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Dwight Village Board Adopts TIF #3 Ordinance

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, November 14 in the lower level of the Public Services Complex. In attendance were Trustees Randy Irvin, Marla Kinkade, Jenny Johnson, and Justin Eggenberger. Absent were Pete Meister and Chuck Butterdbodt

In Public Forum, Dwight resident Tim Vogen addressed the Board regarding the disputed height of a fence he was constructing on his property on Spencer Street. It was agreed that representatives from the Village would meet with him at his home to review options on resolving the situation.

Superintendent of Dwight Schools Josh DeLong, along with Grade School Board members Nick Stipanovich and Jamie Mallaney, were on hand to speak regarding the proposed TIF District involving the Phoenix Investment property. DeLong reiterated his position that provisions of the TIF agreement should allow for affected taxing units to be able to recoup some of the frozen tax increment and not be locked in to current rates for 23 years. DeLong had presented to the for the soon to be open Village

Board samples of similar Administrator position. Memagreements from nearby communities. The Village Board was open to the concept and suggested the lawyers for all parties work together to develop the appropriate details.

Dwight Economic Association representative Randy Irvin reported upcoming events include the Dwight Christmas Parade, Party with Santa, and the Sweaty Sweater 5K run on December 3. He added a newsletter from the organization will be sent out soon.

In the President's report, Mayor Paul Johnson indicated inquiries have been received from a firm wishing to locate a potential hotel.

Director of Public Works Cory Scoles reminded the Public that the overnight parking ban on village streets goes into effect December 1 or when there is a forecasted snow amount of 2" or more.

EMS Director Michael Callahan reported ARP funds will be used to upgrade the radio system to digital mode and will allow communication to be more universal.

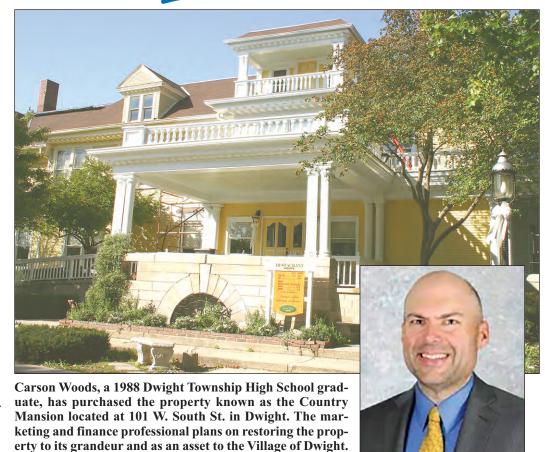
The Board discussed wording in the help wanted posting bers of the Board felt verbiage should be incorporated that would allow for a non-degreed applicant to be selected. Also, holiday \$50 DEA gift certificates were approved for fulltime employees and those people serving on Village com-

A resolution was approved by the Board providing a municipal vehicle to be used by the EMS Chief. Three ordinances were also approved allowing for the approval of the Tax Increment Redevelopment Project #3 and defining its boundaries.

In New Business, street closures were approved for the DEA Christmas Parade and 5K run on December 3. Also use of the Express Building by the DEA on that day was approved.

A Special Use Zoning Request by Casey's Retail Company for the old Arby's property between West Northbrook Drive and West Livingston Road was referred to the Zoning Committee. A Casey's truck stop / retail outlet is proposed for the site.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Monday No-



Country Mansion has a New Owner

by Brandon LaChance

Since its creation in 1891, the building known as the Country Mansion at 101 W. South St. in Dwight has been changed, morphed, adapted into many names, businesses,

Now, it's going to see another renovation as Carson Woods, who grew up on a farm four miles outside of Dwight and graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1988, has bought the property with the plans of not only getting it up and running, but bringing it to its full potential.

"I'm a go-getter and I like building and creating. Dwight has a special place in my heart, and I feel as though there is a great opportunity to restore the mansion to its grandeur and make it a community asset to help bring people to Dwight," said Woods. "The mansion wouldn't only prosper itself, but it would help all businesses in Dwight.

"Right now, I'm in the discovery phase. It's an asset that hasn't been operated in over four years. What it once was won't necessarily be what it will be in the future. We're going through the process to see how best to repurpose and utilize the property."

Since graduating from DTHS, Woods has focused on marketing and finance after strengthening his skills with an education from Purdue Univer-

Woods moved to Chicago and worked with Andersen Consulting, now Accenture, for three years. He then headed east to New York City where he became a part of Strategic Merchandising Associates where he helped launch the first ever Heisman Trophy licensing program and consulted with tennis' U.S. Open, the New York Yankees, and the Amateur Trap Shooting Association.

Moving to Columbus, Ohio gave Woods the opportunity to help launch the NHL franchise, the Columbus Blue Jackets.

In 2017, he moved to Los Angeles and began working at Sofi Stadium for the NFL team, the Los Angeles Chargers. For the last two years, he has been the Senior Director of Premium Sales, responsible for selling luxury suites at the Chargers' stadium.

Although he has been around the country and involved in many projects, an endeavor at home, Dwight, is just as exciting as he has family in Odell and was intrigued when hearing the Country Mansion was available for purchase.

"You don't know what you don't know. It's getting in there and seeing what needs to be done," Woods said. "The property needs a significant amount of work. There isn't a timetable because there is a certain, distinct process. I think my message to the community is, I'm going to restore the property to its grandeur. It's going to take significant time, so I don't have a specific timetable until I get all of the facts.

"It's a chance to give back to the community. It has been inoperable for four years, so the opportunity to bring the Country Mansion back to life is not only something I'm excited about, but it's a privilege and an honor to be able to restore something that is near and dear to a lot of people in central Illi-

Woods is appreciative and gave thanks to those who have helped him in the purchasing and early stages of restoring the property, including Bob Ohlendorf (the mansion's former owner), Dwight Mayor Paul Johnson, Dwight Administrator Kevin McNamara, and Kim Drechsel of the Dwight Historical Society.

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DTHS Board Discusses 2022 Tax Levy and Potential Field House

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Township High School Board of Education met on November 16 where the proposed 2022 tax levy was presented by District Superintendent Josh DeLong.

The estimated total 2022 EAV for the three counties which make up the Dwight Township High School District projected to \$177,141,761. This reflects an increase of approximately \$11 million over last year, with Livingston County projecting an EAV of \$123,110,677 (5.8 percent increase); Grundy County projecting an EAV of \$33,954,837 (12.47 percent increase); and LaSalle County projecting an EAV \$20,076,247 (2.2 percent increase).

Using a 2022 total EAV projection of \$176,998,977, Depresented recommendations for the 2020 tax levy rate and extension. The recommended 2020 tax rate is \$2.3274, with a projected extension of \$4,119,500 and would result in \$195,881 of additional revenue for the district, while still lowering the levy rate down to \$2.33. The 2021 tax levy rate was \$2.36 an extension of \$3,923,593. (See chart of historic tax rates).

The BOE will adopt the final 2020 Tax Levy next month. The final tax levy must be agreed upon by the BOE at its December meeting in order to meet the required filing date with the three County Clerk offices.

In other financial matters, the Board opted to invest surplus funds in CD's at Peoples National Bank of Kewanee. Rates were quoted by the institution ranging from 3.00% for a 6 month term to 3.75% for a



THE NOVEMBER STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH at Dwight Township High School, pictured, left, is Abby Taplin.

5 year certificate. Also, a threeyear bus lease extension with Midwest Transit was approved.

The Board also heard via Zoom the annual audit report WIPFLI Accounting Firm.

Principal Andrew Pittenger announced that Abby Taplin was named Trojan Teacher of the Month for October.

DeLong informed the Board that the standard process for the Food Service Bid will be bypassed this year due to lacking sufficient historical data. Also, both the Common School (6 p.m.) and High School (7 p.m.) Boards will meet on Wednesday December 14.

DeLong also presented to the Board drawings and preliminary details on the construction of an Athletic Practice Facility in the grassy area between the boys ball diamond and the school. At this time, the concept is in early stages,

though the cost is expected to be between \$1.5 and \$2.5 million, depending on final design. The District has enough reserves to cover the entire cost of the structure so no money would need to be borrowed and cost could potentially be spread across two different fiscal year budgets.

DeLong also reported that he, and other School Board members, had attended the most recent Village Board meeting where the proposed TIF District on the north end of the Village was once again discussed. He restated his stand to the Dwight Village Board at that meeting that there be an Intergovernmental Agreement established as part of the TIF Agreement which would allow for some of the frozen assessment dollars to be prorated on to some or all of the taxing bodies involved. The Village (continued on page 8)

Old Route 66 Family Restaurant on TV Sunday



Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight will be featured on the TV show **DESTINATION CHICAGO** this coming **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27** ON WBBM TV CHANNEL 2

(CBS CHICAGO) AT 1:30 P.M. CST.

The TV show features the best in food, travel, and lifestyle in the Chicago area and Old Route 66. Family Restaurant was chosen to be on episode one of season 2022. A production filming crew from Making It Media taped the session on site on September 7. Be sure to set your devices to record an extra hour on each side of the start time to account for any schedule variances.







FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

November 10: Paul E. Michaelec, 50, Streamwood, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Madlyn M. Stevens, 25, Champaign, registration expired.

November 11: Steven W. Hansen, 30, Dwight, no valid driver's license - expired less than one year; John F. Kelley, 32, Lexington, KY, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

William November 12: Humbert, 61, Dwight, disobeyed stop sign; Fernando B. Pascual, 21, Champaign, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

November 13: Bryce D. Lucus, 20, Dwight, driving 11-14 MPV above limit; Jose J. Santoyo, Jr., 39, Kankakee, driving 11-14 MPH above

November 15: Sherrie L. Fontaine, 54, Dwight, no valid driver's license - expired less than one year.

November 16: Rondre L. Graham, 29, Peru, speeding in school zone; Mitchell P. Bryant, 29, Naperville, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

November 17: Dariusz Dabek, 53, Sugar Grove, illegal lane usage; Laura Stuart, 68, Geneva, disobeyed stop sign.

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

48 Written Warnings

Speeding – 27; Stop Sign Violation – 5; Expired Registration – 4; No Registration Plate Light – 4; No Front License Plate – 3; Only One Taillight – 1; Only One Headlight – 1; Fail to Signal When Required – 1; Improper Lane Ûse – 1; Defective Windshield – 1.

Dwight Police Blotter

November 10: Dwight Police were called by Dwight Public Schools for a report of a stop arm violation. A report was forwarded to the State's

November 13: Dwight Police met with a walk-in subject advising their establishment Mazon, medical, Morris.

had illegal dumping in their business dumpster.

November 14: Dwight Police were dispatched to Northbrook Dr. to meet with a truck leasing company trying to locate one of their vehicles.

November 15: Dwight Police were dispatched to Mazon Ave. A female had been stranded from a domestic issue. Assistance was given.

November 15: Dwight Police were dispatched to the area of 300 E. Spencer for a juvenile

Lockout – 5; Traffic Stops – 57; Paper Service - 1; Found Dog - 1; Extra Patrol - 38; Walk In – 7; Stop Arm Violation - 1; Return Call - 10; Unknown Problem - 1; Motorist Assist – 1; Domestic Physical – 1; Citizens Assist – 2; Miscellaneous - 1; Cell 911 Hang Up - 1; Burglar Alarm - 1; Fire Alarm - 1; Accident - 1; Follow Up -4; Medical Aid -3; Road Hazard - 1; Civil Issue -



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 10: I-55, fire; Spencer, medical, St. James.

November 11: Mazon, med-Morris; Chippewa, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Coal City - COQ; John, medical, Morris; Prairie, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Riverside.

November 12: Union; Prairie, trauma, St. James, mutual aid from Coal City - COQ.

November 13: Scully, medical, Riverside; I-55, fire; I-55, trauma, refusal; I-55, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Coal

November 14: Rt. 113, fire, mutual aid to Custer Park.

November 15: 1900 Rd. medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell; Prairie, medical, Morris; East, medical, mutual aid to MVK; 3200, fire.

November 16: Columbia, medical, Morris; Ward, medical, mutual aid to MVK:



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Temps - 2022

Nov. 10 – high 75°, low 41° Nov. 11 – high 43°, low 30° trace snow

Nov. 12 - high 35°, low 24° Nov. 13 - high 38°, low 17° Nov. 14 – high 43°, low 18°

trace snow Nov. 15 - high 34°, low 29°

trace precip. Nov. 16 – high 33°, low 27°

trace snow One Year Ago-Nov. 23, 2021 high 55°, low 20°



Dwight Fire Incidents 11/4 - 11/18

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

November 5: Mutual Aid to Herscher.

November 7: Report of a fire 1 mile north of Dwight controlled burn/cancelation; Motor Vehicle Crash - N. Union at McNamara.

November 10: Grass Fire –

November 11: Mutual Aid to Braidwood; Grass Fire – Rt.

November 12: Motor Vehicle Crash - I-55.

