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# **Dwight Common School Board** Looks at Investment Options

by Mark Boma



ular meeting session on Wednesday October 12 in the Grade School Library.

The Board had decided at a previous meeting to hold surplus funds in a basic money market account in anticipation of rates rising from historically low levels, and now that rates were on the rise, was looking at options for investing.

Michael Vezzetti, of Vezzetti Capital Management, was on hand to give a presentation on potential investment of District funds with his firm. He outlined his strategy of pooling funds from multiple school districts, safely investing them, and then returning periodic payouts back to Districts sufficient to pay their routine bills. This allows him to time and scale his investing to keep invested balances higher than a school district would be able to do on their own. He currently works with other Districts in the area including Seneca and Streator High Schools. He will be attending the next Dwight High School Board Meeting to give the same presentation.

Principal Julie Schultz reported Stinnett Gettinger and to the October 10 Village Allie Schultz had been selected

Month. Both have been cocoaching cross country in a volunteer capacity as the new sport gets developed.

Schultz's report added that enrollment for classes K-8 stands at 468 students and there are 78 Pre-K students. Also, stemming from a referral from Board member Marc Ellis, she indicated Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories donated \$100 to the school to be used towards the influence of lifelong learning and love of math and science.

Her report included that fall benchmark testing (MAP and AIMSweb) has been completed. Dwight students are making progress and the District continues to work towards all grade levels having equal or above normative RIT averages.

Superintendent Josh De-Long reported that the 2022 EAV is projected to increase by approximately 5%. He added that the positions of three Board members, Jaime Mallaney, Mark Christenson, and Michael Cornale will expire at the next election cycle.

The Board also heard a report from DeLong on his attendance at a recent Public Hearing regarding a proposed TIF District surrounding the LSC property on the north end of the Village. He, along with representatives of the TIF Joint Review Board, met prior Board Meeting and listened to

Adam Stroud of PGAV Partners. DeLong reported he voiced his concerns to the Review Board that placing such a large percentage of the Village into TIF taxing restrictions could potentially become problematic to the Dwight School Districts. He pointed out to the Village Board there are examples from nearby communities of Intergovernmental Agreements in force that allow for prorated or partial collection of increased assessed valuation. The consensus of the Review Board was to delay creating any IGA's until the TIF created any valuation increase, at which time it could be reviewed.

In Consent Agenda items, the employment of Jessica Law was approved and the employment of Danielle Martinelli was affirmed, both as substitute teachers. The resignation of Kyle Henson, B Baseball Coach, was also accepted.

In New Business, the Board discussed and then decided to proceed with hiring an additional teacher for the Fifth Grade.

Board members in attendance were Lori Bowman, Mark Christenson, Nick Stipanovich, Michael Cornale, Marc Ellis, and Jaime Mallaney. Tara Hansen was absent. The next Dwight Common School Board Meeting will be

NICK GALAN, right, tapes boxer Charlie Lewis before he puts the gloves on. Lewis had zero boxing experience but with the help of Galan and Grundy Combat Club in Mazon, Lewis fought in a Golden Gloves tournament within a year.

# A Gym for All Walks of Life **Galan Coaching Fitness, Combat Sports**

by Brandon LaChance

The Mazon Market sign is still on the building at 701 Park St. in Mazon.

However, you will not find a gallon of milk or a carton of eggs once you open the doors.

Instead, you will find a training facility called Grundy Combat Club where owner and coach Nick Galan is helping people get in shape, stay in shape, and train for competition.

"I trained out of a fitness center in Morris for three years. I was there from 2019 until we moved to Mazon in April of

couple of different places in lete reach a goal or win a com-Morris or we could move to this space in Mazon.

"The reason we chose Mazon versus Morris was we were thinking about the people in Dwight, Streator, and the surrounding areas that may be a little more south. We wanted to try to get some of those people in to get some training and athletes to compete from the area.'

Galan has a different approach to running his gym.

Actually two of them. He has his love for helping fighters do just that, fight.

Then he has his love for as-

petition, tournament, or a fight. That's great.

"But, the thing that's more rewarding and almost more fulfilling is when you get a person who loses 100 pounds training or when you help a person overcome certain anxieties and their depression starts to level out. When a person doesn't have any type of a fitness plan, improves their blood pressure or their cholesterol is getting better, those are the people that I look forward to helping more than someone who is a fighter.

"Fighters are great and I

# Gardner Village Board Talks Streetlights, Chickens, Hackings and More

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session October 10, opening with the approval of the minutes of the September 26 meeting and payment of the bills. Commissioner Tim Hill was absent.

During public comment, a resident inquired about streetlights on South Jackson Street. Mayor Mike Serena responded the village is awaiting a response from ComEd. The discussion with the board and residents suggested the lights would be installed on the existing poles after the last lot was sold on the first stage of the development. The lights should be along Jackson Street at Cookie Lane and Rice Road.

The board approved a motion to complete emergency repairs to the culvert under Carbon Hill Road between IL-53 and the Union Pacific Railroad crossing by Conley Excavating. The project was approved at a cost not to exceed \$65,000. Mayor Serena noted a portion of the structure for the repair is being provided free-of-charge by IDOT. Casey

McCollom also reported the expected dates of the Carbon Hill Road culvert repair are October 27 and 28. IDOT will provide temporary and permanent striping after completion of the repairs.

The board approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning board to allow backyard chickens in areas zoned R-1 and R-2. This was followed by the board approving an ordinance to amend the relevant sections of code to allow backyard chickens in the village.

Commissioner Hileman discussed a recent attempted email hacking with BlueSky, to set up and maintain a unique domain for the village to include exclusive e-mail with the domain. The cost would be slightly over \$1,000. Hileman also reported repairs to several pieces of village equipment, an IEPA inspection on the sewer plant resulting in changes to the bales used in the sewer ponds, repairs to one of the aerators in the sewer plant, and repair to the overhead door on the garage.

Commissioner Erik Smith shared photos on several areas of streets requiring repair and inquired about the ability of P.T. Ferro to include the areas in the existing contract. Village Enginner Casey McCollom of Chamlin & Associates responded he will build any additional repairs into the existing contract not to exceed the bid. Smith also inquired about a property for cleanup near the senior citizens complex.

Commissioner Rob Wolf inquired about the timing for striping the repaved roads. Mc-Collom reported the striping will be after the patching is completed.

McCollom reported Union Pacific Railroad will need the village to sign a services agreement for their involvement in the quiet zone project. The UP uses a third party for the actual work and the agreement will allow the village to pay the UP and the UP to pay the third party. McCollom also reported the sewer pond cleanout is still expected to be completed this year.

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this year," said Galan, 35, originally from Joliet. "The reason we chose Mazon is I saw an advertisement for the space that was available, which was the old Mazon Market.

"I live in Mazon now. I had to decide, we could stay in sisting people through whatever it is they're going through in the other fight we're all involved in, life.

"It's not as important to me to help fighters as it is the general public who want to come in and train. Fighters are going Morris, which we had the op- to come and go," Galan said. "I tion since we were looking at a genuinely love helping an ath-

love helping them crush goals but if that never happens and the people walking through the doors come in to train to build confidence, overcome anxieties and depression, that's more of a win for me than leading a fighter to a championship."

The Grundy Combat Club, (continued on page 8)

# **Collection Series:** Article III **Fenton Glass Collection Adds to the Memories**

Editor's Note: This is the third article of a series dedicated to collectors and their collections. With so many different items to collect, we want to know what you have saved and the stories behind the collections.

by Brandon LaChance

When Frank Sereno was trying to figure out an anniversary gift for his wife, Denise, he didn't have to think too hard or look too far.

Sereno had started a Fenton Glass collection in the mid-1990s. When it was time to get Denise a memorable gift for their 25th anniversary, he bought what he used to buy, just customized.

"I had one made that's cranberry based which is pinkish red in color. I had it painted in



white paint in several layers," said Sereno, who has always lived in the area and is currently living in Morris. "The artist worked off of a picture of

my wife from our wedding. That was one of my wife's gifts for our 25th anniversary.

"I had two pieces of Cameo Glass made for her. There are two layers of glass and then the artist uses a sandblaster to reveal the layer of glass underneath so the piece is three dimensional. I had two pieces made for her with photos of her in her wedding gown. One was for our 35th anniversary and the other was for our 40th."

Although the tradition of Sereno buying painted glass has lived on through his marriage, the collection actually has two origin stories.

The first one comes from his mother's glass hens. When replacing a glass hen or two after accidentally breaking them, Sereno found a couple he wanted to own. Now, he has (continued on page 9)



# FOR THE RECORD

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

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October 6: Riley L. Mc-Clenning, 25, Coal City, registration expiration.

October 7: Johnathan J. Behrens, 32, Dwight, criminal trespass to land; Brandon J. Baburek, 24, Morris, cancelled/revoked/susp. Registr.; Jaxon E. Leranger, 16, Coal City, graduated driver: unlawful number of passengers.

October 8: Lanika F. Shields, 26, Chicago, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Saporia K. Johnson, 27, Bradley, operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended or revoked registration 2460.

October 10: Christel M. Soto, 18, Kankakee, speeding over statutory limit, insurance--operate uninsured.

October 11: Robert E. Belcher, 48, Nadeau, MI, driving under influence of alcohol (2x), urination in public; Collin A. Lee, 19, Madison, AL, speeding.

October 12: Devon C. Adams, 31, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

October 13: Dayton W. Coyle, 25, Dwight, registration expiration.

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

### **17 Written Warnings**

Speeding - 11; Disobey Stop Sign – 3; One Headlight – 1; Driver's License Not on Person – 1; Expired Plate Sticker – 1.

