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NINE-YEAR-OLD MILAN RANDALL, of downstate Swansea, lost her gymnastics leotard in Dwight, but good detective work by the town's top cop led to its finding.

Solved: The Case of the Missing Leotard

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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Sleepy little towns like Dwight don't always see much action. But last weekend the Dwight Police Chief found himself in the middle of a well-publicized cold case: The case of the missing leotard.

Mario and Shonetta Randall, of downstate Swansea, were on the way to the Bravo Classics Gymnastic meet on Saturday, January 18 in Lombard with their daughter, 9-year-old Milan, who was set to compete with her team Gateway Elite Gymnastics. They packed the SUV with everything they would need for the meet, including Milan's warm-ups and leotard.

It's a five-hour drive from the St. Louis suburb to Lombard, and Mario stopped for gas at the Circle K on Northbrook Drive in Dwight. It was a particularly cold and windy day, and Mario and Shonetta, who also had their son Mario Jr., 11, and daughter Mai Lin, 7, in tow, were doing their best to keep the kids protected from the elements. Milan, 9, opened the passenger door as they prepared to get out but Mom and Dad decided to drive across the highway to the Love's Travel Stop, where they had bigger bathrooms.

All was well until they arrived at The Westin in Lombard. That's when they realized Milan's leotard and liner, which was tucked on a hanger inside a garment bag, was missing.

Milan began to cry. Would she be able to compete? What would she tell her coaches and teammates?

It may just seem like a leotard, but to a fourth-grader who's been in gymnastics since age 2, it meant much more. It was her first meet of the season at Level 6, and Milan couldn't wait to slip on the silky lavender and white garment dotted with sparkly rhinestones on the sleeves and neckline.

For Shonetta, it meant having to buy another one for \$267. Gymnasts get a lot of wear out of their leotards -- two seasons, in fact.

The Randalls double checked everywhere between home and the hotel. They even made multiple calls to Circle K, the McDonald's next door, and Love's, but the leo was nowhere to be found.

Milan was able to compete in the meet that day thanks to a teammate letting her borrow a uniform. She even placed first in beams, first in floor and first all-around. But triumph would have felt much better in her own uniform.

Shonetta took to Facebook on Thursday, January 23 and created a page, "Find Milan's Leo." She even offered a \$100 reward.

"We need Dwight, IL's help in locating this garment bag," she wrote. Milan's next competition was in two weeks.

The post captured the town's hearts, and over the course of several days, it had been shared 80 times.

The police department received the plea for help, too. That's when Chief Henson stepped in on Thursday afternoon.

"When I learned of the information, I immediately drove out to Circle K and checked the premises, including the ditch line. I had no luck there, so I drove to Love's across the street. I checked there with no luck. So my day ended with a little girl still being disappointed that she lost her gymnastics Leo."

Henson was not ready to give up when he arrived at work on Friday.

"I drove out to Love's and spoke with the workers there. They all said they saw the plea for help and also checked the area themselves. I did a second check of Love's including the farmer's field to the south and west, but still no luck. I did see a large plastic bag as I drove out of Love's and I thought I was in luck, but it was just a plastic bag."

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Veterinarian Takes Practice On the Road

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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If you have a cow who has a calf in the breech position, a horse in need of teeth cleaning or a pack of male goats that needs to, er, go from bucklings to wethers, Chelsea Ballinger can help.

Dr. Ballinger has started a much-needed new business in the area: Mazon Mobile Veterinary Service. She is available for an array of large animal veterinary needs. She can perform some surgeries on site, such as animal castration -- like your goats -- but most of her services will likely revolve around routine wellness, equine dentals, birthing difficulties, and upper respiratory illnesses.

She is originally from Stewardson, Illinois, and has a DVM from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Ballinger, 30, grew up helping in a mixed animal practice in Shelbyville, helping as a veterinary assistant as a junior in high school to performing spays and neuters there during veterinary school. Her family also raised sheep and goats growing up.

After college, she completed two internships working with cattle -- one in Ashley, N.D. on a beef farm. That's where her love of working with large animals formed.