November 13: Report of a vehicle fire/false call – I-55; Motor Vehicle Crash - I-55 (two accidents).

November 15: Residential fire alarm/false alarm - rural Dwight; Automatic $alarm/false\ alarm-DTHS.$

Dwight FPD also responded to 15 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

to load the bus and deliver their biggest donation ever. Grundy **County Board Adopts New** Fee Schedule for **Environmental**

The Grundy County Board has passed an Ordinance to adopt a new fee schedule for the Environmental Health Division of the Grundy County Health Department. The Ordinance was passed by unanimous vote on November 10.

Health Division

Increased fees include those associated with Well, Septic and Food Programs. The GCHD is advising the public, contractors and food establishments or temporary food vendors seeking permits to visit the Health Department website at grundyhealth.com, or call to learn of the new fees before mailing applications for per-

Fee schedules and corresponding applications can be found at grundyhealth.com, under Environmental Health.

For further information regarding fees, contact the GCHD at 815-941-3115.

Website: http://www.sarahelizabethrealtos.com

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER: Parking on Village Streets

is prohibited from December 1st to March 1st between

2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Parking in the downtown business dis-

trict is prohibited between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. anytime of

the year. Also, if there are 2" or more of snow on the

ground, parking on the Village streets is prohibited any-

time of the season. (This enables Dwight Public Works

Residential Real Estate Sales and Investments

October Video Gaming

Dwight's video gaming terminals increased by three in October, according to the monthly video gaming report, as statewide the number of terminals grew by 201, for a new total of 44,311.

THE ODELL FOOD PANTRY received a generous donation November 11 of food, personal

care products, cleaning supplies, and paper goods from St. Paul School. The St. Paul School

Civics Club has a long tradition of rallying students, families and staff to aid the pantry. With

support from everyone at St. Paul, the students, and club sponsor, Mrs. Lovell, they were able

Terminals were added at 27 new locations statewide. Total locations are now 8,134.

\$761,255 was gambled during October in Dwight, the second highest total on record. The record is \$786,002.

Dwight

Oct. E	<u>'unds In</u>	<u>Funds Out</u>	NTI*	<u>State</u>	<u>Dwight</u>		
Aly Anne's	s 123,880	86,199	37,680	10,927	1,884		
Cherry Re	d 6,502	3,890	2,611	757	130		
Dwt Pizza	36,938	28,587	8,350	2,421	417		
Lili Mae's	120,758	96,435	24,322	7,053	1,216		
Love's	208,664	149,576	59,087	17,135	2,954		
Station 343	3 815	1,203	(388)	(112)	(19)		
VFW	134,869	109,581	25,287	7,333	1,264		
Vic. Lanes	26,391	22,264	4,126	1,196	206		
Willy's	102,438	73,009	<u>29,428</u>	<u>8,534</u>	<u>1,471</u>		
TOTAL	\$761,255	570,748	190,506	55,246	9,525		
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Oct. Funds In Funds Out NTI* **State Gardner** Buddies (3) 3,111 1,925 343 59 383 Marks (5) 40,424 32,750 <u>7,673</u> TOTAL; \$43,535 34,676 8,858 2,569

*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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Is a Donor-Advised Fund Right for You?

You can find many ways to support charitable organizations. One method that's gained popularity over the past few years is called a donor-advised fund. Should you consider it?

The answer depends on your individual situation, because donor-advised funds are not appropriate for everyone. However, if you're in a position to make larger charitable gifts, you might at least want to see what this strategy has to offer. Here's how it works:

· Contribute to the fund. You can contribute to your donor-advised fund with cash or marketable securities, which are assets that can be converted to cash quickly. If your contribution is tax deductible, you'll get the deduction in the year you make the contribution to the fund. Of course, these contributions are still subject to IRS limits on charitable tax deductions and whether you itemize your deductions. If you typically don't give enough each year to itemize and plan on making consistent charitable contributions, you could consider combining multiple years' worth of planned giving into a single donoradvised fund contribution, and claim a larger deduction in that year. This move may be especially impactful if you have years with a higher amount of income, with an accompanying higher tax rate. If you contribute marketable securities, like stocks and bonds, into the fund, a subsequent sale of the securities avoids capital gains taxes, maximizing the impact of

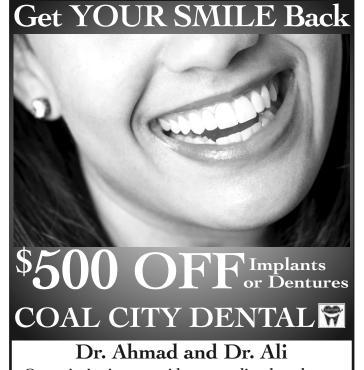
• Choose an investment. Typically, donor-advised funds offer several professionally managed diversified portfolios where you can place your contributions. You'll want to consider the level of investment risk to which your fund may be exposed. And assuming all requirements are met, any investment growth is not taxable to you, the donor-advised fund or the charity that ultimately receives the grant, making your charitable gift go even further.

· Choose the charities. You can choose grants for the IRS-approved charities that you want to support. You decide when you want the money donated and how it should be granted. You're generally free to choose as many IRS-approved charitable organizations as you like. And the tax reporting is relatively easy — you don't have to keep track of receipts from every charity you support. Instead, you can just keep the receipts from your contributions to the fund.

Although donor-advised funds clearly offer some benefits, there are important trade-offs to consider. For one thing, your contributions are irrevocable, which means once you put the money in the fund, you cannot access it for any reason other than charitable giving. And the investments you choose within your fund will carry some risk, as is true of all investments. Also, donor-advised funds do have investment management fees and other costs. So, consider the impacts of these fees when deciding how you want to give.

In any case, you should consult with your tax and financial professionals before opening a donor-advised fund. And if the fund becomes part of your estate plans, you'll also want to work with your legal advisor. But give this philanthropic tool some thought — it can help you do some good while also potentially benefiting your own long-term financial strategy.

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Dwight Native, Rich Tock, Retires from Golf Business

Rich Tock, Dwight native and DTHS graduate, recently retired after a 50-year career in the golf business. Growing up in Dwight, he spent many hours at Dwight Country Club golfing as well as working. In 1965, a freshman in high school, he and then football coach Bill Gilkey, started the golf team, which at that time was a spring sport.

After playing four years in high school and four years at Southern Illinois University, he officially started his golf career as an Assistant Golf Professional at Oakcrest Country Club in Springfield, Illinois. One year later he moved on to Milwaukee Country Club working under worldrenowned Manuel de la Torre. It was during this time that Rich started the Wisconsin Assistants Association. In 1977 he was voted Assistant Golf Professional of the Year for his volunteer work promoting the Association and tournament performances.

His first PGA Professional position came at South Hills Country Club in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. While at South Hills, he ran for the Wisconsin PGA Board of Directors, won, and spent the next nine years serving on the board, two of which he was president. Before leaving South Hills, he

Rich Tock, Dwight native d DTHS graduate, recently ired after a 50-year career in e golf business. Growing up was voted Wisconsin PGA Teacher of the Year and later Wisconsin Golf Professional of the Year in 1988.

In 1989 he became head professional at Ozaukee Country Club in MeQuon, Wisconsin where he would spend the next 21 years. It was during this time he received several awards, among them the Horton Smith Award and the Bill Strausbaugh Award (national awards presented to professionals in each section of the country for promoting the game of golf, mentoring young assistant professionals, and continued work with the PGA of America). Rich was also voted Merchandiser of the Year while at Ozaukee and credits his wife Barbara of 42 years as a major factor for receiving this award.

Rich continued to play competitively for many years in the state of Wisconsin playing on 26 Nelthorpe Cup teams, (the most ever by a Wisconsin PGA Professional), and over 40 Wisconsin State Opens, but his most memorable was qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open Championship at Caves Valley Country Club in Baltimore, MD. These competitive years earned him 6-time Senior Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Decade from 2000-2009.

His playing days slowed down, somewhat, as he was asked by Mr. Andy Ziegler, the new owner of Erin Hills Golf Course to come on board and run the property for him. Before accepting he was told that Erin Hills would host the U.S. Men's Amateur Championship in 2011 and the Men's U.S. Open Championship in 2017 (which was won by Brooks Koepka, his first major). Rich accepted the offer on November 10, 2009, and held many titles during his 13 years at Erin Hills including General Manager, Director of Golf, Director of Operations, President, and for the past several years, Ambassador to Erin Hills. A 2nd Strausbaugh Award and 2nd Wisconsin Golf Professional of the Year came in 2018.

A memory of a lifetime came in the fall of 2019 when he was voted into the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame joining the likes of Steve Stricker, Jerry Kelly, Andy North and many others who competed and promoted the game of golf in the state of Wisconsin.

Congratulations to Rich Tock for an outstanding 50-year career in golf as a player, merchandiser, teacher, promoter of the game, and allaround dedicated, complete PGA Professional.



RICH TOCK, DTHS GRADUATE retired from an outstanding 50-year career in Golf. Tock earned many titles over the years and was voted into the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame in 2019.

GivingTuesday

GivingTuesday is held on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving every year. Though that typically means the day is celebrated after the calendar turns to December, this year GivingTuesday takes place on Tuesday, November 29.

What is GivingTuesday?

GivingTuesday organizers describe the event as a "movement that unleashes the power of radical generosity around the world." GivingTuesday is often characterized as hashtag activism, which involves social media users employing Twitter hashtags to show support for a cause. Twitter hashtags do not utilize spaces between words, so GivingTuesday references adhere to this practice.

How can people participate in Giving Tuesday?

Individuals who want to participate can donate money, food and/or clothing; start an advocacy campaign; help a neighbor; or commit an act of generosity. Participants need not make their Giving Tuesday efforts part of any official event associated with the day, but those who want to can visit VolunteerMatch.org to look for volunteering opportunities in and around their communities.

Parents can even help children find ways to participate by visiting Giving Tuesday Spark.org.

GivingTuesday is a global effort that emphasizes the power of generosity. Individuals can learn more at GivingTuesday.org.

KCC Offering Short-Term Classes for Spring Semester

For the spring 2023 semester, Kankakee Community College will offer a range of short-term classes, including six transferrable classes that are just four weeks long.

"The addition of four-week classes in Liberal Arts and Sciences will allow students to design schedules that respect their life-school balance," said Jennifer Hays Huggins, KCC's dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Spring 2023 classes are offered between January 9 and May 5. The four-week courses being offered are all online, and can be taken back-to-back. They are:

- English I Jan. 9 to Feb. 3, ENGL 1613.W06
- English II Feb. 6 to Mar. 3, ENGL 1623.W06
- Introductory Speech Feb. 6 to Mar. 3, COMM 1553.W06
- American Government Mar. 13 to Apr. 7, PLSC 1513.W06
- Lifespan Developmental Psychology Mar. 13 to Apr. 7, PSYC 2553.W06
- Introduction to Humanities Apr. 10 to May 5, HUMS 1513.W06

In addition to the four-week online classes, KCC is also offering a variety of other short-term options, including classes that meet for eight-weeks and 12-weeks.

New students can start by submitting an application online at apply.kcc.edu.

Returning students can use the My KCC portal at my.kcc. edu and go to the "Self-Service" link to register. In addition, registration and advising appointments for returning students are available at kcc.edu/student-resources/advising/.

College offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Break from 5:00 p.m. Nov. 23 until Nov. 27. KCC's winter break is from noon Dec. 21 until Jan. 2.

KCC's Riverfront Campus in Kankakee is located at 100 College Drive, south of downtown Kankakee.

Students can also register and meet with advisers at the KCC South Extension Center, 1488 E. Walnut St. in Watseka, next to the Watseka Riverside Medical Center facility.

. The advisers phone number is 815-432-4670.

For further information, make a request at register.kcc. edu or phone 815-802-8500.











SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Visit these participating businesses to fill a "PUNCH CARD".

Once it's full, drop it off at the DEA Office for your CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 5 \$50 DEA GIFT CERTIFICATES!

Punch cards will be available at each business and the DEA Office which is open 9-5, Nov. 26.

BUSINESSES AND THEIR HOURS FOR 11/26.

Aly Anne's: 9 a-close
Aidensbrook: 10 a-4 p
Beautiful Bellas Esthetics: 9a-12p
Dwight Cig and Liquor: 9a-6p
Dwight Nail and Spa: 10a-6p
Dwight Pizza and More: 6a-10p
El Cancun: 11a-9p
Flo's on Franklin: 9a-5p

Franklin Corner: 9a-7p
J & D Pickin' Adventures: 10a-6p
McDonald's: 4:30a-1a
Napoleon Fine Antiques: 10a-4p
Old Rt 66 Family Restaurant: 6a-10p
Station 343: 5-9p
Taylor Rose Salon: 10a-5p
Tio Tino's Tacos: 11a-10p

CHRISTMAS IN DWIGHT~ DEC. 3

1ST SWEATY SWEATER 5K!



5k run & 3k fun run/walk

\$25 for both races

SIGN UP
SIGNUE/ALITED TODAY!!

