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The Dwight football team  
is on the move

## Trojans Leave VVC to Help Create the Chicago Prairie Football League

by Brandon LaChance

The Dwight football team had some long road trips this season as a member of the Vermillion Valley North Conference.

Instead of continuing to rack up miles, gas charges, and the hours on a bus, Dwight has officially left the Vermillion after two years and will be one of the eight founding teams of the newly formed Chicago Prairie Football League for the 2023-24 school year.

"The dynamics, the logistics, and location-wise, this is going to be better for us," said Cathy Ferguson, the Dwight athletic director. "For an example, we had three crossover games this year that were two hours...one way. The distance is part of it. This way, the conference opponents are up and down I-55. We are pretty much centrally located with the schools."

"I think it's going to be a good change. These schools are more balanced with what we're looking for number wise. Even though a couple of the schools are bigger schools, they don't have the football numbers that warrant them playing larger schools. I think it's going to work out well. We're pretty happy with it."

Joining Dwight in the Chicago Prairie Football

League are Seneca, Ottawa Marquette, St. Bede, Westmont, Walther Christian, Ridgewood, and Elmwood Park.

Although Dwight is joining a new football conference, the Trojans will remain in the Tri-County Conference for all other sports.

Seneca, Marquette, and St. Bede are also in the Tri-County Conference.

"I love that we're still in the same conference as Seneca, our biggest rival. I love it. I love it," Ferguson said. "Once we left the Sangamon Valley Conference and joined the Tri-County Conference, four of these schools are in the same conference. It's good for us. We will see them in basketball, volleyball, baseball, and other sports. We're very pleased with the change."

Dwight joined the Vermillion Valley North Conference and the Tri-County Conference for the 2021-22 school year after the Sangamon Valley Conference disbanded in June of 2021.

Before Sangamon, the Trojans were in the Interstate 8 Conference from 1979-2014.

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## Masonic Lodge Sponsors Blood Drive November 15

Livingston Masonic Lodge #371 of Dwight is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive to be held Tuesday, November 15, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

Donors must call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Eligible donors must be at least 17

years old, or 16 years old with a signed Red Cross parental/guardian consent form where state permits, must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

The American Red Cross is a major supplier of blood to the hospitals in the area. Help make a difference, donate blood for those patients in need.

The Red Cross medical staff and donors must follow all CDC guidelines for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

## Dwight Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

The Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving in Dwight will be held in Saint Patrick Catholic Church, corner of Mazon and Prairie Avenues, Sunday, November 20, at 7 p.m.

This is the annual service offered by the Dwight Ministerial Association, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**Sunday, November 20  
7 p.m.**

### Shop This Week's Inserts:

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## Helping soldiers smile SOS packages help those protecting USA

by Brandon LaChance

When Major 0-4 Lindsay Leskanich sees a package with her name on it, a smile instantly settles on her face.

She knows it's from home. From the Dwight community.

From Support Our Soldiers (SOS).

"When I was deployed, it was awesome to see the SOS boxes. It's so incredible," said Major Leskanich, who is a Dwight native and graduated from Dwight Township High School in 2001. "I haven't seen any other organization like them. They put so much heart into what they do. Those boxes mean so much."

"It doesn't matter if you're deployed or stateside. Every holiday you get something and it's so cool because it just speaks so much about the community and how much people care. I can't tell them how much I appreciate the community and SOS. They include people beyond them. I still have a note that a student sent me last Christmas. It was so cool."

"It's those little things that I think is so cool. SOS takes the time to involve everyone. I've been receiving packages since Day 1, as soon as I enrolled."

The packages sent by Carol Dippon, Annette Riegel, and Marcia Drach are delivered on Christmas, Easter, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July.

For some, like Leskanich, the packages have followed her all over the world.

The Major joined the Army Reserves in December 2003, went to basic training in 2004, was commissioned as an officer in May 2007, and went to ROTC at Eastern Illinois University while playing rugby before accomplishing her service duties all over the states and other countries.

"I've always been interested in the military. Both of my grandfathers served in the Korean War, but no one else in my family was in the military at the time," said Leskanich. "I went to Northern Illinois University for two years and I transferred to Eastern Illinois University. That's where I started playing rugby. I wanted to check out the military."

"I talked to a recruiter and called my parents on a Friday. I said, 'Monday, I'm going to

sign up.' My plan was to sign up for the Reserves, do basic training, and start drilling with a unit in Terre Haute, Ind., but I also wanted to complete my college degree."

"When I met the recruiter, he introduced me to the ROTC (Reserve Officer's Training Corps) leadership at Eastern. I signed up for both simultaneously. I had no idea that I was going to stay in this long, but the Army has been good to me."

After going to school for 24 credit hours because she had to be a full-time EIU student to play rugby and a full-time nursing student at the satellite school, Lakeview College of Nursing, to continue her ROTC scholarship, she was prepared for her missions as an Army psychiatric nurse practitioner.

She was first stationed in Colorado in 2007, deployed to Baghdad, Iraq from Dec. 2008-June 2009 as an ICU and ER nurse, was at Fort Carson in Colorado, and went on a 6-month travel duty assignment at Bethesda, Maryland at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence where she was one of three nurses and one of 15 health-care workers.

Leskanich then went to the Uniform Services University in Washington D.C. for the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Program. She graduated in 2015 with her doctorate and took on a residency at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, Washington.

She spent time at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, deployed to Kuwait, Northern Iraq, and Syria, came back to the states at Fort Bragg for three years, and is currently stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA as the Chief of Inpatient Psychiatry and Complication Services.

"It's been interesting. I've been a few places. I enjoy the job. I like working with service members. I like what the Army is trying to do with behavioral health," Leskanich said. "Right now, working inpatient, we are kind of responsive. People become acutely ill, they come see us, and we help get them set up for care afterwards. We try to do collaborative practice after the fact."

"One of the new initiatives the Army is trying to do is imbed our psychiatric nurse practitioner in training environ-



ments. One of the next positions I'm interested in is where we go to the AIT and basic training units to try to get ahead of things and have it more psychiatric education minded.

"If we can help get the skills and help work with some folks earlier to maybe prevent things from getting to the point where folks need acute hospitalizations. While there are programs like this on the civilian side, I enjoy working with this population. I think people come to the military for different reasons, but from a behavior health perspective, I see people trying to get away from something or trying to find their own identity."

Leskanich said she is thankful for her opportunity to help people improve their lives.

She realizes helping one sol-

dier advance from young, adolescent behavior to an adult in the service doesn't affect one person, but many, as the person

will then help their

family, friends, and everyone

around them as better people

help make better people.

The Major doesn't ask for anything, but when the SOS packages come, they help remind her that she is doing what she is supposed to be doing and people appreciate her efforts. At the same time, she is thankful for the smiles SOS gifts bring to her.

As she put it, Leskanich might not know where she'll be next, but she knows the mail will follow her.

"I'm taking one duty station at a time and I'm happy SOS packages follow me," Leskanich said.

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## Dwight Love Boxes

Dwight Love Boxes is a volunteer mission that's been helping families in need during the holiday season for about 50 years, and this year will be no exception. A love box is a very generous donation of groceries delivered to your door on the morning of Saturday, December 10.

### HOW DO YOU RECEIVE A LOVE BOX?

1. Sign up at your next food pantry pick-up on November 16.
2. If you're receiving gifts from Christmas for Kids, you're automatically on the list.
3. Call and sign up. 815-

343-1147 or 815-584-3420.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Donate funds to Dwight Love Boxes at Peoples National Bank of Dwight, Bank of Pontiac-Dwight Branch, or the Dwight United Methodist Church.

2. Help pack boxes at the Dwight United Methodist Church Friday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m.

3. Help deliver boxes Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Methodist church.

This mission cannot be successful without the help of the community. Contact Destiny Connor with any questions at 815-343-1147.



## Shoppers Needed for Dwight Christmas for Kids

The Christmas for Kids program in Dwight needs volunteers to shop for the children using their "Wish Lists" and funds from the Christmas for Kids Committee.

To become a shopper, you may go to Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia St., between 10 a.m.

and 2 p.m. Thursday, November 10, to pick up a list.

Gifts purchased will need to be wrapped and properly labeled when dropped off at the church Thursday, December 8 between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact the Christmas for Kids Committee at 815-584-2179.

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued  
by Dwight Police

October 28: Connor E. Armistead, 18, Germantown Hills, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Kaitlin E. Montes, 25, Bloomington, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

October 30: Ronald K. Loyd, Jr., 30, Dwight, speeding over statutory limit, operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended or revoked registration; Tanner L. Parenteau, 31, Newport, VT, illegal lane usage; DUI - under the influence of alcohol; DUI - alcohol concentration in blood or breath 0.08 or more.

October 31: Anna D. Harris, 43, Robbins, regis. expiration/1st and 2nd.