### **Dwight Police Blotter**

October 7: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 47 for speeding. Arrested for Driving While License Suspended was Brandon J. Babu-

rek, 24, of Morris. He was transported to DPD where he was issued a citation and notice to appear. His vehicle was towed from the scene.

October 8: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Julie Dr. Arrested for Battery was Jonathan Kolesar. He was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.

October 10: Dwight Police responded to a fire call in the 300 block of E. James St.

October 11: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 47. Arrested for DUI was Robert E. Belcher, of Nadeau, MI; as well as issued an Ordinance Ticket for Indecent Conduct.

Traffic Stop – 27; Lock Out - 4; Domestic - 2; Return Call - 6; Animal Carcass - 1; Theft -1; Lost Dog -1; Extra Patrol – 3; Found Dog – 1; 911 Open Line – 1; Burglar Alarm -1; Hit and Run -1; Fight not in Progress – 1; Harassment - 2; Scam - 1; Suspicious Subject - 1; Check Area – 2; Fireworks – 1; Car Fire - 1; Suspicious Vehicle -2; Missing Person -1; Out with Vehicle - 3; Accident Unknown - 2; Follow Up - 2; Found Item - 1; Fight in Progress - 1; Medical Aid - 2; Information - 3; Check Vehicle - 2; Runaway - 1; Vehicle in Ditch -1; Fire Call -2; Neighbor Problem – 2; Assist Agency -2.

### **Accident Reports**

Saturday, October 8, 6:08 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr., involving an unknown unit which struck a parked 2021 Pete., then left the scene.

Thursday, October 13, 3:20 p.m., an accident was reported at 1 Aldi Dr. involving a 2005



Frei., which struck a parked 2001 Frht. while attempting to back up; 5:00 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook involving a 2016 Intr. which struck a parked 2020 Volvo while attempting to back up.



### Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

October 6: Stonewall. trauma, refusal; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

October 7: Union, medical, St. James; Spencer, trauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Delaware, refusal, mutual aid from Coal City.

October 8: Union, medical, Morris; Julie, trauma, refusal; Wolf, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, Morris; Chapin, fire, mutual aid to Morris.

October 9: Spencer, medical, Morris; 3200, trauma, refusal; Spencer, medical, Morris.

October 10: Spencer, medical, refusal; James, fire, no patient; George, trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Bannon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Coal City.

October 11: Union, medical, Morris; Dwight, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to MVK.

October 12: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Sunset, medical, St. Joe's, mutual aid from Coal City/COQ.

# Free Food to **Be Distributed** October 26

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, October 26, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday, while Love Boxes distribute food in December.



# Temps - 2022

Oct. 6 – high 76°, low 40° Oct. 7 – high 58°, low 30° Oct. 8 – high 59°, low 31° Oct. 9 - high 70°, low 37° Oct. 10 - high 76°, low 45° Oct. 11 - high 66°, low 56° .67" precip.

Oct. 12 - high 63°, low 36° .06" precip. One Year Ago-Oct. 19, 2021 high 66°, low 40°



# **Dwight Fire Incidents** 10/07 - 10/14

Dwight Fire Protection Dis-

trict responded to the following incidents: October 8: Motor Vehicle

Accident – I-55. October 9: Motor Vehicle Accident - rural Dwight.

October 10: Building Fire -E. James; Mutual Aid to Mor-

October 11: Mutual Aid to Mazon.

October 13: Natural Gas Leak – W. Chippewa

Dwight FPD also responded to 17 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

# 'Hallow' Praise 'een' Oct. 30 in **Dwight**

A "Hallow" Praise "een" event will be held Sunday, October 30, at 6:00 p.m. at The Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St. in Dwight.

This will be a chance to gather to worship and honor God.



# **DID YOU KNOW?**

THE PEACE MEAL PROGRAM is sponsored by OSF and is served every weekday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Gothic church, available to anyone 60 years or older. A donation is suggested but no senior will be denied a meal due to lack of funds. Pictured, is a group of ladies enjoying a Peace Meal lunch and conversation at the Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin Street in Dwight. All Seniors are welcome.

# **Mobile Food Pantry** in South Wilmington Oct. 24

On Monday, October 24, at

4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine).

Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Dwight's video gaming terminals decreased by six in September, according to the monthly video gaming report, but statewide the number of terminals grew by 234, for a ing September in Dwight.

# Dwight

Sept. <u>NTI\*</u> Funds In Funds Out State Dwight Aly Annes \$98,104 73,310 24,793 Cherry Red 8,327 11,531 (3,204)Dwt Pizza 31,312 24,733 6,578 Lili Mae's 119,567 100,741 18,825 208,856 Love's 146,418 62,437 VFW 132,419 108,986 23,432 Vic. Lanes 19,358 14,772 4,585 Willy's <u>113,242</u> 90,687 22,554 TOTAL \$731,185 571,182 160,002

in need.

Participants are asked to stay in their cars. The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute prepacked groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information, visit

# Sept. Video Gaming

new total of 44,410.

Terminals were added at 35 new locations. Total locations are now 8,107.

\$731,185 was gambled dur-

7,190

(929)

1,907

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<u>6,540</u>

46,400

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(160)

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941

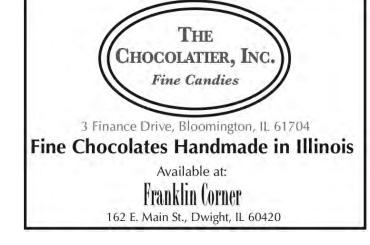
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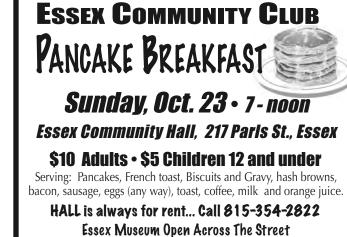
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# Gardner

<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Funds In</u>	<u>Funds Out</u>	<u>NTI*</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Gardner</u>
Buddies (3)	1,436	1,344	91	26	4
Marks (5)	<u>32,621</u>	23,197	<u>9,423</u>	<u>2,732</u>	<u>471</u>
TOTAL;	\$34,057	24,542	9,514	2,759	475

\*The State of Illinois and Villages receive a total of 33% of the Net Terminal Income monthly (State 28%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 67%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.

Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBLER.



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# Should You Consolidate Retirement Accounts?

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One of the rewards for working over several decades is the ability to contribute to tax-advantaged retirement accounts, which can help provide needed income for you when you do retire. As the years went by, you may well have accumulated several retirement accounts, such as IRAs and 401(k)s or similar employer-sponsored plans. But you might find it advantageous to consolidate these accounts with a single provider.

Consolidating them can provide you with several potential benefits, including these:

• Less confusion and clutter - If you have multiple accounts in different locations, it may be difficult to keep track of tax documents, statements, fees, disclosures and other important information. Consolidating accounts could help provide clear, simplified account maintenance.

· Less likelihood of "lost accounts" - It may be hard to believe, but many people abandon their retirement accounts, leaving thousands of dollars behind and unclaimed. In fact, at the end of 2021, there were nearly 25 million forgotten 401(k) accounts, worth about 20% of all 401(k) assets, according to an estimate by Capitalize, a financial services company that helps individuals roll over retirement plan assets into new accounts. It's possible that employers can even move small, old accounts out of their 401(k) plans and into an IRA on behalf of their former employees, thus increasing the chances that savers will lose track of their money. By consolidating your retirement plans with one provider, you can ensure you don't lose track of your hard-earned money.

 Ability to follow a unified strategy – With multiple retirement accounts, and different investment portfolios, you might find it difficult to maintain a unified financial strategy that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. But once you've consolidated accounts with a single provider, you'll find it easier to manage your investment mix and to rebalance your portfolio as needed. The need to rebalance may become more important as you near retirement because you may want to shift some of your assets into investments that aren't as susceptible to swings in the financial markets.

· Possible improvement in investment options - Often, 401(k)s may have limited investment selection, so consolidating accounts with a full-service firm may allow for a wider array of products and strategies. This broader exposure can potentially help you improve your overall retirement income strategies.

 Greater ease in calculating RMDs – Once you turn 72, you will need to start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan. If you don't take out at least the minimal amount, which is based on your age and account balance, you could face a penalty. If you have several accounts, with different providers, it could be cumbersome and difficult to calculate your RMDs - it will be much easier with all accounts under one roof.

So, if you do have multiple retirement accounts, give some thought to consolidating them. The consolidation process is not difficult, and the end result may save you time and hassles, while also helping you manage your retirement income more effectively.

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dwight Common School for the month of September included: Pre-k - Bentley Gliwa, Johnson Shimwa, Stanton Schumaker; Kindergarten - Megan Cornale, Lani Marques, Grace Taplin; 1st - Livi Maxard, Sophie Medema, Brianna Schmidt; 2nd - Jeffery Henson, Lainy Maxard, Bristol Seibert; 3rd - Blake Taplin, Jack Tjelle, Camry Watters; 4th - Stone Skelton, Aubrey Watts, Nathan Wilkey; 5th - Sora Merchen, Henry Sassenger; 6th - Bella Whalen, Ameryn Wiles; 7th - Raegan Brown, Mia Franklin; 8th - Joey Groves, Ella Payne. Blake Taplin and Grace Taplin not pictured.

# **Godley Park** District Upcoming Programs, **Events**

Godley Park District, 500 S. Kankakee St. in Godley, is hosting the following upcoming programs and events:

Lunch Out & About • Wednesday, October 26: Join the laughter and fun as they venture to different restaurants, including Olive Garden in Bourbonnais October 26. A transportation fee applies (lunch is on your own). All trips depart at 10:30 a.m. **Register/Pay by October 19.** 

# Seniors ALIVE!

• Tuesday, November 1: Those 55+ are invited to join for a morning of Bingo and lunch. Bingo starts at 10:30 A fee a.m. applies. Register/Pay by October 26.