Register Online at: runsignup.com/sweatysweater or pick up a form at: Sweat Factory,

DEA Office or Dwight Village Hall.

Dwight Bank

Branch of Bank of Pontiac



TICKETS ON SALE
through NOVEMBER 30
\$500 per person

Purchase your tickets at the following Dwight Locations: Bank of Pontiac, PNB, Midland Bank, SOCU, Village Hall and DEA Office.

You're invited to:

PARTY WITH SANTA! Sat. Dec. 3 11am - 1pm



Hosted by: Cherry Red Roasters

200 S. Franklin Dwight

An Open House style event – to enjoy visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, snacks, cookie decorating, craft, face painting, hair tinsel & games



FEATURED MEMBER

DWIGHT'S LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

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MVK Seniors Meet

vember 15 at the Mazon American Legion for lunch provided by the Community Nutrition Network (CNN) and furnished by The Whistle Stop in Coal

Pres. Sherry McIntosh called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. A silent prayer was said for the election, people guarding the country, policemen, firemen, EMT, and government. She also thanked CNN, volunteers, and The Whistle Stop.

Happy Birthday was sung for Barb Carter, Emil Feddeler, Shirley Peterson, Shirley Matzen, and Jerry Haff, and Happy Anniversary to Bob and June Elam.

Sherry McIntosh told how it was being in a military family with her, her father and grandfather. Rita Mills read a poem reservation.

The MVK Seniors met No- entitled, "Thanksgiving Day." Also, the Township of Highland from Kinsman gave a donation to the Mazon Senior Center.

> Door prizes were won by Carol Clements, Charlotte Honrud and Nancy Brian. The Seniors voted to have a White Elephant gift exchange for the December meeting, and the motion was carried by all.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and a motion was carried by all.

The next meeting will be held December 20, with Euchre at 10:30 a.m. and BINGO following the business meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Johnson and seconded by Bob Elam.

Anyone 60 or older is invited to join for a small donation. Be sure to call CNN at 815-941-1590 and make a

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight, Christmas Bazaar December 3

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church, at the corner of Routes 17 and 47 in Dwight, will be having a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A Continental Breakfast of assorted coffee cakes, coffee, hot cocoa, and hot wassail will be offered. Homemade candy and cookies, homemade baked goods, and handmade gift items will be available for sale.

All proceeds will benefit Redeeming Life Ministries Maternity Home in East Dundee.

Go and enjoy good cheer and the sights, sounds, and smells of Christmas.









RESIDENTS AT HERITAGE HEALTH of Dwight celebrated Fast Food Day with sliders from White Castle, corn dogs, and french fries. Burger King in Pontiac donated the traditional crown to help celebrate the day. Fast Food Trivia was played and everyone learned a thing or two about fast food.

Southeastern Grundy County Seniors Hold Meeting

On November 4, the South- surer's Reports were read and Breakfast at Dwight VFW. eastern Grundy County Seniors met for their regular meeting at

the Gardner Restaurant. Fifteen people were present. The table grace was said by

Sharon Pickles, President. A Thanksgiving dinner was

served to everyone. The Pledge of Allegiance

was said by all. Deb Jensen, Pat Lenzie, and Mary Lou Serena are celebrat-

ing birthdays this month. The Secretary's and Trea-

approved. There was no correspon-

dence.

Thnking of you cards were sent to Lorraine Hansen and Barb Hout.

Community Events: November 8 – Election Day; November 11 – Luncheon at American Legion; November 14 – Food Truck at St. Lawrence; November 19 -Godley Park craft show; No- questions and concerns from vember 20 – Aebleskiver the members.

With no further business,

the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on December 2.

The program this month was by Ken Unland, President of the Gardner Fire District. He explained how the operations for the fire department and ambulance services are being done. He answered all the



THE GIVING SPIRIT is alive and well at St. Paul School in Odell. The Civics Club, made up of seventh and eighth grade students, held their annual drive for the Odell Food Pantry in conjunction with St. Paul's Spirit Week. Students and families were encouraged to take in different items each day, and the result was a record donation for the Food Pantry.



Christmas Angels Fund Drive

Since 1917, the association of Lions clubs has provided millions of people with the opportunity to give something back to their communities. Such service is only possible through the generous donations of community members like you.

Here in Odell, our Odell Lions Club/Knights of Columbus most precious service to our community is our Christmas Angels Program. The program has purchased new clothing for children of families in need at Christmastime for nearly two decades. Last year, we were able to provide for 65 children in Odell which included a visit from Santa and small toys. Without your generosity and support, none of this would have been possible.

This year, we hope to give our children a happier Christmas holiday once again, and we are seeking your support for Christmas Angels through our annual fund drive. 100% of all donations are used to benefit the children.



We hope you will join us once again in reaching our fundraising goal. Donations can be made by mail to the address below, or in person at the Bank of Odell. Please make checks payable to Odell Lions Club/Knights of Columbus and note in the memo line: Christmas Angels.

Odell Lions Club/Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 35 Odell, IL 60460 c/o Angel Fund

For more information,

please contact a committee member at mfoster@odell.k12.il.us or via phone at 815-579-7308 joleenbolen76@gmail.com or via phone at 815-848-

We sincerely thank you for your time and continued support.

> The Odell Lions Club Knights of Columbus



Congratulations, Diane Jensen! Diane Jensen, Vice President & Branch Manager of Dwight Bank, is retiring after 31 years in banking. Her last day will be Nov. 30, so make sure to stop by before

Congratulations, Laurie Turner!

then to wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

Effective Dec. 1, Laurie will be promoted to Dwight Bank Branch Manager. Laurie has been with the bank for 12 years, and we are excited to see her in this new role while continuing to assist customers with their everyday banking needs.

Welcome, Danielle Thompson! NMLS# 2435247

Danielle has been hired as the new Loan Officer for Dwight Bank. She is a lifelong Dwight resident and is excited to assist customers with any lending needs*.



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OBITUARIES

Mary Rose Buster

Mary Christesen Buster, 86, of Pontiac, Illinois passed away Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 8:24 p.m. at Ascension Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston.

A Mass Burial Christian was celebrated Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pontiac.

A visitation was held in the church one hour preceding the Mass, and the rosary was recited at 9:30 a.m.

Burial followed in Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Dwight.

Memorials may be made to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation and the Multiple Myeloma Foundation.

Mary was born November 24, 1935 to Edward Andrew and Emma Rose (Meyer) Christesen. She married Alfred T. Buster on June 26, 1965 in Dwight, Illinois. He preceded her in death on July 1, 2000.

Survivors include their children: Sheila K. Buster of Pontiac, Illinois; Michael T. (Kelly Ann) Buster of Edgewater, Florida; and Patrick E. Buster of Pontiac, Illinois; and her little dog, Annie.

She is also survived by grandchildren: Joseph M. Buster, Timothy A. Buster, Nicholas J. Buster and Anthony D. Buster, all of Edgewater, Florida; her sister, Theresa A. Gschwendtner of Pontiac; niece and goddaughter, Susan M. (Ray Watson) Gschwendtner of Washington, DC; niece, Elizabeth (Mike O'Connell) Eischeid of Batavia, Illinois; and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her sister, Rita J. Christesen; brothers-in-law, John F. Gschwendtner, Kenneth Miller, and Claude Foster; and sistersin-law, Caroline Page and Sharon Buster.

Mary graduated from Dwight High School and took additional course work at Lincoln College. She was the Drum Majorette and twirled a baton for her high school





then went to work at multiple different jobs that included The Daily Leader, G.C. Murphy's in Pontiac, Joliet Prison, Pontiac Correctional Center (where she and Al-

marching band, and

she played clarinet

with the band. She

loved to play the

organ, and while her

young, she taught

fondly

children

fred were introduced by mutual friends and fell in love), and State Farm Insurance, in the claims department at the corporate headquarters, Blooming-

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, was formerly a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight, where she sang in the choir and was a member of Catholic Daughters.

Mary loved long road trips, and she and her husband took their children many times to visit her husband's family, including trips to Southern Illinois, California, Texas and Colorado. In later years, she and her husband sometimes with one or more of the children, took road trips to Maine, Massachusetts, Florida, Ohio, upstate New York, and Washington, DC.

She also traveled to Lexington, Kentucky in the late 1990s to play croquet, a sport that she excelled in, with players who she met online.

Although she had been afraid to fly her entire life, she flew for the first time when she was in her 70s, flew a few times thereafter, and enjoyed it.

She learned to use the internet and to text well into her 70s and spent many pleasant hours exploring the internet and meeting new friends and researching genealogy online.

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

This obituary may be viewed at www.duffvfuneral home.com or visit us on Face-



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

RHONDA M. LAMBERTH,

Plaintiff,

HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF BLANCHE KROLL, Defendants.

Case No.: 2022-CH-8

NOTICE FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BLANCHE KROLL

Take notice that a Complaint for Adverse Possession was filed in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Livingston County, Illinois, to quite title to the property legally described as follows:

Lots 2, 3, & 4 in Block 1 of Entwistle's Subdivision to the City of Chatsworth, Livingston County, Illinois.

NOW, therefore, unless and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise file your appearance in the office of the Clerk of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, Illinois on or before Januar 3y 10th, 2023, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

First publication date shall be at least thirty (30) days prior to the time of the default. Notice shall be published three (3) successive weeks. (750 ILCS 5/2-206 and 207)

WITNESS: LE ANN DIXON, Clerk of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and the seal thereof, Pontiac, Illinois

William J. Gerber Attorney at Law Law Office of William J. Gerber, LLC 210 W. Oak Street Fairbury, Illinois 61739 Phone: 815.692.2224 Facsimile: 815.692.8227 Email: will@gerberlaw.net

Daniel Lewandowski

Daniel "Butch" Lewandowski, age 77, of Dwight passed away at his home in Dwight, Illinois on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Visitation was held at Hager Memorial Home on Sunday, November 20, 2022 from 2 until 5 p.m.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 21, 2022 at 11 a.m., also at the Memorial

Burial in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight, followed the services.

Memorials in honor of Daniel may be made to the Grundy County 4-H.

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight was in charge of arrangements.

Daniel was born January 23, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of John and Nettie (Powers) Lewandowski. He married Mary Burger on November 11, 1967 in Mazon, Illinois. She survives in Dwight, Illinois.

Also surviving are daughters: Danah (Matt) Kenney and Margo (Terry) Oxendine, both of Verona, Illinois; grandchildren: Ryann Kenney, Erinn



Kenney, Alex and Valentine, Scott Nikole Oxendine and Dylan (Taylor) Oxendine; greatgrandchildren: DeeDee Valentine, Mia Gregoire, and Griffin Oxendine; his brother, Tom Lewandowski of Pontiac; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alex Lewandowski, John Lewandowski, Harry Lewandowski, and Terry Lewandowski; and sisters, Delores Burton

Before retiring, Daniel was the owner and operator of Cropmate in Blackstone. He worked for the Farmer's Elevator in Mazon, Illinois; and owned the Clark gas stations in Pontiac and Morris.

and Shirley Whiteside.

He enjoyed country dancing, bowling, showing ponies and horses, but he loved watching his grandchildren play sports, dance, and show horses. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Condolences may be left at www.calvertmemorial.com.

John Richard Spaulding

Richard John Spaulding was born September 20, 1940 in Normal, Illinois. He was raised alongside his siblings, three Gene, Dolores and Gary, in Dwight, Illinois.

He was a graduate of Dwight High School. After grad-

uating high school, John joined the United States Army, and was stationed in Bakersfield, California from 1963-1966. It was there he met the love of his life, Diana, in 1965. They married on July 2, 1966 and settled into life in Bakersfield.

John was a graduate of Operating Engineers Local #12 Apprenticeship Program and began his career as an Operating Engineer with Granite Construction. From there, he went on to work as IUOE Local #12 Business Agent. He went on to become the District Representative for Local #12 in Pasadena, California, before retiring (from his first job) in 2005

He was a Graduate of the Trade Union Program at Harvard University. Never one to sit idly by, John went to work for the Building Trades Council as Executive Secretary in 2007 until his second retirement in 2022.

John and Diana have four



children: Christi, Michael, Laura and Richard; six grandchildren: Brittany, Hailee, Hannah, Annabelle, Allison and Brock; one great-grandson, JD; with another on the way.

John's civic involvement in-Central cludes:

Labor Council - president, Kern Economic Development Corp., Workforce Development Executive Board, Kern Transportation Foundation, board of directors, Project Clean Air, Friendship House, Kern County Fair Housing and Schools to Charters, VP Democratic Central Committee, Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District.

John was a Shriner, Mason, Scottish Rite, and an Elk. He was 22 gallon club donor at Houchin Blood Bank.

To know John was to know how much he loved his family. He spent countless hours at a cer match, coaching, refereeing, mentoring and cheer leading countless children, neighborhood kids, and grandchildren.

