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#### **Dwight Village Board Fails to Pass Prison Purchase Resolution**

by Mark Boma

Approximately 30 Dwight residents and neighbors of the former Dwight Correctional Center attended the Dwight Village Board meeting on Monday November 28 in anticipation of the Board voting on a Resolution in favor of proceeding with steps for purchasing the closed facility.

Trustee Randy Irvin, acting as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Paul Johnson, opened the meeting pointing out the Resolution was not binding and only an affirmation that the Board was in favor of moving to the next step of discussions with the State on the potential acquisition of the DCC.

Irv Masching, a neighbor to the property, spoke first in Open Forum, relating his experience with sewage flowing through his property when the complex was still in operation and wanted the Board to be aware that problem existed. Masching also expressed his concern of the suggested plan of burning wood rubbish on the grounds. He said, "There are 24 - 25 residences around that area. If it's not good to burn in town, it's not good to burn out there, either."

Masching related another incident in which the sound of grounds one evening. He was informed by one of the on-site State contracted security guards the next day that State Police officers periodically used some of the buildings for target practice. He expressed his concerns of safety if this was indeed standard practice.

Another resident living adjacent to the complex, Bob Lauterbach, questioned the Board on whether the property would be annexed into the Village. Village Administrator Kevin McNamara explained the Village had attempted to annex the Correctional Center in the past, but landowners between the two properties were opposed, so there was no contiguous path, which made annexation impossible. He stated he did not foresee that that situation had changed in any way.



IRV MASCHING, former Village Attorney and rural land owner, addresses the Dwight Village Board at the Nov. 28 meeting.

Unless there was some solution to that predicament, the Village would become owners of property not within its boundaries.

Next to speak was Dwight resident Steve Tock. He questioned the wording of the Resolution which stated the acquisition of the reformatory grounds was "in the best interest of the Village and its residents." He questioned how that concept had been determined as there had been no public hearings on the matter and no formal studies conducted. Trustee Irvin replied it was his opinion the Resolution would give the Village the ability to gunfire could be heard on the continue discussions with the State without entering into any formal purchase agreement. "This will just allow us to move to the next step. This is not like signing on the dotted line," he stated.

One clause in the Resolution however, stated "The Village President is granted the authority as Agent to sign any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the filing of said request for the purpose of the Village of Dwight obtaining the Dwight Correctional Center." Members of the crowd and some on the Board felt this wording was too definitive.

Dwight resident Frank Paputsa suggested putting the question to a referendum to let the citizens have direct input on the proposal.

Josh Jahn, speaking as a taxpayer and firefighter, asked that more clarity be given on specifically what authority the Resolution would give the Board.

During the meeting there were several references to a report from the engineering firm Farnsworth Group, who had presented the Village on August 8 with a preliminary Asset Review of the property. It was preliminary in nature but did inform the Village that both the Waste Treatment Facility and the water supply presented concerns if the Village should take ownership. The summary paragraph stated: Hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars would be needed to maintain, rehabilitate, or demolish. There are many unknowns and Habiiities associated with the property. (The full report can be viewed on The Paper website at thepaper1901.com)

Lynn Cahill-Masching, former warden at Dwight Correctional Center, emotionally told the Board she felt the State should be held accountable and be demanded to act as good stewards to the taxpayers of Dwight, Illinois. "We (Village of Dwight) have a lot invested in the Dwight Correctional Center and for them (State of Illinois) to ask us to put anything back into it is embarrassing," she said. "I think we should hold the people that we have voted for to represent us to be the ones that are responsible for the upkeep and everything they should be doing on

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SANTA CLAUS made a stop in Dwight Saturday to visit with all the town folk. He was with Mrs. Claus earlier in the day and appeared again in the lighted Christmas Parade and listened to Christmas wishes in his house on West Main St. He will return to his house in Dwight, December 10, Noon to 2 p.m.



NEW LIFE Assembly of God Church, Dwight, with their Happy Birthday, Jesus float, above, and the Flott leg lamp entry, above right.

photos by J7 Images and The Paper









#### **Changing Casey's**

by Brandon LaChance

years Throughout the Casey's has seen quite a few changes.

They used to be small, didn't sell hot food, and were only found here and there in Illinois. Now, they are found every-

where, and have expanded the

size of the gas station and the items on their menu. It isn't a done deal yet, but if the approvals are met, Dwight will see a Casey's truck stop on the intersections Rt. 47 and I-

"Casey's, from what I understand, has an option to purchase the old Arby's property on Rt. 47 and Northbrook Drive. Gas stations in Dwight have to have

Kevin McNamara, Dwight's village administrator. "There is a Planning Commision meeting for Tuesday, December 20 to consider their application for a special use permit. Once that is determined -- approved or not approved -- then it goes to the Village Board for final approval. They do this first before they close on property. It's them getting all of their ducks in a

"But, it looks like there is going to be a Casey's where the old Arby's was and they're going to be selling diesel. It is going to be more like a truck

McNamara added that he didn't know what is going to

a special use permit," said happen to the Casey's on Rt. 47 in town. He said it may be sold, but he has only conversed with the engineers for the new loca-

> Both Casey's locations in Dwight have been successful as the Casey's on Rt. 17 and on Rt. 47 are always busy with both local and commuter traffic.

> McNamara and the Village of Dwight are excited with the new development.

> "It's kind of exciting. It will bring in more business off of the interstate," McNamara said. "It's a new building. We're excited about it."

> Brandon LaChance can be reached at 815-876-7941. blachance20@gmail.com, or on Twitter @LaChanceWriter.



On Saturday, December 10, ACE Hardware will hold its

ACE Backwards Christmas Parade in Dwight. Area residents and businesses have decorated their homes and locations and pa-

rade participants will drive by

and vote on their favorites.

Cars can line up in front of ACE Hardware, 104 Watters Dr., Dwight, with the celebration starting at 3:00 p.m., and a parade of cars leaving at 6:30

A map of participating

homes and a voting ballot will be available at ACE if you choose to drive through on your own from 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on site for visits. Pictures will also be taken by J7 Images.









#### FOR THE RECORD

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

November 25: Anthony N. Dupuis, 23, Bradley, DUI under the influence of alcohol.

November 26: Mark R. Norvil, 29, Morris, speeding; Dalton Galloway, 18, Dwight, disregard stop sign, illegal poss./trnsp. liq.--driver; Rochelle M. Smith, 55, Bourbonnais, speeding over statutory limit; Harshal Bansal, 36, Savoy, speeding over statutory limit.

November 29: Kayla L. Decker, 31, Dwight, canc./revoked/suspend. regis./ill.; Gerald W. Kozora, 53, Lynwood, driving during revocation; Blade G. Fellers, 23, Coal City, expired registration, operation of uninsured motor vehicle; Frances C. Rodriguez, 37, Chicago, fail obey stop sign; Aleigha S. Roof, 18, Cullom, driving 15-20 MPH above limit, insurance--operate uninsured.

November 30: Deliah V. Tavares, 27, Joliet, operate uninsured motor vehicle, operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended or revoked registration.

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

#### 23 Written Warnings

Speeding - 10; Only One Headlight – 2; Disobey Stop Sign – 6; No Rear Registration Plate Light – 1; One Reg. Taillight – 2; Driver's License Not On Person – 1; No Valid D.L. -Expired -1.

#### **Dwight Police Blotter**

November 25: Dwight Police were dispatched to an accident at Rt. 47 and McNamara Dr. A vehicle driven by Anthony Dupuis, of Bradley, struck a Com Ed pole, a Rt. 47 sign, and railroad fencing. Mr. Dupuis was taken into custody for DUI.

November 28: Arrested for an In-State Warrant was Dawn Shumard. She posted bond and was given a new court date.

November 29: Arrested for Driving with a Revoked License was Gerald Kozora, of Lynwood. His vehicle was aid to Braceville.

towed from the scene; Dwight Police met with a walk-in to DPD. The resident advised they had missing items.

November 30: Dwight Police met with a walk-in to DPD. The resident advised they had a scam call reference their bank account. The resident took action before any funds were compromised.