After she graduated in 2016, she accepted a position at a mixed animal practice in Greenville, Illinois, where she worked until November 2019, when she moved to Mazon



DR. CHELSEA BALLINGER has opened Mazon Mobile Veterinary Service for large animal needs.

with her fiancé, David Lowery. She works full-time as a small animal vet, splitting her time between the Dwight Veterinary Clinic and Skinner Animal Clinic in Wilmington.

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Zach and Nate Like Reading The Paper!



Zach and Nate Spangler having fun looking at trucks in *The Paper*. The boys love looking at the pictures of trucks for sale while Emily Spangler loves reading *The Paper* to find out about nearby events of which to take the children. Send us your photos reading *The Paper* to thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net. Maybe you will make a future issue. Tell us what you like or what you would like to see us cover in upcoming issues.

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

January 17: Christopher J. Galbraith, 16, Dwight, reckless driving, speed too fast for conditions; Shawn P. Lee, 52, Campus, driving under influence of drug.

January 20: Pierce C. Coleman, 20, Streator, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

January 22: Noreen A. McGraw, 71, Dwight, driving during suspension, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

3 Written Warnings

Speeding - 1; no registration plate light - 1; only one headlight - 1.

Dwight Police Blotter

January 17: 12:53 a.m., Dwight Police were advised of a reckless driver heading east on Rt. 17. The officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description. Arrested was 52-year old Shawn Lee of Campus. Lee was charged with DUI, and possession of controlled substance and paraphernalia. Lee was processed at Dwight PD and transported to Livingston Cty. Jail. Lee's vehicle was towed from the scene.

January 20: 12:31 a.m., Dwight Police arrested Christopher Conway, 28, of Dwight, for domestic battery. He was taken to Livingston Cty. Jail.

January 22: 11:51 p.m., Dwight Police arrested Noreen McGraw, of Dwight, for driving with no insurance and a suspended driver's license.

Accident Report

Friday, January 17, 7:16 p.m., an accident was reported at Greenwood and Julie involv-

ing a 2017 Volkswagen sedan, driven by Michele McInerney, Dwight, who backed into a parked and driverless 2013 Chevrolet Suburban, owned by Pete Meister.

Tuesday, January 21, 4:35 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving a parked and driverless 2007 Freightliner, owned by MULU Transport LLC, that contained a sleeping driver, which was struck by an unknown vehicle that was described as a white-colored semi.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 17: Northbrook Dr., med., Morris; William St., med., refusal; Mazon Ave., med., Riverside; I-55, trauma, refusal.

January 18: Seminole, medical, Morris; Campus Rd., fire; Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris; Scully Rd., medical, refusal, mutual aid to Allen Twp.; Rt. 47, trauma, Morris.

January 19: Elm, medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Emington/Campus; Mazon, trauma, refusal; Prairie, trauma, refusal.

January 20: I-55, trauma, refusal; I-55, trauma, Morris; Gardner Rd., trauma, refusal; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris; Northbrook, trauma, Morris.

January 21: Mazon, asst., no pt.; James, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, Morris.

January 22: Seminole, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Prairie, trauma, refusal; Prospect, trauma, Morris.

January 23: 3200 N., fire alarm.



Temps - 2020

- Jan. 16 - high 23°, low 12°
- Jan. 17 - high 35°, low 17° .70" precip.
- Jan. 18 - high 37°, low 1° trace snow
- Jan. 19 - high 13°, low 1° trace snow
- Jan. 20 - high 22°, low 8° trace snow
- Jan. 21 - high 31°, low 9°
- Jan. 22 - high 34°, low 22° trace snow
- One Year Ago - Jan. 29, 2019**
high 32°, low -6° 2" snow

Blood Drive in Herscher February 3

The American Red Cross currently has a critical need for blood donors of all blood types - especially type O - and platelet donors to make an appointment now to give and help replenish the blood supply after the holiday weeks.

Right now, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of type O blood.

During the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, about 500 fewer blood drives were hosted by volunteer sponsor groups than required to meet patient needs. Many groups postpone blood drives during the winter holidays when travel and holiday activities may make it challenging for many donors to give. In fact, AAA estimated that a record 115.6 million Americans traveled during the holiday period of Dec. 21 through Jan. 1.

Take advantage of the upcoming blood donation opportunity at Trinity Lutheran Church, 225 E. Third in Herscher, Monday, February 3, from noon to 6:00 p.m. - and help the cause.