Remembrances in John's name can be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital or Shriner's Hospitals for Chil-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Dwight Township will hold a Public Hearing on December 6, 2022 at 6:45 P.M. in the Dwight Township Hall, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight, Illinois to discuss the proposed 2022-2023 Tax Levy Ordinance for Dwight Township, as required by Public Act 82-102; Truth-in-Taxation for the State of Illi-

All persons desiring to be heard shall have an opportunity to present testimony concerning said Levy.

Dated: November 23, 2022

Patricia S. Rosenbaum Dwight Township Supervisor Janice M. Masching Dwight Township Clerk

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of November, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odell adopted the Tax Levy Ordinance pursuant to which a levy is made upon all the taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. A copy of said Ordinance is published and on display at the office of the Village Clerk, 213 South Front Street, Odell, Illinois. The office hours of the Village Clerk are from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

> IRIS THORNE Village Clerk





Christmas Shopping

I decided to be proactive the other day and headed to a mall to do some Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving. I think this is the first time I've ever tried that. And my first go of it failed pretty miserably as I didn't end up finding anything for anyone that I was looking for.

I did actually end up buying something for myself, though. That's how bad it went. I was the lone recipient of my shopping spree. As I was perusing throughout the mall, however, I did notice something, and that is that Black Friday essentially runs from the beginning of November through Christmas time. Virtually everything was on sale in the entire mall.

I'm sure some places will have more robust sales once Black Friday actually rolls around, but it's clear companies are starting it earlier and earlier. While I think consumerism isn't great on the whole, I do think that spreading it out over the month is a good idea as it takes the pressure away from having to do it over Thanksgiving weekend. It allows more time for families to spend together without having to get out and do all the shopping within a small window of time.

While I'm also on the subject, I noticed that there weren't that many locally owned stores in the mall. This maybe is to be expected, given it's a mall, but it's tough knowing you could be spending your money at smaller, personally owned businesses.

With that being said, if you can, try your best to buy whatever you're going to buy from a local store! There may be certain items that just make it impossible to do so, but if the possibility exists, it's good to try to get it lo-

Hopefully you have more success with the early shopping than I did.

Happy Thanksgiving, and Go, Bears.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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

In the Matter of the Estate NO. 2022PR106 of DOROTHY L. ANDERSON Deceased.

CLAIM DATE NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Dorothy L. Anderson. Letters of Office were issued on October 21, 2022, to Richard L. Anderson, 29415 E. 3100 N. Rd., Dwight, IL 60420, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Joan N. Harrop, 220 W. Main Street, Suite 300, Morris, IL

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Circuit Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Livingston County Law and Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 31, 2023. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

> Richard L. Anderson Independent Executor

Joan M. Harrop GOMIEN & HARROP, LTD. Old National Bank Building Suite 300 220 West Main Street Morris, Illinois 60450 (815) 942-0071 A.R.D.C. #6237262 joanharrop@sbcglobal.net

Morris Hospital Continues Grade 'A' Streak for Patient Safety

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is among an elite group of 30 hospitals in Illinois to receive an "A" on the fall 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade that was released November 16, a national distinction that recognizes a hospital's ability to prevent medical errors and harm to patients. It is Morris Hospital's ninth consecutive "A" since the fall of 2018.

Christmas In Kompton

December 3 • 12 - 4 p.m. Kempton Legion Hall

VENDOR SHOW

Hot Chocolate Bar • Toys for Tots

Raffle • Bake Sale • Kids Crafts

PARADE @4 P.M.

(Golf cart, lawn mower, wagon, vehicle, bike, etc.)

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The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization with a 10year history of assigning letter grades to general hospitals throughout the United States. Hospital Safety Grade results are based on more than 30 national performance measures and are updated each fall and spring. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public.

Illinois hospitals included in Leapfrog's report, 27% received an A on the fall 2022 Hospital Safety Grade, 22% received a B, 44% received a C, 6% received a D, and less than 1% received an F. "Patient safety is about hos-

the fall 2022 Hospital Safety

Grade covers a time period

ranging from July 2018-De-

cember 2021, depending on

the quality measure. Of the 113

pitals protecting their patients from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections," said Tom Dohm, President and CEO at

The data used to calculate Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. "This is a number one priority at Morris Hospital, as evident by our numerous initiatives to reduce infection rates, checks we have in place to prevent mistakes, and our strong lines of communication. We are so proud of our team for their commitment to safety, which clearly leads to better outcomes for our patients."

To see the full grade details for Morris Hospital or any hospital in the country, or to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit:

hospitalsafetygrade.org

Dwight Christmas for Kids and Dwight Love Boxes will be delivered from the Dwight Methodist Church, Saturday, December 10 @ 9 a.m.

DTHS Board Discusses 2022 Tax Levy and Potential Field House

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DTHS Tax Levy and estimated tax per home in the district.

(continued from page 1) Board was receptive to the concept, with details to be worked out by Attorneys for the respective entities.

In Consent Agenda items, the resignation of Special Education Teacher, Melissa Harri, was accepted effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Employment was approved for Dennis Buck, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach and Dillon Sarff, Volunteer Wrestling Coach. Employment

was affirmed for Kathy Wiemken, Kirsten Pullen, and Emily Moore, Substitute Teachers. Also for Karla Quinonez, Bus Monitor and Marnie Jones, English Teacher.

Board Members in attendance were Kevin Berta, Paul Warner, Eric Scheuer, Susan Legner, and President Tim Henson. Absent were Joel Sandeno and Max Sulzberger. The next Board Meeting will be December 14.

Dwight Christmas Parade December 3

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

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GSWB Varsity Club Hosts First Speaker of the School Year

GSWB Varsity Club had its mates, in addition to not taking management to balance with first speaker of the year October 5. Colby Grieff, a senior at Gardner-South Wilmington High School, shared her path through her days of being a Panther to the group.

Colby was also a member of the Varsity Club four years prior, while playing for GSWB athletics in eighth grade. She helped guide her volleyball team to back-to-back state appearances – bringing home a fourth-place trophy.

At GSW High School, she has played volleyball all four years while earning River Valley Conference All-Conference honors as a junior. She is curher ACL this summer. The injury made her very thankful for her family, friends, and team-

Gardner Grade School stu-

dent council invited Scott

Spiezio to speak to their Jun-

ior High students, along with

South Wilmington and

Major League Baseball career that spanned over 12 years,

including two World Series wins with the Angels and St.

He also spoke of his drug and alcohol abuse that eventu-

Scott's heartfelt message to

the students was that every-

one has a purpose in life, that

dreams are achievable with goals, and the impact of how

drugs can ruin them, was en-

sport, competing in games

with the kids and signing au-

"It is action

that creates

motivation."

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couraging for the students. Spiezio was also a great

Spiezio spoke about his

Braceville Junior High.

Louis Cardinals.

ally ended his career.

things for granted.

Off the court, she is involved in Students Against Destructive Decisions, Orange Crush, National Honor Society, and she is the President of Student Council.

While speaking of the differences between middle school and high school athletics, she noted the summers are more demanding in high school with camps, leagues, and tournaments. When it comes to games, the games are later in the evening and the environment is very much different.

Before athletics came into play, she made sure to note the tended its best wishes to Colby rently sidelined due to tearing importance of academics. Completing school work should be your first priority, which involves having time

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school, sports, and your personal life.

Colby gave the Varsity Club group some important advice before they begin their high school career. She talked about the importance of character and said to find a positive role model to learn from. Along with finding a role model, she said to always respect others, whether it is peers, teammates, staff, or coaches.

Lastly, she said to take chances and have fun – as you never know what the outcome will be.

GSWB Varsity Club exas she looks to continue her volleyball career in college, while attending school to become a dental hygienist.

LADY CHARGERS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 14 **Tri-Point vs. Armstrong**

The Lady Chargers lost to Armstrong November 14, 46-

Kyra Cathcart led with 10 points, hitting one three, while Lainey Bertrand added three three-pointers. Adriana Hummel had four points, including a three, with Millie Ruiz and Kadie Hummel each knocking down one three.

Tuesday, November 15 Tri-Point vs. McNamara

On November 15, Tri-Point fell to McNamara, 62-42.

Kyra Cathcart's 15 points, including a three, led the way. Lainey Bertrand (2 3-pointers) and Adriana Hummel added 10 points each. Kadie Hummel had four points, with Madison Mc-Neill and Kasi Hughes putting in two points each.

Thursday, November 17 **Tri-Point vs. Momence**

In a match-up with Momence November 17, the Lady Chargers cruised to a 40-21 victory.

Lainey Bertrand (1 3pointer) and Adriana Hummel (1 3-pointer) each led with 12 points. Kasi Hughes had five points, including a trifecta, with Millie Ruiz adding a threepointer of her own. Kori Weber, Madison McNeill, Kadie Hummel, and Kyra Cathcart each added two points.

Saturday, November 19 **Tri-Point vs. Milford**

Tri-Point drilled six threes in action against Milford November 19, leading to a 49-25 win.

Lainey Bertrand provided four of those treys, leading with 12 points. Kadie Hummel had eight points, followed by nine points by Kyra Cathcart. The Lady Chargers got six points each from Millie Ruiz (2 3pointers), Adriana Hummel, and Madison McNeill. Kori Weber added a third quarter bucket.

GSW Lady Panthers Basketball

Monday, November 14 GSW vs. Manteno

The GSW Lady Panthers kicked off their 2022-23 campaign November 14, falling to Manteno, 64-30.

Addi Fair scored a teamhigh 10 points, including two threes, with Grace Olsen adding seven points. Chloe Wells had six points, followed by three from Madison Buck. Hannah Balcom and Aspen Lardi each scored two points.

Tuesday, November 15 **GSW** vs. Morris

Addi Fair scored a gamehigh 25 points, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Panthers

fell to Morris, 50-34.

Aspen Lardi and Chloe Wells added four and three points, respectively, while Hannah Balcom had two points.

Thursday, November 17 **GSW vs. Coal City**

The Lady Panthers lost to Coal City, 52-37, when they met November 17.

Addi Fair scored a gamehigh 22 points, including a three-pointer. Hannah Balcom and Taeryn Lardi added five and four points, respectively. Chloe Wells scored three points; Grace Olsen, two. Aspen Lardi made a free throw.

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Seneca vs. Hall Seneca/FCW **Kickoff Tournament**

Tuesday, November 15

The Lady Irish suffered a 31-25 loss to Hall in the 31. Seneca/FCW Kickoff Tourney November 15.

"Rough one tonight," said Coach Holman. "Couldn't buy a basket early and then got frustrated late. The girls are playing hard and that's nice to see early in the season. We'll learn from this and keep plugging along."

Kennedy Hartwig Seneca with 14 points. Thursday, November 17 Seneca

vs. Serena Seneca/FCW

Kickoff Tournament On November 17, Seneca

sunk Serena by a score of 42-"Great bounce back win,"

said Coach Holman. "Our offensive struggles continued in the first half, but we really took a big step in the second half and played tough, confident basketball. We'll keep getting better and see what we can do against one of the best teams in the state on Saturday."

Kennedy Hartwig led with 16 points, followed by nine and seven, respectively, from Cassia Buchanan and Faith Baker.

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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:

39 Main St Saunemin, IL 61769 6110

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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

Saunemin CCSD 438

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,298,480	156,632	0	51,949	67,4051	90,779	8,233	24,753	(
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	470,240	85,000	0	164,892	0	29,800	0	78,000	
Federal Sources	4000	361,918	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,130,638	241,632	0	216,841	67,405	120,579	8,233	102,7531	(
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,177,184	252,196	0	104,397	73,878	14,948		65,203	(
Other Sources/Uses of Funds	I	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ö	0	(
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Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
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Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Stud Funds - June 30, 2022	dent Activity	2,140,646	559,674	0	871,810	8,410	356,156	171,072	204,800	(

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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		Zeedyk, Bailey		

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Hughes, Harriet M			
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Bank of Montreal		42,916
Blue Cross Blue Shield		188,230
Bushue HR	-	5,940
CDS Leasing Program	- 1	5,314
CDS Office Technologies	1	6,948
Chemical Maintenance Inc	- 1	7,214
Chemsearch		3,811
CloverLeaf Farms-Clover Crest		10,452
Comtech Holding Inc		5,863
Delta Dental		8,591
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Mack & Associates		8,750
Masching, Brittany		3,168
Mediacom	1	16,514
MobyMax, LLC	1	3,495
Monica Genta, LLC	ì	5,500
New York Life 403B	1	3,300
Odell Community	1	3,918
Pontiac Grade School	1	69,221
Popejoy Inc	- 1	12,918
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DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 14 Dwight vs. Morris 7th Grade -

Dwight's seventh grade girls defeated Morris November 14, 16-6.

"We were slow to start for the first half," stated Coach Stephens, "but after a pep talk, the girls turned it around and played as a team to win the game."

Olivia Buck led with six points. Adilynn Avilez put up four points, while Carrigan Crouch, Grace Tjelle and Emmalynn Anderson each scored

8th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds did not give up a single bucket to Morris November 14, cruising to a 41-0 victory.