November 2: Victoria M. Campbell, 36, Dwight, operation of uninsured motor vehicle, driving on susp./revoked license; Brian D. Heffelfinger, 44, Martinton, speeding over statutory limit.

November 3: Steven R. McMeen, 27, Dwight, speeding; Anna D. Harris, 43, Robbins, driving 11-14 MPH above limit; Cynthia L. Riddle, 60, Chicago Heights, driving on susp./revoked license.

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

24 Written Warnings

No Registration Plate Light – 4; Disobey Stop Sign – 2; Speeding – 18.

Dwight Police Blotter

October 26: Dwight Police were requested to conduct a Well Being check in the 100 block of S. John St.

October 27: Dwight Police were informed of a Bus Stop Arm Violation. A citation was issued to Donald Petrik, 37, of Dwight; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Watters Dr. Two businesses had unknown subjects enter their stores, taking several dollars in merchandise. The offenders left in a vehicle with no license plates, leaving in an unknown direction.

October 28: Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook Dr. Two subjects advised their catalytic converters had been cut from their vehicles.

October 29: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of E. Mazon. Arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest and Battery was Megan Guzman, 30, of Dwight. She was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 500 block of S. Franklin St. for a domestic disturbance; Dwight Police conducted a building check on the 200 block of S. Franklin, where a broken-out window was discovered; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of N. Washington St. for a well being check; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of S. Chicago for a well being check.

October 30: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 1200 block of E. Mazon for a Burglar Alarm notification; Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 47. Cited for speeding and a Suspended Driver's License was Ronald Loyd, 30, of Dwight. His vehicle was towed.

October 31: Dwight Police were advised of a Reckless Driver. Arrested for Improper Lane Use and DUI was Tanner Parenteau, 32, of Newport, VT; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Julie Dr. for a report of disorderly conduct; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of W. Waupansie for Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism.

Suspicious Subject – 2; Return Call – 6; Lock Out – 3; Unknown Problem – 2; Found Item – 2; Walk In – 5; Traffic Stops – 45; Out with Subject – 2; Theft – 2; Burglar Alarm – 2; Noise Complaint – 1; Property Retrieval – 1; Medical Aid – 3; Reckless Driver – 1; Subject Removal – 1; Check Area – 1; Follow Up – 3; Well Being – 2; Disturbance – 1; Lost Dog – 1; Suspicious Activity – 1; Extra Patrol – 15; Out with Vehicle – 2.



Ambulance Runs  
by Dwight EMS

October 27: Mazon, medical, Riverside; Spencer, medical, Morris.

October 28: Aldi Dr., medical, Morris; Prairie, fire, mutual aid to Odell.

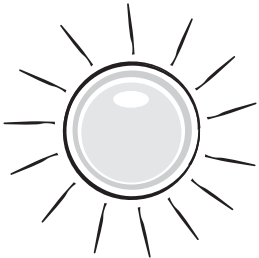
October 29: Mazon, medical, St. James.

October 30: James, fire/gas; I-55 (mm 220), medical/trauma, no pt. found.

October 31: Spencer, lift assist, mutual aid – Odell; Mazon, medical, Morris; North, fire, mutual aid – Odell; Mazon, medical, St. James; Bannon, medical, Morris.

November 1: Mazon, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, Morris.

November 2: Spencer, medical; Columbia, medical, St. James.



Temps - 2022

Oct. 27 – high 54°, low 30°  
Oct. 28 – high 62°, low 31°  
Oct. 29 – high 68°, low 30°  
Oct. 30 – high 63°, low 42° .02” precip.

Oct. 31 – high 57°, low 43°  
Nov. 1 – high 69°, low 38°  
Nov. 2 – high 73°, low 38°

One Year Ago – Nov. 9, 2021  
high 65°, low 36°



Dwight  
Fire Incidents  
10/28 - 11/4

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

October 28: Mutual Aid to Coal City.

October 29: Mutual Aid to Seneca.

October 30: Natural Gas Leak – W. James; Report of an Accident on I-55 – unfounded.

October 31: Mutual Aid to Odell.

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

From The Paper files 2010

Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington Nov. 14

On Monday, November 14, 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 in need.

Participants are asked to stay in their cars. The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive

thru" method to distribute pre-packed 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 catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Kankakee Cty. Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney  
Offer Fine Amnesty Through November 23

If you have unpaid fines from a criminal or traffic case in Kankakee County, now through November 23 is your lucky opportunity.

Circuit Clerk Sandi Cianci and State's Attorney Jim Rowe have teamed up to offer a one-time fine amnesty period to thousands who have been dogged for years by outstanding fines. The goal of this amnesty program is to collect a backlog of unpaid debt owed to the County, while putting individuals in a position to pay their fines and, in many instances, restore their driving privileges.

Under the amnesty program, participants will not have to pay collection fees or interest, which can inflate debts by as much as 30% or more, if they pay their original debt between now and November 23 in the Circuit Clerk's Office. With interest and collection fees, an unpaid traffic ticket or criminal fine can quickly grow – by 30% after 45 days and then another 9% per annum thereafter – resulting in tax intercepts, collection lawsuits, license suspension and worse. On average, a driver who received court supervision for a speeding ticket but was unable to pay the fine within 45 days will now eliminate upwards of \$100 in collection fees and interest with this amnesty program – those with higher fines or multiple cases will save even more.

"It is easy to fall behind – this amnesty program hopes to give people a chance to catch up. Now is the time for anyone

with a delinquent debt to come forward and resolve their court matters, because now you have the opportunity to save a lot of money, hundreds of dollars in some cases," said Circuit Clerk Cianci. "This is about helping people while still holding them accountable for the fines imposed by the court – my staff and I are happy to be able to offer this one-time program."

"Relatively small infractions now cost hundreds of dollars in fines, and if they're not paid on time the system tacks on penalties that cost hundreds more. When folks must choose between paying rent or paying a traffic ticket that could be more than 30 times their hourly wage, the choice becomes clear. We're providing amnesty so people can get their fines paid, get their license back and move on with their lives," said Rowe.

Here is how it works:

1. Participants will be given the option to pay the original

amount of their fine in any criminal or traffic case, eliminating any collection fees or interest, between now and November 23. A whole ticket must be paid in full – partial payments will not be eligible for the amnesty program. Call 815-936-5728 or 815-936-5733 for the details.

a. The ticket must be paid in person at the Circuit Clerk's Office, Collection Department, located in room 108 on the first floor of the Kankakee County Courthouse, with cash, cashier's check, money order, or credit card.

2. After November 23, unpaid tickets and fines will again be subject to the 30% collection fee plus 9% per annum interest. Even if you have multiple unpaid tickets and can only afford to pay one ticket at this time, it is to your advantage to eliminate the collection costs and interest by paying off as many tickets as you can prior to November 23.

AFSCME Council 31 Sub-Chapter  
76 Retirees Elect Board Members

AFSCME Council 31 Sub-Chapter 76 Retirees elected the following Executive Board members for 2022-2024 at their September 15 meeting:

Kathleen Bruner, President; Darlene DeMattia, Vice-President; Lisa Armagast, Secretary-Treasurer; Michelle Clark, Recording Secretary; Jason Browning, Deb Dowdy and Mary Duffy, Executive Board members; and Stephanie

Davis, Trustee.

Vicki Allen and Jenny Vaughn will continue to serve as Trustees until the end of their respective terms.

Sub-Chapter 76 consists of public sector retirees currently living in, or have retired from, Livingston, Ford and Iroquois Counties. Their mission is to promote financial security and dignity.

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**Here's Your 'Recession Survival' Checklist**

It's unfortunate, but recessions are a fairly normal part of the economic landscape. When a recession occurs, how might you be affected? The answer depends on your individual situation, but regardless of your circumstances, you might want to consider the items in this recession survival checklist:

**Assess your income stability.** If your employment remains steady, you may not have to do anything different during a recession. But if you think your income could be threatened or disrupted, you might want to consider joining the "gig economy" or looking for freelance or consulting opportunities.

**Review your spending.** Look for ways to trim your spending, such as canceling subscription services you don't use, eating out less often, and so on.

**Pay down your debts.** Try to reduce your debts, especially those with high interest rates.

**Plan your emergency fund.** If you haven't already built one, try to create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account.

**Review your protection plan.** If your health or life insurance is tied to your work, a change in your employment status could jeopardize this coverage. Review all your options for replacing these types of protection. Also, look for ways to lower premiums on home or auto insurance, without significantly sacrificing coverage, to free up money that could be used for health/life insurance.

**Keep your long-term goals in mind.** Even if you adjust your portfolio during times of volatility, don't lose sight of your long-term goals. Trying to "outsmart" the market with short-term strategies can often lead to missteps and missed opportunities.

