing residential streets with police traffic control. It is well marked with signs and painted streets. Accurate splits at 1 and 2 miles with water. Restrooms available. USA Track & Field Certification #IL 12160JW

**The Goodies:** Participants will receive a Harvest Day 5K t-shirt and post race refreshments. Shirts are only guaranteed to those pre-registered by 8/31/22

**Sign up online:** <https://runsignup.com/dwightharvestdays5k>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 815.992.0815  
e-mail- bobbi@dwight5k.com  
FB- Dwight Harvest Days 5K**

\*Please Print Clearly\*

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM  
2022 HARVEST DAYS 5K RUN & 3K FUN RUN/WALK**

Name- First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age- as of 9/24/22 \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (circle) M / F Shirt size S M L XL XXL

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*XXL - Add \$4.00 / 3XL- \$6.00

Make checks payable to: Dwight Harvest Days

**Check One!!** 5K Run \_\_\_\_\_ 3K Fun Run/Walk \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Bobbi Ludwig  
106 C Watters Dr  
Dwight, IL 60420

I myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damage or injury, which I or we may incur against the sponsor Harvest Days, the sponsors, as well as any other persons or groups connected with the Harvest Days 5k run & 3k walk.

Signature (parents signature if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_





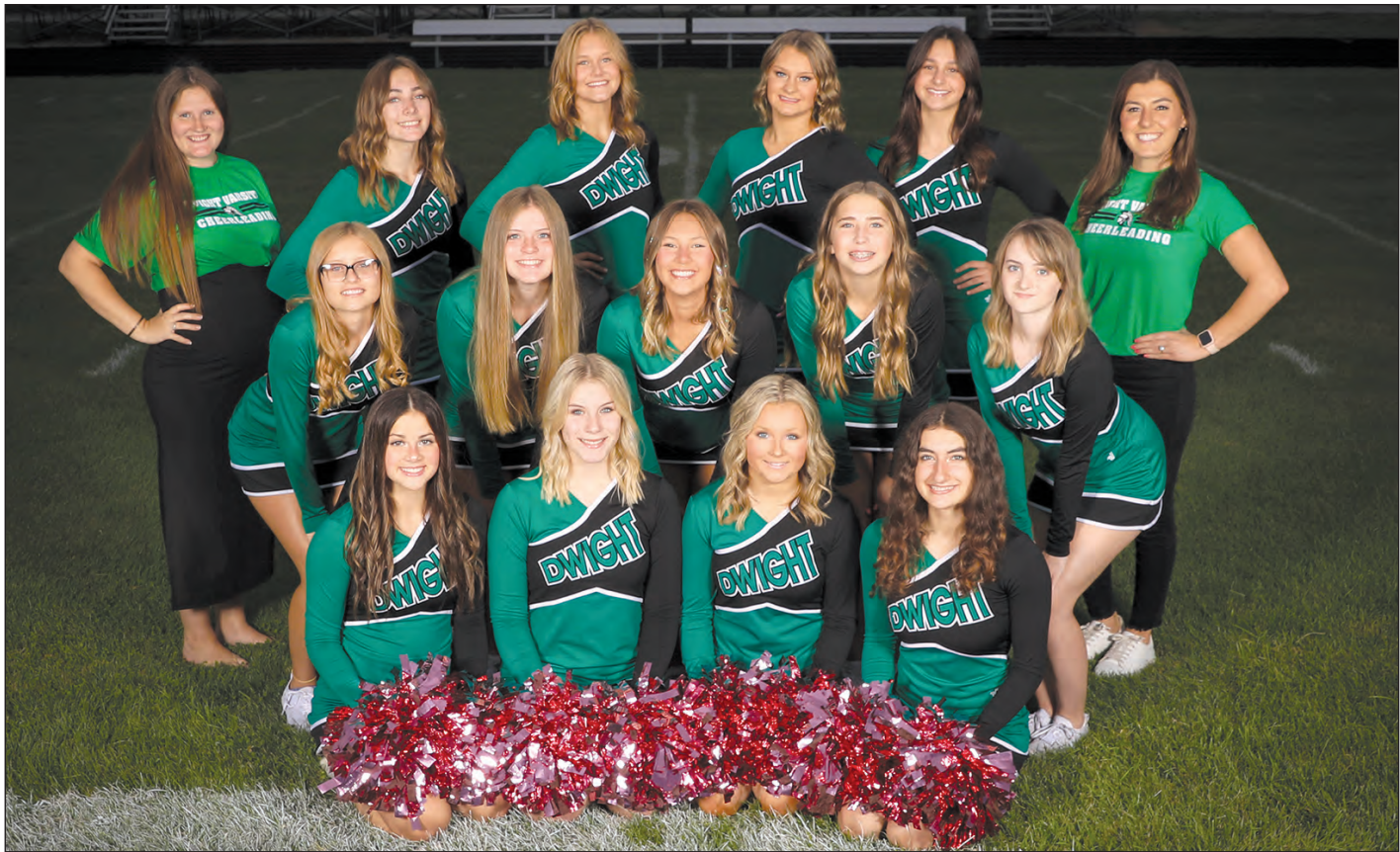
SPORTS

PREVIEW

FALL 2022



2022 DTGS/GSW VARSITY TROJANS FOOTBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Caiden Nelson, Angel Martin, Dylan Crouch, Alex Alvarado, Michael Gamble, Tyler Frauli, Dawson Carr, Thomas Dochterman, Austin Burkhardt, Parker Miner, Chris Cvitanovich, Conner Telford, Ryan Hilt, Evan Cox; middle row, Jacob Weissmann, Kyler Starks, David Paige-Gomez, Malcom Johnson, Owen Woods, Wyatt Statler, Landon Burkhardt, Joey Starks, Ayden Roff, Bennett Grant, Terry Wilkey, Evan Sandeno; back row, Coaches Marc Gamble, Mitch Thompson, Eric Link, Luke Standiford, Tim Henson, and Garrett Leach. Not pictured are Lilly Duffy and Coach Dan Edwards.



2022 DWIGHT TROJANS CHEERLEADERS. Pictured, front row, from left, are Kassy Kodat, Brianna Kosek, Ava Kargle, Njomza Asllani; middle row, Bella Kelleher, Sophie Buck, Eloise Becker, Makayla Wahl-Seabert, Tru Connor; back row, Coach Jordyn Tilley, Brynn Connor, Ryan Bean, Kaitlyn Thetard, Marissa Betsworth, and Coach Mjellma Asllani.