Donors are urged to make an appointment to give using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification, are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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THE GFWC IL WOMAN'S CLUB OF CULLOM is opening up the American Flag Project. If you like seeing Jackson Street (Route 116) lined with flags on holidays and special occasions, here is your chance to take part in helping put more flags along the way. You may purchase a flag(s) in memory of, in honor of, or just because. If you would like more information, you may call Judy Wojciechowski at 815-689-2857. More details to come.

Illinois State Police Warn The Public of 'Spoofing' Call Scam

Illinois State Police (ISP) officials have received multiple calls from the public concerning suspected scam calls. Various ISP districts throughout the state have received reports from citizens stating they have received calls from individuals with a foreign accent claiming to be members of the ISP seeking their personal information. It has also been reported the callers claim there is some police matter that needs to be resolved which requires the would-be victims' personal information (full name, date of birth, social security number, etc.). Concerned citizens have also reported the telephone number where the call originated, matched the ISP District telephone number.

This type of scam is a common technique known as "spoofing." Spoofing occurs when a telephone number is manipulated and disguised to

look like an alternate telephone number of a person's choosing. Usually the number is disguised to match the telephone number of a government agency that would typically gather personal information in the performance of their duties.

A few factors to consider:

- Always ask the caller to identify himself/herself by name.
- If an ISP Trooper needs to collect personal information from you, they will usually collect the information during an in-person interview.
- Although there are certainly times when an incident will require a follow-up telephone call by an ISP Trooper to gather additional information, e.g. a traffic crash investigation, an ISP Trooper will never ask for your social security number over the phone. The Trooper will also have knowledge of the incident you were involved in and your specific role in that incident.

Scammers can be very aggressive in their techniques. One of their most common used techniques is to create a sense of urgency and fear in their potential victims in order to gain their personal information.

If you receive a call from an ISP Trooper claiming to be calling from an ISP District, request the name of the caller and advise the caller you will call them back. Look up the ISP District phone number they claim to be calling from, then call the number and ask to speak to the Trooper whose name you were given. If there is not a Trooper by that name, advise the call taker of the incident that just occurred. ISP District telephone numbers can be found on the ISP website: www.isp.state.il.us.

Gardner FPD Offering EMT Basic Course March 2-July 2

Gardner Fire Protection District, 206 Depot Street, is offering an EMT Basic Course on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 6:00-10:00 p.m., March 2 through July 2.

- **Every Day Is Different** - You won't be bored as an EMT. EMTs respond to all sorts of calls dealing with different situations in different locations.
- **In Demand Job** - EMTs are in demand. Medical and trauma accidents happen in random places at unexpected times. EMTs are constantly on call to assist people in trouble.
- **Growth Potential** - The EMT certification is the starting point for a career in public safety and healthcare. After the EMT-B, you can then earn a Paramedic license. Most Fire Departments require a minimum of an EMT.

- **Diverse Opportunities** - Earning an EMT certification is a good way to find work. Many opportunities are available for EMTs - fire department, ambulance, hospitals.
- **Helping People** - EMTs help people who need medical care. Working as an EMT is a rewarding way to make a living.
- **Professional Level License** - Putting an EMT license on your resume will impress recruiters. This professional level certification is always a positive thing to add to a resume.

Upon the completion of the course, the student will be prepared to take the National Registry EMT Exam for Illinois licensure. This year's class will be utilizing a computerized format for book, notes, and testing to better prepare the student for the

future of EMS. Applications can be obtained by contacting GFPD EMS Captain Amanda Fagan at AFagangfpd@gmail.com or 815-557-0980.

Applications must be received at GFPD by Monday, February 17. Requirements include: current CPR card; current driver's license; high school diploma or GED; background check; completed application; and proof of liability insurance.

Fees apply, which include a deposit due with application, followed by a payment for the remaining balance due on March 2 - the first night of class. Tuition covers books, supplies, and uniform shirt.

There will also be a deposit that will be returned to students upon completion of the class and return of the eBook tablet.