**Don't stop investing.** If you can afford it, try to continue investing. Coming out of a recession, stock prices tend to bottom out and then rebound, so if you had headed to the investment "sidelines," you would have missed the opportunity to benefit from a market rally.

**Revisit your performance expectations.** During a bear market, you will constantly be reminded of the decline of a particular market index, such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Industrial Average. But instead of focusing on these short-term numbers, look instead at the long-term performance of your portfolio to determine if you're still on track toward meeting your goals.

**Assess your risk tolerance.** If you find yourself worrying excessively about declines in your investment statements, you may want to reevaluate your tolerance for risk. One's risk tolerance can change over time — and it's important you feel comfortable with the amount of risk you take when investing.

**Keep diversifying.** Diversification is always important for investors — by having a mix of stocks, mutual funds and bonds, you can reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. To cite one example: Higher-quality bonds, such as Treasuries, often move in the opposite direction of stocks, so the presence of these bonds in your portfolio, if appropriate for your goals, can be valuable when market conditions are worsening. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee profits or protect against all losses in a declining market.)

A recession accompanied by a bear market is not pleasant. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can boost your chances of getting through a difficult period and staying on track toward your important financial goals.

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THIRTY-THREE MEMBERS of the Seneca FFA attended the 95th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition to the excitement of the convention sessions and the career and educational opportunities exposed in the Career Expo, members toured many sites including the National FFA Center.

## Seneca FFA Attends National Convention

The last week of October saw 33 Seneca FFA members, three advisors, and superintendent Dan Stecken in Indianapolis for the 2022 National FFA Convention and Expo. They were part of an audience of 70,000 FFA members nationwide who were registered for this year’s convention. Convention sessions were held at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis and the huge agricultural Career Expo was held at the convention center. In addition to the many recognitions presented, members listened to the retiring address of the National FFA officers and other guest speakers.

The Seneca FFA was recognized on stage as a 3-Star chapter and Garrett Granby was recognized for receiving the American FFA Degree. The

American Degree is the highest level of degree an FFA member can receive and is the culmination of five years of dedication. Seneca FFA member, Tynan Justice, was one of 70 members that comprised the very exclusive National FFA Band. The “mail order band” came together for the first time on the previous Saturday and melded into a premier unit in just two days. The Agronomy Career Development Team of Carther Thomas, Erinn Kenney, Kenny Daggett, and Addison Steigler placed in the silver division. Members are required to complete a written exam, identify crops, weeds, diseases, insects, and seeds. They were also asked to grade grain, develop a production plan for a crop and present it to judges, and discuss

current agronomic issues. The Nursery/Landscape CDE team of Calvin Maierhofer, Ashlin Jackson, Emma Smith, and Chris Poyner placed a school record high of third. Maierhofer was the seventh highest individual in the country. FFA members visited the National FFA Center, the Indianapolis Speedway Museum and facilities, the Indiana State Museum, the Indianapolis Zoo and Botanical Gardens, the NCAA Hall of Fame, and Kelsay Farms. A private grounds tour of Victory Field, the triple-A stadium in Indy, was conducted to expose members to careers in turf and sports management. The group also attended the “World’s Toughest Rodeo” at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

## Morris Hospital Auxiliary Golf Outing Nets \$49,000 for Patient Transportation, Lifeline Services

Once again, friends of Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers came out in full force in support of the Patient Transportation and Lifeline programs by participating in the Morris Hospital Auxiliary’s annual Golf Outing September 26. Net proceeds are over \$49,000, making this year’s golf outing a very successful event according to Morris Hospital Auxiliary & Foundation Officer Hannah Wehrle. “We are so excited about this year’s results,” said Wehrle. “The proceeds will help the Auxiliary and Foundation cover the cost for a new Patient Transportation bus next year.” “I believe the success of the event speaks to the amazing generosity of our community and their understanding of our incredible Patient Transportation and Lifeline programs that have become an integral part of our community over the past 20



MORRIS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY hosted its annual Golf Outing September 26. Pictured, from left, Joel Micetich, Pat Halloran, Barry Rice, and Tim Bradley were among the golfers helping a cause to support patient transportation and Lifeline services.

years,” adds Wehrle. “This year’s event was also extra special because it was the first time since 2019 that we were able to come together in person. Seeing everyone was absolutely wonderful.”

A total of 146 golfers took part in the day. Many others supported the cause by purchasing raffle tickets, a chance in the golf ball drop, or a carry out meal.

## Region 3 Regional Transportation Committee Meeting November 18

The next Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) - Region 3 - Transportation Committee Meeting (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle and Putnam Counties) will be held Friday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. at Mendota Moose Lodge, 211 East 12th Street, Mendota. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as

anyone that is interested in public transit. If you would like further information, contact [hstp@ncicg.org](mailto:hstp@ncicg.org) or call 815-433-5830. They will make reserved time slots available via Zoom for public comment between 10:15-10:30 a.m. If you would like to participate in public comment during that time frame and are unable to attend the meeting, contact them at 815-433-5830 to reserve your

time slot. HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans. For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Tim Hammers at 815-433-5830.

## Join In On the Fun at LTL

There is always something going on at Limestone Township Library District. They have programs for all ages whether it’s crafts, scientific experiments, or playing board games with others. They only ask that people sign up ahead of time so they can be prepared with enough supplies for the program. Do so by stopping in at the library or calling them at 815-939-1696. Storytime meets Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. in person with Ms. Holly reading an exciting picture book or two and working on a craft to help preschoolers discover the joy of reading. Join for Science with Ms. Faith and Ms. Holly Monday, November 14, at 6:00 p.m. Their staff members will demonstrate a science experiment using items you have at home. Kids will have a chance to do the experiment as well. This program is for kids in first through fifth grade. They invite teens to go for

Open Game Night Tuesday, November 15, starting at 6:00 p.m. You can try out their ping pong table as well as various board games including Cards Against Humanity – Family Style. Join Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. for an online conversation with Caitlin Doughty, mortician, bestselling author, and advocate for death acceptance. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. When you sign up, give your e-mail address so you can be sent the online invitation for the program. Adults get their own craft night Monday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m., when they will create DIY snowglobes for lasting memories. All materials are supplied and there is no fee for this program. Are you participating in National Novel Writing Month (NANOWRIMO) this year?

Go spend a part of the day with the library when they host a NANOWRIMO Open Writing Space Saturday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. Get a change of scenery by taking your laptop and writing with others in their meeting room. Snacks will be provided. You don’t have to have a library card to attend their programming. But if you want to check out books, the process for getting a card is simple.

Be aware that the library will be closed Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. They will reopen Saturday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m. Check their website at [limestonelibrary.org](http://limestonelibrary.org) as well as Facebook, Instagram, and The Paper for updates. Any questions? Call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at [info@limestonelibrary.org](mailto:info@limestonelibrary.org), or message them at Facebook or Instagram.

## New Books at Piper City Library

Piper City Library, 39 Main St. in Piper City, has the following books available for checkout: Building a Future by Amy Clipston; The Amish Quiltmaker’s Unexpected Baby by Jennifer Beckstrand; Adrift by Jana DeLeon; Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham; Christmas Spirit by Debbie Macomber; High Notes by Danielle Steel; Home Sweet Christmas by Susan Mallery; Long Shadows by David Baldacci; No Plan B by

Lee Child; Thief of Fate by Jude Deveraux; and Voice of Fear by Heather Graham. In addition, the library also has available Distant Thunder by Stuart Woods. Stone Barrington finds himself in hot water in this exhilarating adventure from the #1 New York Times bestselling author. During an intense storm in Dark Harbor, Maine, a perplexing murder lands a dead man on Stone Barrington’s doorstep. As secrets swirl around this mystery

man’s identity, Stone quickly sets out to unravel a web of cunning misdirections and lies. Soon enough, he is embroiled in an elaborate game of cat and mouse between the CIA and nefarious foreign forces, including a bewitching new companion who comes under his protection. But when Stone’s actions draw the attention of an old enemy, one who will stop at nothing to prevent the truth from getting out, Stone realizes he may have finally met his match.