**YOGA with Mary Griffin** • October 25 - November 29: This is an all-levels class based in Hatha Yoga that will include Pranayama (breath work), Asana (postures), awareness, meditation, and relaxation. Take your own mat, a firm blanket or two, and a yoga strap if you have one. A fee applies per session, or a daily donation drop in Tuesdays from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Register by October 25. Maximum: 15 (will accept walk-ins until *maximum is met).* 

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PRINCIPAL JULIE SCHULTZ reported Stinnett Gettinger and Allie Schultz had been selected as Redbird Teachers of the Month. Both have been co-coaching cross country in a volunteer capacity as the new sport gets developed.



# Stop by Dwight's Library for Fun Freebies All Month

cated at 501 Carriage House Lane in Dwight, has several fun giveaways planned for the month of October.

Now through Oct. 21, any child who checks out items from the library's children's de-

Prairie Creek Library, lo- a giant pumpkin. During that away Murder Mystery Packs. same week, all teens (grades 6-12) are invited to stop by the lineeded to make a Halloween

shadow box. All through the month of partment will be entered to win October, the library is giving last.

These packs contain all the clues patrons will need to solve brary and pick up a Halloween a Halloween murder mystery craft kit. The kit has everything and are available at the main desk.

These special offers are free and available while supplies



Free Rare Coin **Appraisal** 

**Dwight Banking Center** Thursday, November 3rd 10:00am - 3:00pm

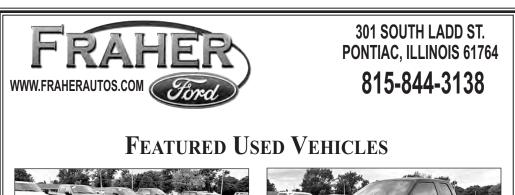
**BRING YOUR OLD COINS, PAPER MONEY AND GOLD** JEWELRY AND AN EXPERT WILL TELL YOU WHAT THEY ARE WORTH. HE WILL ALSO BUY THEM, IF YOU WISH.

**PLEASE DON'T CLEAN THE COINS!** 





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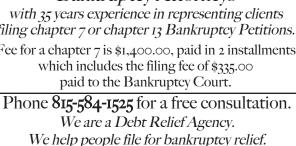






### Let us set things The Original Secret Pantry STRAIGHT The Original Secret Pantry is free for anyone in any community who may be in need. **Collision Repair** Located at the Godley Park We work with ALL Barn, on the corner of Kanka-**Insurance Companies** kee St. and Rt. 129, just across the tracks from The Stumble Nate Bissev Tech-Ni-Kolor AutoCrafters. Inc. The Secret Pantry is open 105 Watters Drive, Dwight 815-584-2588 "Follow us on Facebook" every Thursday, usually from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Dates and times may vary, McClarey Law Firm depending on availability and when a truck can arrive. For Donald R. McClarey the most up to date information, join 'The Original Secret and Donald John McClarey Pantry' group on Facebook. 313 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight, IL 60420 (Also Engaged in the General Practice of Law) **Only 10 more Papers** Bankruptcy Attorneys until the end with 35 years experience in representing clients of the year... filing chapter 7 or chapter 13 Bankruptcy Petitions. Fee for a chapter 7 is \$1,400.00, paid in 2 installments What can we which includes the filing fee of \$335.00 advertise for you? paid to the Bankruptey Court.

The Paper 815-584-1901



'15 Mustang EcoPremium Conv., 51K \$25,900

# TRUCKS

'21	F150	Crew XLT, 15K, 4WD	.\$51,900
'21	F150	Crew XLT, 12K, 4WD	.\$51,900
'21	F150	Crew XLT, 14K, 4WD	.\$51,900
'20	F250	Crew XLT, 46K, 4WD, Diesel	.\$58,900
'20	F150	Crew XLT, 19K, 4WD	.\$46,900
'19	F250	Crew XLT, 34K, 4WD, Diesel	.\$58,900
'18	F150	Crew XLT, 27K, 4WD	.\$34,900
'18	F150	Crew XLT, 56K, 4WD	.\$34,900
'18	F150	S/C XLT, 76K, 4WD	.\$29,900
'17	F150	S/C XLT, 62K, 4WD, 8' Bed	.\$29,900
'17	F150	Crew XLT, 82K, 4WD	.\$29,900
'15	F250	Crew XLT, 74K, 4WD, Diesel	.\$40,900
'12	F150	S/C Lariat, 120K, 4WD	.\$18,900
'11	Silver	ado 1500 Crew LT, 114K, 2WD	.\$14,900
'10	F350	Crew Lariat, 201K, 4WD, Diesel, DRW.	Just In
'08	F250	S/C Lariat, 114K, 4WD	.\$14,900
'00	F150	S/C XL, 115K, 4WD	\$7,900

# CARS '18 Fusion Titanium, 44K, AWD.....\$25.900 '17 MKZ Select, 85K, AWD.....\$19,900 '15 Mustang EcoPremium Conv., 51K......\$25,900

'12 F150 S/C Lariat, 120K, 4WD \$18,900

### VANS and SUVS

'20 Escape SE, 7K, FWD, Co-Pilot Assist	\$28,900
'20 Escape Titanium, 19K, AWD	\$36,900
20 Escape SEL, 21K, AWD	\$31,900
20 Edge SEL, 83K, AWD	\$26,900
20 Explorer ST, 13K, 4WD	\$49,900
'20 Explorer LTD Hybrid, 18K, 4WD	\$45,900
'19 Nautilus Reserve, 13K, AWD	\$45,900
'18 Escape SEL, 69K, AWD	Just In
'18 Transit Connect Titanium, 93K	\$23,900
'18 Escape SEL, 68K, FWD	\$23,900
'18 Terrain SLT, 75K, AWD	\$25,900
'18 Explorer LTD, 62K, FWD	\$29,900
'15 Escape SE, 86K, FWD	\$15,900
'14 Escape SE, 94K, FWD	\$14,900
'14 Escape SE, 103K, FWD	\$13,900
'13 Grand Caravan SXT, 82K	Just In
'10 Escape LTD, 201K, 4WD	\$6,900
'08 HHR LT, 93K, Leather	





# **Passion for Gardening Earns Livingston Master Gardener State Honors**

Her love of gardening is evident in the many projects that she helps with in Livingston County. University of Illinois Extension extends its congratulations to Master Gardener, Sandy Knight, on receiving a 2022 Outstanding Master Gardener award from the Illinois Master Gardener program. She was recognized at the fall Illinois Master Gardener Conference and awards ceremony in Tinley Park.

The Outstanding Master Gardener State Award honors the best Illinois Master Gardeners. Only the top 2% of Illinois State Master Gardeners win this award annually. They must exceed in leadership, determination, positivity, initiative, and be highly involved in the program.

Sandy is a passionate gardener who strives to share her knowledge with others. She shares through educational programs on various gardening topics to community groups



LIVINGSTON COUNTY GARDENER MASTER SANDY KNIGHT'S love of gardening is evident in the many projects that she helps with. Knight is a recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Master Gardener award from the Illinois Master Gardener program.

(University of Illinois Extension)

throughout the county.

She regularly contributes ideas and offers her support to many area projects, including the Yost House garden, Flanagan School garden, Dargan

Park garden, Youth Enrichment lessons, and the Master Gardener Help Desk providing diassistance to the rect community's backyard questions.

As the 4-H Park project chairperson, Sandy brings together Master Gardeners to create beautiful floral displays and educational signage which are enjoyed by the public and attendees of 4-H Park events and the Livingston County Ag Fair and 4-H Show.

If you see Sandy, or other Livingston County Master Gardeners teaching or out working in the community, thank them for their outstanding efforts in improving the community and helping others learn to grow.

For more information about Extension and the Livingston County Master Gardener provisit them at gram. go.illinois.edu/LMW MG or contact the Livingston County Extension Office at 815-842-1776.

# **The Pros and Cons of Early Retirement**

Retirement is a milestone Psychological that is often the byproduct of decades of hard work. Though a growing number of working professionals have no intention of ever retiring, the vast majority of adults look forward to the day when they can call it a career.

The prospect of early retirement is enticing to millions of people. Though retiring early may seem like a no brainer for individuals in position to do so, a careful consideration of the pros and cons of early retirement can ensure people make the best decision.

### **Benefits of early retirement**

For many people, early retirement is less about finding a beach to relax on and more about pivoting to a second career. In fact, a recent report from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicated that 74 percent of workers plan to get a new job after they retire. In such instances, early retirement is often about turning a long-time passion into a second career. That can help adults achieve a lifelong dream, making it one of the better reasons to retire early.

Another advantage to retiring early is the chance to spend more quality time with family. One study from the American retirement. One report from the

found that more than half of working professionals now check work emails after work hours, including on weekends. Forty-four percent even

check their email while on vacation. Early retirement enables individuals to escape that round-the-clock career commitment, affording retirees a chance to spend more unfiltered quality time with the people they love most.

Retiring early also provides an opportunity to escape a daily grind that many people have indicated has become increasingly burdensome in recent years. The 2021 Work and Well-Being Survey from the American Psychological Association found that 79 percent of the roughly 1,500 adults surveyed had experienced workrelated stress in the month prior to participating. Work is a leading cause of stress for many people, and stress has been linked to a host of health problems. Individuals who can retire early can benefit from less stress in their lives.

# **Disadvantages to retiring early**

Retiring early can seem like a dream, but it could turn into a nightmare for people whose finances aren't as robust as they need to be to support a lengthy

Association Boston College Center for Retirement Research found that around 50 percent of working families face a significant decline in their standard of living during retirement. Life expectancy has been on the rise in developed countries since 1900, so retiring too early carries some significant financial risk for people who have saved but not necessarily saved enough.