Accident - 1; Traffic Stop -45; Extra Patrol – 21; Missing Person - 1; Unknown Problem - 1; Burglar Alarm - 2; Found Dog – 3; Medical Aid – 11; Suspicious Noise – 1; Out with Vehicle - 3; Warrant Check - 2; Check Area - 2; Illegal Burn - 1; 911 Hang Up -1; Walk In -8; Lock Out -2; Follow Up -2; Loose Dog -4; Well Being Check – 3; Intoxicated Subject -1; Fraud -1.

#### **Accident Report**

Friday, November 25, 3:56 a.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at N. Union St. and McNamara Dr. involving a 2013 Ford four-door, driven by Anthony N. Dupuis, Bradley, which failed to negotiate the curve over the railroad tracks, striking a Rt. 47 sign, a Com Ed pole, and railroad fencing. Mr. Dupuis was arrested for DUI.



#### **Weekly Ambulance Runs** by Dwight EMS

November 29: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; Chippewa, medical, Morris; Rt. 47, medical, Pontiac, COQ - Morris; Union, medical; High St., medical, mutual aid - Odell; N. Spencer, medical, mutual aid -Odell; N. Spencer, medical, Pontiac, mutual aid - Odell; Linden, medical.

November 30: Mazon, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical; Bannon, medical, Morris; E. 2600 N. Rd., medical.

December 1: Northbrook, medical, Riverside; Bannon, medical, Morris; Vermillion, medical, mutual aid to Odell; 3200 North, medical, St. James; Braceville Rd., medical, mutual



#### Temps - 2022

Nov. 24 – high 51°, low 32°

.01" precip. Nov. 25 - high 52°, low 28° Nov. 26 - high 56°, low 28°

.43" precip. Nov. 27 – high 45°, low 27° .14" precip.

Nov.  $28 - \text{high } 42^{\circ}, \text{low } 26^{\circ}$ Nov. 29 - high 56°, low 22° trace precip.

Nov. 30 - high 29°, low 14° One Year Ago-Dec. 7, 2021 high 47°, low 29° .18" precip.



#### **Dwight** Fire Incidents 11/25 - 12/2

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

November 25: Smoke Detector Activated - W. Main St. November 26: Mutual Aid to Mazon.

December 2: Mutual Aid to Braidwood; Mutual Aid to Braceville.

Dwight FPD also responded to 19 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

#### DCC Has Historic Value, It's History... Though Not On National Registry

the following article was featured in the March 13, 2013, edition of The Paper:

by Tom Tock

The Dwight Correctional Center, which is destined for closure March 31, has been mentioned a number of times as being on the National Registry of Historic Places, but it is not. Neither is it on the State of Illinois' list of historic places.

A phone call last week to Stacey Solano, Chief Public Information Officer for the Illinois Department of Corrections, asking what the historic status of the **Dwight Correctional Center might** be, brought a mixed response.

Solano told The Paper that it was her understanding a number



of structures at the Center had once been placed on the Registry, but she could not state that definitively.

She suggested that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency be contacted for more precise information. In any event, Solano said, the State of Illinois would be maintaining the buildings and grounds at the Correctional Center after its closure. No time limit for that maintenance was indicated.

Mike Jackson, Chief Architect of the Illinois Historic Preservation, responded to inform The Paper that in 1993, 18 structures at the Dwight Correc-tional Center were determined to be eligible for, but not officially placed on, the National Registry.

However, for public purposes, Jackson said, those 18 structures would be considered historic and would have to be treated as though they were on the Registry.

That means any future use or development of the property should be approved by state agen-

If the property is ever placed on the National Registry, certain tax incentives would be available to a developer.

#### Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington Dec. 12

On Monday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or

Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need.

Participants are asked to stay in their cars. The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive Catholic Charities and the thru" method to distribute pre-

packed groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

#### No Dwight **Food Pantry** in December

The Dwight Food Pantry, normally held the fourth Wednesday of the month, January through October, will not be held during the month of December, as Love Boxes are set to be distributed.

The Food Pantry will return to its regular schedule in January, with Thursday, January 26, being the first date of 2023, held from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, the Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

### **Mobile Pantry in Dwight, Odell Monthly**

a ministry of Catholic Charities, serves those in need in the Diocese of Peoria. The van stops in Dwight, in the parking lot of St. Patrick Church, and Odell, in the St. Paul Church parking lot, on the second Thursday afternoon of each

This month, the date is Thursday, December 8.

Individuals are given items such as blankets, socks, clean-

St. Nicholas Mobile Pantry, ing products, personal hygiene products, and baby products. These items may change monthly depending on needs and what is donated.

You must fill out an application in order to utilize this monthly service. You can do so at cdop.org/catholic-charities. Click on Region 3 and then the Link button.

If you need assistance, contact the Diocese at 309-671-1550 and ask for Catholic Charities.

#### Illinois Amber Alert Marks 20th Year

The Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the first America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert broadcast in Illinois. The first AMBER Alert broadcast took place at 5:35 p.m. on November 26, 2002, in LaSalle.

The AMBER Alert System is named after nine-year old Amber Hagerman who was abducted and later found murdered in 1996 after playing near her home in Arlington, Texas. In response to community concern, the Texas Association of Radio Managers and law enforcement created the first AMBER Plan. Today, all 50 states have similar plans.

The goal of the AMBER Alert is to instantly galvanize the entire community to assist in the search for and safe return of missing children. The AMBER Alert Task Force is a voluntary partnership between



law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, the Illinois Press Association, the Illinois Tollway, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Lottery, and the National Weather Service, to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child abduction cases. The Alerts are broadcast through TV, radio, road signs, cell phones, and other data-enabled devices.

Since its inception, the Illi-

nois AMBER Alert System has been used to broadcast 118 critical messages of abducted children with the Alert accounting directly in the recovery of 67 children and indirectly for 22

According to statistics compiled by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, since its inception, AMBER alerts have aided in the successful recovery of more than 1,100 children nationally.

"When a child goes missing, every second counts. That is why the AMBER Alert Program's greatest tools are the eyes and ears of the public. The proof of the effectiveness of an AMBER Alert Broadcast is in the numbers," said Illinois AMBER Alert Coordinator Craig Burge. "This program is unlike many others because it is a public partnership. Citizens in Illinois can take pride in the fact that they can help each and every time a child is abducted by simply being aware of their surroundings and reporting what they see to law enforcement officials. This collaborative effort will continue to provide the basis for the success of AMBER Alert broadcasts for years to come."

For more information about AMBER Alerts or to find out how to receive AMBER Alerts on your cell phone, visit amber illinois.org.

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#### Advice Can Help When Making Charitable Gifts

Now that it's the holiday season, gifts are probably on your mind – and you might intend for some of those gifts to go to charities. Although your intentions are good, you could be shortchanging both your recipients and yourself with your method of giving. But with some guidance, you can make choices that work well for you and those charitable groups

Of course, you could simply give money to these groups. However, by donating other types of assets, can you increase the value of your gift and gain greater tax benefits, too?

It's certainly possible, but your ability to gain any tax advantages depends somewhat on whether or not you can itemize deductions on your tax return. Due to legislation passed a few years ago that significantly increased the standard deduction, many people may no longer be itemizing. But if you still itemize, you can generally deduct up to 60% of your adjusted gross income for cash donations to IRS-qualified charities.

Another contribution strategy involves donating other assets, such as stocks. You could donate stocks directly to a charitable group, but you might gain more benefits by making an irrevocable contribution to a donor-advised fund (DAF). Again, assuming you can itemize, you can deduct the full fair-market value of the asset, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, and your contributions can be invested in mutual funds or similar vehicles. The contributions have the opportunity for growth, and distributions to the charity are tax-free. You can then decide, on your own timetable, which IRS-qualified charitable groups you would like to receive the money. Furthermore, if you donate stocks that have risen in value, you won't incur potential capital gains taxes that you would have when you eventually sold the stocks. These taxes can be considerable, especially if you've held the stocks for a long time. (You'll want to consult with your tax advisor on how charitable gifts can affect your taxes, especially if you're thinking of using a donor-advised fund.)