## New Books at Odell Library

**Adult Fiction**  
Bad Girl Reputation by Elle Kennedy; Bodies from the Library 5 by Tony Medawar; The Dark Between the Trees by Fiona Barnett; Endless Summer by Elin Hildebrand; The Gift by Alan Titchmarsh; The Girl with the Make-Believe Husband by Julia Quinn; Heat 2 by Michael Mann; A Heart Full of Headstones by Ian Rankin; Holidays in Virgin River by Robyn Carr; Home Sweet Christmas by Susan Mallery; The Honeymoon Cottage by Lori Foster; An Island Wedding by Jenny Colgan; It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover; The Last Chairlift by John Irving; The Locked Room by Elly Griffiths; Long Shadows by David Baldacci; Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult; The Night Ship by Jess Kidd; No Plan B by Lee Child; Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng; Reckoning by Catherine Coulter; Righteous Prey by John Sandford; Signal Fires by Dan Shapiro; Sugar and Salt by Susan Wiggs; Suspect by Scott Turow; Switchboard Soldiers by Jennifer Chiaverini; Treasure State by C.J. Box; The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very

Messy Days of Christmas by James Patterson; The Viper by J.R. Ward; The Winners by Fredrik Backman. **DVD**  
Baby Shark’s Big Show! The Seaweed Sway; Better Call Saul, Seasons 1, 3, 4, and 5; The Boileyns: A Scandalous Family; Bullet Train; Dead for a Dollar; Elvis; The Forgiven; Freddie Mercury: The Final Act; The Mayor of Kingstown, Season 1; Outlander, Season 6; Paradise Highway; Paws of Fury; The Phantom of the Open; Pokemon the Movie: Secrets of the Jungle; The Pursuit of Love; A Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon; Star Trek: Picard, Season 2; Thor: Love and Thunder; The Time Traveler’s Wife; Ultimate Space Telescope; The U.S. and the Holocaust; Where the Crawdads Sing. **Young Adult**  
Greywaren by Maggie Steifvater. **Adult Nonfiction**  
And There Was Light by John Meacham; Dave Ramsey’s Complete Guide to Money by Dave

Ramsey; The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man by Paul Newman; A Gift of Joy and Hope by Pope Francis; Grace: President Obama and Ten Days in the Battle for America by Cody Keenan; How Are You, Really? by Jenna Kutcher; In Search of the Dark Ages by Michael Wood. **Easy/Juvenile**  
Animorphus: The Encounter by K.A. Applegate; The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose by Arnold Lobel; Empty Smiles by Katherine Arden; The End by John Bray; Harry’s Squirrel Trouble by Gene Zion; How Everything Works by DK; If Dinosaurs Had Hair by Dan Marvin; The Last Beekeeper by Pablo Cartaya; Lou by Breanna Carzoo; Monsters Love Cupcakes by Mike Austin; The Moonlight Zoo by Maudie Powell-Tuck; No! Said Custard the Squirrel by Sergio Ruzzier; On the Trail by Paige Braddock; Pete the Cat Plays Hide-and-Seek by Kimberly and James Dean; The Secret World of Plants by Ben Hoare; The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Mac Barnett.

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**named Maya Green the Most Improved Player, while Kassy Kodat was given Most Valuable Player honors.**

## to Host Dodgeball Tournament

On Sunday, December 11, Gardner Grade School will be the location for a Dodgeball Tournament for any boy or girl in third through eighth grade.

A fee applies to enter the tourney, with each team manager getting a team of at least seven players. Only the team manager will need to submit the completed pre-registration form to the school office or to Austin McDowell.

Game times are as follows: 10:00 a.m. (third and fourth grade); 12:00 p.m. (fifth and sixth grade); and 2:00 p.m.



**Former  
NBA Player  
to Speak  
at Streater  
High School  
December 1**

On Thursday, December 1, Streator Township High School's Operation Snowball will host Chris Herren, former NBA player.

Herren will be sharing his journey through addiction and his road to recovery.

Along with the one-hour presentation from Chris, local recovery groups will be set up for individuals to obtain further information regarding addiction/recovery.



# Tristan Chambers Competes in Oregon Sectional

DTHS/GSW Trojan cross country runner Tristan Chambers competed in the Oregon sectional meet October 29, finishing 39th out of 152 runners with a 5K personal best of 18:09.

The fastest 10 individual runners who are on teams (top six qualify) that don't advance to state also qualify to race at the state meet. Tristan was 35 seconds behind the final individual qualifier.

"In just his second season running cross country, he had an outstanding season," said head coach Larry Lane.

In nine of his 12 races, Chambers received an award and never finished lower than 17th in 10 of his races. He set personal bests in the other two events, which were the most competitive of his season. On every course he competed on in 2021 and 2022, his times improved by an average of over 1:30.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Gardner-South Wilmington Volleyball players, pictured, from left, Addison Fair (1st Team All-Conference), Madalyn Olsen (Special Mention), and Hannah Frescura (1st Team All-Conference).



## SENECA CROSS COUNTRY

**Saturday, November 5**  
**Seneca at State**

Seneca's cross country season came to a close November 5 at the IHSA State meet at DeWeiller Park in Peoria. They battled not only the best runners in the state, but also the extreme weather that came with it.

Thunderstorms and high wind warnings, a downpour, and lots of mud made the state meet even more memorable.

Evelyn O'Connor finished 12th in class 1A, making her an All-State runner. The girls finished 25th overall. Austin Aldridge finished 80th in the boys race.



**The Dwight Economic Alliance currently has three (3) Board Seats up for election. If you'd like more information, please contact our office at 815-584-1830, or stop in. The deadline for submitting applications is December 1, 2022.**

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## Southeastern Grundy County Seniors Meet

On October 7, the Southeastern Grundy County Seniors met for their regular meeting at the Gardner Restaurant, with 14 members in attendance. Lunch was enjoyed, with table grace said. The Pledge to the Flag opened the meeting. Birthdays included Karen Perkins, Joyce Nelson, and Margaret Fjelde. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved. Correspondence included thank you's from Church of Hope and the Ida Schopp family for contributions received.

Community events included the Public Rosary October 15; the Food Truck at St. Lawrence Church Oct. 24; the Braceville Garage Sales Oct. 7-8; Gardner BINGO Night; Fire Meetings and Field on third Wednesday of the month; and Village Board meetings on the first and third Monday of the month. For their program, Joyce Nelson showcased her paintings and gave a talk. The Seniors met November 4 for their Thanksgiving dinner, and hosted a special guest – the President of the Fire District.

## Grundy County Festival of Trees November 10-26

The Grundy County Historical Society & Museum is hosting its annual Festival of Trees, with the event officially launching Thursday, November 10, and the winning raffle tickets being drawn at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 26. Visit the Museum to view the raffle items and to see the trees and other décor that are being auctioned off at richardolson.com. Proceeds fund the Grundy County Historical Museum.

The Museum will be open Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 25, it will be open until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 26, it will be open until 5:00 p.m. Additional information can be found on the Museum website: grundycountyhs.org/, or call the Museum at 815-942-4880. There is no admission charge.

## Piper City Historical Society Meeting November 10

The Piper City Historical Society will hold a meeting Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Piper City Community Building. If you have fond memories or items from the Bluestreak era, feel free to take them to the meeting. If you have any questions, contact John Gallahue at 815-383-4571 or Debbie at 618-841-2400.

The program is entitled "Bluestreaks Football," the history of Piper City's football program.

## Ransom Women's Group Craft Sale November 12

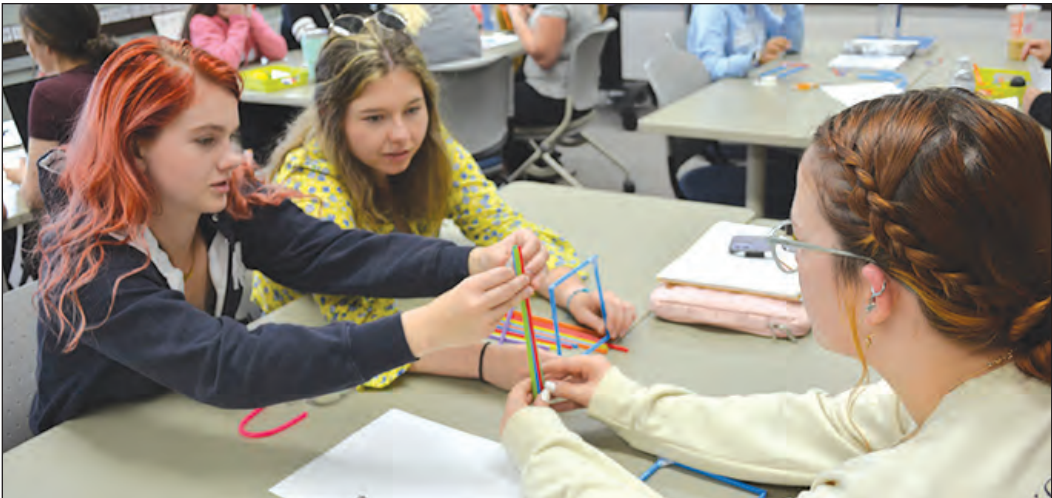
The Women's Group of the Ransom United Methodist Church and the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church in Ransom will be hosting a Craft and Bake Sale Saturday, November 12, at St. Patrick's Church from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Craft items include quilted placemats and potholders, baby blankets and burp clothes, table runners, ornaments, crocheted dish scrubbies, crocheted afghan blankets. Christmas sweatshirts, wooden Christmas decor and much more. Also available are RAdA knives and kitchen utensils. The women sew and craft all year to supply items for the craft sale. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Lunch is free, but donations will be accepted. Chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup and chicken salad sandwiches will be available. Three lap-size quilts will be raffled off at 2:00 p.m. Winner does not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the craft sale or by calling 815-257-4276.