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Retiring early also could make people more vulnerable to cognitive decline than they would be if they keep working. One study from researchers at Scotland's University of St. Andrews found that people who wait until age 67 to retire experience less cognitive decline than people who retire prior to turning 67.

Out-of-pocket medical costs are another significant disadvantage to retiring early. Employer-sponsored medical insurance tends to cost individuals less than private plans, which is a significant consideration for individuals at a point in their lives when they may need to visit doctors more often.

Early retirement has its advantages and disadvantages. Individuals must consider both to make the best decision for them.

# A Q&A – Hospice and Palliative Care

treat the condition itself, but it

is a way to manage symptoms.

It is typically used in conjunc-

tion with other forms of medi-

cine that are attempting to treat

Hospice is similar to pallia-

tive care in that it is geared to

enhancing quality of life. Hos-

pice care is for people in the

last phases of incurable dis-

eases and is intended to ensure

they live as fully and comfort-

ably as possible, according to

the American Cancer Society.

Unlike palliative care, which

accompanies traditional med-

ical care, those who accept hos-

pice care typically cease any

other care attempting to cure

Who can benefit from pallia-

The National Institute on

Aging says anyone living with

a serious illness, such as can-

cer, dementia, Parkinson's dis-

ease, and heart failure, can

appreciate the support pallia-

tive or hospice care?

the illness.

or cure the disease.

What is hospice care?



Illnesses and aging can force families to make challenging decisions regarding the health and well-being of people they love. Care facilities, home health aides and other services can help improve quality of life for those people who are no longer well enough - physically or cognitively — to care for themselves. Palliative and hospice care are part of these care offerings.

What is palliative care?

Palliative care is specialized medical services for individuals living with serious illnesses.

It is not designed to cure or tive care provides. It is helpful at any stage of the illness, and is best started soon after diagnosis.

> Hospice care is for those who are in the final stages of their illnesses. Generally, hospice services are reserved for people who are expected to live another six months or less if their illness continues to run its course.

### Are these services permanent?

The good news about palliative care and hospice care is that wishes are completely driven by the patient and his or her family. If the patient is incapable of making medical directives, his or her medical proxy can make changes to care wishes.

Research indicates that many times hospice care is started too late because people think it's a form of "giving up." However, anyone in hospice care can resume active care if they or their caregivers choose to do so.

What can palliative and hospice care resolve?



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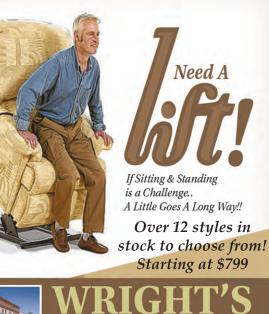
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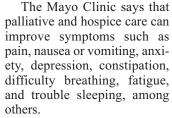
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Hospice care also can include spiritual and bereavement care. Hospice teams typically follow up with members of the immediate family to offer them counseling or other services.

### Who is in charge?

Patients and their families decide what they want out of these care measures. Palliative care teams are separate from the patient's medical care team that's managing their treatment. Hospice care teams coordinate the majority of care for the patient and communicate with the patient's medical care team.

Hospice and palliative care are considerations for people with serious conditions.



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THE CLASS OF 1961 from Dwight High School gathered at Dwight Country Club October 1. Pictured, front row, from left, are Diane Ahern, Ellen Klehm Gayon, Linda Olson Stevens, Marilyn Clover Christiansen, Joyce Rusterholz Fox, Dolores Spaulding Wahl, Sheryl Frazier Sparrow, Joyce Hoff-

man Long, Judie Hoffman Anderson; back row, Bob Klingler, Jerry Lauritsen, Tip Hahn, Brady Christiansen, Ron Feddersen, Jim Ferguson, Ron Drinan, Arthur Ogg, Roger Geheber, and Keith Jensen.



### ASSUMED NAME **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 28, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Drenched Hydration Beauty & Wellness, located at 502 W. Howard St., Unit 2A, Pontiac, IL 61764.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2022.

Kristy A. Masching Livingston County Clerk



SPI Storage to Dispose of Property **Public Notice** 

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 40 of the self-storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, on November 27, 2022 SPI Storage will sell or otherwise dispose of the lawn mowers, insulation, scrap wood, etc. stored at SPI Storage, 815-530-4710, 106 Watters Dr., Dwight, IL 60420

Occupant: Marion McClellan Unit # 1, 5 and 7

Property: Lawn mowers, insulation, scrap wood, etc.

Published in The Paper 10/12/2022 and 10/19/2022



**KRIS FARBER. WIFE OF** Drake.

JERRY FARBER, and friends planted a memorial tree at Dwight Country Club on October 8. The tree is a red maple that stands on the fifth hole, along with a bench dedicated to Jerry. Pictured, front row, are Kris Farber, Kim Rverson, Janet Drake, Maureen Sand, Scott Sand; second row, Larry Ahearn, Mike Ryerson, Joy Ahearn, Don Ahearn, and Fred

Adjustments from other sources, like federal funds, did not show significant change compared to a year ago. have been climbing all year and increase that figure. are now near the same level as they were before the financial crash of 2008-2009. These

soybeans had been harvested during the same time period. The report found that dry soil conditions throughout the state made for good conditions for harvest machinery to operate.

This is also a good time to remind everyone to be on the alert for slow-moving farm machinery on the roads. Please drive carefully and give our farmers a little extra room as they move their equipment.

Inflation continues to have an impact on state tax revenue. As inflation rises and prices continue to go up, tax revenue to the state has been on the rise along with them, according to the latest state revenue report from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA). With the ongoing

Thomas and Patricia Knudsen Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Family and friends of is a Dwight native.

They are the parents of Re-becca "Becky" Kashner. Lisa Leipold, and Matthew Knudsen; and have seven grandchildren (James Bradshaw, deceased), five great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Tom retired in 1992 after 29 years of service in the military. and Pat retired from the Internal Revenue Service in 2004.

wages, COGFA found that per-

sonal and corporate income tax

receipts went up by \$361 mil-

lion compared to one year ago.

ous year as shoppers made more purchases ahead of even more

expected price hikes.

Sales tax revenue increased by \$51 million over the previ-

The total increase of \$412

million in revenue from these

two sources made up for the en-

tirety of the change in the state's

revenue picture in September.

Short-term interest rates

hikes have driven up the rates

for mortgages, credit cards and

other forms of consumer debt

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Thomas Bennett, State Representative 106th District

# First USDA crop report of 2022 gives Illinois good news

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued its first crop report for the fall 2022 harvest season, and it shows conditions in Illinois to be good overall.

Thomas A. and Patricia A. Knudsen of Bloomington, Illinois recently helped them cel-

ebrate their 60th wedding

anniversary at an event hosted

were married September 15,

1962 in the Immaculate Con-

ception Church, Morris, Illinois. The couple lived in

Dwight as newlyweds, as Tom

Tom Knudsen and Pat Keck

by their children.

The report was compiled statewide, but concentrates mostly on fields which grow corn and soybeans, Illinois' top two agricultural products.

In all, 69% of Illinois corn and soybean fields were rated to be in good-to-excellent condition. About one-eighth of the state's field corn had been harvested as of the first weekend in October, but the opportunity afforded by the nice weather we saw last week has been sure to

Ten percent of the state's

over the country. October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology is reminding Illinoisans to avoid cyber risks when online. Utilizing cybersecurity best practices can help you better protect your personal

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you are online. There are many steps you can take to keep yourself and your personal information safe. For example, you can limit the personal information you share online by changing privacy settings and not using location fea-

your software applications and

the Livingston County website at: www.livingstoncountyil.gov (Click on "County Services", "County Clerk", and "Elections").

If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact County Clerk Kristy Masching (815-842-9313) or Election Deputy Gail Smythe (815-842-9318).

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an official state fossil, the tully monster. The tully monster was a marine mammal which existed about 300 million years ago when Illinois was at the

It was about a foot long, had vertical fins and as many as eight teeth. Some tully monsters died in muddy marshes and their bones were protected by an iron-rich mineral which

The mineral preserved them until they were found in 1958 by an amateur archaeologist named Francis Tully in spoil heaps created by strip-mining along Mazon Creek in Grundy

So far, this is the only place in the world where a tully mon-

# **OBITUARY**

# Elaine R. Metzke

Elaine R. Metzke, age 92, of Dwight, Illinois passed awav peacefully at 1:45 a.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Her funeral was held at 11:00 Saturday, a.m.,

October 15, 2022 at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight with Pastor Grant Speece officiating.

Burial followed in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Visitation was from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., prior to the funeral.

Memorials in her name may be left to the First Congregational Church of Dwight or a charity of the donor's choice.

Elaine was born July 19, 1930 in Peoria, Illinois, the daughter of Albert and Ruth (Kelch) Haeffele. She married John B. Metzke on May 28, 1949, a marriage that lasted 67 wonderful years.

Surviving are a son, Michael Metzke of Dwight; a daughter, Jo (David) Larimer of Peoria; three grandchildren, Amy Larimer (Drew Krafcik) Standford, California; Sarah (Fred) Davis of Washburn, Illi-

nois; and James Metzke of Asheville, North Carolina; two great-grandchildren, Franny Krafcik of California and Hayden Davis of Washburn, Illinois; and four nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Metzke; a daughter-in-law, Vicki Metzke; and two brothers, Albert Haeffele and James Haeffele.

Elaine wore many hats. She was a girl scout leader, librarian, worked in a doctor's office, and at a bank, as well as numerous volunteer roles.