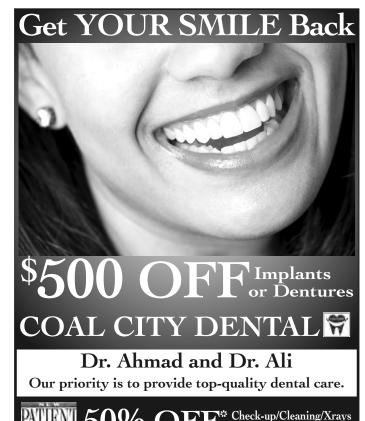
These charitable donation methods are not secrets, and they are available to many people - you don't have to be

Those who work with a financial advisor on charitable strategies are more than three times as likely to donate noncash assets such as stocks than those who contribute to charities but don't work with an advisor, according to an August 2022 survey from financial services firm Edward Jones and Morning Consult, a global data intelligence company. These findings suggest that many more people could be taking advantage of tax-smart charitable giving moves - if only they

Also, by getting some professional financial assistance, you may find it easier to implement your charitable giving decisions within your overall financial strategy, which is designed to help you meet all your important long-term goals. such as achieving a comfortable retirement. Your instinct to help support charitable groups is a worthy one – and by getting some help, you can turn this impulse

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PARTY WITH SANTA December 4 sponsored by the Dwight Economic Alliance and held at Cherry Red Roasters in Dwight was a hit!

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Lenox right, Baggett, age 4, took time out to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. At left, Brynli Goodwin, 3, told Santa her wishes for Christmas.



#### Picket Planned in Front of **Pontiac Correctional Center**

by Brandon LaChance

It's not new news that there are problems inside and outside of the Pontiac Correctional Center.

Prisoners were transferred out of PCC.

Employees were moved to unfamilar positions and duties. The prisoners remaining at the center were thrown off of their routine and put on another.

Policies have changed.

There have been meetings with Illinois politicians discussing the state of the maximum-security prison that has

been in Pontiac since 1871. All of this has happened in the last year.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, safety precautions became the next intangible added to the

William Lee and the American Federation of State County

and Muncipal Employees (AF-SCME) Local 494 are holding a picket December 10 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the corner of West Lincoln Ave and South Vermillin Street, north of the Pontiac Correctional Center.

"We're doing this because of the lack of safety concerns at the Pontiac Correctional Center, especially after the incident on November 23 when a Sgt. and an officer were injured," said Lee, AFSCME Local 494 President. "We want to address the safety concerns. It is very important for every employee at the prison."

Lee said this wasn't going to lead to strikes or anything outside of an informational picket.

Friends and family are invited and signs are encouraged.

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

#### 18 days until Christmas!



#### **FREE Christmas Dinner**

Are you looking for a meaningful way to celebrate Christmas?

Share the Christmas spirit by volunteering on Christmas Day to help deliver Christmas dinners to your friends and neighbors in Dwight who may be shut in or just not able to join their families for Christmas. Many people may be alone this season and simply unable to prepare a holiday meal.

Christmas Day dinners will be prepared by local restaurants, and delivered free of charge to anyone who recipient on December 25 to inform requests.

Anyone in the community is invited to help deliver meals, or if you wish to donate cash to be used to provide the meals, donations are wel-

If you know of someone in need of a hot meal on Christmas Day, or if you wish to receive a meal, call The Paper at 815-584-1901 and provide us the name, address, phone number, and the number of meals needed. Be sure to leave all the requested information. Meals cannot be delivered if a correct address and phone number is not available.

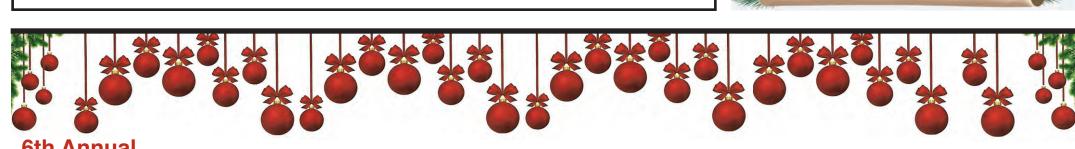
A volunteer will call each dinner them what time the volunteers will deliver their meal so they know when it is coming.

By having the meals supplied by local restaurants, the free Christmas Meal tradition continues in a safe manner, provides an outlet for charitable giving, and helps support the local restaurants.

For more information, to volunteer to help, or to offer a donation, call 815-584-1901.

If you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to The Paper or visit thepaper1901.com to donate via PayPal. On the check memo line, put down Christmas Dinners.

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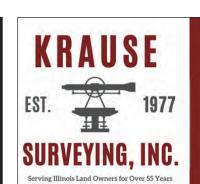
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#### Too much to ponder . . .

The Paper you are reading will cease publication after

December 28, 2022. Mark and Mary Boma have made the difficult decision to cease publishing *The* Paper after long and careful consideration.

The Paper was designed for free delivery and complete distribution since its first issue.

The goal of delivering a 20-page paper to every address in the area on Wednesdays was achieved by employees of The Paper assuming the task of early Wednesday morning deliveries to neighboring post offices as well as to Dwight.

The routes added up to 18 stops and 138 miles -- 52 times a year -- for the past 24 years. Rain or shine, ice or

The foregoing is just one facet of The Paper's production which will end Decem-

Mary and Mark have asked me to write some words about the upcoming end of The Paper and my 70plus years in the newspaper business in Dwight.

The words should flow, but they don't . . . there is too much to ponder . .

There were highlights, of

Like moving the Dwight Star & Herald publishing operation to 204 E. Chippewa St. in 1961.

Prior to '61, the Star was produced in a building between the Blackstone Theatre and Metroz Mule Barn on

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West St. Late night press runs could bring a noise complaint from the theatre.

In 1978 wife Louise asked John Gardner at The First National Bank of Dwight if we could borrow some \$70,000 or so to convert the production of the Star to the offset printing process rather than continue with hot type.

(Yes, hot type. Molten lead. Columns and columns of it to make up pages. Letter-press printing. You had to live it to believe it.)

We did get the money from The First National.

Pages were then composed on computers at 204 E. Chippewa and several weekly papers eventually printed on a new eight-page offset press.

(Printing was later transferred to remote facilities offering full color for The Paper.)

The time has come (Friday noon deadline. I am already late.) to look back with gratitude to all those who contributed to the establishment of The Paper 24 years ago and to the support it received over the years. Especially from advertisers and employ-

It is impossible to imagine a community without a local newspaper.

We will hope that *The* Paper's millions of words from the past to the present have created an informational bridge that younger feet will want to tread.

> Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

> > 30 -- Tom Tock

#### New Books at **Odell Library**

Adult Fiction
Act of Oblivion by Robert Harris; The Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham; The Cloisters by Katy Hays; The Couple at the Table by Sophie Hannah; Dawnland by Philippa Gregory; Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver; Distant Thunder by Stuart Woods; Going Rogue by Janet Evanovich; The High Notes by Danielle Steel; Hunting Time by Jeffery Deaver; Little Eve by Catriona Ward; Livid by Patricia Cornwell; Next in Line by Jeffrey Archer; The Prisoner by B.A. Paris; Racing the Light by Robert Crais; Robert Ludlum's The Blackbriar Genesis by Simon Gervais; Thief of Fate by Jude Deveraux; Triple Cross by James Patterson; We Are the Light by Matthew Quick; The Whittiers by Danielle Steel; Wyoming Homecoming by Diana Palmber.

**DVD** All about Garbage and Recycling; Annika; Beast; The Broken-Mysteries, Series 8; Everyone's Hero; The Family Holiday; How'd They Build That? Garbage Truck; In Bruges; Judy Moody and the not Bummer Summer; Kingslayer; The Lorax; Mandie and the Cherokee Treasure; Mandie and the Forgotten Christmas; Mandie and the Secret Tunnel; Miracle at Midnight; Paulie; The Power of the Dog; Queen and the Crown; Ramona and Beezus; Ron Carter; The Rookie; Saturday Night Fever; Sesame Street: My Favorite Holidays!; She Will; Shredderman Rules!; This Is Going to Hurt; Top Gun: Maverick; Wife Like; Yellowstone National Park.

Young Adult Five Survive by Holly Jackson. **Adult Nonfiction** 

Rest Is Resistance by Tricia

Easy/Juvenile

Am I a Frog? by Lizzy Rockwell; Diper Overlode by Jeff Kinney; Farming Strong, All Year Long by Sherri Duskey Rinker; The First Notes: The Story of DO, RE, MI by Julie Andrews; How to Build LEGO Dinosaurs by Hannah Dolan; I Can't Draw by Stephen W. Martin; The Lost Library by Jess McGeachin; Pizza My Heart by Mika Song; The Secret Letters by Margaret Peterson Haddix; The Sour Grape by Jory John; The Sun Is Late and So Is the Farmer by Philip C. Stead.