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Gas Prices For This Week

The national average of gasoline is lower due to gas stocks growing and demand remains low. State prices around Illinois are: Indiana \$2.39, Iowa \$2.32, Kentucky \$2.35, Missouri \$2.17, Wisconsin \$ 2.38 and Michigan \$2.39 Safe travels, everyone.

City/Village	Jan.29	Jan.22
Dwight	\$2.40	\$2.48
Kankakee	\$2.62	\$2.49
S. Wilmington	\$2.53	\$2.59
Streator	\$2.29	\$2.46
Odell	\$2.54	\$2.59
Pontiac	\$2.45	\$2.46
Gardner	\$2.46	\$2.50
Braceville	\$2.46	\$2.59
Morris	\$2.41	\$2.45
Herscher	\$2.55	\$2.59
Chicago	\$3.09	\$3.01
Illinois	\$2.62	\$2.53
U.S.	\$2.51	\$2.56

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

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Are You a Mindful Investor?

Recently, we've seen an increased interest in mindfulness. Being mindful means you are living very much in the present, highly conscious of your thoughts and feelings. However, being mindful doesn't mean acting on those thoughts and feelings. With mindfulness, your decision-making is based on cognitive skills and a rational perspective, rather than emotions. As such, mindfulness can be quite valuable as you make investment decisions. Two of the most common emotions or tendencies associated with investing are fear and greed. Let's see how they can affect investors' behavior.

- **When investors are fearful ...** Investors' biggest fear is losing money. Many began selling off their stocks and stock-based mutual funds and fled for "safer" investments, such as Treasury bills and certificates of deposit during the steep market decline from late 2007 through early 2009. Mindful investors witnessed the same situation and saw something else: a great buying opportunity. By looking past the fear of losing money, they recognized the chance to buy quality investments at bargain prices. They were rewarded for their patience, long-term perspective and refusal to let fear govern their decisions, because 10 years after the market bottomed out in March 2009 (as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average), it had risen about 300 percent.
- **When investors are greedy ...** We only have to go back a few years before the 2007-09 bear market to see a classic example of greed in the investment world. From 1995 to early 2000, investors chased after almost any company that had "dot com" in its name. Yet, the rising stock prices of these companies led more and more investors to buy shares in them, causing a greed-driven vicious circle - more demand led to higher prices, which led to more demand. But the bubble burst in March 2000, and by October 2002, the technology-dominated Nasdaq stock index had fallen more than 75%. To avoid the dangers of fear and greed, take these steps:
 - **Know your investments.** Make sure you understand what you're investing in. The better informed you are, the less likely you'll be to chase after "hot" investments or to bail out on good ones.
 - **Rebalance when necessary.** If you've decided your portfolio should contain certain percentages of stocks, bonds and other vehicles, stick to those percentages and rebalance when necessary.
 - **Keep investing.** Ups and downs are a normal feature of the investment landscape. By continuing to invest over time, rather than stopping and starting, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. It's not always easy to be a mindful investor and to avoid letting emotions drive your decisions - but it's well worth the effort.

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ABOVE: DR. CHELSEA BALLINGER works with a horse. As a veterinarian, she's always had a love of large animals. BELOW: Ballinger's truck is outfitted with everything she needs for her mobile veterinary practice.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dwight Township High School for December, pictured, from left, are senior Dylan Lee, junior Eden Beier, sophomore Shawn Romanetto, and freshman Lola Furbee.

Sales Tax Shows Decrease in 3rd Quarter

by Tom Tock
Sales tax receipts for Dwight in the third quarter of 2019 slipped \$10,208 below that earned in the third quarter of 2018. The number of taxpayers decreased to 140 from 145. There were 153 taxpayers in 2017's third quarter.

Dwight had \$286,984 in total municipal sales tax receipts for the third quarter, July, August, September of 2019, collected from both the Grundy and Livingston County portions of Dwight.

The first and second quarters of 2019 had sales tax figures of \$254,073 and \$286,161, respectively.

The numbers above include the non home rule additional sales tax of 1¢ that was added to certain Dwight sales after July 1 of 2016. The 1¢ tax was worth \$109,018 in the third quarter of 2019. It brought in \$119,135 in the third quarter of 2018.

The largest sales tax category in the 2019 third quarter report was *Automotive and Filling Stations*, \$99,492. The comparable figure in 2018 was \$95,394.