Elaine enjoyed her time with family and friends. Summer trips to Wisconsin and Minnesota and winters in Florida, and those famous card games with the girls.

The family would sincerely like to thank the wonderful staff at Heritage Health and Rehab, Dr. Shah and his staff, OSF St. James Hospital, and all of Elaine's dear friends and family for all the cards, calls, visits and well wishes.

Condolences may be left at www.calvertmemorial.com

# **Morris Hospital Updates** Visitor, Mask Guidelines

Morris Hospital has made optioal.

another step toward returning to pre-COVID visiting guidelines. Effective immediately, hospitalized patients may have up to two visitors at a time, age 12 or older, during 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. visiting hours. Prior to this most recent update, visitors were restricted to age 18 or older.

Under the updated visiting guidelines, COVID-19 positive patients are now permitted to have one designated visitor for the duration of their stay.

Patients going to the hospital for outpatient surgery, endoscopy, cath lab and other procedures are permitted up to two support persons.

In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) updated recommendations for healthcare providers, Morris Hospital has also updated its mask policy. At this time, universal masking will only be required inside Morris Hospital and all Morris Hospital patient care facilities, including physician's offices, when the Grundy County "Community Transmission" level is high. When the Grundy County Community Transmission level is substantial, moderate, or low, masks will be

As Community Transmission levels are updated weekly by the CDC, signs will be posted at the entrance to each Morris Hospital facility indicating whether masks are optional or required based on current community transmission levels.

Officials at Morris Hospital emphasize that the CDC's Community "Transmission" level is not the same as Community "Risk Level" and that it is possible for a community to be at a low or moderate "risk" level but a high "transmission" level, in which case masks would be required. Morris Hospital's masking requirement could change weekly depending on the current transmission level.

As has always been the hospital's visiting policy, anyone currently showing signs of illness should not visit or accompany a patient.

Current visitor guidelines are posted at all times on the hospital website under morris hospital.org/visitors. With the approaching flu season, it is recommended to check the hospital website for current visiting guidelines before visiting a patient in the hospital.



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

# **SNOW REMOVAL BID**

The Village of Saunemin Board of Trustees will be accepting bids for snow removal. Snow removal will be for all streets and alleys throughout the Village, along with the downtown sidewalks. Snow removal will be done after 2" of snowfall. Bids must be received by November 1, 2022. If interested please send your bid (along with certificates of insurance) to Village of Saunemin, Attn: Snow Removal Bid, P.O. Box 283, Saunemin, IL 61769. Any questions please feel free to contact the Village office at 815-832.4334. (leave a message)



# CARDZ

I attended a card show this weekend (actually 2) in St. Charles, Missouri. I've written about cards and card shows in the past to but hadn't attended one in person in a while. I think those are good litmus tests for kind of where the industry is at a given moment. I will now give my takeaways.

The first thought is, there are many different types of cards now. During the 86-94 era, companies started producing a ton of the exact same card. Today what happens is there are still a lot of cards produced by each player but there are slight variations to all of them. This is definitely an improvement. If you're going to produce too many cards, might as well make them look different.

Secondly, there was a giant number of people reentering the hobby when the pandemic started. People were sitting at home with extra time, (some extra money) and then people dove back in to the market. That seemed to be dwindling. But attending this show made me realize that people are still fairly invested even with the actual economy sputtering.

Piggybacking off of that, the ages that have interest in this hobby span from about 10 years old to 80+. There were kids that were probably around my age when I started diving into the collection, except these kids were walking around with card briefcases ready to cut deals. I was not ready to be cutting deals for cards at 10 years old, but apparently these kids are!

The third takeaway is that it's very easy to spend more money at these events than you were planning to spend. There's just so much instant access to so many cards and next thing you know you dropped double what the plan was walking in.

All in all it was a lot of fun, and I'm planning on attending more in the near future!

Go, Bulls!

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

Last Call for Dwight Harvest Days Button #327 You are a winner!!

# PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse in thee. (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to Thank You for all things aa you confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank You for your mercy toward me and mine.

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

Patricia Ann Vogt

Patricia Ann Vogt, 90, of Odell passed away Thursday, October 13, 2022 at Gold Water Care in Pontiac.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Paul Catholic

Church, Odell, on Monday, Kelly) Farris of North Liberty, October 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with Father Haake officiating.

A visitation will be held Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the church. A rosary will be said before the visitation, starting at 1:45 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, Odell.

Memorials in Patricia's memory may be made to St. Paul Grade School or The Alzheimer's Association.

Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia was born 21, 1931 in Springfield, Illinois to Willard and Ella (Sullivan) Whitehurst. She married Paul Vogt on August 26, 1950 in Petersburg, Illinois. He preceded her in death. Surviving are their 16 children: Janet (Gary) Waldron of Plainfield, Illinois; Joyce (Robert) Hinkle of Sarasota, Florida; Paul (Sandy) Vogt of Plainfield, Illinois; David (Sue) Vogt of Genoa, Wiscon-sin; Mary (Bill) Donovan of Chenoa, Illinois; Robert (Deb) Vogt of Odell, Illinois; Diane Trost of Pontiac, Illinois; Leo (Mary) Vogt of Joliet, Illinois;



Indiana; Theresa (Jim) Carlson of Emington, Illinois; Tony (Jen) Vogt of Downers Grove, Illinois; and Patrick Vogt of Towanda, Illinois.

Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Frank Moscardilli; a sister-in-law, Arlene Minder; more than 60 grandchildren; 70 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Karen, who died in infancy; a son-in-law, Dan Trost; one sister, Betty Horsey; and two great-grandchildren Kiley Donovan and Milo Huncovsky. Patricia graduated from Petersburg High School. She spent her time after high school doing many things, including being a seamstress, volunteering for hospice, canning food, and being a great wife and mother. She loved her family above all and always showed up at sporting events.

She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

This obituary may be viewed and a guestbook signed at: www.duffyfuneralhome.com or visit us on Facebook.

# **Shoppers Needed for Dwight Christmas for Kids**

The Christmas for Kids program in Dwight needs volunteers to shop for the children funds from the Christmas for Kids Commit-tee.

may go to Dwight United lumbia St., between 10 a.m. Committee at 815-584-2179.

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Gifts purchased will need to using their "Wish Lists" and be wrapped and properly labeled when dropped off at the church Thursday, De-cember 8 To become a shopper, you between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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Defendants.

Case No. 2022FC14

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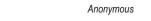
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### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 16, 2022, Jeffrey G. Hamilton will on November 23, 2022, at the hour of 10:00AM at the Livingston County Sheriff's Office, The Law & Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: The East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Block 16 of the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois. Commonly known as 308 East North Street, Pontiac, IL 61764 Parcel Number(s): 15-15-22-282-002 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-004188. Andrew K. Weiss MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700



### STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JOHN W. HILDRETH.

Deceased.

Case No.: 2022-PR-103

# **CLAIMS NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of JOHN W. HIL-DRETH, who died on September 3rd, 2022. At the time of his death, JOHN W. HILDRETH was a resident of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 3rd, 2022, to LORI GONZALES and RANDY MILLER, Co-Executors, whose addresses are 7942 91st Ave., Apt 12, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158 and 6054 Cedar Bend Way, Avon, IN 46123, respectfully. Their attorney is WILLIAM J. GERBER, 210 W. Oak St., Fairbury, IL 61739, whose phone number is (815) 692-2224.

Claims may be filed on or before April 14th, 2023. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be filed with the office of the Clerk of Livingston County Court at 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Independent Executors, or both. If filed with the Clerk, claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Executors and to their attorney and file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

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DATED: 10/05/2022 LORI GONZALES and RANDY MILLER,

**Co-Executors** 

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# A Gym for All Walks of Life **Galan Coaching Fitness, Combat Sports**

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a registered USA boxing club that can send fighters to national and/or Golden Gloves tournaments, is a center with an emphasis on boxing and kickboxing.

Although Galan has a background in mixed martial arts, he currently wants to stick to training people how to fight on their feet.

"It's not the traditional martial arts, karate, or Taekwondo. You're getting fitness and actually learning the sports of boxing and kickboxing as well." said Galan. "I originally started training in 2007 to get into shape. I stuck with it and did some Jiu-Jitsu tournaments. I decided to give MMA a shot. I lost my first fight. I hated it and I didn't want to come back and train, but something made me. I ended up coming back and won my next two fights. "I kept training and I started

to coach a little bit more than competing. I like the technical side of training and really understanding where we're going with our strikes and why we're doing certain things.'

The Grundy Combat Club is currently training approximately 20 adults and 5-10 from the ages of 7-to-70 and from numerous locations.

The gym is open at 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for adults as boxing classes are Monday and Wednesday, and kickboxing is the focus on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Friday is sparring day.

The junior program trains kids at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

The weekends are for one vs. one training.

"We've been trying to build a reputation of being a place

where you can come and train, have a good workout and be safe, but also a place where we're serious about the sports of boxing and kickboxing," Galan said. "If those are something you want to compete in,



THE GRUNDY COMBAT CLUB has had its doors open since April to offer a place for people to train for boxing and kickboxing or to work out and get in shape. Owner and coach Nick Galan has combat experience but also has a love to help people improve their life through fitness. The club is located at 701 Park St. in Mazon at the old Mazon Market.

# **Area Trick-or-Treat Hours and Events**

**Braceville** The Village of Braceville will hold its Trick-or-Treat hours Monday, October 31, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

### <u>Campus</u>

Campus Trick-or-Treating will be Halloween night, Monday, October 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. No party afterwards

### <u>Cullom</u>

On Monday, October 31, Cullom's Trick-or-Treaters will hit the streets from 4:00-7:00 p.m., with their Trunk or Treat event on Main Street running from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### <u>Dwight</u>

The Village of Dwight's Halloween festivities will be Monday, October 31, with Trick-or-Treating hours set for 4:00-7:00 p.m.