Mikayla Chambers led with 14 points, nine steals, six rebounds, and two assists. Claire Sandeno added 10 points, seven boards, three steals, and one assist, with Cloe Gall (5 steals, 2 rebounds, 1 assist) and Kit Connor (2 rebounds, 2 assists) scoring four points each. Delaney Boucher provided three points, three rebounds, and a steal, with Addy Sulzberger (3 assists, 1 rebound, 1 steal), Sophie Bastian (2 rebounds), and Madlynn Lucus (1 rebound) rounding out the scoring with two points each.

Thursday, November 17 Dwight vs. Woodland 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds had a disappointing loss to Woodland in their last home game of the season November 17.

"We played good defense but our shots were not falling,' said Coach Stephens.

Grace Tjelle led with seven points, eight rebounds, and one assist. Olivia Buck (4 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists) and

Sienna Burke (6 rebounds, 1 steal) each added two points. Carrigan Crouch (6 rebounds), Leanne Ruth (5 rebounds), and Adilynn Avilez (3 rebounds) had three steals each, while Kaitlynn Todd grabbed five boards and added two swipes. Emmalynn Anderson came down with three rebounds. 8th Grade -

In the eighth grade game, Dwight lost to Woodland, 31-

Kit Connor was the lead scorer with six points, adding that to two steals and two rebounds. Mikayla Chambers added four points, five steals, and five boards, with Claire Sandeno sinking a free throw and pulling down four rebounds. Delaney Boucher (7 rebounds) and Cloe Gall (2 rebounds) had two steals each. Addy Sulzberger grabbed five rebounds and dished two assists. Sophie Bastian got one rebound.

Saturday, November 19 Dwight vs. St. George Bourbonnais 7th Grade -Regional

On November 19, Dwight's seventh grade girls defeated St. George Bourbonnais in the second round of regional action, earning the Lady Redbirds a shot at the regional title against Iroquois West.

The game started off slow, with Dwight leading 6-1.

At the end of the third quarter, St. George pulled ahead 12-11, but the Lady Redbirds stepped up their game and shot attempts - securing the win with some clutch free throw

Olivia Buck led with six points, followed by four from Sienna Burke. Kaitlynn Todd added three points, eight boards, while Leanne Ruth scored two points.

GSWB TIGERS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 14 **GSWB** vs. Grace Christian 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Tigers beat Grace Christian November 14, 42-8.

Cameron Gray led all scorers with 18 points, followed by Case Christensen with 14 and Caden Christensen with eight. Thomas Phillips scored two

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade game, GSWB won 25-19.

Aiden Mack's eight points led the way, while Chris Ozee and Tyler Galass added six points. Ryan Dennis and Hunter Partilla added three and two points, respectively.

Tuesday, November 15 GSWB vs. Channahon 5th Grade -

GSWB's fifth graders defeated Channahon 26-18 on November 15.

Kash Kerner led with 16 points, followed by Tyler Futia and Chris Titus with four points each. Talon Mack added two points. 6th Grade -

In the sixth grade game, the

Tigers lost to Channahon, 40-9. Kash Kerner had four points to lead GSWB. Mason Jordan and Ty Tjelle each scored two points, with Parker Thompson hitting a free throw.

Wednesday, November 16 **GSWB** vs. Wilmington 5th Grade -

The fifth grade Tigers used some stifling defense to hold Wilmington to just two points on November 16, sailing to a 12-2 win.

Kash Kerner led with eight points. Tyler Futia and Talon Mack each scored two points. 6th Grade -

The Tigers improved to 5-3 with a 19-11 victory over Wilmington.

Ryan Male had seven points, with Chris Titus and Mason Jordan scoring four points each. David Allen and John Johnson each scored two points.

GSWB vs. Grand Ridge 7th Grade -

In a match-up with Grand Ridge, GSWB was victorious, 38-23.

Cameron Gray scored 19 points, while Caden Christensen and Case Christensen put in seven and six, respectively. Brody Grimes scored four, with Isaiah Bouwma adding two.

8th Grade -The Tigers edged out Grand

Ridge 17-14 in the eighth grade contest.

Holden Grimes had a teamhigh six points, followed by Cooper Biros and Chris Ozee with four each. Aiden Mack had three points.

Thursday, November 17 **GSWB vs. Tri-Point** 7th Grade -

GSWB came up on the wrong side of a 36-25 game against Tri-Point November 17.

Leading with eight points was Cameron Gray. Caden Christensen and Case Christensen added six and five points, respectively. Wyatt Mc-Nally put in four points; Brody Grimes, two.

8th Grade -The eighth grade Tigers

won over T-P, 35-22.

Holden Grimes led with 14 points. Reed Millette followed with eight, with Aiden Mack scoring six. Cooper Biros and Chris Ozee contributed four and two points, respectively. Hunter Partilla hit a free throw.

DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL Monday, November 14

6th Grade -Dwight traveled to Morris November 14, coming up short, 33-4.

Dwight vs. Morris

Jace Jensen (4 rebounds) and Braxton Flahaut led with two points each. Eli Jensen had four rebounds, with Ameryn Wiles, Levi Ochoa, and Erdi Gashi snagging two boards each.

The "B" game ended with the Redbirds falling, 24-2.

Levi Ochoa had his team's only points. Van Patten had five boards, followed by two rebounds each from Oliver Snyder and Carlos Ochoa.

Dwight vs. Flanagan 7th Grade -**LCT**

In Livingston County Tournament action, Dwight lost a hard fought game against Flanagan, 31-23.

Foul trouble for the Redbirds was the downfall, as Flanagan hit 19 free throws in the contest despite being outshot from the field.

Evan Olson led with 10 points, with Axel Kargle adding five. Walter Bradley put up four points and led on the boards with four. Dane Frobish and Kayden Wood each chipped in with two points. Hudson Colclasure pulled down two rebounds, with Jude Hurt and Kyler Delisle grabbing one each. Rylan Woodin contributed two steals on the night.

Tuesday, November 15 **Dwight vs. Coal City** 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Redbirds lost to Coal City in their home opener November 15.

Kayden Wood (2 steals) led Dwight with five points. Evan Olson (10 rebounds, 2 steals) and Jude Hurt (5 rebounds) each had four points, with Cason Johnson (2 steals) scoring two. Axel Kargle added two assists. Rylan Woodin dished one assist. 8th Grade -

Dwight fell to 2-1 on the season after falling to 4A Coal City, 57-42.

"We gave up too many second chance baskets," admitted Coach Conroy. "We fought hard to the end, but came up

short." Colin Bachand's 17 points (6 assists, 5 steals, 2 rebounds) Meister had 11 points, six boards, followed by Matt Watchinski with eight points,

steal. Trevor Jensen came up with four points, five boards, and two steals, followed by two points from Kayden Wood. Carson Sandeno pulled down two rebounds; Blake Thetard,

Wednesday, November 16 Dwight vs. St. Mary's 8th Grade -

The Redbirds jumped out to an early 15-5 lead over St. Mary's November 16, helping lead them to a 43-24 win.

Dwight shot over 50% from the field and committed just eight turnovers in the contest.

Colin Bachand scored as many points as St. Mary's team, putting up 24 points, six steals, three boards, and two assists. Matt Watchinski contributed eight points, seven rebounds, and one assist, while Trevor Jensen added six points, four boards, four swipes, and two assists. Blake Thetard (2 steals, 1 assist) and Graham Meister (8 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist) chipped in with three and two points, respectively.

Friday, November 18 Dwight vs. Saunemin 7th Grade -LCT

In the final round of the Livingston County Tournament November 18, the Redbirds defeated Saunemin, 33-28.

Evan Olson finished the game with 10 points, nine boards, and three steals. Axel Kargle contributed six points, three rebounds, three assists, and two steals, while Walter Bradley had six points and five boards. Kyler Delisle also scored six points, adding that to two rebounds. Ty Turner chipped in with two points and four boards.

Saturday, November 19 **Dwight vs. Pontiac** 8th Grade -LCT

The Redbirds fell to 3-2 on the season following a 50-32 loss to Pontiac in the finals of the Livingston County Tourna-

"We fell behind too much in the first quarter," said Coach Conroy, "and couldn't recover. Pontiac has a nice team."

Colin Bachand led Dwight with 11 points, six steals, five assists, and three rebounds. Trevor Jensen (7 rebounds, 2 steals) and Matt Watchinski (7 led the Redbirds. Graham rebounds) each scored seven points. Graham Meister added six points, two rebounds, while Blake Thetard provided a free five rebounds, an assist and a throw and three steals.

GSW Lady Panthers Basketball Monday, November 14

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Saturday, November 19 **GSW** vs. Wilmington

The Lady Panthers lost a heartbreaker to Wilmington November 19, 47-46.

GSW trailed much of the game, but a switch to man-toman defense in the fourth quarter allowed them to pull ahead

by as much as three at one point. However, a costly turnover late led to a Wilmington layup, and ultimately, a

Wilmington win. Addi Fair went off for 34 points, including six threepointers. Chloe Wells, Grace Olsen, and Hannah Balcom added four points each.

MVK vs. Milton Pope 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Mavs beat Milton Pope November 14, 16-13.

Kolten Pfeifer scored seven points for MVK.

8th Grade -

MVK was victorious over Milton Pope in the eighth grade meeting, 44-25.

Brant Roe scored a seasonhigh 25 points, followed by 13 from Colton Baudino.

Tuesday, November 15 MVK vs. Reed-Custer 7th Grade -

The Mavericks took a 32-26 loss to Reed-Custer November

MVK's Kolten Pfeifer led with eight points, with Breckin Anderson scoring seven.

8th Grade -

MVK Mavericks Basketball

The eighth grade match-up saw the Mavs fall to R-C, 45-

Brant Roe scored 17 points to lead his squad.

Wednesday, November 16 MVK vs. ICS 7th Grade -

In a meeting with ICS November 16, the Mavericks won by a score of 32-15.

Kolten Pfeifer scored 10 points, while Colton Baudino and Breckin Anderson added eight and six points, respectively.

8th Grade -

The MVK eighth graders won over ICS 40-10.

Brant Roe had a game-high 21 points, with Matthew Bauerly grabbing six rebounds.



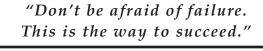
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Educators Learn About the Science of Reading



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER member Connie Rich (Fairbury), along with Kendall Fulop (Germantown Hills) and Kammi Lamprecht (East Peoria) discuss the science of reading with Anne Marie Gump, pictured, middle.

On November 12, Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met at the Dominy Memorial Library in Fairbury to hear Anne Marie Gump, noted English Language Learner Specialist at Williams Bay School District in Wisconsin, speak on "The Science of Reading: The Latest Reading Wars? Or Best Practices?".

Disagreement on the teaching of reading goes back to the 1800's when phonics was taught and along came famous educator Horace Mann who said the "look-say" or whole language method was better. (If someone learned to read out of the Dick and Jane books, that is the look-say method.) In 1997, the federal government formed the National Reading Panel to study all the relevant research on the teaching of reading.

Scientists do know how reading works in the brain. Advancements have been made in what kind of reading to teach, how to teach reading skills, and using structures like MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) to aid those children who

need extra help. Phonics is still used in teaching reading as 80% of our words are decodable. Some words are frequently used but are not decodable and have to be seen, said, and remembered. The primary grades (K-3) are the key grades in learning to read. Currently in the U.S., one-third of the children are deficient in reading at the third grade level when they advance to fourth grade. Unfortunately, twothirds of children who grow up and can't read well go on welfare or go to prison.

There are a variety of systems to follow in teaching at the K-3 grade levels and once a system is chosen for a school, it is important that the grade levels through eighth grade follow the same sequence for the best results. Research in the recent past has elevated the teaching of reading to a scientific level. If interested in learning more about knowing how to read, go to this documentary which will soon be released: thetruthaboutreading.com.

At the Alpha Beta business meeting, Treasurer Janet Kil-

gus (Fairbury) reported that the chapter has purchased 11 wells plus provided matching funds for another in Africa through the Marion Medical Mission. Pres. Marcia Wahls (Chenoa) reminded collegiate members of the chapter grants and early career teachers of the \$100 grants for classroom projects.

The DKG State Convention will be held at the Double Tree/Hilton Hotel in Oak Brook April 21-23. The information and application are available in the winter issue of the Newscaster. The chapter will need to decide about participation in the chapter bazaar and design a poster that shares information about Alpha Beta programs and activities.

The next meeting on February 7 will be via Zoom and the program will feature Mary Stayner and Sue Dion presenting "Welcome to Valentangle: Zentangle-the Key to Relaxation". PD's available.

For more information, visit dkg.org or contact Carol Hughes at chughes@mtco.com.



DWIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY members traveled to Burr Ridge November 10 to visit sites on Route 66. Pictured, front row, from left, are Marianne Hall, Alex McWilliams, Don and Joy Ahearn; back row, Gary and Janet Neville, Janice Lauritzen, and Bill and Mary Flott.