Drinking & Eating Places in Dwight (both Grundy and Livingston) earned the village \$38,543 in sales tax revenue during the 2019 third quarter.

\$19,752 of the *Drinking & Eating* revenue came from places in Grundy County, out near the interstate; \$18,791 was from establishments in Livingston County.

3rd Quarter Municipal Sales Tax

	2019	2018
Dwight	286,984	297,252
Fairbury	175,782	148,889
Pontiac	683,085	649,449
Odell	14,285	12,021
Saunemin	3,873	4,813
Gardner	50,425	83,864
Mazon	12,432	19,089
Morris	1,750,507	1,788,051
So. Wil.	7,457	15,104
Herschler	78,291	74,249

Mazon Mobile Veterinary Service

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But Dr. Ballinger wanted to work with cattle, horses and other large breeds in her spare time.

"I am super passionate about large animal veterinary medicine, which is how this idea started," she said. "After hearing from several people there was not a large animal veterinarian in the Grundy County area, I started to throw around the idea of doing some large animal work."

It's a needed service in Livingston and Grundy counties. The closest large animal clinics, she said, are Peotone and Piper City.

Fiance David is a farmer who helped outfit her medical truck and helps assist her on calls during downtime on the farm.

Dr. Ballinger is available by appointment and offers limited emergency services within an hour of Mazon.

Although she just began taking calls in early January, she's been busy, if this weekend is



any indication. On Saturday night she found herself checking a mama and two baby goats after she had a difficult birth. On Sunday she helped a heifer with a uterine prolapse after

birthing. For more information, contact her at 815-655-8411 or connect on Mazon Mobile Veterinary Services Facebook page.

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HONOR ROLLS

Limestone Middle School Honor Roll - 2nd Quarter, 1st Semester

Eighth Grade: Isaac Andreina, Paul Azzarelli, Tyler Bayston, Katelyn Borschnack, Adam Boyle, Sophia Brozis, RaeAnna Buente, Leroy Cloonen, Devynn Coffman, Benntt Crane, Mia DalCanton, Alexandra Decman, Trevor DuVall, Katie Essington, Jack Feth, Jordyn Galle, Kaitlyn Gioia, Alexander Goudie, Emma Haugen, James Holohan, Kylie Honn, Keenan Hubly, Mary Kanak, Allie Kohl, Jillian Laird, Kaelynne Lancaster, Savannah Long, Addison Magruder, Conner Massie-Devore, Chloe McDivitt, Ava Meredith, Dylan Miller, Trever Miller, Jilyan Miner, Thomas Morgan, Keegan Nowman, Alexandra Overacker, Miranda Paetsch, Carley Peeken, Kate Peeken, Ashley Perry, Emma Powers, Kennedy Residori, Delaney Rogers, Kenneth Royal, Kayla Scanlon, Braden Schuitema, Lydia Schultz, Benjamin Siedentop, Lily Stevens, Jarrett Wakey, Camryn Westfall, Parker Wolf, Chloe Young, Nichole Young.

Seventh Grade: Kylie Adams, RyLyn Adams, Mary Benjamin, Charles Benoit, Mathew Benoit, Madison Bertrand, Hunter Brown, Mylee Coffman, Jack Coutant, Anistin Hackley, Avery Denault, Kylie Doss, Alexandria Doyle, Haiden Duffield, Clara Fisher, Elaina Flores, Lucas Gaddis, Johnathan Garrett, Brennen Gessner, Caleb Gordon, Wyatt Gosse, Kendall Gray, Mackenzie Hendrix, Claire Hertz, Elsie Hoffman, Carlee Hove, Sophia Howard, Molly Huizenga, Brayden Joyce, Layla Keen, Tyler Kelley, Emmalyn Kruse, Kailyn Lee, Drew Lowenstrom, Madison MacGilvray, Isabella Mendell, Andrew Meredith, Logan Morrow, Megan Murray, Alyssa New, Aleczer Nicholas, Thomas

Nowman, Abbigale Overacker, Riya Patel, McKenna Shomer, Madison Smith, Ayla Summers, Hailey Tapp, Addison Telschow, Alyssa Velazquez, Riley Webber, Brady Wendinger, Lillian Wepprecht, Addison Whitaker, Abigail White, Tate White, Avery Wright, Payten Young.