THE LIVINGSTON MASONIC LODGE #371 of Dwight sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive November 15. Pictured, from left, are Masons working the registration table: Mark Dabbs, Gary Helsing, Dave Taylor, and Daryl Holt. Not pictured is Jerry Curtis. The blood drive collected a total of 35 units of blood for area hospitals. This collection will help those in need and save lives. Consider a blood donation at their next blood drive.

#### **Prairie Creek Library Seeks Donations for Library of Things**

Prairie Creek Library, located at 501 Carriage House Lane, Dwight, is looking to expand its Library of Things and is hoping area residents might be able to make donations as they are cleaning and preparing for the Christmas season. Gently used items will be accepted. Currently, the Library of Things contains many puzzles and games available to borrow.

Items the library would like

to include are: waffle iron, crockpot/Instapot, blender, cookie cutters, specialty cake pans, balls (football, basketball, soccer, etc.), sports equipment, bean bag sets and lawn games, baby equipment (such as strollers Pack n Play, etc.), booster seats for dining tables, card table, small power tools, hedge trimmer, leaf blower, roasting pan, rubber stamps, air fryer and other small appli-

ances, diffuser, vaporizer, ladder, fishing poles, and Cricut and cartridges.

Anyone wishing to donate items can take them to the library's main circulation desk during the library's hours of 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

#### **Fossil Ridge Upcoming Programs**

Fossil Ridge Library, 386 with low incomes to help, W. Kennedy Rd. in Braidwood, is hosting the following events:

**Adult Programs** • December 9, 10:00-11:00 • December 12, 4:00-5:00 a.m. - Bagels and Books (Registration Required): Talk about holiday plans and share your thoughts about the latest book you read over bagels and

coffee. December 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – LIHEAP (Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program) (Registration **Required):** This program is designed to assist households

through financial aid, meet their energy needs.

**Teen Programs** p.m. - Maker Monday: Kawaii Ornaments (Registration Required): Make kawaii ornaments to hang on your tree or give as a gift to

**Child Programs** • December 15, 5:30-7:00

someone else.

p.m. - Kids Can Cook: Christmas Edition (Registration Required): Get the kids in the kitchen this Christmas with

these festive recipes, including some yummy Mars Bar Christmas crackles, Cheerios Christmas trees, and Christmas tree brownies. It might be messy, but that's half the fun.

December 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - Kids BINGO (Registration Required): A fun hour of everyone's favorite game and candy prizes.

For more information, visit fossilridge.org or call 815-458-2187. Any other questions can be e-mailed to help@fossil ridge.org.



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School, was one of four people

inducted into the Dr. Worthy

Streator Hall of Fame during

its 10th induction ceremony

held December 3 at Streator

SHS from 1969 to 1973, build-

ing up an impressive resume

while there that included, but

was not limited to, being a stu-

dent council parliamentarian,

both a junior and senior class

president, a member of the

Dolphins synchronized swim

club, a proficient German

speaker (earning college cred-

its on the subject), and she was

also inducted into the National

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in criminology and business

administration at Indiana State

University, then graduated

summa cum laude from Illinois

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#### **Area Students to Graduate** from WIU with Honors

Two area students are set to graduate from Western Illinois University with academic distinction, and they are:

• Kylie Windsor, Verona, Recreation, Park Administration. Tourism Kylie will graduate with the highest academic distinction, summa cum laude.

• Lucy Rieke, Dwight, Music. Lucy will graduate with the academic distinction, cum laude. Approximately 10% of graduating seniors achieve academic distinction, which is designated as summa cum laude, with a minimum grade point average of 3.90; magna cum laude, minimum GPA of 3.75-3.89; and cum laude, minimum GPA between 3.60 and

#### **Morris Hospital Hosting Blood Drive December 14**

blood drive in cooperation with Versiti Blood Center Wednesday, December 14, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 2 and 3 on the lower level of Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street in Morris.

Those who donate will be helping replenish the local blood supply as Versiti supplies blood products for Morris Hospital. All blood types are

Blood donors must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and free from cold or flu symptoms on the day of donation. In Illinois, 16-year olds may donate with written approval from a

Morris Hospital is hosting a parent or guardian. Donors may be required to wear a mask while inside Morris Hospital depending on COVID community transmission lev-

> The entire process for donating blood takes about one hour, including registration, a brief medical screening, blood collection and refreshments. Donors should take a photo ID with proof of age. Those planning to donate should eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

To schedule an appointment, call Ashley Wagner at Morris Hospital at 815-705-7370. Walk-ins are welcome.

#### Thank you for reading The Paper!

**Notice of Proposed Property** Tax Increase for Dwight **Common School District** #232

(i) A public hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for Dwight Common School District #232 for 2022 will be held on December 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom at Dwight Township High School.

> Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Joshua DeLong, Superintendent, Dwight Common School District #232, 801 S. Columbia Street, Dwight, Il, 60420. 815.584.6216.

(ii) The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2021 were \$4,223,471.71.

> The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$4,610,000.00. This represents a 9.15% increase over the previous year.

#### Clarence and Alberta Simantel Celebrate 72nd Anniversary

On November 23, Clarence and Alberta Simantel celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary with a meal of their choice - Casey's supreme pizza and root beer.

Family and friends congratulated them all day and night, receiving a dozen roses from each of their six children.

Alberta, aka Birdie, said the next day it was a wonderful celebration, but exhausting with all of the visits and phone calls. But she wouldn't change a thing about the day.

Clarence and Birdie met at the free summer movie in Odell. Even though Clarence was friends with Birdie's brother, they never really met until then.

They dated for two years before they married and lived with his father for a few years and had their eldest daughter. They moved to Dwight and have resided there ever since.

Clarence worked for 30 years at the Shell station west of town, and Birdie worked at Heritage Health (Manor) for 25 years. She says the building was brand new then.

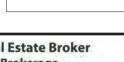
The couple resides at Heritage Health, Dwight.

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#### **ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 28, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Drew Banwart Construction, located at 505 S. 4th St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2022.

Kristy A. Masching Livingston County Clerk

**DWIGHT** 

#### **OBITUARY**

#### Elizabeth A. 'Betty' Peeke

Elizabeth "Betty" Peeke, 96, of Joliet, Illinois passed away Friday, December 2, 2022 at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home with

Father Chris Haake officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

A visitation was held one hour preceding the service at the funeral home.

Betty was born September 19, 1926, the daughter of Cyrus and Zola (Seabert) Hodgman of Dwight. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Peeke, in 1977.

She is survived by her nephew, Michael (Meg) Hodg-

man of Fly Creek, New York, and her niece, Tudy Hodgman - Magnuson of Brentwood, nessee

She was preceded in death by her husband and two brothers, James and

Leonard Hodgman. Betty graduated from Dwight

Township High School in 1944. She was a secretary at Eco Labs for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Joliet Women's Club; was an avid reader; and loved to play bridge. She was a member of the Inwood Bridge group.

Memorials may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society.

This obituary may be read and guestbook signed at www.calvertmemorial.com or on our Facebook page.

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

Godlev Park District, 500 S. Adults, 21+, from the Village Kankakee St. in Godley, is hosting the following upcoming programs and events:

Santa's 'Frosty' Shindig • Saturday, December 10: Godley Park District's annual dinner with Santa returns this year as Santa's 'Frosty' Shindig, from 4:00-5:30 p.m., where all things cool will be celebrated.

Circle Jam

• Saturday, December 10: Do you play a musical instrument and want to join other musicians for a jam session? Give Circle Jam a try. This free program for all ages is held at the Rec Hall (next to the water tower) from 5:00-8:30 p.m.

**Tree Lighting Celebration**  Saturday, December 10: Celebrate as Godley Park District begins the holiday season with the lighting of its giant tree from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Tree Lighting Celebration will be complete with hot chocolate, inflatables, and more, as well as a visit from Santa. Don't forget your camera.

**Godley Resident Luncheon** • Thursday, December 15: of Godley can join for a complimentary luncheon served at noon, with BINGO starting at 10:00 a.m. Have fun with your neighbors. Register by Decem-

**Lunch Out & About** • Wednesday, December 21:

Join the laughter and fun as they venture to different restaurants, including Great Wall in Kankakee Dec. 21. A transportation fee applies (lunch is on your own) and all trips depart at 10:30 a.m. Register/Pay by December 14.