### **Emington**

Trick-or-Treat hours in Emington will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, October 31.

The Emington Community Association will be passing out hot dogs, chips, and a drink from

6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Church basement in Emington.

### **Essex**

In Essex Sunday, October 30, a Trunk or Treat event, for adults and children, is set for noon to 4:00 p.m. at High Point Golf Course, 309 High Point Dr.

The event is free and features food, drinks, prizes, and vendors. Costumes are encouraged, and

don't forget your treat bucket. <u>Odell</u>

In Odell on Monday, October 31, Trick-or-Treating will kick off at 4:30 p.m. and conclude at 6:30 p.m.

### **Reddick**

Reddick will hold its Trick-or-Treat hours between 5:00-7:00 p.m., with the Reddick Community Auxiliary (RCA) hosting the annual Community Halloween Party and costume judging at the Reddick Fire State Community Hall on Main Street. The party will begin at 7:00 p.m., following trick-or-treating. Hot dogs will be served and prizes given to four age groups for Most Creative, Scariest, and Best Costume.



There's no question mammography helps reduce breast cancer deaths by detecting cancer early when it's most treatable and long before it can be felt.

For women at average risk of breast cancer, the American College of Radiology recommends an annual mammogram beginning at age 40. Mammography really does save lives.

# **Potential Warning Signs** for Breast Cancer

commonly occurring cancer in women across the globe. According to the World Cancer Research Fund International, there are more than 2.26 million new cases of breast cancer in women in 2020. Such figures are sobering, but it's important to recognize that breast cancer survival rates have improved dramatically in recent decades, providing hope to the millions of women who may be diagnosed with the disease in the years to come.

Women are their own greatest allies against breast cancer, and learning to spot its signs and symptoms is a great first step in the fight against this potentially deadly, yet treatable disease.

### Knowing your body

The American Cancer Society urges women to take note of how their breasts normally look and feel. That knowledge is vital because it helps women recognize when something

Breast cancer is the most does not look or feel good to breast may dimple. When this the touch with their breasts. Screening alone may not be sufficient, as the ACS notes an orange peel. that mammograms do not find every breast cancer.

### Signs and symptoms

When women are well acquainted with how their breasts look and feel, they're in better position to recognize any abnormalities, which may or may not be indicative of breast cancer. The ACS reports that the following are some potential warning signs of breast cancer. • A new lump or mass: The ACS indicates that this is the most common symptom of breast cancer. A lump or mass that is cancerous is often painless, but hard and has irregular

edges. However, lumps caused by breast cancer also can be soft, round and tender. Some even cause pain.

• Swelling: Some women experience swelling of all or part of a breast even if they don't detect a lump.

• **Dimpling:** The skin on the immediately.

occurs, the skin on the breast sometimes mimics the look of • Pain: Pain on the breast or

nipple could indicate breast cancer.

• Retraction: Some women with breast cancer experience retraction, which occurs when the nipple turns inward.

• Skin abnormalities: Breast cancer may cause the skin on the breast to redden, dry out, flake, or thicken.

• Swollen lymph nodes: Some women with breast cancer experience swelling of the lymph nodes under the arm or near the collarbone.

The presence of any of these symptoms merits a trip to the doctor. Women with these symptoms should not immediately assume they have breast cancer. Only a physician can diagnose breast cancer, which underscores the importance of reporting symptoms to a doctor

Offering three-dimensional mammography (digital breast tomosynthesis) in Channahon, Diamond-Coal City, and Morris!

Call 815-942-4105 to schedule your appointment. Self-referral without a physician's order is accepted.







# Tea Tasting, Book Browsing Oct. 24 @ Prairie Creek Library

Dwight, invites all adults to a night of conversation, tea, and books. At 6:00 p.m. Mon., October 24, the library will host a Tea Tasting and Book Browsing.

This will be a chance to taste a variety of different teas, visit with friends or form new friendships, and get a chance to see and check out new books that have not yet been displayed for checkout.

There also will be a tea bag swap. Those who wish to participate should take in individually wrapped tea bags. If your

Prairie Creek Library, bags do not come individually wrapped, they ask that you take a new unopened box. Staff will wear gloves and place the tea bags in individual baggies for you to share. You are welcome to drop your box of tea bags off at the library prior to the event. allowing them to have your bags ready to swap. You will go home with the same number of bags that you take. The number of tea bags you take of the same flavor may be limited.

> Although this event is free and open to the public, sign-up is required. Call 815-584-3061 to register.

# **Guest Preacher at Congregational United Church of Christ**

Conference Minister for the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, will be the guest preacher at First Congregational United Church and the public is invited.

Reverend Molly Carlson, of Christ in Dwight at their regular 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday October 30.

A potluck lunch will follow

# **Fenton Glass Collection Adds to the Memories**

(continued from page 1)

**Collection Series:** Article III

more than he can count.

Then there is the Beanie Baby story. "I knew someone online and we bought and sold Beanie Ba-

bies. We still have dozens and dozens of Beanie Babies that we don't know what to do with," Sereno said. "But at the time, it was fun for us to run around and find them. At one of the main places that I would buy Beanie Babies, they also sold Fenton.

"When I was looking for Beanie Babies, I saw a few pieces of Fenton that I liked and bought them. Then I started an online mailing list to discuss it. That opened up the history and catalog of all of the pieces Fenton made over the years. As more people shared what they had, I'd want a similar piece and the options became endless. You end up collecting 500 different things."

Now, Sereno has approximately 3,000 pieces of Fenton Glass.

Sereno is no different than most collectors. After finding an interest, he

had to do the research.

"As I collected more, I started collecting Fenton pieces from the 1950s and the 1960s. I haven't counted for years, but I have around 3,000 pieces. This is my addiction rather than drugs or alcohol," Sereno said. "Fenton Glass went out of business 7-8 years ago. They were in business for over 100 years and they made handmade glass in Williamstown, Virginia."

Starting the Fenton Glass collection in the 1990s when the company was still in operation, Sereno bought new pieces as they came on the shelves.

He also bought them as they came on the screen as he would wait for the occasional Fenton Glass show to hit QVC, the TV

FRANK SERENO, OF MORRIS, began collecting Fenton Glass in the 1990s. Through the years, he's purchased around 3,000 pieces including custom pieces as anniversary gifts for his wife, Denise.

shopping channel.

Now, he finds them in antique shops, Ebay, and Facebook Market Place. Sereno notes that there are somewhere around 75 Facebook groups for Fenton Glass.

Denise has never really been involved in the collection besides being gifted sentimental, anniversary gifts.

However, she has tolerated and supported each piece her husband has brought home.

Now, the two celebrate a new hobby as buying Fenton Glass has been placed on the back burner and hitting the greens has taken over the schedule.

"I tried to get her to golf for 40 years. Until a couple of years ago she wouldn't golf,' Sereno said. "She finally tried it and now she wants to golf all of the time at Anderson Fields in Streator.

"I still get a piece here and there, but the money for glass is now paying for golf."

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# **The Link Between Diet and Breast Cancer**

Cancer is an insidious disease that affects just about every part of the body, including the breasts. The World Can-Research Fund cer International indicates there were more than 2.26 million new cases of breast cancer in women in 2020.

Women understandably want to learn what they can do to reduce their risk of developing breast cancer. One of the first considerations may be analyzing diet and determining if it is affecting breast cancer risk.

A variety of factors affect a woman's risk for developing breast cancer, and certain

factors with the biggest impact from 20 studies found women risk, overeating and putting on link between fat and breast caninclude sex, age and genetics. Lifestyle can influence breast cancer risk but not at the same levels as genetic markers, family history, gender, or age. However, women interested in doing all they can to stay healthy may want to take a closer look at the foods and beverages that can adversely affect breast cancer risk.

### Healthy diet

Healthy food choices are linked to lower incidences of cancer and other conditions. Susan G. Komen states that eating plenty of fruits and vegeta-

who ate the most vegetables had a lower risk of estrogen receptor-negative breast cancer (but not estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer) compared to women who ate the least vegetables, according to a 2013 report published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. And it doesn't really matter if produce is organic or not. According to the American Cancer Society, the benefits of eating fresh fruits and vegetables outweigh any health risks linked to pesticide residue.

# The complex relationship be-

excess weight can increase risk. That is why it is essential to get plenty of exercise each week and monitor calorie consumption. While women who are in their reproductive years may not see as much breast cancer risk from being overweight or obese, after menopause, that risk increases, says Susan G. Komen. The risk is not directly related to fatty foods, however. The American Cancer Society says an examination of the amount of fat eaten by women in the United States found no cer risk.

In addition, while consuming too much sugar may not be had a 20 percent higher risk of healthy in the long run, it's a myth that "sugar feeds cancer." Eating sugar may lead to weight gain, which may increase the risk of breast cancer, says the ACS.

### **Alcohol consumption**

One component of diet that has been studied extensively is the effects of alcoholic beverages on breast cancer risk. Susan G. Komen reports that a pooled

analysis of data from 53 studies found women who had two to three alcoholic drinks per day breast cancer compared to those who didn't drink alcohol. Alcohol should be limited to one drink per day for the average woman, or none at all, if possible.

Diet is only one factor in the risk for developing breast cancer. While important, there are other components that increase risk by a more significant margin.





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THE LADY TROJANS GOLF TEAM had their awards banquet October 13. The Most Improved Player award went to Bella Dinelli, pictured, left, while Sophie Anderson, right, received Most Valuable Player honors. Anderson was also named 1st Team All-Conference. Both student-athletes earned All-Academic Team honors. Congratulations on a great season!