### Notice of Petition to Change Name

Take notice that the undersigned mother and natural guardian of McKynlee Marie Harris, a minor, will pursuant to statute on the 16th day of December, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. on behalf of said minor, file her petition in the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois, applying to said court to change said minor's name to McKynlee Marie Ferrari. Dated at Pontiac, Illinois, this 9th day of November, 2022.

Althea Hoegger

## Open House, Job Fair at KCC for Prospective Educators



STUDENTS IN THE INFANT/TODDLER CARE class at Kankakee Community College work together on an assignment.

The Early Childhood Education program at Kankakee Community College will have an Open House and Job Fair from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17, in the KCC Iroquois Room. Program staff will be at the Open House to talk about classes and careers in Early Childhood Education. Tours of classrooms will be available. There will also be information about the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program. The ECACE scholarship provides tuition for those who have worked with children ages birth to five years old. The scholarship has other qualifications, including being age 18 or older and a U.S. citizen. "In fall 2022, 30 KCC students received a total of more than \$150,000 in tuition and other assistance for the early childhood program" said Christina Nojd, director of early childhood success at KCC. Reservations for the event are not required. KCC offers degrees and certificates for people interested in early childhood education. "With a degree in early childhood education, there are a variety of career pathways that people can explore," Nojd said. "Opportunities include teaching, assistant teacher/paraprofessional, administration/leadership, and other social programs. For more information, contact Nojd at cnojd@kcc.edu or 815-802-8677.

## OSF Center for Health Blood Drive in Streator November 17

OSF Center for Health in Streator will host a community blood drive with ImpactLife Thursday, November 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Community Education space. ImpactLife is the only provider of blood and blood components to the Center for Health and many other regional hospitals. To schedule an appointment for donation, call 800-747-5401 or schedule online at bloodcenter.org or via the Blood Center's mobile app at bloodcenter.org/app. Blood donations are often used to help treat patients with cancer, victims of trauma and patients undergoing major surgeries. All persons ages 17 and up (or 16, with a signed parental permission form) who weigh at least 110 lbs. and are in general good health meet the basic eligibility requirements for blood donation. For more information, see bloodcenter.org and find them at @impactlifeblood on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Snapchat.

## Honor Rolls Honor Rolls Honor Rolls

### South Wilmington Grade School First Nine Weeks Honor Roll

**High Honor Roll**  
**Eighth Grade:** Carlie Brooks, Carmela D'Amico, Landyn Phillips, Jack Popplewell.  
**Seventh Grade:** Cara Boudreau, Ella Friddle.  
**Sixth Grade:** Lyla Cacello, Lily Eddy, Leah Olson, Grady Phillips.  
**Fifth Grade:** Kash Kerner, Maelyssa Lawless, Keaton Phillips.

**Fourth Grade:** Ethan Gerber, Myla Parada.

**Honor Roll**  
**Eighth Grade:** Tyler Gubbins, Tessa Rankovich.  
**Seventh Grade:** Marissa Bafia, Lily Buck, Carson Lawless.  
**Sixth Grade:** David Allen, Ellie Marquez, Ty Tjelle.

### Braceville Elementary School Quarter 1 Honor Roll

**High Honors**  
**Fifth Grade:** Chase Chandler, Isla Las Cola, Aedyn Wzorek.  
**Sixth Grade:** Brody Grimes, John Johnson, Jr., Mason Jordan.  
**Seventh Grade:** Blake Brasard, Wyatt McNally, Morgan Stockman.  
**Eighth Grade:** Kaden Cavness, Abby Galass, Tyler Galass, Jayde Schweitzer.

**First Honors**  
**Fifth Grade:** Nicholas Deutscher, Levi Fink, Tyler Futia, Hadley Mellendorf, Cable Murphy, Nicholas Wariner.  
**Sixth Grade:** Kylan Colabuono, Betzaida Gomez,

Alex Runty-Pierce, Rylin Wright-Salmon.  
**Seventh Grade:** Angel Kucera, Walker Mulligan, Lacey Rodriguez, Ilana Trosper.  
**Eighth Grade:** Isabella Attaway, Holden Grimes, Christopher Ozee, Eythyn Rossi.

**Second Honors**  
**Fifth Grade:** Ronan Decker, Olivia Stapleton.  
**Sixth Grade:** Haley Burch, Gabriela Gil Montano, Jayden Gomez, Angel Herrera, Kinzie Molle, Colton Unland.  
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**Eighth Grade:** Zachary Latanzi.

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OBITUARIES

James R. Donovan

James R. Donovan, 88, of Dwight, Illinois, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2022 at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, Illinois surrounded by his loving family.

James was born on April 23, 1934 in Saunemin, Illinois to Timothy and Agnes (Nelson) Donovan. He graduated from Dwight High School in 1952.

James worked at Caterpillar in Joliet for nine years and later became a butcher for over 30 years in the Dwight and Morris area.

James was a great family man and a loving father. He married the love of his life Betty (Hagi) Donovan in 1954, and together they had three children, including David, who died in infancy. He was the proud Grandpa of his four grandchildren and proud Great-grandpa of six.

James was an active man who loved being outdoors. He enjoyed mowing lawns on his John Deere tractor, and watching sports, such as the Chicago Bears and the Fighting Illini. He was an avid Cubs fan since the age of six, when he started following the Cubs in the newspaper.

He also loved country music. James played guitar and



sang in his weekend band of over 40 years. His family and friends will remember him as a gentle, kind, and giving man who would "call it as he sees it."

James is survived by his wife, Betty Donovan; children: Larry (Karen) Donovan of Dwight, Illinois, and Donna (Steve) Williams of China Spring, Texas; Grandchildren: Danielle (Eric) DiSilvestro, Ryne (Maggie) Donovan, Lindsay Donovan, and Vanessa (Austin) Villarreal.

Also surviving are his Great-grandchildren: Lexi and Brayden Donovan, Carys and Remy DiSilvestro, and Kylie and Tatum Villarreal; many special nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son; four brothers; six sisters; and numerous special friends and family members.

An online guestbook has been created for the family, which you may sign, share memories and photographs. You may visit our website at [www.ucdaviscallahan.com](http://www.ucdaviscallahan.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted with the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois 60450.

Lowell Edward Allen

FAIRBURY – Lowell Edward Allen, 88, of Fairbury, Illinois passed away at 10:51 a.m., Saturday, October 29, 2022 at OSF St. James John Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac, Illinois.

Cremation has been accorded.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 10, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairbury.

Inurnment will be at a later date.

Friends may greet the family from 10 until 11 a.m., Thursday, November 10, 2022, also at the church.

Memorials may be made to SELCAS or the donor's choice of charity.

The Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, is in charge of arrangements.

Lowell was born October 31, 1933 in Odell, the son of



Donald and Theora Oberhozer Allen. He married Louise Hahn on October 10, 1975, in Fairbury. She died November 24, 2017.

Surviving are his children: Renee Ferguson of Evansville, IN; Steven Allen of Bloomington; Beverly (Bob) Pearce of Freeland, WA; and Janet Brady of Dwight; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters: Donna Earing of Dwight and Virginia Basset of Saunemin; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; and son-in-law, Brad Brady.

Lowell was a truck driver for Redi-Mix in Forrest and retired from Moorman's Feed.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairbury.

Lowell was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

An online registry is available at [www.duffypilsmemorialhome.com](http://www.duffypilsmemorialhome.com)

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:

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A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 816 N. Plum St., Pontiac, IL 61764

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

The South Half of Lot 11 and all of Lot 10 in Block 1 in William Cleary's Second Addition to Pontiac, except all coal and minerals underlying said premises and the right to mine and remove the same, in Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-22-216-002

Commonly known as: 816 N. Plum St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 1-story single-family home, including 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, full basement, and 1-car detached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: November 29, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.  
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5 Minutes with Boma



Baseball Romanticism

I wrote about baseball last week, but it's my column so I'm going to write about baseball again! Even in the midst of basketball, football and hockey going on at the same time, baseball still has this nice niche that is very much needed today.

There's a phrase on the internet, and in life, and it's "how can you not be romantic about \_\_\_\_?" and it's usually something fairly trivial, but also the statement is very correct. In this case, that thing that it's difficult not to be romantic about, is baseball.

A few examples of this shined through in just the last few innings of game 6 of the world series, in which the Astros ultimately won, winning the series 4 games to 2.