**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.

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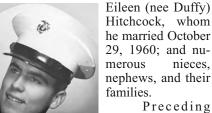
#### John 'Jack' Fitzpatrick

John Fitzpatrick, age 84, of Dwight, Illinois passed away peacefully Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at Heritage Health Nursing Home in

Dwight. He was born March 8, 1938 in Odell, Illinois to the late James L. and Evelyn A. (nee Tarrant) Fitzpatrick. He graduated from Odell High School with the class of 1956 and honorably served our country with the United

States Marine Corps Jack loved spending time with his family and always looked forward to his daily breakfast with friends. He also enjoyed visiting with his neighbors, playing video slots, and was an avid political enthusi-

Surviving are two children: Lynne (George) Cain of Dwight and Brian (Chris) Fitzpatrick of Australia; seven grandchildren: Michael, Abbey and Luke Fitzpatrick; Akiko and Alex Fink; Shannon Cain and Dylan (Kyndsie Huston) Cain; granddaughter of the heart, Briana Miles; first wife,



him in death were his parents; three siblings, Lucille Locke, Jimmy and Harry Fitzpatrick; and wife, Janice (nee Westbrook) Fitzpatrick, whom he married May 27, 1988 and predeceased him on April 1, 2021.

Cremation

rites were accorded.

A Celebration of Jack's life will be held at a later date and inurnment will take place in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to Lightways Hospice: https://lightways.org/.

R. W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpatter sonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

#### Timothy James Drapeau

Timothy James Drapeau, age 40, of Dwight, Illinois and formerly of Coal City, Illinois, died November 27, 2022.

Born February 6, 1982 in Whittier, California, Timothy James is a son of

John Drapeau of California and Vicke (Trujillo) Drapeau of Dwight. He moved to Coal City in 1988, where he was raised and graduated from Coal City High School with the class

A 'Jack of all trades,' Tim was a self-employed handyman, who was proficient in carpentry and roofing. His ability to take things apart and put them back together also complemented his love of working on cars. Tim liked to stay busy.

He enjoyed video games and fishing, but most of all on his days off, Tim enjoyed spending time with his son. He was always helpful and one who made an impact on those who he met. Tim will be remembered as a fun guy with an incredibly beautiful smile.

Survivors include his mother, Vicke Drapeau; father, John Drapeau; one son, Aidan, of Dwight; four siblings: Kristie (Craig) Dock of Coal City; Alisha Drapeau of Odell, Illinois; and Teena Drapeau and Ryan Drapeau, both of California; nieces and

nephews, Destinie Drapeau and Victoria Ybarra-Drapeau; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Tim

preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Velma Southall and Joe Trujillo; pater-

nal grandmother, Lucille Drabrother, Anthony peau; Drapeau; niece, Grace Hope Drapeau; cousins, Peggy Taylor and Sonny Southall; uncle, Rudy Gallegos; and aunt, Peggy Taylor.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will receive friends for a memorial visitation at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 North Broadway (one block north of Illinois Route 113) in Coal City on Sunday, December 11, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Tim's memory to his family for their distribu-

Family and friends are encouraged to log www.ReevesFuneral.com to sign the guestbook, upload photographs, and share Tim's memorial page online through social media.

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



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#### **Livingston County SWCD Accepting Nominations**

The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting nominations from all persons of legal voting age who reside in or own land located within the boundaries of the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District. Beginning December 2, 2022, nominations will be accepted for the two year term of the office of Director of the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District at the District's Office located at 1510 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764 during business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of Director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the District. Interested persons must respond by 4:30 p.m. January 2, 2023

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#### Ronald E. Holzhauer

Ronald Chicken' Holzhauer, age 55, of Dwight, Illinois passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care, Joliet, Illinois.

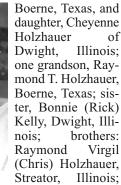
He was born May 22, 1967 in Pontiac, Illinois, the son of Raymond E. Holzhauer Carol (Stratton) and Holzhauer. He was raised and educated in Dwight, attending Dwight Grade School and

Dwight Township High School, graduating in 1985. Ron was employed at R.R. Donnelley for many years. He was considered a "gear head," as he loved to tear apart and put back together cars, trucks, lawnmowers, bikes, etc. from a very early age. He was a member of Dwight Lodge #34,

Survivors include his son, Bryan (Natalie) Holzhauer of

Danish Brotherhood in Amer-





and Ronald J. (LaDonna) Jamieson of Tampa, Florida; and his step-mother, Shirley (Bill Kargle) Holzhauer of Morris, Illinois.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Debra Holzhauer White, and his nephew, Raymond James Holzhauer.

Aqua cremation services have been made under the direction of U. C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, Morris, Illinois.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held in the spring of

#### Carol A. Fritz

Carol A. Fritz, 90, of Dwight, Illinois, passed away Monday, November 28, 2022 at Heritage Health and Rehab in Dwight, Illinois.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Hager Memorial Home with Father

William Keebler officiating. A visitation was held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., pre-

ceding the service. Burial followed the service in St. Joseph Catholic Ceme-

tery, rural Cabery, Illinois. Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

Carol was born March 2, 1932, in Buckingham, Illinois, the daughter of William and Alice (Casey) Frederick. She married Clarence Fritz on February 13, 1954. He preceded her in death on June 13, 2005.

She is survived by her children: Melita LaFrance of Bourbonnais: Eileen Wynne of Venice, Florida; Gail Fritz of Brookfield; Jon (Sue) Fritz of Bethel, Minnesota; Jerald (Shari) Fritz of Bourbonnais; Kurt (Alicia Horrie) Fritz of



Dwight; Lynn Webster of Herscher; Dean (Krystal) Fritz of Bourbonnais; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Joe

Fritz; two sisters, Blanche Westphal and Pauline Jensen; one brother, Thomas Frederick; and son-in-law, John LaFrance.

Carol worked at Country Table for three years and Ma Brown's Cafe for 12 years. She was a tech at the Fox Center for 10 years and retired in 1995. She was a member of the Foster Grandparent Program through the Fox Center.

She was a member of the Dwight Catholic Church and a member of the Altar and Rosary group. She loved playing cards and bingo. She took pride in her flower gardens.

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

This obituary may be read and guestbook signed at www. calvertmemorial.com or on our Facebook page.

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

BANK OF PONTIAC.

an Illinois Banking Corporation,

MICHAEL QUINN ADAMS, and unknown owners and non-record claimants.

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-54

#### NOTICE

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

The East 50 Feet of a tract of land described as commencing at the Southwest corner of Block 2 in Ladd and McDowell's Addition to the Town, now City of Pontiac, thence East 120 feet, thence North 156 feet 11½ inches, thence West 120 feet, thence South to the place of beginning, being located on a part of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 28 North, Range 5 East of the Third Principal Merid-

PIN: 15-15-23-162-005

Commonly known as: 609 E. Howard St., Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is MICHAEL QUINN ADAMS. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on November 26, 2018 and recorded on December 5, 2018 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2018R-04771. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-54 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-

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

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.

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

8040-928620





#### The Paper!

Thank you a million times over to Mary Boma, Mark Boma, Danny Tock and every other employee who helped make The Paper publish a great newspaper every week for 24 straight years.

hausting of a process it is to do something every week with basically no time off. It takes relentless dedication to do Growing up sometimes I resented getting dragged to small

I can attest first hand how grueling and sometimes ex-

town fairs and having to walk through cow poop in Cullom just to get pictures of some kid eating a snow cone. (No offense to Cullom.)

But looking back on it I wouldn't trade growing up under

parents, grandparents, and (before my time unfortunately) great grandparents who operated their own business largely for the good of the community more than for themselves. With another note on the grandparents in this equation,

they ran the Star & Herald, which was also located in Dwight for over half a century. After that finished they eventually jumped on board The Paper train as well and have been as integral a part to it as anyone.

They've proofread the pages before the final print for as long as I can remember and their hard work hasn't gone unnoticed by me, and shouldn't go unnoticed by those who have enjoyed The Paper each week.

Local news, and "being in the know" will always be a pillar of a great community and I'm unbelievably proud of the work my parents, family and everyone else put in to make local news easily (free) accessible to as many people as

It will shapeshift into a slightly deviated form online but nothing will hit quite like that printed ink.