Dwight Historical Society Visits Burr Ridge

Members of the Dwight through which Route 66 Glos Mansion, built in 1852. Historical Society visited sites on Rt. 66 in Burr Ridge November 10.

Jim Pacanowski, Director of Parks and Recreation of the Burr Ridge Park District, led the tour of the newly-opened immersive play area in Harvester Park, which celebrates Historic Route 66. As children (and adults) play, they encounter roadside attractions from each of the eight states

passes.

Following the tour, and a short distance from the park, the visitors enjoyed the famous lunch buffet at the historic Dell cation in October that Route 66 Rhea's Chicken Basket, which opened in 1938.

In the afternoon, Dwight Historical Society member and Elmhurst resident, Bill Pearch, arranged for a guided tour of the Elmhurst History Museum, originally the Henry and Lucy

The field trip resulted from a suggestion made by visitors to Dwight's Ambler-Texaco Station at the Monument Dedienthusiasts should see the park in Burr Ridge.

Dwight, Burr Ridge, and three other spots located in the first hundred miles of Route 66 received identical displays through a grant program.

Tri-Point Board Sets December 19 for Truth In Taxation Hearing

Tri-Point Schools Board met in regular session Wednesday, November 16, and made a motion to hold a Truth In Taxation Hearing for the 2022 Tax Levy at 6:45 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2022 in the District Board Room at 101 E. Main in Kempton, Illinois.

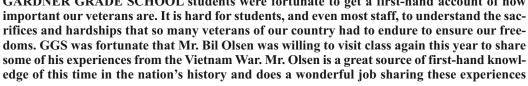
The Board also approved the Consent Agenda; made a motion to accept the FY2022 Annual Financial Report and adopt the 2022 tentative levy as presented.

A 2-year lease renewal with Midwest Transit Equipment for the three 32-passenger buses in the amount of \$9,942/ bus was approved; and the Superintendent was authorized to seek

gasoline bids.

Board members went into closed session, following which a motion was made to employ Kelly McClanahan as a part-time custodian; a motion to accept the resignation of Amber Crouch from her current position of health aide and hire Amber Crouch as an instructional aide.







with students. They are interested in hearing his stories and looking through many of the pictures, paperwork, and even medals of honor that he took to share. "This is such an eye-opening experience from a local hometown hero," said Anne Simms. "The junior high students and staff were so grateful to have this opportunity to learn so much from someone who lived this history rather than just reading about it. We are so appreciative to Mr. Olsen for his time and willingness to share with us at GGS."

Gardner Board Approves Backyard Chickens Christmas Tree Lighting November 27

by Don Phillips

Gardner village board met in regular session November 14. The meeting was opened with the approval of the October 10 minutes, payment of the bills, and approval of the September and October treasurer's

On the agenda, the board approved ordinance 2022-06 amending village of Gardner code of ordinance to permit licensing of backyard chickens. The board next approved and set the date for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony; the program will be held Thanksgiving Sunday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m. The board also approved the contract with Grundy County animal control.

The board approved two resolutions, including the amended resolution R2022-04

for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code motor fuel tax fund and amended resolution R2022-05 for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code Rebuild Illinois fund.

Commissioner Dick Hileman reported the cleaning of the sewer ponds is progressing, as well as pipe repair work at the water plant. Hileman also reported the renewal rate for the village's CD is now 3.3%.

Commissioner Erik Smith reported the street repair work is continuing by PT Ferro.

Village Engineer Casey Mc-Collom of Chamlin & Associates reported the storm water work on Carbon Hill Road is complete, as well as repaving of the road.

Mayor Mike Serena reported a resident with an autistic child is requesting signage near their home on E. Wilming-

ton and S. Center Streets. The board acknowledged agreed to the signage.

Serena reported the annual TIF report summary was held October 16 at the village hall and the Halloween trick or treet had good weather and no is-

Serena attended the Veterans Day ceremony held at the Gardner American Legion November 11, with guest speaker Paul Meincke. A retired ABC7 Chicago reporter, Meincke is now a board member with Honor Flight Chicago and gave a presentation about Honor Flight that was interesting and informative. The program attracted over 75 attendees.

Serena closed by reporting on the progress of new streetlights on S. Jackson Street, commenting the next step is the ComEd schedule of work.

Jesse White Issues Reminder that Driver's License, ID Card Expiration Extension Ends December 1

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding the public that the extension of expiration dates for driver's licenses, ID cards and learner's permits is set to end December 1, 2022. White initially initiated the extension in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To address the high customer volume caused by the pandemic, White's office also expanded online renewals for expired driver's licenses and ID cards and continues to mail letters to eligible customers. The letter provides driver's license and ID card holders with a unique PIN to renew online instead of visiting a facility. Customers may call 217-785-1424 to confirm their eligibility their PIN. They may also visit ilsos.gov/renew aldlid/eligible.jsp to look up

their eligibility status.

White continues to encourage people to conduct their business online at ilsos.gov. In addition to driver's license and ID card renewals for those who qualify, online services include obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, ordering a driver record and purchasing license plate stickers.

Customers visiting a Driver Services facility to renew their driver's license or ID card have the option to make an appointment at one of the 30 appointment facilities, or they can visit a walk-in facility. To determine ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

for online renewal or to obtain what facilities require an appointment or to make an appointment, customers should visit ilsos.gov. Individuals without internet access may call 844-817-4649 to schedule an appointment. Only larger facilities require appointments. Many small, rural facilities do not use the appointment system because they do not experience the heavy customer volume that large facilities encounter. These facilities remain accessible to walk-in customers. Some facilities in the Chicago area also continue to serve walk-ins.

> As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW



DTHS Trojans Basketball

Head Coach: Jeremy Connor (4 Years) JV Coach: **Todd Severns** 2021-22 Record: 17-13

The Dwight Trojans are really excited about this season, and for good reason.

The squad has two of their top three scorers returning for the 2022-23 season in Wyatt Thompson (20.4 ppg) and Conner Telford (8 ppg). These two will be looked upon to help navigate the Trojans through a tough conference.

Dwight will also look for good things from Jack Duffy and Dawson Carr, who both logged a lot of varsity minutes

"We will rely on our quickness and experience to lead us this year," says head coach Jeremy Connor. "If we cut down on turnovers and shoot better from the free throw line, we should be a tough team to

With powerhouses like Seneca, Putnam County, and Marquette vying for the top spot in the conference, Coach Connor and the Trojans have their work cut out for them but are more than ready to answer the call.

"I believe a regional championship is not out of reach. We are also hoping to make a run at a conference title and a 20win season."

<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gr.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>
0	Dawson Carr	Sr.	6'0"
3	Conner Telford	Jr.	5'9"
4	Noah Scott	Sr.	6'1"
5	Clay Peck	Sr.	6'2"
10	Tristan Chambers	Jr.	6'1"
13	Andrew Gartke	Jr.	6'0"
20	Ryan Hilt	Jr.	5'9"
20	Jack Groves	Jr.	5'9"
25	Jack Duffy	Sr.	5'9"
33	Tristan Larkin	So.	6'2"
35	Will Trainor	Jr.	6'1"
35	Tyler Frauli	Sr.	5'11"
40	Jace Gall	Sr.	6'2"
42	Luke Gallet	So.	6'4"
44	Wyatt Thomspon	Sr.	6'7"



DTHS VARSITY BASKETBALL: Front Row Seated L to R: Jace Gall, Tyler Frauli, Dawson Carr, Jack Duffy, Noah Scott, Wyatt Thompson. Standing: Asst. Coach Dennis Dunlap, Asst. Coach Cal Vigna, Rvan Hilt, Jack Groves, Tristan Larkin, Luke Gallet, Andrew Gartke, Will Trainor, Tristan Chambers, Conner Telford, Head Coach Jeremy Connor.



GSW VARSITY BASKETBALL. Front Row: Ryan Olsen, Logan Conger, Keith Page, Gabe McHugh, Ryan Cacello, Jarrek Hirsch, Noah Wise, Dane Halpin; Back Row: Coach Chris Halpin, Jacob Ozee, Cale Halpin, Nathan States, Dylan Carpenter, Cole Hampson, Braxton Johnson, Bennett Grant, Brody Fatlan, Head Coach Allan Wills



GSW Panthers Basketball

Head Coach: Allan Wills (5th Year) JV Coach: **Chris Halpin** 2021-22 Record: 8-23

The Gardner-South Wilmington Panthers are set to embark on the 2022-23 season, and looking to better their showing from last season.

"We hope to turn our close losses into wins this year," says head coach Allan Wills. "We are returning a lot of experience from last year. The kids work hard and will compete in every game."

As for improvements that need to be made, GSW's coach says his squad needs to finish around the basket

"We missed a lot of shots in the paint last year," he admits. Wills and the Panthers have

their sights set on not only making a postseason run, but competing for a River Valley Conference championship.

"The top of the RVC should be very competitive this year," Wills states.

Look for GSW to be in the running aside the likes of Momence, Beecher, St. Anne, Grant Park, and Clifton Central.

34 Gabe McHugh

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Gr.
11	Dane Halpin	G	5'7"	Sr.
12	Noah Wise	G	5'8"	Sr.
13	Jacob Ozee	F	6'0"	Sr.
14	Braxton Johnson	F	6'2"	Sr.
15	Cale Halpin	G	6'0"	Jr.
20	Brody Fatlan	F	6'2"	Sr.
21	Ryan Cacello	G	5'9"	Sr.
22	Logan Conger	F	5'10"	So.
24	Cole Hampson	C	6'3"	So.
25	Jarrek Hirsch	G	5'8"	So.
30	Bennett Grant	F	6'1"	Jr.
31	Keith Page	F	6'0"	Sr.
32	Nathan States	F	6'0"	Jr.
33	Rvan Olsen	F	5'8"	Sr.

SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Russell Witte (14th Year) JV Coach: Dan McCarthy 2021-22 Record: 23-9

The 2022-23 season is underway and the Seneca Fighting Irish have two things in mind – contending for the top spot in the conference and winning a regional title.

After falling in the regional finals last season, head coach Russell Witte and the Irish are on a mission.

But it won't be easy, as they need to replace two very good three-point shooters from last year that have since graduated.

But Witte sees strength in his squad's size and athletic

"We will be very good at running the floor and getting to the rim," Witte states.

Those team upsides will be crucial to Seneca's success this

<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.
1	Kenny Daggett	5'9"	11	G
3	Dalton Degrush	5'9"	12	G
5	Kysen Klinker	6'4"	11	F
11	John Farcus	6'1"	10	F
12	Braden Ellis	6'0"	12	G
13	Paxton Giertz	6'0"	10	G
14	Cameron Shriey	6'0"	9	G
15	Sam Kleich	5'11"	11	F
20	Calvin Maierhofer	6'0"	12	G
21	Lane Provance	6'0"	11	F
22	Dominic Traina	6'6"	12	F
23	Brady Sheedy	6'3"	9	G
24	Grant Siegel	6'0"	10	F
35	Josh Lucas	6'2"	11	F



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Grace Olsen, Aspen Lardi, Addison Fair, Annabelle Pumfrey; Back Row, Head Coach Adam Leigh, Madison Buck, Isabella Dinelli, Hannah Balcom, Madison Wright, Brianna Graefen, Madison Simms, JV Coach Kevin Ward.



GSW Lady Panthers Basketball

Head Coach: Adam Leigh (13 Years) JV Coach: **Kevin Ward** 2021-22 Record: 8-23

The 2022-23 season is underway for the GSW Lady Panthers, who look to improve on last year's showing and make a push for postseason play.

"We'd like to get conference and regional championships," states head coach Adam Leigh. "It should be interesting in the RVC this year. Grant Park and Central probably have some of the best chances to win it, however Beecher and Tri-Point should be very competitive as

In a battle-tested conference, the Lady Panthers will rely heavily on junior guard Addi Fair to provide much of their scoring.

In addition, Leigh says the speed of GSW's play needs to improve to play competitively at the varsity level.

"We are pretty young and timid at times," he admits.

If the Lady Panthers can catch up to speed, look for them to be a threat this season.

	#	<u>Name</u>	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
	1	Kayla Scheuber	G	5'6"	9
;	3	Chloe Wells	G	5'2"	12
	4	Bella Dinelli	F	5'7"	9
	10	Grace Olsen	G	5'4"	10
	11	Addi Fair	G	5'6"	11
	12	Taeryn Lardi	G/F	5'3"	12
	14	Madi Buck	G	5'6"	10
,	15	Maya Cacello	G	5'4"	10
	20	Aspen Lardi	F	5'3"	11
•	21	Hannah Balcom	F	5'10"	10
	22	Brianna Graefen	F	5'5"	11
	23	Maddie Simms	G	5'6"	9
	24	Annabelle Pumfrey	F	5'6"	11
	40	Madison Wright	F	5'11"	9

Practice like you've never won. Play like you've never lost.