2022 DWIGHT VARSITY LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL. Pictured, front row, from left, are Avery Scheuer, Njomza Asllani, Erica Vigna, Lilly Duffy, Kassy Kodat, Maci Johnson; back row, Milana Bradley, Kiera Storment, Maya Green, Diedre Miiller, Cheyanne Condreay, Erin Anderson, Brianna Kosek, Brynn Connor, and Coach Steven Lopez.

DTGS LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL

**Head Coach/JV Coach:**  
**Steven Lopez (1st Year)**  
**2022 Varsity Record:**  
**7-21**

The Lady Trojans return to the court in 2022, now under the helm of first-year head coach, Steven Lopez, who sees

his squad’s passion, drive and commitment allowing for them to compete with many of the good teams they will square off against this season.

“We are eager to learn the fundamentals and knowledge of the game,” Lopez says. “We

plan to set weekly goals so they will be obtainable. Our goal is to aim to be over .500 overall and finish top three in the conference.”

Even with a mission to make the top three in the TCC, Lopez and the Lady Trojans are working towards a shot at the conference championship in the TCC Tournament in mid-October.

To do so, Coach Lopez says they will need to be competi-

tive by taking teams to three sets that were beating them in two sets last season.

“We need to work really hard to perfect and maintain proper fundamentals. To execute, and dominate, the ‘out of system’ game. And communicate on and off the court.”

If Dwight can answer the call from their new head coach, look for them to be a factor this season.

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DTGS/GSW TROJANS FOOTBALL

**Head Coach:**  
**Luke Standiford (5 Years)**  
**JV Coach:**  
**Mitch Thompson**  
**2021 Record:**  
**0-6**

One thing the 2022 Trojans will need to work on is scoring, any way, any how.

“We struggled finding the end zone throughout the season last year,” admitted Standiford. “We will need to do a better job sustaining long drives and taking better care of the football. Defensively, we really struggled stopping the run. We have made some adjustments to our defense that we hope will be more effective in stopping the run and explosive plays.”

DTGS/GSW will have to execute, as their first two opponents of the season (Salt Ford and Bismarck-Henning) are the conference favorites this season, with most of their squads returning to their respective rosters. Iroquois West is another team Standiford says he could see atop the conference, as well.