Hell of a run.

Also: If you see any of the aforementioned people, or even if you don't see them and just want to reach out, congratulations are in order for doing it so well for so long!

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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

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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC,

an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

MICHAEL QUINN ADAMS, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,

Defendants.

No. 22-FC-55

#### NOTICE

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

A part of Block 2 in Ladd and McDowell's Addition to Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Block 2, and running; thence East 120 feet to the point of beginning; thence East 52 feet; thence North 156.96 feet; thence West 52 feet; and thence South 156.96 feet to the point of beginning.

PIN: 15-15-23-162-006

Commonly known as: 613 E. Howard St., Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is MICHAEL QUINN ADAMS. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on December 10, 2021 and recorded on December 22, 2021 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2021R-062622, and an Assignment of Leases and Rents executed on December 10, 2021 and recorded on December 22, 2021 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2021R-06263. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 22-FC-55 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

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Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.

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

8040-928621

# SPORTS SPORTS



YOU MAY SEE A NEW SIGN IN TOWN if you are traveling to South Wilmington. Tyler Gubbins stands with his sign honoring his accomplishment as the state champion in the 2A boys 400-meter run in 2022. Gubbins earned this honor in May at the state track meet and was happy to see the new sign with his name recently put in place.



Tickets can be purchased at the Mess Hall or Legion Bar until drawing Cullom American Legion • 815-848-7122

#### **Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase** for South Wilmington Grade School District #74

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for South Wilmington Grade School District #74 on the equalized assessed value of the taxable property for the year 2022, with taxes payable in Fiscal Year 2024, will be held on December 15, 2022 at 6:55 p.m. at the South Wilmington Grade School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Cynthia Christensen, Superintendent, at the South Wilmington Grade School, 375 Fifth Ave., P.O. Box 475, South Wilmington, IL 60474. 815-237-2281.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$802,673.

> The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$897,166. This represents an 11.89% increase over the previous year.

The property taxes extended for debt III. service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$31,448.

> The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$30,825. This represents a 2% decrease.

The total property taxes extended or IV. abated for 2021 were \$833,121.

> The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$927,992. This represents an 11.39% increase over the previous year.

Board of Education South Wilmington Grade School District #74

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#### **DTHS Trojans Basketball**

#### Tuesday, November 29 Dwight vs. Prairie Central

Dwight was at home against Prairie Central November 29, falling by a score of 74-53.

The Trojans trailed by just six points at the half, 40-34, but the second half was all P.C.

Wyatt Thompson had 20 points on the night, knocking down two threes. Conner Telford followed closely with 19 points, connecting on five three-pointers. Jack Duffy and Will Trainor each had four points, with Luke Gallet and Dawson Carr adding one threepointer each.

#### Friday, December 2 **Dwight vs. Putnam County**

The varsity Trojans took a 75-60 loss to Putnam County December 2.

Wyatt Thompson led Dwight with 20 points, followed by 12 from Conner Telford. Scoring six each were Luke Gallet and Tristan Chambers, while Ryan Hilt and Andrew Gartke added five and three points, respectively. Jack Duffy put in two points, with Dawson Carr hitting a free



#### **GSW Panthers Basketball**

#### Tuesday, November 29 GSW vs. St. Anne

The Panthers picked up a 68-39 victory over St. Anne November 29.

"It's nice to start our RVC games with a road win versus a good opponent," said Coach Allan Wills. "After a close first half, I was happy that we extended our lead and were able to pull away in the fourth."

Bennett Grant put up 18 points, six boards, and three assists. Gabe McHugh (8 rebounds, 5 assists) and Cale Halpin (7 rebounds, 4 assists) added 17 points each.

Friday, December 2 **GSW** vs. IL Lutheran

On December 2, Gardner-South Wilmington moved to 3-3 on the season with a 64-40 win over Illinois Lutheran on the road.

"We accomplished our goal for the week of starting RVC play at 2-0," stated Coach Wills, "and getting back to .500. Hopefully we can continue the nice play next week."

Cale Halpin (3 rebounds, 2 steals) and Gabe McHugh (8 steals, 7 rebounds) led with 18 and 15 points, respectively. Bennett Grant added 12 points, six boards, with Dane Halpin providing eight points, five rebounds, and four assists.



DWIGHT TROJAN WYATT THOMPSON was honored for scoring the 1,000th point of his basketball career, and he continues to add to his career totals.



#### **GSW L**ady Panthers Basketball

#### Monday, November 28 **GSW** vs. Grant Park

The Lady Panthers earned their first win of the season November 28, taking out Grant Park, 44-29.

Addi Fair had a game-high 22 points, knocking down three Wright had two points each.

three-pointers. Grace Olsen added nine points on three threes of her own, followed by four from Hannah Balcom. Chloe Wells scored three points, while Kayla Scheuber, Taeryn Lardi, and Madison



#### SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

#### Friday, December 2

the season.

"Nice one to get, being short-handed with illnesses and injuries," Coach Witte said. "Everyone got quality minutes and contributed in a meaningful way."

The total team effort was led on the offensive end by 23 points from Braden Ellis, in-

a perfect 3-3 from the line. Paxton Giertz (1 3-pointer, 1-1 FT) and Kysen Klinker (4-7 FT) had 14 and 12 points respectively, with Calvin Maierhofer contributing five points (1-2 FT). Dalton DeGrush chipped in with four points (2-4 FT), while Dominic Traina hit three free throws. John Farcus and Cameron Shriey each added a bucket, with Brady Sheedy making a free throw.

### cluding four three-pointers and

#### Seneca vs. Henry

The Fighting Irish were victorious over Henry December 2, 66-33, improving to 6-0 on

#### **Victory Lanes** Bowling League Results

#### **Sportsman League Bowlers** November 30

HSG: Scotty Banks, 258; Bosco Gassman, 258; Jeff Saltzman, 235; Brandon Petry, 225; Darren Pierce, 224. HSS: Bosco Gassman, 676; Brandon Petry, 650; Scotty Banks, 616; Aaron Paquette, 586; Mike King, 582. HSG/HHG: LTG Shuttles, 979. HSS/HHS: LTG Shuttles, 2792.

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#### SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

#### Monday, November 28 Seneca vs. Putnam County

On November 28, the Lady Irish won over Putnam County, 36-27.

"Nice to see us knock the rust off after a week between games," said Coach Holman. 'We're learning how to grind games out and figuring out what our identity is going to have to be. We did a great job using our post players and did a nice job taking advantage of our size."

Faith Baker scored 12 points to lead Seneca, followed nine from Kennedy Hartwig. Freshman Tessa Krull, in her varsity debut, scored eight points and gave her squad a spark in the starting line-up. Alyssa Zellers hit a big three in the fourth quarter to keep the Lady Irish in control.

#### Tuesday, November 29 Seneca vs. Reed-Custer

Seneca was victorious over Reed-Custer November 29, 40-

"Credit our girls for withstanding an early run in the first quarter," commented Coach Holman. "I'm extremely proud of how hard we're playing right now on both ends of the floor. The points will come, but we really locked in defensively

the last three quarters." Kennedy Hartwig was in control on both ends of the floor, putting up 16 points. Faith Baker added nine points.

#### Thursday, December 1 Seneca vs. Henry

The Lady Irish won big over Henry December 1, 51-19.

"Solid effort on both ends of the floor," Coach Holman said. "Nice to see some girls score who have been putting in a lot of hard work in practice. Eleven girls in the scoring column, with eight big points from sophomore Evelyn O'Connor off the bench."

Kennedy Hartwig was high

scorer with 10 points. Seneca is now 6-2 overall.



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DWIGHT WRESTLING CLUB members during the Dwight Christmas Parade December 3.

#### **Dwight Wrestling Club Kicks Off Season in Coal City**

The Dwight Wrestling Club had a strong showing in their first action of the season, traveling to Coal City to participate in the Lil Coalers Rookie and Open Tournament. In total, the Dwight club had 37 wrestlers participate.

In the open division, Dalton DeLong took first place with three pins.

In the rookie tournament, which was several wrestlers' first ever action, the results are

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Third Place - Clyde Simmons, Damien Coleman, Dax ing hard and having fun." Turner, Oliver Tjelle, Vinny

Stipanovich, Noah Rosales, • First Place - Mia Hoffner, Eastyn Coyle, Cooper Irvin, Owen Duay.