THE SENECA FIGHTING IRISH cross country squad took part in their last regular season meet October 10, turning in great performances against some of th best runners in the state during the Amboy Columbus Day Invite. Evelyn O'Connor finished fifth in the girls race, while Austin Aldridge placed 12th for the boys. "All the runners finished strong," said Coach Foster, "and our varsity squad is ready for the postseason."



# Victory Lanes League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers HSG: Bosco Gassman, 237; Bill Green, 232; Jeff Saltzman, 213; Doug Gassman, 212; Kevin Oelschlager, Sr., 212. HSS: Bosco Gassman, 687; Kevin Oelschlager, Sr., 591; Brandon Petry, 580; Bill Green, 564; Jeff Saltzman, 559. HSG: LTG Shuttles, 969. HSS: LTG Shuttles, 2788. HHS: Jeremy's Barbershop, 2791.

League Standings	W	L
DeLong Ford	20	4
Star Trucking	14	10
Jeremy's Barber	14	10
Rambo Construct.	12½	$11\frac{1}{2}$
LTG Shuttles	12	12
Willy's Pub	12	12
Jensens I	12	12
Stumble Inn	12	12
Cafe 110 West	$10^{1/2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$
Jensens BP II	10	14
Future Tree	8	16

# **Commercial League Bowlers**

HSG: Brian Scott, 246; Bill Green, 207; FiR LeRoy, 201; Chuck Dudak, 192; Doug Gassman, 191 - Chris Bryant, 203; Paula Rhodes, 190; Denise Clifford, 173; Linda Dunlap, 165; Sheri Colebank, 162. HSS: Doug Gassman, 563; Brian Scott, 555; FiR LeRoy, 547; Bill Green, 534; Chuck Dudak, 487 - Chris Bryant, 547; Paula Rhodes, 524; Denise Clifford, 502; Linda Dunlap, 461; Sheri Colebank, 438. HSG: Gaston Construction, 817. HHG: Willy's Pub, 921. HSS: HG&N, 2349. HHS: Willy's Pub. 2568. League Standings W L

Love's	16	8	
Dairy Queen	14	10	
Willy's Pub	14	10	
Gaston Construct.	13	11	
Becker's Storage	13	11	
HG&N	12	12	
Maxwell Truck.	11	13	
Whiskey River	10	14	
Pumpkin Patch	9	15	
Cherry RR	8	16	



THE DTHS/GSW TROJAN CROSS COUNTRY team ended its regular season at Detweiler Park in Peoria (the site of the state meet) on a fast course with good conditions and fast competition. The runners showed smart racing and great determination, according to head coach Larry Lane, as all four athletes produced personal bests. The boys race ended with nearly 300 finishers, with Tristan Chambers coming in at 51st with a personal best time of 16:58. Michael Michon finished 177th to lower his PR best to 19:24. Xander Pempe ran a 22:22, good enough for 259th. For the girls, Brooklyn Todd ended the meet with a new personal record of 24:23, taking 24th place and running 67 seconds faster than her previous race. The team competes in the Seneca Class A regional on the Ag Farm course Saturday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m. Pictured, from left, are Todd, Chambers, Pempe, and Michon.



### Friday, October 14 DTHS/GSW vs. Iroquois West Varsity -

The Trojans took a tough home loss to Iroquois West October 14, 49-8.

The only score for DTHS/GSW came in the second quarter when quarterback Conner Telford took it in for a one-yard score. Austin Burkhardt would follow with a successful two-point conversion run that put the score at 14-8 at the moment. But IW would go on to dominate the rest of the way.

Telford wound up with 21 yards passing on two completions, while rushing for 22 yards and a TD on 13 carries. A. Burkhardt ran it 19 times

A. Burkhardt ran it 19 times for 61 yards, making two grabs for 21 yards. Caiden Nelson rushed for 10 yards on six touches.

Dylan Crouch had a teamhigh five tackles, with Michael Gamble picking up four. A. Burkhardt had three tackles, with Terry Wilkey, Telford, and Landon Burkhardt tackling two each. Evan Cox tallied 1.5 tackles. Bennett Grant,



THE DWIGHT TROJANS fell to Iroquois West on Friday night, 49-8. Pictured, above, Conner Telford scrambles to find an open receiver, while Ryan Hilt, below, tried to provide a spark on the ground.





Thomas Dochterman, Dawson Carr, Ryan Hilt, David Paige-Homez, and Parker Miner (1 TFL) each added a tackle. Alex Alvarado assisted on a takedown.

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# **DTHS LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL**

Green had two kills.

Henry-Senachwine

Dwight vs.

ending.

Wednesday, October 12

added eight digs, while Maya

In action against Henry-

Senachwine October 12 it took

three sets to decide a winner,

but Dwight fell on the wrong

side of a 25-16, 20-25, 15-25

aces and four kills. Erin Ander-

son (9 digs, 2 kills) and Lilly

Duffy (8 digs) each put up one

ace. Maci Johnson contributed

eight assists, four digs, and a

block. Maya Green had three

Bri Kosek came up with two

During the Tri County Conference Tournament, the Lady Trojans took on Lowpoint-Washburn, beating them in three sets, 25-15, 10-25, 12-25. That same night, Dwight took on Marquette Academy, suffering a loss in two sets, 19-25, 12-25.

During the contest with LPW, Erin Anderson led with two aces, five kills, two digs, and one assist. Kassy Kodat (9 kills, 2 digs), Brynn Connor (3 blocks), and Lilly Duffy (3 digs, 1 assist) added an ace each.

Versus Marquette, Kodat led with one ace, seven digs, and two kills. Lilly Duffy

# **GSWB Lady Tigers Basketball**

digs and one kill.

### **Tuesday, October 11 GSWB vs. Seneca** 6th Grade -

GSWB dominated Seneca October 11, 30-4.

Lily Eddy and Kaylee Tousignant led all scorers with nine points each. Autumn Manzello put up six points, followed by two each from Ellie Marquez, Briann Pumfrey, and Chloe Biros.

Wednesday, October 12 **GSWB vs. Ransom** 6th Grade -

The Lady Tigers blanked Ransom on October 12, 24-0.

Kaylee Tousignant had 10 points to lead the way. Leah Olson scored six points, while Autumn Manzello, Ellie Marquez, Lily Eddy, and Chloe Biros each added two points.

# **Dwight Youth Wrestling Club Kicks Off Practice Nov. 1**

Dwight The Wrestling Club will start practice Tuesday, November 1. Practice will be held in the Dwight Township High School wrestling room from 5:45-7:00 p.m. November 1 and Thursday, November 3.

Anyone in K-8th grade is invited to try the club the first week for free. After the first week, a club fee applies, which includes a sweatshirt.

All wrestlers must also be signed up through USA Wrestling, in which a fee applies. Returning wrestlers can log into their account and new wrestlers can sign up through

Youth usawrestling.com.

This will all be discussed at the parent meeting on November 3 at 7:15 p.m. in the DTHS cafeteria.

"We had a great season last year, with over 40 kids wrestling," says Coach De-Long, "and hope for the same this year."

Practice will be two to three times per week, and you can attend as many or as few tournaments as you'd like or are ready for.

Visit their Facebook page, Dwight Youth Wrestling Club, for additional information.



# **GSW LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL**

**Tuesday, October 11 GSW vs. Pontiac** Varsity -

Pontiac got the best of Gardner-South Wilmington October 11, 12-25, 25-13, 23-25.

Hannah Frescura led with five aces, 14 assists, and 12 digs, followed by two aces, nine digs, and six kills from Addison Fair. Eva Henderson had an ace, 14 digs, and three kills. Hannah Balcom added four kills and a block. JV -

### Simms supplied seven assists and a kill.

### Freshmen -

The freshmen meeting saw the Lady Panthers fall, 19-25, 19-25.

In the JV match-up, GSW

Nina Siano (4 digs, 4 kills,

2 assists) and Maya Cacello (2

kills) had one ace each. Maddie

was beaten, 21-25, 16-25.

Nina Siano (14 assists, 3 kills), Kayla Scheuber (7 digs, 2 kills), and Maddie Simms (4 assists, 1 kill) led the way with one ace each.

# **DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL**

Monday, October 10 Dwight vs. Odell 7th Grade -Livingston County Tourney

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds took a tough loss to Odell in Livingston County Tournament action October 10.

# Tuesday, October 11

Dwight vs. MVK 8th Grade -On October 11, the Lady Redbirds pulled off a big win over the MVK Lady Mavericks, 36-21.

The contest was tied at 6-6 after one quarter, then 16-16 at the half.

Dwight's defense shut MVK down in the third quarter, pulling ahead, 28-16, eventually getting the victory.

Mikayla Chambers led with 15 points, 11 steals, five rebounds, and three assists. Delaney Boucher was the leader on the boards with 17, adding that to eight points, five swipes, and one assist. Cloe Gall chipped in with five points, six rebounds, and three steals. Addy Sulzberger put up four points, five boards, four steals, and dished two assists, while Claire Sandeno provided four points, four steals, and four rebounds. Kit Connor came up with three steals and one assist, with Sophie Bastian pulling down two boards. Olivia Valdez snagged one rebound.

7th Grade -

The Dwight Lady Redbirds squared off against Mazon-Verona-Kinsman October 11, starting off strong with their press and defense.

The game remained close until the fourth quarter, when Dwight utilized some great drives to the bucket to pull ahead and secure the win, 29-12

Olivia Buck led all scorers with 16 points, with Adilynn Avilez adding seven points. Carrigan Crouch, Sienna Burke, and Grace Tielle each put up two points. Tjelle, Avilez, and Crouch all grabbed multiple rebounds. Wednesday, October 12 Dwight vs. Pontiac 8th Grade -Livingston County Tourney

The Lady Redbirds went up against Pontiac Jr. High October 12 in Livingston County Tournament action, earning a trip to the tourney championship with a 36-18 victory.