“Our schedule is very tough this year, so we will have our work cut out for us.”

The Trojans hit the field in 2022 with a goal to find their identity, according to head coach Luke Standiford.

“We have a very different looking group from a year ago,” he says, “with the addition of Gardner-South Wilmington and a handful of kids who have not been a part of the program the last few years.”

Every season, the goal for the DTGS/GSW program is to get at least 40 kids on the squad. Bringing back the co-op with GSW has helped them reach that target goal.

“We currently have 42 kids in the program (31 – Dwight; 11 – GSW),” says Standiford. “That said, I think our biggest strength is we have a little depth at most positions.”


2022 DWIGHT TROJANS VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

First	Last	Grade	No.	Position	Height	Weight
Parker	Miner	SR	69	G/DT	5'11"	180
Bennett	Grant	JR	30	WR/DB	6'1"	155
Ryan	Hilt	JR	23	RB/LB	5'8"	146
Malcolm	Johnson	JR	60	G/DT	5'8"	180
Garrett	Leach	JR	0	MGR.	5'4"	190
Kyler	Starks	JR	50	G/DT	5'0"	158
Conner	Telford	JR	3	QB/DB	5'9"	165
Terry	Wilkey	JR	77	C/DT	5'10"	245
Owen	Woods	SO	8	WR/DB	5'11"	130
Wyatt	Statler	SO	66	G/DT	5'11"	200
Ayden	Roff	SO	24	RB/DB	6'1"	165
Dylan	Crouch	SO	21	RB/LB	5'5"	130
Landon	Burkhardt	SO	55	T/DE	6'0"	235
Dawson	Carr	SR	7	WR/DB	6'1"	150
Thomas	Dochterman	SR	85	TE/DE	6'0"	190
Tyler	Frauli	SR	1	RB/DB	5'10"	150
Michael	Gamble	SR	72	T/DT	5'8"	240
Alex	Alvarado	SR	75	T/DT	5'7"	298
Austin	Burkhardt	SR	25	RB/LB	6'0"	177
Evan	Sandeno	JR	64	G/DT	5'9"	175
Caiden	Nelson	SO	5	RB/DB	5'7"	140
Joey	Starks	8TH	11	TE/DE	6'0"	158
David	Paige-Gomez	SO	47	RB/LB	5'9"	210
Chris	Cvitanovich	SR	9	WR/DB	5'7"	140
Jacob	Weissmann	JR	57	G/DT	5'9"	190
Evan	Cox	FR	10	QB/LB	5'9"	155
Angel	Martin	SO	4	K	5'5"	125

2022 DWIGHT TROJANS JV FOOTBALL ROSTER

First	Last	Grade	No.	Position	Height	Weight
Jackson	Launius	FR	40	T/DE	6'0"	150
Lilly	Duffy	SO	4	WR/DB	5'1"	115
Mckay	Gleeson	SO	24	WR/DB	5'10"	130
Wyatt	Statler	SO	64	G/DT	5'11"	200
Evan	Cox	FR	6	QB/LB	5'9"	155
Gavin	Leach	SO	60	G/DT	5'4"	190
Filemon	Ortiz	FR	57	T/DT	5'10"	195
Joey	Starks	FR	11	TE/DE	6'0"	158
Owen	Woods	SO	8	WR/DB	5'11"	130
Jack	Statler	FR	47	WR/DB	5'5"	125
Landon	Burkhardt	SO	65	T/DT	6'0"	235
Dylan	Crouch	SO	21	RB/LB	5'5"	130
Kyler	Starks	JR	85	G/DT	5'0"	158
Kaleb	Houser	SO	7	RB/DB	5'3"	131
Caiden	Nelson	SO	5	RB/DB	5'7"	140
Nathan	Stukel	SO	59	G/DT	5'9"	174
David	Paige-Gomez	SO	44	RB/LB	5'9"	210
Nickolis	Cvitanovich	SO	74	T/DT	5'10"	225
Malcolm	Johnson	JR	70	G/DT	5'8"	180
Josh	Conger	SO	10	WR/DB	5'8"	115
Jake	Wilkey	FR	54	C/DT	5'6"	173
Ayden	Roff	SO	24	RB/DB	6'1"	165
Angel	Martin	SO	1	K	5'5"	125
Ethan	Zappa	FR	55	T/DT	5'11"	220
Tishaun	Hinten	SO	80	T/DT	6'0"	214
Christopher	Hammerstein	FR	77	T/DT	5'5"	200
Damian	Nuccio	SO	69	T/DT	6'2"	250
Alex	Roge	SO	30	FB/DT	6'0"	182
Zander	Tarnowski	FR	9	DB/WR	5'3"	120