Sixth Grade: Keira Ahramovich, Bryse Astle, Reese Bisaillon, Nicholas Borschnack, Dylan Bright, Austin Buckley, Connor Buckley, Kaitlynn Cloonen, Lexi Crawford, Aamira Dato, Ada Nugent, Benjamin Douglas, Hailey Drilling, Pippa Dunnill, Jasmine Elumbaugh, Tyler Emard, Jett Feth, Bailey Flock, Meah Gessner, Hayden Gioia, Alexandra Graefnitz, Emma Gryz, Kylie Hebert, Taylor Hoffeditz, Audrey Hoffman, Fabienne Houberg, Gavin Hull, Cole Jackubowski, Jentz Jensen, Tanner Jones, Sarah Kersten, Aidan Knobloch, Reed Laird, Madison LaMontagne, Caden Law, Annalynn LeSage, Lanie Long, Noah Loring, Jacob Mixon, Laney Mohler, Henna Mullikin, Gavin Nelson, Hannah Nowman, Kelly O'Connor, Sydney Palinski, Brooklyn Parmley, Spencer Powell, Riley Pride-more, Kaylee Raye, Bryce Reardanz, Aubrie Reick, John Rosenberger, Abbigail Sain, Kiley Scanlon, Aubrey Schaumburg, Dominic Schumacher, Colton Selby, Brycen Sellers, Lindsay Sheets, Journey Slone, Gracie Stevens, Mavric Strahan, Jeremy Sze-pelak, Ava Taylor, Madalena Torres, Allison Venckauskas, Sophia Venckauskas, Ryan Williams, Brenna Williamson, Wyatt Woodruff, Danica Woods, Samantha Wright, Riley Wulff.

Fifth Grade: Cailyn Aardsma, Madison Abel, Millicent

Ahrens, Jackson Alling, Logan Anderson, Lillian Astle, Caseon Basham, Joseph Baudino, Dylan Bayston, Carter Bell, Jacob Benoit, Marshall Benoit, Owen Bollino, Landon Bondlow, Ashlynn Brosseau, Gaige Brown, Josie Burklow, Xander Buza, Randi Chaplinski, William Chinski, Natalie Christie, Peyton Clark, Chloe Courville, Abygale Coutant, Henry Crain, Mia Crane, Brayden Crews, Owen Dampitz, Addison Deatherage, Finn DeLude, Reese DeMarse, Bryce Denault, Olivia D'Onofrio, Owen Duay, Brodi DuMontelle, Rowen Dunnill, Annabelle Elroy, Braydn Fehrenbacher, Ainsley Forbes, Emery Fritz, Katelyn Furrow, Ava Garrett, Madeline Goudie, Aubree Grady, Riley Gray, Ruby Gray, Kayden Griffin, Kaeleigh Gross, Zane Gulley, Tyler Hammack, Kalina Hendron, Abigail Hertz, Gianna High, Trevor Hoffeditz, Maddilyn Jensen, Avery Jones, George Kambic, Rowan Keigher, Jackson Kruse, Jack Labudzki, Lucas Labudzki, Conner Ling, Madison Long, Paige Lowenstrom, Alexander Mendez, Cooper Meredith, Keegan Mezon, Kiley Minor, Tanner Morrical, Anne Moses, Jaxton Mullikin, Everett O-senga, Delani Patrick, Garrett Paulissen, Daniela Perez, Cole Perry, Braedon Pfeiffer, Cooper Raduenz, Lila Reyburn, Marion Reyes, Braylon Ricketts, Charles Ruder, Evan Schneider, Bryson Schultz, Connor Sharper, Abigail Smith, Kayden Smith, Kristal Smrz, Makenzie Soucie, Ethan Tapp, Hope Thurston, Kanden Vanckauskas, Josie Voss, Kendahl Wakey, Madeline Walker, Sara Weldon, Adalynn Wilkins, Rylee Yarno, Logan Yonker, Mason Zirkle.