The first one was Kyle Schwarber hitting a homerun to make it 1-0 in favor of the Phillies. It was a momentous homerun at the time, late in the game, and looked like it might've been the spark for the Phillies to push it to game 7. He may have hit the homerun for the Phillies but I can guarantee any Cubs, Red Sox, or Nationals fan instantly thought of big homeruns Schwarber hit for their respective teams, and in some ways that homerun was much bigger than just a Phillies home run. It evoked emotion in a myriad of people for different reasons.

Then, almost as quickly as that happened, Yordan Alvarez hit a 3 run homerun to turn the game around and put the Astros ahead and pushed them to the win and the world series title. The swings in emotions from both sides in such a short period of time is something that only happens the way it does in baseball. So much emotion in just little game time played.

While the Astros were largely the villains in this series, having Dusty Baker at the helm made even some of the biggest of anti-Astro fans find a spot in their heart to be happy that he finally got over the hump. Which leads me again to a probably overused, but it's over used because it's an accurate, phrase, "How can you not be romantic about baseball?"

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GARY L. BABBS and KIMBERLY S. BABBS a/k/a Kim Babbs, each both individually and as Co-Trustee of the Gary L. Babbs and Kimberly S. Babbs Living Trust, dated May 21, 2021, STATE OF ILLINOIS, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

No. 22-FC-46

NOTICE

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

Lots 2 and 3, Block 8 Riverside Addition to the City of Pontiac, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, and a parcel of land described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 2, Block 8 Riverside Addition, and then running West 118.4 feet, thence South 184.89 feet to centerline of the Vermillion River, thence Northeast following the centerline of the Vermillion River in a generally Northeasterly direction 142.55 feet, thence North 118.24 feet to the point of beginning, City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-15-23-378-009

Commonly known as: 302 E. Pinckney St., Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are GARY L. BABBS and KIMBERLY S. BABBS, as Co-Trustees of the Gary L. Babbs and Kimberly S. Babbs Living Trust, dated May 21, 2021. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on November 21, 2007 and recorded on November 30, 2007 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2017R-02094, a modification of mortgage executed on August 10, 2018 and recorded on August 13, 2018 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2018R-03242, and a modification of mortgage executed on September 30, 2019 and recorded on October 8, 2019 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2019R-03922. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-46 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

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

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# Celebrating Our Veterans



## The Roles of the Various Branches of the U.S. Military

Each November, people across the United States and its territories honor the brave men and women who serve and have served in the various branches of the country's military. Veterans Day is observed annually every November 11 and honors the service of all U.S. military veterans. The day should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is celebrated each year in May and honors all military personnel who have died in service.

Veterans Day is a great time for anyone to learn more about the various branches of the U.S. military.

**Army**

The U.S. Department of Defense notes that the Army is the largest and oldest service in the country's military. The Army provides the ground forces that protect the United States. Members of the Army are trained to defeat enemy ground forces and to seize and control enemy lands and resources. Army also

are trained to control and interact with the general population in countries where members are stationed.

**Marine Corps.**

It might surprise some to learn that the Marine Corps. is a component of the Department of the Navy. That's one reason why it maintains amphibious and ground units for contingency and combat operations. The Marine Corps. is divided into four groups: the operating forces that fight; the headquarters for leadership; the supporting establishment that provides logistical support; and the Marine Corps Reserve.

**Navy**

The Navy protects America at sea. Despite its massive land mass, the United States is a maritime nation, which underscores how important a strong Navy is to the safety of the country and its residents. The Navy works alongside American allies and partners to keep

the seas open and free.

**Air Force**

The Air Force has five core missions: air superiority; global strike; rapid global mobility; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and command and control. The Air Force defends the country and its residents in air, space and cyberspace and is capable of delivering forces anywhere in the world within hours.

**Space Force**

The existence of the Space Force may come as a surprise to many Americans. Organized under the Department of the Air Force and established in 2019, this branch of the military organizes, trains and equips space forces in order to protect the interest of America and its allies in space.

**Coast Guard**

During peacetime, the Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security. In times

of war, it operates under the Navy. The Coast Guard provides law and maritime safety enforcement as well as environmental protection. In addition to promoting national security, border security and economic prosperity in the maritime environment, the Coast Guard saves those in peril on the sea.

**National Guard**

The National Guard is comprised of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The National Guard has a diverse array of responsibilities that range from supporting combat missions to responding during domestic emergencies to assisting in humanitarian efforts and more.

The U.S. military is made up of various branches, each with its own unique missions and responsibilities. Veterans Day marks the perfect occasion to celebrate the many individuals who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military.

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## Charities Whose Missions Support Veterans, Active Military and Their Families

The support Americans have for their armed forces is evident in how much they donate each year to charities with military-related missions. According to Charity Navigator, Americans donate more than \$2.5 billion annually to charities with missions dedicated to the military.

Individuals who want to donate to a charitable organization with a military-related mission may not know where to start, and that can be daunting given the number of organizations that fit that criteria. Charity Navigator indicates there are more than 40,000 American charities with military-related missions, which underscores how difficult it can be to find one to support. Thankfully, Charity Navigator, which has provided donors with free access to data, tools and resources to guide their philanthropic decision-making since 2001, has curated a list of highly rated organizations that provide a variety of services to

military members and their families. The following is a brief rundown of that list that can serve as a solid foundation for prospective donors. The full list can be found at [charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org).

**Wounded Troops**

- Air Warrior Courage Foundation ([airwarriorcourage.org](http://airwarriorcourage.org))
- DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust ([cst.dav.org](http://cst.dav.org))
- Fisher House Foundation ([fisherhouse.org](http://fisherhouse.org))
- Higher Ground ([highergroundusa.org](http://highergroundusa.org))
- Homes for Our Troops ([hfotusa.org](http://hfotusa.org))
- K9s for Warriors ([k9sforwarriors.org](http://k9sforwarriors.org))
- Operation Second Chance ([operationsecondchance.org](http://operationsecondchance.org))
- Wounded Warrior Project ([woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org))
- Yellow Ribbon Fund ([yellowribbonfund.org](http://yellowribbonfund.org))

**Military Social Services**

- AMVETS National Service Foundation ([amvetsnsf.org](http://amvetsnsf.org))

- Hire Heroes USA ([hireheroesusa.org](http://hireheroesusa.org))
- Honor Flight Network ([honorflight.org](http://honorflight.org))
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America ([iava.org](http://iava.org))
- Operation Gratitude ([operationgratitude.com](http://operationgratitude.com))
- Operation Healing Forces ([operationhealingforces.org](http://operationhealingforces.org))
- Soldiers' Angels ([soldiersangels.org](http://soldiersangels.org))
- The Mission Continues ([missioncontinues.org](http://missioncontinues.org))

**Military Family Support**

- Army Emergency Relief ([armyemergencyrelief.org](http://armyemergencyrelief.org))
- Blue Star Families ([bluestarfam.org](http://bluestarfam.org))
- Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation ([fallenpatriots.org](http://fallenpatriots.org))
- Folds of Honor ([foldsofhonor.org](http://foldsofhonor.org))
- Operation Homefront ([operationhomefront.org](http://operationhomefront.org))
- Our Military Kinds ([ourmilitarykids.org](http://ourmilitarykids.org))
- Travis Manion Foundation ([travismanion.org](http://travismanion.org))
- VFW National Home for Children ([vfnationalhome.org](http://vfnationalhome.org))

## Grundy County to Launch 'Operation Green Light' in Support of Local Veterans

In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Grundy County announced that county buildings would be illuminated green November 7-13 as part of Operation Green Light, a new national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The new national collaborative is spearheaded by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers, building upon the successful efforts of the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association in 2021.

"Since the tragedy of September 11, 2001, our nation's voluntary military force members, and their families, have

made immense sacrifices for our safety and security over a two-decade period," said Ken Buck, Superintendent of the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission. "Similar to the sacrifices of previous generations of our armed forces, this service to country also often results in significant stress to many of the veterans who served in times of war and conflict. We want to make sure our veterans and their families know that their service mattered, that we are grateful for their sacrifices, and that it is now our turn to make sure they are served by their county government and our community."

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we

let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 7-13), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

"Operation Green Light is a simple way to express our collective appreciation for the public service of our veterans," said NACo President Denise Winfrey. "We encourage everyone to join us in displaying a green light for our veterans and to also reflect on how we, as a nation and at the county level, assist our military service personnel back into civilian life upon completion of their service to our country."

Contact the Grundy County VAC at [vac@grundycountyil.gov](mailto:vac@grundycountyil.gov) or 815-941-3152 for more information about benefits available to veterans.