**DTHS/GSW LADY TROJANS GOLF**

**Head Coach:**  
**Julie Jensen (8th Year)**  
**2021 Record:**  
**2-8**

The Dwight Lady Trojans are on a mission to put up more wins in 2022, and head coach Julie Jensen, now in her eighth season, sees the promise in her small, but talented, team

“This year, I have a good group of girls that seem to be enjoying the year and the team. They all seem to get along well. I only have four playing so far this year because one golfer is injured. So far, we have been getting three girls shooting in the 50s in matches, which has been great.”

Lowering their match scores, and building confidence during matches, will be

key to Dwight’s success.

“I am hoping to earn more wins than last year,” says Jensen, “and we are already halfway there with a 2-3 record. I also hope to get at least two girls through to sectionals this year.”

Senior Sophia Anderson, who was a second place medalist in the conference tournament in 2021, will lead the squad. With junior MaryClare Phillips, sophomores Ava Meister and Ashley Thompson, and freshman Bella Dinelli rounding out the roster.

“I feel that we can end up in the top two of the conference this year,” Jensen states, “and hopefully have two or three girls place in the top 10 in that tournament.”



**DTHS/GSW TROJANS GOLF**

**Head Coach:**  
**Joe Bloxam**  
**Assistant Coach:**  
**Rob Caridi**  
**2021 Record: 10-8**

DTHS/GSW is returning six golfers with varsity experience in 2022, led by two-time MVP junior, Jack Groves.

Coming off a 10-8 varsity record, the Trojans’ top six are Groves, juniors Will Trainor, Andrew Gartke, and Reid Gall, with seniors Jace Gall and Dawson Carr rounding out the varsity.

With four freshmen, three sophomores, six juniors, and four seniors, the squad has good balance to have a successful season, according to head coach Joe Bloxam, who will be assisted by first-year coach, Rob Caridi.

Last year, Groves was a sectional qualifier and took sixth place All-Conference, while Trainor was 10th Tri-County All-Conference.

**Roster**

Maddox DeLong (FR)  
Zander Tarnowski (FR)  
Asher Kargle (FR)  
Owen Vitko (FR)  
Tracer Brown (SO)  
Braden Jensen (SO)  
Zak Kinzler (SO)  
Jack Groves (JR)  
Reid Gall (JR)  
Andrew Gartke (JR)  
Ryan Hilt (JR)  
William Trainor (JR)  
Cole Boucher (JR)  
Jace Gall (SR)  
Dawson Carr (SR)  
Jack Duffy (SR)  
Carlos Castaneda (SR)


**SPORTS PREVIEW**

**FALL 2022**





**2022 DTHS/GSW LADY TROJANS GOLF.** Pictured, from left, are Bella Dinelli, Ava Meister, Sophia Anderson, Ashley Thompson, MaryClare Phillips, and Coach Julie Jensen.



**2022 DTHS/GSW TROJANS GOLF.** Pictured, front row, from left, are Coach Joe Bloxam, Zak Kinzler, Jack Duffy, Carlos Castaneda, Jace Gall, Dawson Carr, Will Trainor, Andrew Gartke, Cole Boucher, Coach Rob Caridi; back row, Brayden Jensen, Ryan Hilt, Jack Groves, Asher Kargle, Owen Vitko, Zander Tarnowski, Maddox DeLong, Reid Gall, and Tracer Brown.



**DTHS/GSW TROJANS CROSS COUNTRY**

**Head Coach:**  
**Larry Lane**

There is a new (old) coach on the job this fall in cross country.

Recently-retired Larry Lane is returning this season, only because Anna Ruskin is taking a maternity leave this fall.

The team is small, with two girls and three boys participating.

“While the numbers are small, there are fine characteristics about the team to enjoy and be proud of,” Lane says. “The team chemistry is outstanding, as the members are good friends away from cross country. Our runners are working to improve day by day and week by week.”

The Trojans’ three seniors, Mikalah Bregin, Michael Michon, and Xander Pempe are

ahead in their training form from the 2021 season.

“They are also good teammates and leaders,” Lane adds.