> Fourth Place - Ryker Casey, Walker Seabert, Jaxson Haggard, Domenik Brown, Sky Brown, Blake Taplin, Ryne Smith, Carter Christenson, Henry Sassenger.

> "Our numbers are very good this year," said Coach Josh De-Long, "and the kids are work-

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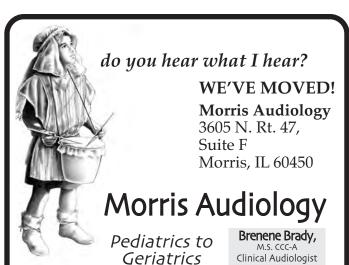
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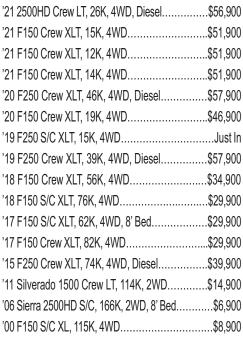
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#### LADY CHARGERS BASKETBALL

#### Monday, November 28 Tri-Point vs. IL Lutheran

In a meeting with Illinois Lutheran November 28, Tri-Point won big, 45-12.

Kyra Cathcart led the way with 10 points, followed by eight each from Kadie Hummel and Adriana Hummel. Madison McNeill added seven points, with Alli Schuette and Kasi Hughes scoring four points each. Kori Weber and Rosmond Prisock put up two points each.

#### Thursday, December 1 **Tri-Point vs. Clifton**

The Lady Chargers came up with a 32-30 victory in a backand-forth match-up with Clifton December 1.

Tri-Point led 19-18 at the half, but Clifton would take the lead, 27-26, heading into the fourth quarter. However, the Lady Chargers were able to fend off a late run to get the "W".

Lainey Bertrand (2 3-pointers) and Kyra Cathcart led with eight points each. Kasi Hughes and Kadie Hummel each scored six points, followed by four from Adriana Hummel (1 3pointer).



Thursday, December 1 Dwight vs. St. George 8th Grade -Regional

The Lady Redbirds lost their regional game against St. George December 1, 43-16, bringing their season to a close.

Cloe Gall led with eight points, four boards, and a steal. Mikayla Chambers added four points, six swipes, two assists, and two rebounds, with Delaney Boucher (11 rebounds, 3 steals), Claire Sandeno (5 rebounds, 2 steals), and Kit Connor (3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist) providing two points each.

Dwight ends the 2022 campaign with an overall record of 10-9.

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#### **Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase** for Braceville Elementary School District #75

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Braceville Elementary School District #75 for 2022 will be held on December 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the library at Braceville Elementary School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mrs. Susan Avery, Superintendent, Braceville Elementary School #75, 209 N. Mitchell Road, Braceville, Illinois, 815.237.8040.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2021 were \$565,399.02.

> The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$671,000.00. This represents an 18.68% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$92,049.67.

> The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$92,049.67. This represents a .00% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended in 2021 were \$657,448.69.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$763,049.67. This represents a 16.06% increase over the previous year.



### Backwards 30A and rook Christmas Parade in Dwight

• Saturday, December 10 •

What is a Backwards parade? You decorate your house and the cars drive by. The more houses decorated on your block, the more fun it is. You can even be part of your decorations! Prizes will be awarded.

Cars can line up in front of ACE Hardware, 104 Watters Dr., Dwight on December 10, and a Parade of Cars will leave at 6:30 p.m.

A map of participating homes and a voting ballot will be available at ACE if you choose to drive through on your own from 6:30 - 10 p.m.

Celebrate with ACE starting at 3 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on site for visits. Pictures by J7 Images.

**REGISTRATION FORM** Name: Address: Residential Business

Form must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on December 4.

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#### **Eighth Grade Redbirds Top Mavericks** Seventh Grade Mavs Win, 25-19

Thursday, December 1 Dwight vs. MVK 7th Grade -

Area rivals Dwight and Mazon-Verona-Kinsman battled it out December 1, with the Mavericks winning 25-19.

Colton Baudino scored a game-high 11 points for MVK, who moves to 7-4 with the vic-

For the Redbirds, now 2-7 on the year, Rylan Woodin put in eight points, followed by five and four, respectively, from Evan Olson (9 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 assist) and Kayden

Monday, November 28

The sixth grade Redbirds

Jace Jensen led with four

traveled to Herscher November

points, while Landon Hoffner

chipped in with two. Eli Jensen

and Braxton Flahaut had three

suffer a 6-2 loss, with Levi

Ochoa scoring the team's only

The "B" game saw Dwight

Carlos Ochoa and Max

Dwight vs. Herscher

6th Grade -

28, falling 38-6.

rebounds each.

points.

Wood (4 rebounds, 3 steals). Cason Johnson added four points, three boards, and three steals. Axel Kargle contributed three steals and two assists, while Walter Bradley snagged four rebounds. 8th Grade -

Dwight would get its revenge in the eighth grade meeting, defeating MVK 54-20.

The Redbirds, who move to 5-4 with the win, dished 17 assists in the contest and committed just two turnovers.

Colin Bachand led Dwight with 22 points, nine assists, six scored 15 points for MVK.

Veselak each pulled down two

Dwight vs. Ottawa Shepherd

Dwight lost to Ottawa Shep-

herd due in part to turnovers.

In the seventh grade game,

Cason Johnson (1 assist),

Kayden Wood (3 rebounds),

and Walter Bradley (5 re-

bounds, 1 steal) scored two

points each. Axel Kargle hit a

free throw, grabbed six re-

The eighth grade Redbirds

bounds, and added a steal.

boards.

7th Grade -

8th Grade -

DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

boards, and five steals. Trevor Jensen (8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal) and Graham Meister (8 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal) added 14 and 12 points, respectively. Evan Olson scored four points and pulled down two rebounds, with Carson Sandeno contributing two points, two assists, and one board. Blake Thetard (2 assists) and Bradley Thompson (1 assist) each had one swipe, while Honore Mwizerwa grabbed three rebounds.

The Mavericks' Brant Roe

match-up with Ottawa Shep-

never recovered," stated Coach

Conroy. "Ottawa was a verv

1 steal) and Colin Bachand (5

rebounds, 3 assists) led with

seven and six points, respec-

tively. Scoring two points each

were Graham Meister (4 re-

bounds) and Axel Kargle (3

The Redbirds traveled to

Ameryn Wiles led Dwight

Kankakee to face Bishop Mac

December 1, coming up short

with six points, four boards,

while Levi Ochoa added five

points. Max Veselak chipped in

with two points. Caleb Peters

led the squad with five re-

Dwight's "B" team lost by a

Levi Ochoa scored two

points, followed by a free

throw from Van Patten, who

had a team-high seven re-

bounds. Carter Christensen

grabbed five boards; Nash

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tough 4A school."

steals, 1 rebound).

6th Grade -

38-13.

bounds.

score of 10-3.

Minor, three.

Thursday, December 1

Dwight vs. Bishop Mac

"We started out poorly and

Trevor Jensen (8 rebounds,

herd ended in a 40-17 loss.

#### **GSWB**, Dwight Face Off on the Hardwood proved to 6-4 with a 19-7 win points, five boards, two steals,

**Tuesday, November 29** GSWB vs. Dwight 5th Grade -

The Tigers of Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville took on their foes from Dwight November 29, winning 20-10 on the road.

Kash Olsen was able to find several Tigers wide open under the hoop for easy lay-ups. He would end up with two points on the night. Kash Kerner led all scorers with eight points, followed by Ayden Wzorek's four points. Richard Foglio, Tyler Futia, and Talon Mack each scored two points for GSWB.

Leading the offensive charge for the Redbirds was Van Patten with four points and two rebounds. Oliver Snyder had four points and three boards, followed by two points from Jace Jensen. Liam Strong led Dwight with four rebounds.

6th Grade -

over Dwight, utilizing tough defense and rebounding to get the "W".

Ryan Male led the Tigers with nine points. Mason Jordan supplied four, with David Allen, Fallon Stein, and Ty Tielle scoring two points each.

For the Redbirds, Eli Jensen, Levi Ochoa, and Braxton Flahaut had two points each. Ameryn Wiles, Levi Ochoa, and Max Veselak pulled down three boards each. 7th Grade -

The seventh grade meeting between GSWB and Dwight saw the Tigers win, 32-20.