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# Celebrating Our Veterans



## Did You Know?

Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada are celebrated annually in November to honor the many individuals who have served in each country's military. That figure is a sizable one in the United States, as data from the Department of Veterans Affairs indicates there were around 19 million U.S. military veterans in 2021. Pop-

ulation estimates indicate that Canada has a little more than one-tenth the total population of its immediate neighbor to the south, so the number of living Canadian veterans is significantly smaller than it is in the U.S. However, analysis of Veterans Affairs Canada data estimates there were just under 618,000 veterans of Canada's military in 2021.

## Meincke to Speak at Gardner Veterans Program

Gardner American Legion Auxiliary Unit #663 will host a Veterans Day program at 11 a.m., November 11, to be held at Danner-Madsen Post # 663, 426 Industry Avenue, Gardner.

The guest speaker will be longtime Chicago ABC 7 reporter, Paul Meincke, who is now a member of the Honor Flight Chicago Board. Lunch will be furnished.

## Dwight VFW Veterans Day Agenda

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held Friday, November 11, at the Dwight VFW at 11:00 a.m.

Grant Speece, Commander VFW, will welcome all in attendance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. VFW Chaplain Don Scott will then offer a prayer.

Carol Dippon/VFW Auxiliary will give an Operation SOS update, with a guest speaker to follow – Ed Voss, U.S. Army (Retired), of the

American Legion.

Don Scott will say a closing prayer, with the Captain of the Guard – Post the Colors Guard, a 21-Gun Salute by Dwight American Legion members and the VFW Honor Guard, and taps being played by a Dwight Township High School band student.

Music will be conducted by Charles Miller, DTHS Band Director.

Veterans will receive a complimentary drink.

## Veterans' Breakfast and Benefit Orientation in Pontiac November 12

The Livingston County Board and Veterans Assistance Commission are hosting a free breakfast to honor veterans and family members Saturday, November 12, at the Pontiac Armory for Army National Guard, 825 W. Reynolds, Pontiac, with doors opening at 8:00 a.m.

Whether the veteran has been in Livingston County for a while, or is a new resident,

they are invited to go meet people that can help assist with veteran entitlements.

Community members available to assist veterans' and families' access to earned benefits:

- elected officials
- VA
- IDVA
- and other county veterans' service providers

Supporting veterans is a worthy endeavor at any time of year, though such efforts tend to be more prominent in November. Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11 in honor of the millions of individuals across the United States who are military veterans. The day coincides with holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other countries and also honor military veterans.

There's no denying that veterans need the support of the people whose freedoms they protect. According to a 2021 study from researchers at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, the percentage of veterans with disabilities is significantly higher among post-9/11 veterans (40 percent) than it was with veterans from previous eras (25 percent for Gulf War I veterans and 13 percent for veterans of previous wars). Veterans can benefit from support legislated by elected officials in Washington, D.C., but there's also many things ordinary citizens can do to show how much they appreciate the sacrifices veterans and their families have made and will make in the years to come.

### • Visit wounded veterans.

The United States Census Bureau reports that more than one-third of the nearly 3.8 million men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since September 2001 have a service-connected disability. Many of these individuals are fighting to overcome physical injuries sustained while on active duty. Individuals who want to show their support for veterans can contact their local VA facility to arrange a visit to wounded veterans. Such visits can lift veterans' spirits and reassure them that their sacrifices are both acknowledged and appreciated.

• **Support legislation that supports veterans.** Though it might seem like a no-brainer, legislation to support veterans often faces an uphill battle to get passed. By supporting legislation that ensures veterans get the support they need, individuals can send a message to veterans that they haven't been forgotten and that the very



democratic principles they fought to protect are alive and well. Citizens can write letters to their elected officials, urging them to support veteran-friendly legislation, and raise awareness of bills and laws through social media.

### • Help raise awareness about homeless veterans.

Data from

the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that approximately 40,000 veterans are homeless on any given night. But that figure doesn't tell the whole story, as the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans notes that, over the course of a year, roughly twice that many veter-

ans experience homelessness. The NCHV believes that programs to assist homeless veterans should focus on helping them reach a point where they can obtain and sustain gainful employment. In addition, the NCHV feels that the most effective programs are community-based, nonprofit, "veterans helping veterans" groups. Individuals can offer their support to such groups through financial donations or other means so they can continue to ensure no veteran sleeps on the street.

Veterans Day is a time to show veterans that their service and sacrifices are not taken for granted. Visiting wounded veterans and supporting efforts to ensure veterans get what they need to live full, healthy and happy lives is a great way to send the message that veterans are appreciated.

## These Retailers Offer Year-Round Military Discounts

Active military members and veterans make and have made untold number of sacrifices to protect the freedoms of their fellow citizens, neighbors, friends, and family members. There's no such thing as too much support for members of the military, and many retailers acknowledge that by offering year-round discounts to active-duty military and veterans. Individuals who qualify for such discounts should confirm their eligibility prior to making any purchases, but the following are just some of the many retailers who offer year-round discounts to veterans.

• **Adidas:** Adidas offers an exclusive discount of 30 percent online and in-store and 20 percent at factory outlets to all active duty military, veterans, retirees, spouses, dependents, and more. More information is available at [adidas.com/us/discount-programs](https://adidas.com/us/discount-programs).

• **Allen Edmonds:** Students, veterans and active military with valid ID are eligible for a 15 percent discount. Visit [allenedmonds.com/about/exclusive-offers](https://allenedmonds.com/about/exclusive-offers) for more information.

• **Carhartt:** Carhartt offers a 25 percent discount on apparel

and accessories to all members of the military and first responders. Additional information is available at [carhartt.com/discount-program](https://carhartt.com/discount-program).

• **Champs Sports:** The Champs Sports military discount provides a 10 percent discount on most online and store purchases. More information is available at [help.champssports.com](https://help.champssports.com).

• **Columbia Sportswear:** Columbia Sportswear offers a 10 percent discount for all military. Learn more at [shop.id.me/stores/506-columbia-sportswear](https://shop.id.me/stores/506-columbia-sportswear).

• **Eddie Bauer:** Eddie Bauer offers a 10 percent discount on in-store purchases to U.S. military. Learn more at [ebi.eddiebauer.com](https://ebi.eddiebauer.com).

• **Foot Locker:** All active duty, veteran and retired service members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and their eligible dependents are offered a 10 percent discount in Foot Locker stores and online. More information can be found at [sheerid.com/shoppers/product/foot-locker-military-deal/](https://sheerid.com/shoppers/product/foot-locker-military-deal/).

• **Kohls:** Servicemembers are eligible for a 15 percent dis-

count every Monday on in-store purchases. More information is available at [cs.kohls.com](https://cs.kohls.com).

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**DCS Lady Redbirds Basketball**

**Saturday, October 29**  
**Dwight vs. GSWB**  
**8th Grade -**  
**IVC Tournament**

The Lady Redbirds advanced to the next round of the Illinois Valley Conference Tournament following a 41-23 victory over Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville October 29.

Mikayla Chambers was the lead scorer with 15 points, adding that to six steals, six assists, and four rebounds. Claire Sandeno dominated on the boards with 13, in addition to putting up 12 points, five steals, and four assists. Delaney Boucher followed with eight points, nine boards, four assists, and three steals. Kit Connor (3 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist), Cloe Gall (3 steals, 3 rebounds), and Madlynn Lucus (1 rebound) scored two points each. Addy Sulzberger chipped in with three steals and two assists, with Sophie Bastian contributing three rebounds and a steal.

Dwight was in action against Seneca Tuesday night at Gardner Grade School.

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Dwight was in action against Seneca Tuesday night at Gardner Grade School.

**Tuesday, November 1**  
**Dwight vs. Seneca**  
**8th Grade -**

The Lady Redbirds lost to Seneca, 37-27, when they faced off November 1.

Mikayla Chambers had 13 points, 11 steals, four rebounds, and one assist to lead the squad. Cloe Gall added seven points, seven boards, a steal, and an assist, while Delaney Boucher contributed five points, nine rebounds, and three steals. Addy Sulzberger scored two points to go with four boards, two steals, and two assists. Kit Connor (4 rebounds) and Madlynn Lucus each had one swipe.



**GSWB Lady Tigers Basketball**

**Thursday, October 27**  
**GSWB vs. Wilmington**  
**6th Grade -**


The sixth grade Lady Tigers defeated Wilmington 21-10 October 27.

Lily Eddy's nine points led GSWB, with Autumn Manzello scoring six. Ellie Marquez, Kaylee Tousignant, and Chloe Biros each added two points.

**Tuesday, November 1**

**Gas Prices For This Week**

Despite fewer U.S. drivers fueling up, the national average pump price rose four cents over the past week to hit \$3.80. Rising oil prices fueled by worries over Russian oil production cuts have renewed concerns about global supplies. But the rise could be short-lived as reports of new Covid-19 restrictions in China signal a potential economic slowdown for the world's top oil-consuming nation. Tighter supply and fluctuating oil prices have put upward pressure on gasoline prices. Pump prices could increase if supply remains tight alongside rising oil prices. Today's national average of \$3.80 is nine cents less than a month ago and 38 cents more than a year ago.