Junior Tristan Chambers put in a strong summer of running and is poised to have a fine second season of cross country, while freshman Brooklynn Todd has continued improvement since she began training this summer.

“I am happy with the early part of the season,” states Lane, “and excited to see how our athletes develop through the remainder of the fall.”

DTHS/GSW has one home meet, which is on Thursday, September 15 at Dwight Country Club, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

“Here is an opportunity to watch some fine racing,” Lane says, “and support these determined athletes at their best.”



**2022 DTHS/GSW TROJANS CROSS COUNTRY.** Pictured, from left, Coach Larry Lane, Brooklynn Todd, Michael Michon, Mikalah Bregin, Xander Pempe, and Tristan Chambers.

2022 Cross Country Schedule				
DATE	DAY	MEET	SITE	TIME
AUG. 31	WED.	Bishop Mac Conditioner	Small Memorial Park, Kankakee	4:30 p.m.
SEPT. 2	FRI.	Twilight in the Woods	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
SEPT. 6	TUES.	U High Invitational	FFA Farm	4:30 p.m.
SEPT. 10	SAT.	Paxton Invitational	Maxwell Park, Normal	9:00 a.m.
SEPT. 15	THUR.	Paxton Invitational	High School	4:30 p.m.
SEPT. 24	SAT.	Trojan Invitational	Dwight Country Club	4:30 p.m.
SEPT. 27	SAT.	Herscher Invitational	Limestone Park	10:00 a.m.
SEPT. 27	TUES.	Twin County Conference	Seneca	4:00 p.m.
OCT. 6	THUR.	FFA Farm	Seneca	4:00 p.m.
OCT. 15	THUR.	All Area Meet	KCC, Kankakee	4:30 p.m.
OCT. 15	SAT.	Patriot Invitational	Detweiler Park, Peoria	1:00 p.m.
OCT. 22	SAT.	Regional	TBA	TBA
OCT. 29	SAT.	Regional	TBA	TBA
NOV. 5	SAT.	State	Detweiler Park, Peoria	9:00 a.m.



**DWIGHT CHEERLEADING**

**Coaches:**  
**Mjellma Asllani (3 years)**  
**Jordyn Tilley (2 years)**

squad looks to help support and cheer on Trojan athletics while improving their team skills this season.

“We love to perform for the community,” says Asllani, “and are looking for a great football season this year!”

**Roster**


Njomza Asllani (JR)  
Ryan Bean (FR)  
Eloise Becker (FR)  
Marissa Betsworth (FR)  
Sophie Buck (FR)  
Brynn Connor (SO)  
Tru Connor (SO)  
Ava Kargle (SR)  
Isabella Kelleher (FR)  
Kassy Kodat (JR)  
Brianna Kosek (SR)  
Kaitlyn Thetard (JR)  
Makayla Wahl-Seabert (FR)

With the reemergence of fall sports comes the champions that are the cheerleaders at Dwight Township High School, who are ready to cheer their squads on in 2022 and beyond.

“Our Dwight cheerleaders are leaders,” stated Coach Mjellma Asllani, who coaches the Trojan cheerleaders along with Jordyn Tilley.

“We love to support our sports teams, the school, and the community,” Asllani added. “Our positive, upbeat atmosphere helps our girls be the best we can be.”

Dwight’s cheerleading




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SPORTS

PREVIEW

FALL 2022



**GSW Lady Panthers Volleyball**

**Head Coach:**  
**Amber Eisha (9 Years)**

**JV Coach:**  
**Heather Muzzarelli**

**2021 Record:**  
**12-17**

The Lady Panthers return to the court in 2022, looking to improve on their 12-17 showing from last season. And head coach Amber Eisha is set to put her team in a position to do just that.


“We have strong leaders this year,” she says. “The seniors, along with junior, and returning starter, Addi Fair, are determined to build a successful season.”

GSW will be at a slight disadvantage to begin the season, however.

“We need to work on communication on the court,” Eisha states, “and playing through adversity, due to two starters currently out with injuries.”

With conference foes Beecher and Grant Park vying for the top spot in the conference this season, Eisha and her squad know that it will be a fight for first, as it always is.

“We want to end at the top of the conference, Eisha concludes, “and make a good post-season run.”



**Tri-Point Chargers Cross Country**

**Coaches:**  
**Brendan Elens (4 Years)**  
**Joe Santillo**


It’s 2022, and the Tri-Point Chargers Cross Country teams are ready to get after it.