- Michael Jordan

Gardner-South Wilmington Lady Panthers Basketball Schedule

Monday, November 28 @ Grant Park 5:30/6:45 Tuesday, December 1 @ Grace Christian 5:30/6:45 Monday, December 5 vs. Illinois Lutheran 5:30 Thursday, December 8 5:30 @ Donovan Saturday, December 10 @ Iroquois West Tournament tba Monday, December 12 @ Iroquois West Tournament tba Wednesday, December 14 @ Iroquois West Tournament tba Monday, December 19 vs. Tri-Point 5:30/6:45 Wednesday, December 21 @ Manteno 5:30/6:45 Monday, January 2 vs. Beecher 5:30/6:45 Thursday, January 5 @ Momence 5:30/6:45 Monday, January 9 vs. Grant Park 5:30/6:45 Tuesday, January 10 5:30/6:45 @ Lexington Thursday, January 12 vs. Grace Christian 5:30/6:45 Wednesday, January 18 vs Central 5:30/6:45 Thursday, January 19 @ Illinois Lutheran 5:30 Monday, January 23 5:30 vs. Donovan/St. Anne Tuesday, January 24 vs. Wilmington 5:30/6:45 Thursday, January 26 5:30/6:45 @ Central Monday, January 30 5:30/6:45 vs. Plano Wednesday, Feburary 1 5:30 vs. Dwight Thursday, February 2 @ Tri-Point 5:30/6:45 @ Beecher 5:30/6:45 Monday, February 6 Thursday, February 9 5:30/6:45 vs. Momence February 11-17 Regionals tba February 21-23 Sectionals Monday, February 27 Super Sectional tba March 2-4 State

SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Brian Holman Assistant Coach: Mariah Bolin 2021-22 Record:

The Lady Fighting Irish are eager to hit the hardwood for the 2022-23 season, and their hopes are high as they look to avenge their regional championship loss last season.

"We have our work cut out for us early in our kick-off tournament, with three teams in our pool who finished a combined 70-30 last season," says head coach Brian Holman.

In addition, Seneca will miss last year's leading rebounder, Emma Smith, and Zoe Hougas, the 2021-22 squad's best two-player. However, sophomore Ella Sterling and senior Faith Baker make up some key additions to a team that already features 1st Team All-TCC member Kennedy Hartwig, sophomores Alyssa Zellers and Lainie Olson, and senior guard Cassia Buchanan.

"We lost our best rebounder and biggest body from last vear's team, but hopefully some of the experience the sophomores gained on varsity will translate to earlier success.

"Hartwig will be a huge part of our success. She took her game to another level this summer and we're hoping her level of play raises everyone else's level while she's on the floor.

"We peaked at the right time last year," Holman says, "so hopefully we can start where we left off. The goal, as always, is to be ready for the postseason and give ourselves a chance at a regional championship."

<u>#</u> 1	<u>Name</u>	Ht.	Pos.	Yr.
1	Alyssa Zellers	5'1"	G	10
2	Lainie Olson	5'6"	G/F	10
3	Evelyn O'Connor	5'5"	G	10
5	Caitlyn O'Boyle	5'3"	F	12
10	Neely Hougas	5'4"	F	12
11	Cassia Buchanan	5'2"	G	12
12	Jolena Odum	5'7"	G/F	11
13	Kennedy Hartwig	5'5"	G	12
14	Ella Sterling	5'11"	F/C	10
15	Jessica Bertrang	5'4"	F	12
21	Faith Baker	5'11"	C	11
22	Callee Bauer	5'3"	F	12
23	Lauren Cronkrite	5'0"	G	11
24	Paige Baudino	5'5"	G	12
25	Clara Bruno	5'7"	F	10
33	Audry McNabb	5'9"	F/C	10
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Tri-Point Lady Chargers Basketball

Head Coach: Aaron Robbins (1st Year) JV Coach: **Dalton Reed** 2021-22 Record: 11-16

The Tri-Point Lady Chargers are ready to lace 'em up for the 2022-23 season, and firstyear head coach Aaron Robbins is ready for the challenge.

"I believe we have a strong conference and there will be a fight for the top spot amongst many teams," Robbins says. "We can position ourselves to compete towards the top, even with a young team."

The Lady Chargers will boast a very fast-paced team this season, with multiple play ers that can create shots for themselves and others - providing a balanced scoring attack. Tri-Point's defense also looks to be strong.

Robbins expressed the importance of focusing on team rebounding, as the team does not have a lot of height.

"With a young team, we will be growing and learning on the fly at the varsity level,' admits Coach Robbins, and says his team's goals this season are to "establish a new culture and compete at the top of our conference."

<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gr.</u>	Pos.
1	Lainey Bertrand	So.	G
3	Millie Ruiz	Jr.	G
4	Alli Schuette	So.	F/G
5	Kori Weber	Jr.	F
13	Adriana Hummel	Fr.	F/G
14	Madison McNeil	Fr.	F/G
15	Kasi Hughes	So.	F
20	Kadie Hummel	So.	G
21	Rosmond Prisock	So.	G
24	Kyra Cathcart	Sr.	G
32	Dani Taylor	So.	F
34	Aylin Lucero	So.	F

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DTHS/GSW Trojans Wrestling

Head Coach: Dan Edwards (5 Years) **Assistant Coaches:** Jim Gussman, Daniel Gutierrez, Dillon Sarff, Paul Warner

Dwight Trojan wrestling program enters the 2022-23 season with a couple returning veterans along with some young hopefuls, but head coach Dan Edwards says losing the junior high program has been hard on them.

After qualifying wrestlers as individuals at the State Tournament in the last four years, the bar has been set high for Dwight. But even with lower numbers this season, Edwards says his squad is prepared to compete.



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DTHS WRESTLERS: Front Row: Ethan Pakula, Alex Roge, Garrett Leach, Kaleb Hauser, Joey Kelson, Dylan Crouch, Zander Tarnowski, David Piaga-Gomez. Back Row: Asst. Coach, Dillon Sarff, Asst. Coach Daniel Gutierrez, Evan Sandeno, Landon Burkhardt, Michael Gamble, Austin Burkhardt, Seth Robertson, Tishaun Hinton, Head Coach Dan Edwards

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GSW SPIRITLINE. Pictured, from left, Nina Siano, Aubree Stein, Madelyn Wilson, Emma Simms, Hayden Partilla, Katy Wallerich, Abbey Granger, Ava Brassard, Maddi Handzus, Tess Brooks, Hannah Balcom.



GSW Pantherette Spiritline

Head Coach: Nicole Leigh (8th Year) **Assistant Coach:**

Holly Swisher The GSW Pantherette Spiritline, coming off a top 12 finish at IHSA state and a Pom and Pom/Dance state championship win last season, has set the bar high once again for the 2022-23 campaign.

An eight-time IDTA state

qualifier and a seven-time IHSA state qualifier, the Spritline program at GSW, led by head coach Nicole Leigh and assistant coach Holly Swisher, sees no signs of slowing down.

"We have a strong group of returning girls and very talented and dedicated newbies," says Leigh. "Pom technique and performance skills are also

Even with a very strong, respected program, Leigh does see room for improvement.

"We need to continue working on dance techniques and team uniformity with motions.'

Expect another successful season from the Gardner-South Wilmington Spiritline, including, but not limited to, more state-qualifying performances.



DTHS CHEER: Front Row: Tru Connor, Brianna Kosek, Ava Kargle, Isabella Kelleher. Middle Row: Makayla Wahl-Seabert, Olivia Folkers, Njomza Asllani, Brynn Connor. Standing: Coach Mjellma Asllani, Emerson Peters, Ryan Bean, Emma Crouch, Kaitlyn Thetard, Sophia Richie, Coach Jordyn Tilley.



DTHS Trojans Cheerleading

Coaches: Mjellma Asllani Jordyn Tilley

The Dwight Trojan Cheerleaders are back in action and have a lot of new faces and athletes joining them this season.

Coaches Mjellma Asllani (3 years) and Jordyn Tilley (2 years) see their girls as the leaders of Dwight Township

Seniors

Ava Kargle

Brianna Kosek

Juniors

Njomza Asllani

Olivia Folkers

Kaitlyn Thetard

Sophomores

Brynn Connor

Tru Connor

Emma Crouch

Emerson Peters

Sophi Richie

Freshmen

Ryan Bean

Isabella Kelleher

Makayla Wahl-Seabert

High School, and will be focusing on developing the new girls, and the program, for the

"We will work on teaching skills in stunting, tumbling, cheer and dance," says Coach

The Trojan Cheerleaders will put all that in motion this

season and are looking forward to a great basketball season for the Trojans.

"We support our sports teams, the school, and the community," Asllani adds. "Our determination to always represent the school well, and be the best we can be, is a huge strength of our team!"

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Officials

by Brandon LaChance

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There have been plenty of news stories, columns, memes, and public service announcements addressing the treatment of referees, so I'm not even going to say please.

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What does it do?

A fan, coach, or player complaining about a call does three

It extends the game because of debates, which are never going to overturn calls.

The referee makes the call stand even more than the initial whistle as all officials and refs, in any sport, are trained to be confident and represent each call to their utmost respect and dignity.

And it makes everyone involved have an attitude or a negative tone for the rest of the contest.

None of it is positive, which sports are meant to be fun and encouraging.

Again, none of that is positive in terms of helping the student athlete become a better player in their desired sport or a better human

Actually, there are more entitled kids than ever before because they think they can do no wrong. Every time a whistle is blown on them, they start arguing with a referee because their parent is doing the same thing from the bleachers.

What are they being taught? There isn't authority, don't listen to authority, or don't follow the

How does it transfer to the household or to society?

We can't fast forward to the future, but it can't be positive or make them an upstanding citizen as they are learning to complain and be disrespectful instead of learning how to play the game better, follow the rules, and understand they're not going to be right at times and have to take the mistakes to improve.

Are referees going to make a

bad call at least once a game, yes. Are they going to miss at least

one call a game, yes. They are human. They are also learning as they go. Just like everyone else at every other job site.

But, when you're at your job and make a mistake do you have someone or multiple people yelling insults at you?

When you cut a piece of wood the wrong size, make a hamburger with the wrong condiments, teach a child to put a comma in the wrong position in a sentence, overprescribe a medication causing an overdose or health complications, lose paperwork, write down the wrong time for a meeting or appointment, are you getting heckled three feet away from you?

More than likely, no.

Your boss may tell you to step up your game and tell you something was done wrong, but you're not disrespected, told you're a failure or not good enough, or that you should quit trying to do your best like you're shouting to referees.

Officials have the same thing in terms of training and authorities to help them to call games better.

There are meetings or clinics every month to help them improve.

Their assigner or boss is showing them the difference between a correct call and an incorrect call based from the handbook provided by the powers to be, usually the Illinois High School Association.

It's not made-up calls, like over the back which has never been the name of a foul in any rule handbook, by people who don't know all of the rules or when to apply them.

We have become so nasty to officials that none of them want to do it anymore.

The older referees who have been around for 25-30 years are electing to retire to spend time with their grandchildren instead of being heckled by people they don't even know.

The newer officials are being pushed to higher levels of play at a faster rate because there are not enough people with registered whistles for the 50 or so games being played in Illinois on a daily



If a new official came aboard the ranks 20 years ago, they were not doing a varsity basketball game for 6-8 years and were only doing one or two elementary or junior high events (two games per event) a week.

Now, officials are being bumped up after three years and are doing two games a night five or six days a week. By Friday night, they're on Game 10 and may have Game 11-15 inked in for Saturday.

Instead of understanding referees are human, calls are being whistled to make student athletes better players and recognize the rules, and that they're trained to manage a game a certain way, we're yelling, hollering, screaming, disrespecting, and making a mockery out of what they're doing.

It's not their profession.

It's not a referee's No. 1 priority as they all have full-time jobs or family responsibilities.

They referee games to give back to the game, the sport, and make sure kids can still play and

Because without officials, the game doesn't mean anything more than a YMCA contest or a game at the local park.

If you don't like how games are being called, quit complaining, and help the situation by becoming an official yourself.

IHSA.org accepts applications any time of the day.

Even when you're screaming from the bleachers.

Brandon LaChance can be reached at 8 1 5 - 8 7 6 - 7 9 4 1 blachance20@gmail.com, or on Twit-



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF KANKAKEE raised over \$5,000 and gave the following organizations money from the proceeds of "Dinner with the Old Bags": Hippocrates Medical Clinic, KCCSI, Kankakee County Historical Society, Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, Lord Lamb's Ministry Food Pantry, Love A Latte Coffee, Merchant Street Art Gallery, Nabvets, River Valley Pregnancy Resource Center, River Valley Special Recreation Association, Rotary Club of Kankakee, Still I Rise. In February, they will be putting bags together for the Veterans in Manteno.