PACK 4877 BEAR DEN had the opportunity to visit Dwight Veterinary Clinic. They extended their thanks to Dr. Haag-Eggenberger for taking her time to talk to a couple of the scouts about her duties. They learned about the animals she cares for, how to care for animals, and what schooling it takes to become a veterinarian. Pictured are Brandon Burke, Michael Josefik, and Dr. Haag-Eggenberger.

Dwight Township High School 1st Semester Honor Roll

Honor Roll I

Senior: Addison Bean*, Tory Betsworth*, Alexis Brooke, Bryson Connor*, Elijah Cox*, Katelyn Dewey, Anthony Dinelli*, Kathryn Edwards*, Alan Erickson, Jessalyn Frobish, Madison Gamble, Daniel Gutierrez, Wilton Jackman*, Haley Jennings*, Cassie Kalil*, Dylan Lee, Tyler Masching*, Kyrsten Nichols*, Avery Ohlendorf*, Christopher Ohlendorf*, Keirstin Prichard, Christina Pugh*, Garrett Severson, Josephine Snyder, Payton Sulaica, Lane Thompson*, Matthew Tutterow, Owen Van Der Karr, Sevin Vargas.

Junior: Camden Beier*, Eden Beier*, Hudson Beier, Eileen Betsworth*, Elizabeth Brown*, Isabella Burkhardt*, Brandon Ceylor*, Kallista Cox, Alexis Cuaya, Natalia Cuaya, Kelly Deterding*, Destinie Drapeau*, Rylee Farris*, Tyler-Levi Fase, Jack Gallet, Randall Groves*, Andrew Harsh, Dustin Hauert*, Mary Hilt*, Lauryn Hoegger*, Jarrett Jancek, Lucas Kisner*, Kayla Kodat*, Emmalyn Legner*,

Bryce Lucus, Faith McInerney, Abe Rieke*, Nellie Rieke, Abby Rodosky*, Isabelle Schultz*, Meghan Scott*, Isaac Telford, Emily Weissmann*.

Sophomore: Alayna Airgood*, Leticia DeLara, Kortney Dyer, Emmett Emmons*, Daniela Frauli, Nathanael Granby, Darien Guyer, Rachel Heath*, Ella Kargle*, Kyle Kosek, Evan Lee, Daniel Petree*, Shawn Romanetto*, Jordan Seibert*, Emily Scott*, Justin Seibert, Alexis Thetard*.

Freshman: Erin Anderson*, Kira Bean*, Iris Beier*, Olivia Bond, Harlie Boucher*, John Duffy*, Jonathan Farcus, Lola Furbee*, Jace Gall*, Maya Green, Hailey Heath*, Ava Kargle*, Jace Kern, Reid Legner, Deidre Miiller*, Parker Miner*, Xander Pempe*, Tyler Pugh, Noah Scott, Dawson Sulaica.

* = denotes Board Scholar

field, Myles Imhoff, Dawson Mozzi, Brianna Perry, Alexis Roff, Brendan Sullivan, Jason Tarnowski, Mason Tjelle.

Junior: Nora Anderson, Carson Crouch, Pierce Crouch, Lucas Downen, Jacob Fase, Madisyn Hatfield, Brody Hoegger, Andrew Kapper, Ethan Olson, Taylor Peck, Kyle Rowland, Caden Schroeder, Kylie Shelton, Cameron Tilley.

Sophomore: Kat-Lyn Akins, Chase Becker, Landon Brown, Ashton Burkhardt, Carter Butterbrodt, John Chronister, Jack Denker, Caleb Duden, Dalton Galloway, Scott Harkenrider, Jeremy Kapper, Avery Kinna-mon, Ryan Turner, Orren Webster, Lora Weir.

Freshman: James Ammons, Sophia Anderson, Luis Cardona, Cheyenne Condreay, Harvard Eaton, Emelia Eiten-miller, Timothy Ellis, Matthew Greer, Desirae Kerr, Alyson Kincaide, Brianna Kosek, Jordan Mahoney, Michael Michon, Amber Moore, Clayton Peck, Dylan Ramsey, David Soto, Logan Stevens, Kye Suarez, Wyatt Thompson.

St. Paul School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Straight A's
Seventh Grade: Lilly Duffy, Gianna Giacometti, Hannah Miller, Emerson Peters.
Fifth Grade: Joe Duffy.