Coaches Brendan Elens and Joe Santillo will have a deeper roster than normal on the boys team, meanwhile the girls squad will have an experienced four-year runner in Katelyn Poe.

“Our boys team will improve as the season progresses,” Elens says, “because of our inexperience in Cross Country. We will be at our strongest when regionals hit.”

Of their biggest goals of the season, the coaching staff wants to stay healthy and compete in every meet.

“We look to compete with the teams in our conference,” Elens adds, “and have a strong showing at the RVC Meet.”



**Tri-Point Lady Chargers Volleyball**

**Head Coach:**  
**Josh Evans (1st Year)**

**JV Coach:**  
**Crystal Hummel**

**2021 Record:**  
**4-26**

Coach Evans.

Also improving on their overall efficiency on offense is critical to Tri-Point picking up wins this season.

Maturing as a team and consistently playing up to the team’s capabilities are the major goals for the squad this year.

“We have the talent to finish in the top half of our conference,” states Evans, “as our underclassmen continue to grow into their roles.”

LEGAL

MAZON TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL TREASURER’S REPORT

TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022

Revenue Summary:

Town	Property Tax	\$55,284.90
	CPPRT	11,029.60
	Misc. Income	1,623.27
	Total	\$67,937.77
G.A.	Property Tax	\$10,458.40
	Total	\$10,458.40
	Total Revenue	\$78,396.17

Compensation Summary:  
Compensation under \$16,000

Curt Steiner, Jon Grushkin, Eric Misener, Paul Jeschke, Nick Schaefer, Alan Hill, Ed Walker	\$27,342.86
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Expenditure Summary:

Fed./State Taxes	9,400.43
Disbursements Less than \$2,500	6,859.03
Disbursements over \$2,500	3,570.00
Total Disbursements	
Town Fund	47,172.32
Gen. Assistance Expend.	8,243.96

Summary Statement of Conditions:

	Town Fund	General Assistance
Beginning Balance	\$149,170.06	\$28,090.52
Revenues	67,937.77	10,458.40
Disbursements	47,172.32	8,243.96
Ending Balance	\$169,935.51	\$30,304.96

Subscribed and sworn to this 31st day of March, 2022

Eric Misener, Treasurer

Tri-Point Chargers Golf

**Head Coach:**  
**Mike Kelly (1st Year)**

The Chargers have returned to the course for 2022, and have a new head coach – Mike Kelly.

Tri-Point will return three golfers: Cole Bruner (junior), Coltyne Dohe (junior), and Alison Schuette (sophomore). Freshman Rebecca Griner has joined the team and is eager to learn from her teammates.

“All golfers compete in all contests,” says Coach Kelly, “and we are continuing to build the golf program by adding new golfers.”

Gas Prices For This Week

Stable global oil prices and modest domestic demand for gasoline led pump prices to fall a dime in the past week to \$3.85. Although gasoline demand has risen and supplies have tightened, easing oil prices have helped lower pump prices. If oil prices edge lower, drivers will likely continue to see falling pump prices. Today’s national average of \$3.85 is 56 cents less than a month ago but 69 cents more than a year ago.

City/Village	Aug. 29	Aug. 22
Dwight	\$3.99	\$3.99
Kankakee	\$3.93	\$3.98
Streator	\$3.98	\$4.20
Pontiac	\$3.93	\$3.98
Gardner	\$3.98	\$4.19
Braceville	\$3.84	\$4.04
Morris	\$4.08	\$4.21
Herscher	\$3.95	\$4.09
Chicago	\$4.54	\$4.66
Illinois	\$4.14	\$4.25
U.S.	\$3.85	\$3.90

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

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ROAD AND DISTRICT AND SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022

Revenue Summary:  
Road & Bridge

Property Tax	\$99,967.48
CPPRT	56,464.12
Transfer From Bridge	0
Misc.	5,956.35
Road and Bridge Revenue	\$162,387.95

Special Bridge

Property Tax/ CPPRT	\$19,921.26
Interest Income	2.10
Special Bridge Revenue	\$19,923.36

Compensation Summary:  
Compensation Under \$30,000

Jim Wren	
Total Compensation:	\$17,839.30

Expenditure Summary:

Fed./State Taxes	\$6,160.75
Grainco FS	8,264.68
Scott Biros Trucking/ Excavating	14,797.00
Willoughby Auto	4,399.08
Nicor	3,931.61
Miller Tree Service	14,000.00
Sandeno Asphalt	2,894.55
D-Const.	16,483.87
Toirma	3,962.00
Sandeno Inc.	3,913.45
Disbursements Less than \$2,500	4,516.91
Total Expenditures	\$101,163.20

Summary Statement of Conditions:

	Road/Bridge Fund	Special Bridge
Beginning Balance	\$ 33,721.99	\$12,455.07
Interest	0	2.10
Revenues	162,387.95	19,921.26
Disbursements	101,163.20	0
Ending Balance	\$ 94,946.74	\$32,378.43

Subscribed and sworn to this 31st day of March, 2022

Eric Misener, Treasurer

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTY STANTON, and unknown owners  
and non-record claimants,  
Defendants.

No. 22-FC-26

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendant, Christy Stanton, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 9 in D.S. Myers’ First Addition to the City of Pontiac, and a parcel of land in Lot 1 in Block 1, in E.M. Schrock’s Addition to the City of Pontiac, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 1, thence extending South along the West line of said Lot 1 to the North line of the first alley South of Wabash Street, thence East to the line of the right-of-way of the Wabash Railroad, thence Northwest along the line of the right-of-way of the Wabash Railroad to the Place of Beginning, all situated in Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-15-487-017

Commonly known as: 1228 N. Walnut St., Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is CHRISTY STANTON. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on June 13, 2018 and recorded on June 14, 2018 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2018R-02334, and a Modification of Mortgage executed on November 12, 2021 and recorded on November 15, 2021 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2021R-05708. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-26 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, CHRISTY STANTON, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before October 1, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk  
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial  
Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

DTHS/GSW Trojans Football

**Saturday, August 27**  
**DTHS/GSW vs. Salt Fork**

In a meeting with Salt Fork over the weekend, the Trojans took a 48-19 loss.

Salt Ford put up two scores in the first quarter to take an early 14-0 advantage.

In the second quarter, however, QB Conner Telford would find Ryan Hilt for a 17-yard TD, cutting the lead to 14-6 following a missed extra point by Angel Martin.

A little over a minute later, though, Salt Fork would find the end zone once again to go up 20-6.

With under three minutes left in the first half, DTHS/GSW got on the board again with a 44-yard touchdown run by Telford, getting the Trojans within seven points after Martin’s successful point after kick.

But the Storm wasn’t done yet, as they scored once more before halftime, taking a 27-13 lead into the second half.

Salt Fork would continue to pile on points, finding themselves up 48-13 in the fourth quarter.

DTHS/GSW got one more score before it was all said and done, a Dawson Carr rush for 11 yards with 14 seconds remaining in the game. Martin’s extra point kick would get blocked, and the Trojans would fall, 48-19.

Telford wound up going 8-13 for 127 yards, including the TD and an interception. He also ran for 65 yards and a touchdown.

Austin Burkhardt led the rushing attack with 87 yards on 17 carries. Dylan Crouch had a 23-yard run, with Caiden Nelson tallying 16 yards on 11 touches. Carr would gain 11 on the TD run, while David Paige-Gomez ran it five times for nine yards.

Nelson led in receiving with 70 yards on three catches. Hilt had two grabs for 30 yards and a score. Burkhardt caught three passes for 27 yards.

IVC TOURNAMENT CHAMPS! Congratulations to the Dwight Lady Redbirds softball “B” team, as they defeated MVK, 19-15, and Saratoga, 22-3, to win the Illinois Valley Conference Tournament Championship. Full story next week!

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## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY – PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

MFA 2017-RPL1 TRUST,  
MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2017-RPL1,  
PLAINTIFF,

vs.

MICHAEL E. ADAMS; JILL R. ADAMS;  
DEFENDANTS.

2020 CH 35  
Address: 1501 Bethany Lane Pontiac, IL 61764

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 10, 2022, I, Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois, will on September 29, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL, 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

COMMON ADDRESS: 1501 Bethany Lane, Pontiac, IL 61764

P.I.N.: 15-15-28-126-002

The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$187,708.85

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 7795.

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## Seneca, DTHS/GSW Place in Top Three at Irish Invitational

Monday, August 22

Seneca Irish Invitational

Seneca hosted the annual Irish Invitational August 22, taking second place overall with a score of 357 to Serena's 329. The Trojans took third place, shooting a 360.