City/Village	Nov. 7	Oct. 31
Dwight	\$4.22	\$3.90
Kankakee	\$4.35	\$3.89
Streator	\$3.95	\$4.05
Pontiac	\$3.95	\$3.94
Gardner	\$4.19	\$4.12
Braceville	\$4.27	\$3.96
Morris	\$4.19	\$4.14
Herscher	\$4.25	\$4.25
Chicago	\$4.55	\$4.32
Illinois	\$4.29	\$4.11
U.S.	\$3.80	\$3.76

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

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**GSWB Tigers Basketball**

**Tuesday, November 1**  
**GSWB vs. Ransom**  
**5th Grade -**

GSWB's fifth grade Redbirds started the season with a 24-23 win over Ransom November 1.

It was a tough battle, with the lead changing within the final minutes of the game.

Kash Olson finished the game with 14 points, followed by 10 from Kash Kerner.

**6th Grade -**

In the sixth grade game, the Tigers suffered a 24-16 loss.

Kash Kerner led with seven points, while Mason Jordan and Ryan Male put up five and four points, respectively.

GSWB's fifth grade Redbirds started the season with a 24-23 win over Ransom November 1.

It was a tough battle, with the lead changing within the final minutes of the game.

Kash Olson finished the game with 14 points, followed by 10 from Kash Kerner.

In the sixth grade game, the Tigers suffered a 24-16 loss.

Kash Kerner led with seven points, while Mason Jordan and Ryan Male put up five and four points, respectively.

**Thursday, November 3**  
**GSWB vs. Grand Ridge**  
**5th Grade -**

The fifth grade Tigers got their second win of the season November 3, taking out Grand Ridge in double overtime.

The game was tied at 12-12 at the end of the first overtime – but Kash Kerner hit a three to put GSWB ahead in the second OT. Kerner and Kash Olson



**MVK Mavericks Basketball**

**Tuesday, November 1**  
**MVK vs. Saunemin**  
**8th Grade -**

The eighth grade Mavericks kicked off the 2022-23 campaign with a big road win over Saunemin November 1, 35-16.

Brant Roe scored 17 points,



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARNOLD KEE MUNZ, Deceased.

Case No.: 2022-PR-66

**CLAIMS NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of ARNOLD KEE MUNZ, who died on June 16th, 2022. At the time of his death, ARNOLD KEE MUNZ was a resident of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 15th, 2022, to TAMMY SUE STREIB, Independent Executor, whose address is 21286 E 650 N. Rd., Fairbury, IL 61739. Her 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 27th, 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 112 W. Madison 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp>.

DATED: 10/27/2022

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**DCS Redbirds Basketball**

**Thursday, November 3**  
**Dwight vs. Reed-Custer**  
**6th Grade -**

Dwight opened up its season against Reed-Custer November 3, coming away with a 10-4 victory.

Leading the Redbirds in scoring was Levi Ochoa with four points, adding that to three rebounds. Landon Hoffner directed the offense and scored two points, with Max Veselak and Caleb Peters (4 rebounds) providing two points each. Dalton DeLong had three boards, with Ameryn Wiles and Eli Jensen each snagging two.

The "B" saw Dwight fall, 14-6.

Kayden Conroy, Van Patten (3 rebounds), and Oliver Snyder (2 rebounds) each scored two points for the Redbirds. Nash Minor and Blaze Halstead grabbed four and three rebounds, respectively.

**7th Grade -**

The seventh grade Redbirds lost their season opener to R-C, 27-22.

Kayden Wood (2 rebounds, 1 steal) scored a team-high 11 points, followed by six from Evan Olson (14 rebounds). Ty Turner (7 rebounds, 1 steal) put in three points, with Rylan Woodin (3 rebounds, 1 steal) adding two points. Walter

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

US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust  
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Paul C. Birkett A/K/A Paul C. Birkett; Wendi A. Birkett; Bank of Pontiac; State of Illinois; United States of America; David J. Babb, Jr.  
DEFENDANTS

No. 2020CH00014

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 09/09/2022, the Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois will on December 14, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 AM at New Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-01353.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually.  
Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

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Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2022										
		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	481,254	526,832	59,030	29,669	44,761	0	12,248	105,040	12,242
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,061,414	50,000	0	111,173	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	128,632	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		1,671,300	576,832	59,030	140,842	44,761	0	12,248	105,040	12,242
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		1,745,043	445,699	59,625	252,660	49,553	210,526		81,538	4,639
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	(316,357)	0	110,745	0	205,612	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021		884,380	2,049,920	11,425	1,073	104,923	4,914	69,933	135,315	45,852
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		810,637	1,864,696	10,830	0	100,131	0	82,181	158,817	53,455
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		819,196	1,864,696	10,830	0	100,131	0	82,181	158,817	53,455

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Conley Excavating & Construction	2,695.00	Robbin Schwartz	9,913.75
IMAGE SYSTEMS & BUSINESS	2,905.00	Gardner Teachers Assoc.	10,220.00
Village of Gardner	3,138.64	South Wilmington Grade	10,670.36
IESA	3,337.50	Mc Graw-Hill School Educ. Holdings, LLC	11,234.56
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MCGRATH OFFICE EQUIPMENT, INC.	7,170.00		







## Holidays in Historic Riverview Christmas House Walk December 4

Kankakee’s Riverview Historic District will once again feature five homes, including Frank Lloyd Wright’s first Prairie-Style house, during its annual Holidays in Historic Riverview Christmas House Walk Sunday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Funds raised will continue

to support neighborhood events, promotion, and improvements. Tickets are available in advance for a fee. Credit card orders can be placed online at [riverviewhistoricdistrict.org](http://riverviewhistoricdistrict.org). Day-of-the-event ticket prices increase. The tour begins at the Trolley Barn, next to the Rail-

road Depot in downtown Kankakee, 197 South East Avenue. Riverview is a nationally-designated historic district comprised of approximately 160 unique homes built between 1890 and 1950. Each home is architecturally distinct from the other. Mature oak and maple trees line the streets to give a cozy, boulevard feeling from the tree canopy. The neighborhood is set along the Kankakee River with sweeping river views from Cobb Park.

For more information, visit the website or contact June Boisvert at [boisvertjune@gmail.com](mailto:boisvertjune@gmail.com). Tickets are on sale at these Kankakee-area merchants: Busse & Rieck; Madame St. Vintage; The Flower Shoppe; Moon Cookie Gallery; Kankakee County Museum; Tholen’s Garden Center; Ba Da Bloom Flower Shoppe; and Joy’s Hallmark.



THE GARDNER AREA BAND received national recognition for their recent performance in Keystone, South Dakota. They received a Superior Rating for their performance at Mount Rushmore National Park by the National Festival of States committee. The Gardner Area Band was invited to the festival by Music Celebration International. Pictured, from left, are Grace Vitko, Band Director Michael Leone, and Olivia Siano.

## Gardner Area Band, Pantherettes Spiritline Earn Awards

The awards keep coming for the Gardner Area Band and Pantherettes Spiritline from their extremely success-

ful fall marching season – winning every award in their division and beating bands in the division above them.

The Grundy County Corn Fest Parade committee put all the bands in one division for Overall awards. The Pantherettes Spiritline won the Overall championship for

Auxiliary with a 9.8 out of 10. The Horn Line was rated the second best overall group out of every band at the parade with a 9.

The Drum Line took fourth place overall.

There were 17 bands in the parade.

## Dwight Lions Club Hosts Breakfast, Receives Donation

The Dwight Lions Club held their twice-a-year pancake, sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast November 6, which was well attended, with good food served and eaten.

The Lions wish to publicly thank Brian Perschnick for donating his winning 50/50 raffle prize of \$222 back to the Lions

Club for their funding of new children’s playground equipment at Lions Lake.

Usually they would show a picture of the person donating the funds, but when they called Brian to notify him of his winnings, he immediately said to keep it for the kids.

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10 lbs. Homemade Dressing  
10 lbs. Homemade Mashed Potatoes  
6 lbs. Gravy  
6 lbs. Corn  
6 lbs. Homemade Coleslaw  
20 Fresh Baked Bread

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16 lbs. Turkey  
16 lbs. Homemade Dressing  
16 lbs. Homemade Mashed Potatoes  
8 lbs. Gravy  
8 lbs. Corn  
8 lbs. Homemade Coleslaw  
30 Fresh Baked Bread

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\* No Reservations accepted under 6 people \* First come, first serve basis Regular Menu Also Served.

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DTHS HIS AUDITORIUM

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Tito's Handmade VODKA \$29.95 1.75 liter

Platinum 7X or UV Vodka 1.75 liter .....

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\$17.99

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