Dwight's defense was impressive, holding PJHS to just five first-half points.

Claire Sandeno set the pace with nine steals, two assists, four points, and one board. Delaney Boucher was the leader on the glass with eight rebounds, adding that to four steals and 11 points. Mikayla Chambers was high scorer with 13 points, in addition to five steals, two boards, and one assist. Kit Connor made her third three of the season, chipping in with seven points, four steals, two rebounds, and one assist. Addy Sulzberger came up with a free throw, three steals, two assists, and two boards, with Cloe Gall snagging three rebounds and tallying five swipes. Sophie Bastian (1 rebound), Madlynn Lucus, and Olivia Buck (1 rebound, 1 assist) had one steal each. Saturday, October 15 Dwight vs. GSWB

6th Grade - MVK Tourney The sixth grade Lady Redbirds

traveled to Mazon October 15 to participate in the MVK Tournament.

Game one saw Dwight go up against GSWB, winning easily, 12-6

Elizabeth Hansen led with six points, 10 boards, followed by Cara Wilson's four points and six rebounds. NeKaylee Nelson Smith had two points, pulling down nine boards. June Woods and Shay Sulzberger controlled the tempo of the game to perfection. **Dwight vs. MVK** 

6th Grade - MVK Tourney

In the second game, the Lady Redbirds were victorious over tournament hosts, MVK, 16-8.

Elizabeth Hansen's six points and 10 rebounds led Dwight, while NeKaylee Nelson Smith put up four points and eight boards. Shay Sulzberger directed the offense and scored four points. June Woods added two points.

"It seemed as if our offense really began to click today," said Coach Gettinger, "and we had multiple assists into the middle for Hansen to put it in the hoop."

# **DCS Redbirds Cross Country**

state competition.

In the boy's action, Sawyer Kucera ran a personal best of 14:57. Axel Kargle also ran a personal best of 13:46, with Logan Bovelle finishing 13th and qualifying for state with a personal best time of 12:35.

"We look forward to seeing sonal best of 12:56 – finishing how everyone does at the state first in sectionals to advance to meet," said Stinnett Gettinger.

# **Gas Prices** For This Week

Dwight's cross country

team participated in sectionals

this past weekend, achieving

several personal records and

qualifying two runners for

laney Boucher ran a 15:39, and

Mikayla Chambers ran a per-

Clara Flott ran a 24:13, De-

state.

Since last Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline rose slightly then declined for two days to land at \$3.89. According to new data from the Energy Information Administration, gas demand decreased nationally from 9.47 million b/d to 8.28 million b/d last week, and total domestic gasoline stocks increased by 2 million bbl to 209.5 million bbl. Lower gasoline demand, amid increasing supply and fluctuating oil prices, has contributed to the national average moving downward. If demand continues to drop, as oil prices slide, drivers should see pump price increases slow and decreases grow.

Citer/Willers	0-4 17	0+10	
City/Village	Oct. 17	Oct. 10	
Dwight	\$4.07	\$4.06	
Kankakee	\$4.22	\$4.29	
Streator	\$4.23	\$4.25	
Pontiac	\$3.97	\$4.03	
Gardner	\$4.16	\$4.18	
Braceville	\$3.81	\$4.03	
Morris	\$4.21	\$4.24	
Herscher	\$4.25	\$4.25	
Chicago	\$4.56	\$4.68	
Illinois	\$4.31	\$4.41	
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,	In Re: The Matter of the Petition to Change the Name of	)
r	NANCY KAY MARTIN to NANCY S. MARTIN	) ) NO.: 2022MR33 )



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Nancy Kay Martin, shall appear in the Grundy County Circuit Court, 111 East Washington Street, Morris, Illinois, at 9:00 a.m., on November 23, 2022, before the Judge assigned to hear said matter, and then and there present a Petition requesting that her name be changed from Nancy Kay Martin to Nancy S. Martin.

### **GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE**

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

At the usual polling places in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, a Primary Election will be held for the following offices: the DEMOCRATIC PARTY and the REPUBLICAN PARTY will nominate or elect the following offices:

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The polls of said GENERAL ELECTION will be open continuously from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 KRISTY MASCHING LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK

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

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc..

Plaintiff,

Daniel O'Connell; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants.

2022FC41

vs.

### NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, Daniel O'Connell, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 200 Taylor St., Dwight, IL 60420 and which said Mortgage was made by:

Daniel O'Connell the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois, as Document No. 2019R-01160; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, LeAnn Dixon Clerk of the Circuit Court 110 N. Main Pontiac, IL 61764 on or before November 4, 2022, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDG-MENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-22-06583 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3204140

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED	C THOMAS LYNCH ROBIN KELLY	REPUBLICAN DEMOCRATIC	WOODFORD COUNTIE	
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KRISTY A. MASCHING, COUNTY CLERK	(Vote for one)	REPUBLICAN	COUNTY BOARD	
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CONVENTION SHALL BE CALLED OR THE AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IF APPROVED BY EITHER	SALLY J. TURNER	REPUBLICAN	<ul> <li>REGINA "GINA" MANKER</li> <li>MARTY FANNIN</li> </ul>	REPUBLICAN
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For the proposed addition of Section 25 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution.	O DENNIS TIPSWORD, JR.	REPUBLICAN DEMOCRATIC	O JOHN J. VITZTHUM O SETH L. WELCH	REPUBLICAN
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# **Dwight Village Board Discusses TIF #3**

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 10, in the lower level of the Public Services Complex.

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

Just prior to the regular

held to review the proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District encompassing the former LSC/RR Donnelley property on the north edge of the Village. Adam Stroud of PGAV Planners, the firm hired to assist with implementation of the project, spoke giving an overview of the venture. Josh DeLong, a member of the TIF Joint Review Board and Super-

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(continued from page 1) Hileman reported he was contacted by the Fire Protection District regarding the Industrial and residential TIF districts. Hileman commented the Fire Protection District is party only to the residential district, not the industrial district.

Mayor Serena reported the village will look at the option

intendent of Dwight School

of purchasing a laptop to allow the public works employees to complete the continuing education requirements without interrupting the clerks.

The Route 66 monument was dedicated last week. Serena noted the monument was provided to the village at no cost except for maintenance until at least 2026.



meeting a Public Hearing was Districts #230 and #232, expressed his concern that having so much of the Village falling within the boundaries of a TIF creates a concern for the School Districts. He pointed out that TIF agreements, which run for 23 years, and in some cases can be extended, limit taxing bodies for a considerable length of time. DeLong suggested adding terms to the agreement that would allow for some of any tax increases to be prorated back to the School Districts. He offered that there are similar provisions in TIF agreements in surrounding communities.

The Board discussed De-Long's proposal and was open to the idea of adding modified terms to the TIF agreement in the future, but decided it was best to proceed with standard wording until the TIF district created any significant increase in valuation. Once the redevelopment plan is approved by the Joint Review Board, the Village Trustees can then adopt the plan by a majority vote.

In the President's report, Mayor Paul Johnson acknowledged the accomplishments of the Dwight Youth Football teams.

EMS Director Michael Callahan reported that a newhire training program is being developed. Through nine months there have been 1,070 EMS calls. There were a total of 1.033 in all of 2021.

Chief of Police Mike Nolan

noted that much of the Department along with many from EMS, recently attended an informative Autism Awareness Seminar at the High School.

There is a Livingston County E-Recycle Event to be held November 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vermillion Plaza (Old K-Mart Lot) in Pontiac.

A resolution was passed allowing for the release of specific sets of Executive Session Minutes running from May 22, 2017 to March 14, 2022.

The Board opted to place back out for rebid a series of upgrades to the Waste Water Treatment Plant as the first set of quotes came back higher than expected. In addition, a project to replace/upgrade water mains on Pollard and Chicago streets will be put out for bid as well.

The Board agreed to a match of \$5,000 with that of Dwight Lions Club for the purpose of adding playground equipment at Lions Lake.

Public Works Director Cory Scoles informed the Board that dead tree removals had taken place at Renfrew and Rotary Parks. Also, quotes for the new flashing radar speed signs on Columbia Street were being reviewed.

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Dwight Public Services Complex. The Public is invited to attend.



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# **Area Agencies Attend Session on Autism Awareness**



by Mark Boma

A program providing First Responders and police personnel with insight on how to approach situations involving individuals with Autism was held in the Dwight High School Auditorium on Friday October 7.

Stefan Bjes, founder of Blue Line Spectrum Safety LLC, gave the presentation to area agencies which included the Dwight Police Department and EMS personnel, Grundy and Livingston County Sheriffs' Departments, Dispatch Centers from Livingston and Grundy County, along with others.

Bjes is currently a patrol sergeant and has served with a police department in the Chicago suburbs for over 19 years. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Valparaiso University in Psychology and Sociology and a Master's Degree from Lewis University. He is married and is the father of three sons, two of which have Autism. He has extensive experience, through his personal and professional life, in interacting with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The program helps first responders recognize autism disorders during an emergency response and to better understand techniques to communicate.

According to Dwight Officer Gary Beier there are several residents in our community that fall somewhere on the Autism Spectrum and it is important that First Responders be able to recognize signs of that when interacting on calls. "Often a person with Autism is not able to wholly verbalize a situation to responders, so it is key to know the signs," he said.

Police officers routinely respond to a number of emergency situations in their line of duty. Each emergency has its own unique characteristics, and so do the individuals involved in that crisis. First responders and police need effective training on how to respond to emergencies compassionately and effectively. This program helped address those needs.

Funding for the program was provided by the Livingston County Health Board.