Kaleb Powell led the Irish, shooting an 85. For DTHS/GSW, Jack Groves had the high score with an 87. Reid Gall and Will Trainor shot a 90 and 91, respectively. Jace Gall – 92; Dawson Carr – 95; and Andrew Gartke – 99 rounded out the scoring.

## Hole-in-One at Dwight Country Club

Phil Clark, of Dwight, recorded a hole-in-one on the par 3 109-yard ninth hole at Dwight Country Club on the morning of August 26.

Witnesses were Wes Havekost, Tom Christenson, and Mark Olson.



**DTHS/GSW LADY TROJANS GOLF**

Monday, August 22

DTHS/GSW vs. El Paso  
and Coal City

Dwight/GSW hosted El Paso and Coal City August 22, with the Lady Trojans defeating Coal City (244) but fell short against El Paso (219), shooting a score of 225. Individual scores are as follows:

Sophia Anderson – 50; Ava Meister – 53; Bella Dinelli – 56; Mary Clare Phillips – 66.



# Gardner Discusses Railroad Warning Gates Malfunctions

by Donald Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session August 22, opening with the approval of the minutes of the July 25 meeting, payment of the bills, and approval of the treasurer's report

Commissioner Tim Hill was absent.

During public comment, resident Don Phillips reminded the commissioners present that all three and the Mayor have stated repeatedly at meetings that they support keeping train horns in the village. Phillips then provided the Mayor and commissioners with photos he took on July 22 showing an Amtrak train stopped while a flagger exited the locomotive to stop traffic due to the gates being in the up position.

The second photo showed the same train passing over the crossing with one of the gates

remaining in the up position.

Phillips advised the board it was at least the third train that day to pass with the gates not working; with the first train passing at road speed. Phillips further commented that based on his observations and discussions with Union Pacific employees, the gates were malfunctioning on two separate days the week of August 15.

Sharon Pickles addressed the board asking for information regarding the plaque from the old water tower. Mayor Mike Serena reported the plaque is at the Village Hall and will be placed in the archives.

**Pickles also inquired about** several houses in the village, including one with the windows boarded up and a child allegedly living in the home. Serena reported the village is pursuing legal action against several properties.

Pickles also inquired about

the location of the new fence near the GSW High School apparently encroaching on village property.

Dan Bell addressed the board concerning the passage of train horns and reminded the board they passed the item and should move on.

Bell also suggested the board act to better memorialize the contributions of Ida Schopp and Don Jensen. Serena noted the clock was dedicated to Ida following its installation.

Serena also commented the train horn process has been started and is in progress.

On the agenda, the board acted on a request from Bill Pohl of the Knights of Columbus to approve the annual Tootsie Roll fund drive September 16-18. The motion passed unanimously. Pohl reported most of the money raised goes back to local schools for special education activities.

**Chuck Dennison of Home-town Storage** addressed the board regarding a construction project. Dennison provided the board with the plans for the drainage for the new construction, indicating the need for a retention pond, eliminating the profitability of the project. Dennison noted he could not locate any other retention ponds in the village, paved surfaces have drainage to ditches, and gravel lots have no drainage.

Furthermore, Spaceco, the civil engineer, is also requiring the property to be elevated four feet above its current elevation to create pitch on his outlet pipe.

Dennis questioned the requirements for his property compared to the other existing properties in the village and his properties in other municipalities.

Village Engineer Casey McCollom reported that he is aware of the proposal, as well as a second proposal for a



**BILL POHL, of the Knights of Columbus, is pictured with Gardner Mayor Mike Serena, right.**

pump rather than elevation. McCollom also noted the storm water requirements are Grundy County's rather than the village, and the IDOT requirements exist because of the access from IL-129.

Mayor Serena and Commissioner Dick Hileman commented their understanding was the Zoning Board had told Dennison he would need to improve the drainage on the property.

The board set dates as the weekend of October 1 for the all-town garage sales and October 3 for the Fall All-Town clean-up garbage pick-up.

The board continued their discussion on allowing chickens in the village. One of the residents in attendance inquired if their existing fence around their existing chicken coop does not meet the ordinance, would they then need to change the fence? The board voted to accept the edits to the current draft and forward to legal counsel for review, pending final approval.

Commissioner Hileman reported the village is awaiting permits to clean the pits. Village Clerk Pat Malinowski reported the Route 66 sign was to be installed August 26.

Mayor Serena and the board congratulated Dorothy Treasure on her 100th birthday.

The board entered executive session following the regular session.

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