Godley Park District Upcoming Programs, Events

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

Tuesday, December 6: Those 55+ are invited to join for a morning of BINGO and lunch. BINGO starts at 10:30 Α fee applies. Register/pay by November 30. **The Original Secret Pantry**

The Original Secret Pantry is free for anyone in any community who may be in need. Located at the Godley Park Barn, on the corner of Kankakee St. and Rt. 129, just across the tracks from The Stumble

The Secret Pantry is open every Thursday, usually from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Dates and times may vary, depending on availability and when a truck can arrive. For the most up to date information, join 'The Original Secret Pantry' group on Facebook.

Being Thankful at LTLD

As winter starts blowing snow around, Limestone Township Library District is asking patrons and visitors alike to write what they are thankful for this year on their little turkeys (name not required). When you stop in, check out their window with the thankful turkeys and add one of your own.

When you stop in, check out their programming calendar for November and December. Sign up ahead of time so they can be prepared with enough supplies.

Storytime meets Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. in person with Ms. Holly reading a picture book or two and working on a craft to help preschoolers discover the joy of reading.

Are you participating in National Novel Writing Month (NANOWRIMO) this year? Spend a part of the day with the library when they host a NANOWRIMO Open Writing Space Saturday, November 26, starting at 11:00 a.m. Get a change of scenery by taking your laptop or note book and write with others in their meeting room. Snacks will be provided.

Join for Adult Craft Night Monday, November 28, at 6:30 p.m. Spend the evening at the library creating a woven wreath. All supplies are provided and there is no fee for this program.

On December 3, at noon, they are making Pinecone Owls that can decorate your tree or be a part of your holiday décor. All supplies are provided and there is no fee for this program. This is for kids in first through fifth grades.

Adult Craft Night will be held Monday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. Join as they turn empty wine bottles into luminaries. All supplies are provided and there is no fee for this program.

Santa is working on his list and creating toys. But he is going back to the Library for his annual Evening with Santa Tuesday, December 6, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for a quick visit with the children. Make sure you get on the list to meet the Jolly Old Elf.

You don't have to have a library card to attend their programming. But if you want to check out books, the process of getting a card is simple.

Be aware that the library will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. They will reopen Saturday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Check their website at 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, or message them at Facebook or Instagram.

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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

Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually.

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Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

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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.

will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2022

School District/Joint Agreement Name

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,244,123	191,950	24	31,395	58,257	111,212	11,764	35,821	0
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	3/11	0	0	21)			
State Sources	3000	708,828	9,658	0	140,436	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	283,989	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,236,940	201,608	24	171,831	58,257	111,212	11,764	35,821	0
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,294,799	174,796	0	174,739	58,995	0		45,929	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	500,657	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activ Funds - July 1, 2021	vity	331,886	70,287	27,088	37,090	26,203	865	283,689	29,634	248
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity June 30, 2022	Funds -	274,027	97,099	27,112	34,182	25,465	112,077	796,110	19,526	248
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Studen Funds - June 30, 2022	nt Activity	290,553	97,099	27,112	34,182	25,465	112,077	796,110	19,526	248

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

This listing must be published in the local newspaper.

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and Over
Cagley, Debra	Barickman, Lindsey R	Ahrends, Christy L	Adams, Judith M	Hettmansberger, Mark A
Erickson, Sandra J		Fearman, Lindsay M	Flynn, Julie K	
Hartke, Sarah E		Hall, Amanda K		
lonegger, Kelly S		Koehn, Carolyn,		
Cline, Lesa A		Legner, Jessica H		
Cline, Lesa A		Muller, Elizabeth A		
Stacy, Chelsey J		Oswald, Sarah M		
elford, Kristen S		Pagel, Pamela J		
homas, Linda S		Reckard, Lauren M		
Varner, Kathleen L		Schroen, Jenna M		
		Steidinger, Kristin A		
		Tarnowski, Amber N		
		Todd, Megan R		
		Woods, Samanta M		
		Wunsch, Morgan L		1
		Wykes, Jaime L		

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and Over
Aull, Tiffany R	Bressnerm Chelsey J	Francis, Susan B	
Birkett, Wendi A	Patchett, Misty D	Verdun, Steve H	
Casey, Jessica L			
Fearman, Rachael E			
Fearman, Brian D			
Fisher, Sabrina M			
Foster, Melissa A			
Friedman, Nicole M	1		
Goetsch, Alan C			
Grieff, Edith A			
Henderson, Sally L			
Hilsabeck, Rebecca A			
Johnson, Debra R			
Mann, James E	1		
Masching, Kaitlyn E	1		
McMeen, Brandi L			
McMeen, Cole A			
Miles, Jan A	T		
Miller, Susan A	L.		
Morris, Barbara J			
Mund, Anne T	1		
Noles, Marley K			
Noles, Zoe E			
Reiners, Allen R.			
Ribordy, John E			
Verdun, Ronald E			
Zega, Deborah L.			

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES If no payments were made, put "None" in "Person..." column and "0" in "Aggregate" column.

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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Angel Pest Control	2,520
Apptegy	3,800
Bcbs or Illinois	106,174
Capital One - Walmart	5,003
Capital One Bank (usa) Na	63,717
Central Restaurant Product	3,027
Chemical Maintenance Inc.	3,450
Common Goals Systems. Inc	5,361
Commonwealth Edison	26,938
Cotg	33,691
Dcm Landscaping	3,100
Digital Copy Systems	11,055
Dwight Grade School	11,255
Entre Solutions II	6,607
Evergreen Fs, Inc.	16,105
GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	41,745
Gray's Garage	6,806
Guardian Appleton	3,716
Hettmansberger, Mark A	7,574
Hill Mechanical Services	12,506
IASA	2,731
IL Department of Revenue	77,283

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL	3,224
IMRF	29,128
Internal Revenue Service	226,592
Kohl Wholesale	40,796
Lossu	251,265
Mack & Associates, Pc	9,380
Mediacom	7,560
Midamerican Energy Co.	4,552
Nicor Gas	6,779
Odell Council Local 604	13,265
Pjh Plumbing Heating	6,919
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	10,560
Prairie State Insurance CO OP	41,218
Quill	17
Regional Office of Ed	38,806
Regional Office Of Ed 1	5,225
Renaissance Learning Inc	3,203
Republic Services #366	2,848
Saunemin Ccsd 438	6,000
Skyward Accting Dept	4,161
St Paul Grade School	3,630
State Chemical Solutions	3,334
The Baby Fold	67,592
THIS	18,174
TRAFERA HOLDINGS LLC	7,420
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Trs 9.0%	101,693
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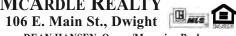
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City/Village	Nov. 21	Nov. 14
Dwight	\$3.93	\$4.14
Kankakee	\$4.21	\$4.32
Streator	\$3.77	\$3.80
Pontiac	\$3.84	\$3.90
Gardner	\$4.05	\$4.19
Braceville	\$3.89	\$4.21
Morris	\$4.06	\$4.12
Herscher	\$4.25	\$4.25
Chicago	\$4.18	\$4.37
Illinois	\$3.97	\$4.14
U.S.	\$3.66	\$3.77
	Sources: GasBuddy.com and	

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GSW High School Board Meets, No Public Comment Heard

The school board of Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 met November 16, with no public comment at the meeting.

The Principal's Report included:

- Step-It-Up awards for the students names were drawn at the end of October and 16 prizes were handed out.
- Employee awards were handed out on the same day – gift cards were given to six employees.
- Ms. Kilmer and Mrs. Wills took 13 juniors to visit ISU on October
- Grundy County Police took in six search dogs to search students' lockers they did not find anything.
- ALICE training Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. The teachers/staff attended this training on a SIP day, and then the students did the same training on the afternoon of November 9. The Grundy County Police Dept., specifically Deputy Damron, did all of the training.
- ALICE trainers instruct on practical techniques for how to better barricade a room, what to do with mobile and electronic devices, how and when to communicate

with police, and how to use your time in lockdown to prepare to use other strategies (i.e., Counter or Evacuate) that might come into play.

with their current Athletic Director and softball coach. GSW would host softball, but they would hold indoor practice at their inside facility with batting

Athletic Director John Engelman discussed the following:

- · It was announced that GSW High School received a grant of \$3,440 from the Community Foundation of Grundy County to purchase new iPads for the athletic department. The old iPads were outdated and the new ones will allow for the volleyball, girls and boys basketball teams, as well as the Spiritline program to all have their own iPad to better use technology to help their programs improve. The coaches are excited to be able to use their new iPad and GSW HS is grateful to the Community Foundation of Grundy County for this grant.
- Tri-pods for the new iPads the Sports Boosters will be purchasing new tri-pods for use with the new iPads.
- Softball Co-op Tri-Point High School has approached GSW HS to co-op softball with them for the next school year (2023-24). They are also low in numbers every year and currently have only a varsity team. Mr. Engelman met

tor and softball coach. GSW would host softball, but they would hold indoor practice at their inside facility with batting cages in Kempton and a few practices and games would be at their softball field in Cabery. GSW would have the head coach and the Tri-Point coach would be the assistant. They also discussed purchasing new jerseys - black with red lettering to combine both school colors. The hope is to build the program so they can have both a JV and varsity team for the girls. The board discussed moving ahead with co-op discussions.

- Volunteer Spiritline Coaches Mrs. Leigh would like to have Char Korelc and Braxton Brassard drive the GSW Panther Bus as a shuttle service during their home competition being held Saturday, December 2. Both of them have their CDL. They would be transporting teams, coaches, and spectators to and from GSW and designated parking lot areas in town
- Athletic Director Mr. Engelman is recommending GSW HS hire Amber Eisha as the new Athletic Director for the 2023-24 school year. She will also be the

head volleyball coach and head softball coach. Mr. Engelman will start mentoring her as soon as possible and for the remainder of the school year. He is also willing to help after he retires. He stated it will be a good, smooth transition for her into the role of the new AD.

Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the Building and Grounds Report:
• The water pressure had been low

- in the building but is now fixed.

 A new water heater/tank wa
- A new water heater/tank was installed.
- There were some small boiler issues which have already been repaired.
- repaired.
 The lift has been fixed and is
- getting student use.
 Working on the bid process for new doors
- Can use the matching maintenance grant for the majority of this project.

Superintendent Avery presented the following:
• Triple I Conference – All board

• Triple I Conference – All board members attended November 18-20 in Chicago.

• Holiday breaks – Thanksgiving Break will be November 23-25. Winter Break will be December 22-January 4 – with a Teacher Institute January 4 and students returning January 5.

• Estimated tax levy presentation – Mrs. Avery went over the numbers and informed the board that due to the increase in the district EAV, they are proposing to capture all the tax dollars by holding a Truth in Taxation hearing at the December meeting.

• Band awards – Mr. Leone and the Gardner Area Band received National Recognition for their performance at Mount Rushmore over the summer. The band also received a monetary donation from a former band student (Joan Harrop) with the Morris Eagles Auxiliary to support their current band program. Mr. Leone was very thankful for this donation.

Board member Katy Wepprecht asked about registering students at GSW to vote. She asked if someone in the building could take over the task of registering all

students when they turn 18-years old.

Action Items included:

- Appoint Mrs. Avery and Mr. Engelman as district representatives for the SB7 committee
- Approve Estimate of Aggregate
 Tax Levy
- Approve Truth in Taxation Resolution since the proposed tax levy exceeds 105% of last year's tax levy extension
- Approve Volunteer Spiritline coaches – Char Korelc and Braxton Brassard
- Hire Athletic Director for the 2023-24 school year Amber
- Approve contract for school auditor Mack & Associates Mor-
- Approve the early graduation of a student – Mia Ledlow
- Approve snow removal company Fatlan Trucking Co.
- Approve Office manager to oversee Treasurer's Bond – Amber Ryle



Dwight DEA Welcomes Napoleon Fine Antiques



Dwight Economic Alliance held a recent ribbon cutting for Napoleon Fine Antiques. Pictured are DEA board member Bill Flott, owners Bob deOliveira, Bill Sole, and Napoleon, DEA board members Chantell Watenpaugh and John Salzer, and DEA President Randy Irvin.

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Upcoming Activities at Piper City Library

Piper City Public Library, 39 Main St., is hosting the following upcoming activities:

Craft Club Every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Take your own craft project to work on. The library has an area to work on small jigsaw puzzles. Debbie can teach crocheting if anyone is interested, and she would like to learn to knit if someone is interested in teaching her.

Piper City Garden Club January, 18, 2023 4:00-5:00 p.m.



THE GARDNER AREA BAND received a very generous donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 1024 Women's Auxiliary. Vice-President of the Eagles Auxiliary, Joan Harrop, selected the Gardner Area Band for the donation because the Auxiliary was happy to see the work Mr. Leone has done in creating such a wonderful opportunity for the students to participate and showcase their talent. The Gardner Area Band was chosen as one of the groups to receive a donation to help support the continued good work of Mr. Leone and the band members. Pictured, from left, are Olivia Siano, Jaci Wilkey, Hailey Balcom, Aubrey Male, Grace Vitko, and Band Director Michael Leone.

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