Case Christensen had a team-high 11 points, followed closely by Caden Christensen's 10 points. Cameron Gray added nine in the win.

Evan Olson led the Redbirds with nine points, 13 rebounds, one assist, and a steal. Axel Kargle came up with six points, one assist, and one steal, fol-GSWB's sixth graders im- lowed by Kayden Wood's three Millette made a free throw.

and one assist. Walter Bradley added two points, six rebounds, and a steal.

8th Grade -

In the finale, Dwight was able to secure a hard fought 26-19 conference win over GSWB, moving to 4-4 on the

Trevor Jensen led the Redbirds with 11 points, 11 boards, two steals, and two assists. Colin Bachand (9 rebounds, 7 steals, 3 assists) and Graham Meister (13 rebounds) scored six points each. Blake Thetard had three points, three boards, and one assist. Carson Sandeno (4 rebounds) and Honore Mwizerwa (1 rebound) had one steal each, while Evan Olson contributed two steals and two rebounds.

For the Tigers, Holden Grimes scored nine, with Aiden Mack adding three. Chris Ozee, Cooper Biros, and Hunter Partilla had two points each. Reed

#### Thursday, December 1 **GSWB** vs. Morris 5th Grade -

The fifth grade Tigers battled back from a 15-3 deficit at halftime against Morris December 1, and had a chance to tie the game with six seconds left in regulation. Unfortunately, GSWB fell short, 19-17.

Kash Kerner's eight points led the team, followed by six from Kash Olsen. Tyler Futia added two points, with Jaxon Pluger knocking down a free throw.

6th Grade -

In the sixth grade game, GSWB lost 42-17.

Mason Jordan had a teamhigh seven points. Chris Titus chipped in with three, while Kash Kerner, Ryan Male, and Fallon Stein each scored two points. Ty Tjelle added a free

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**GSWB** vs. Seneca

#### 7th Grade -

In a meeting with Seneca, the Tigers suffered a 55-36

**GSWB TIGERS BASKETBALL** 

Case Christensen's 14 points led the way, with Caden Christensen scoring 11. Cameron Gray and Brody Grimes had five and four points, respectively. Thomas Phillips put in two points. 8th Grade -

GSWB's eighth graders beat Seneca, 37-14.

Cooper Biros had 11 points, followed by Holden Grimes with nine. Aiden Mack and Reed Millette added five and four points, respectively. Logan Rice, Hunter Partilla, Chris Ozee, and Coleman Slush each scored two points.

Saturday, December 3 **GSWB vs. MVK** 6th Grade -**MVK Tournament** 

The Tigers took part in the MVK Tournament December 3, using intense defense to hold their hosts to just seven points in a 32-7 game-one victory over the Mavericks.

Mason Jordan led GSWB with 14 points, followed by Kash Kerner and Kash Olsen with six each. Ryan Male finished with four points, with Fallon Stein adding two.

#### **GSWB** vs. Nettle Creek

GSWB's match-up with Nettle Creek in game two ended with a 21-20 loss, despite balanced scoring that helped the Tigers stay within reach throughout much of the contest.

Ryan Male and Ty Tjelle led with five and four points, respectively. Scoring three points each were Kash Olsen, Fallon Stein, and Chris Titus. David Allen scored two.

#### Gas Prices For This Week The recent steep plunge in domestic gas prices may

be affected by the results of Sunday's meeting of OPEC+, a group of 23 oil-producing nations, including Saudi Arabia and Russia. Domestic gasoline prices have dropped 26 cents nationally in the past two weeks. But OPEC+ decided to maintain output cuts of 2 million barrels per day, about 2% of world demand. The purpose of the move is to boost the global price of oil, which has fallen recently on fears of demand weakness, specifically in China. Regardless, the national average pump price for a gallon of gas dropped 14 cents in the past week. Today's national average of \$3.40 is 39 cents less than a month ago and five cents more than a year ago.

City/Village	Dec. 5	Nov. 28
Dwight	\$3.71	\$3.91
Kankakee	\$3.89	\$4.02
Streator	\$3.48	\$3.64
Pontiac	\$3.63	\$3.60
Gardner	\$3.99	\$3.99
Braceville	\$3.49	\$3.73
Morris	\$3.76	\$3.92
Herscher	\$4.15	\$4.15
Chicago	\$3.75	\$3.94
Illinois	\$3.60	\$3.78
U.S.	\$3.40	\$3.55
Sources: GasBu	ddy.com and U.S. En	nergy Information Ad

Gasoline price data collected by



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

In the Matter of the Estate of NO. 2022PR106 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

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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

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Check their website at limestonelibrary.org, as well as Facebook, Instagram, and The tions? Call them at 815-939e-mail them info@limestonelibrary.org, or message them at Facebook or Instagram.

#### Stroke Support Group at Morris Hospital December 21

Stroke Support Group Wednesday, December 21, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital, 100 Gore Rd., Suite H. Morris. The support group facilitator is a speech pathologist from Morris Hospital. The Stroke Support Group

is for individuals who have a history of stroke or any neurological event, as well as their caregivers, spouses, and loved 705-7440.

Morris Hospital is hosting a ones. The focus is to support, educate, and bring people together who are facing similar issues. The session typically includes a guest speaker who provides education and is available to answer questions.

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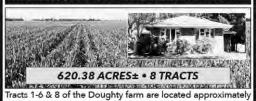
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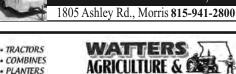
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then had our hearts broken and



brought to LCHS since no one could care for us. We grew up ir a room where we watched people come in and take kittens our age away and we didn't know why. These kittens never came back and now we were wondering what our future holds. Staff says these kittens leaving is a good thing and that they are happy and in a home living the best life. So now that I am an adult and I understand what LCHS has done for me and my brother by protecting us, I am ready to accept the fact that I can learn to love again and try to be a family cat chasing butterflies inside.

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#### **Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase** for Gardner Community Consolidated **School District #72C**

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> Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Melanie Elias, Superintendent, 598 N. Elm Street, Gardner, IL. 815-237-2313.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$670,300.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$724,905. This represents an 8.15% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$57,000.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$59,769. This represents a 4.86% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$727,300.

> The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$784,674. This represents a 7.89% increase over the previous year.

#### November **Students** of the Month

**November Students Of The** Month at Dwight Township High School were freshman Katy Dolan, sophomore Issy **Bunting**, junior Jacob Weissmann, and senior Ian Waddle. Congratulations!



Katy Dolan



**Issy Bunting** 



Jacob Weissmann

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(continued from page 1) this." She added, "I would like to ask the Village Board to be our representatives to the State to get what we deserve. I don't think that we should have to go and facelift that place. Why in the world would we spend one more dime? Our taxes are already paying for that."

When the Resolution ultimately came to the Board for final discussion, it was decided to amend it slightly to give authority to only move toward filing of the request, but no authority to act on actual pur-

The Resolution failed 3 - 2; Aye, Jenny Johnson and Pete Meister, No, Marla Kinkade,

Chuck Butterbrodt, and Justin Eggenberger.

Addressing where the Board should head on the subject now, Trustee Justin Eggenberger commented that he has had dozens of conversations prior to the meeting, but had failed to hear any positives on the potential purchase. Quoting the Farnsworth report, he stated that as far he was concerned, there should be no further discussion on potential purchase of the grounds.

In other matters, EMS Director Michael Callahan reported there are ongoing staffing issues with illness and resignations.

Chief of Police Mike Nolan

noted the overnight street parking ban is in effect now until March 1. He added Officer Glenn Peters will be retiring November 30.

Village Administrator Mc-Namara reported the Village has received three applications for the Finance Director position. Also, there have been three water main breaks under Route 47 in a three week period.

In final action the Board approved renewal of the Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative for 2023

The next Village Board meeting will be Monday December 12. The Public is encouraged to attend.



#### **Attention: Dwight Christmas for Kids Shoppers**

Dwight Christmas for Kids 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. volunteer shoppers: Gifts purchased will need to be wrapped and properly labeled when dropped off at the Dwight United Methodist church Thursday, December 8 between

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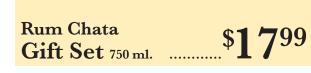


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