High Honors
Seventh Grade: Holden Miller, Sam Pugh.

Sixth Grade: Graham Wolf.
Fifth Grade: Luke Josefik, Hunter Paulsen.

Honor Roll
Seventh Grade: Hayden Miller.
Fifth Grade: Coe Peters, Evan Wolf.

Herscher CUSD #2 to Receive Library Grant

Eighteen local school districts will be receiving around \$22,000 in grants from the Illinois secretary of state's School Library Grant program, Senator Patrick Joyce has announced.

The purpose of the grants awarded by the Illinois State Library are to help public schools expand the collection of library books and materials for students.

Herscher CUSD #2 will receive a grant in the amount of \$1,215.00.

Braceville Elementary School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance

High Honors
Sixth Grade: Britney Fatlan, Kylee Lindner.
Eighth Grade: Jessica Dominguez, Allston Latimer, Rianna Platt.

1st Honors
Fifth Grade: Isabella Attaway, Kaden Cavaness, Abby Galass, Holden Grimes, Boose Haberkorn, Christopher Ozee, Eythyn Thomas, Jayde Schweitzer.
Sixth Grade: Cheyann Wampler.

Seventh Grade: Bradley Castelli, Andrew Nelson.
Eighth Grade: Robert Dennewellis-Shutes, Mia Ledlow, Hunter Purdy.
2nd Honors
Fifth Grade: Tyler Galass.
Seventh Grade: Jerrek Hirsch.
Eighth Grade: Ava Brassard.

Perfect Attendance
First Grade: Tyler Harlan, Jace Mack, Bryson McMillion, Mya Rodriguez, Wyatt Yeates.
Second Grade: Chase Chandler, Olivia Stapleton.

Third Grade: Mason Jordan, Alexis Runty-Pierce, Hunter Stefanski.
Fourth Grade: Brooklyn Alaimo, Blake Brassard, Lacey Rodriguez, Morgan Stockman.
Fifth Grade: Kaden Cavaness, Holden Grimes, Travis McDaniel, Audrey McMillin.
Sixth Grade: Chayann Wampler.
Seventh Grade: Andrew Nelson.
Eighth Grade: Allston Latimer, Hunter Purdy, Nathan States.

Prairie Creek Public Library District

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A teen game night is planned for February 7th at 6 p.m.

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Daddy Daughter Dance in Dwight Feb. 8

The annual Daddy Daughter Dance is set for Saturday, February 8, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight.

Doors to the hall open at 5:45 p.m., with the dance going from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The night will include a chicken and pasta dinner, dancing, photobooth (for a small fee), games, and more. A fee applies per couple, plus a fee for each additional daughter. Girls may be escorted by their

dad, stepdad, grandfather, uncle, or any adult they choose. There is no age limit for girls who wish to participate.

Registration is required and space is limited. Forms are available at St. Paul School, Dwight, Odell, and Gardner Grade Schools, or online at www.stpaulodell.com. You can

also e-mail schooloffice@saintpaulodell.com or call 815-998-2194 to register.

This event is sponsored by the St. Paul Booster Club, with all proceeds benefiting St. Paul. However, girls from all schools are welcome.

For more information, call 815-998-2194.

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Godley Park District PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

Godley Park District will be conducting developmental preschool screenings March 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and March 18 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The screenings are for any children in any surrounding communities that will be three or four by September 1, 2020. The park district offers a state funded Preschool For All, in which children must be screened to determine if they qualify, and also has tuition based preschool for both 3 and 4 year old students.

Call Jill at the district at 815-458-6129 ext. 5 for more information and to set up an appointment.

On-line Registration for GSW HS

GSW High School will move to "on-line" registration this spring/summer, as it was discussed at the Board of Education January 15 meeting. In the registration procedures, there will be a \$10 discount per student if they complete Early Online Registration, which runs March 9 through May 1, and pay their school fees.

There will be two days in July, the 21st and 28th, when parents may go into the school and complete the on-line registration.

More details of the above will come out in February.

There was no public comment at the meeting, and Superintendent Josh DeLong passed around an email from Mr. Rick Gravatt, Grundy County Special Education Program Coordinator and Principal at Rivers Edge Academy, complimenting GSW High School students, faculty and staff.

John Engleman, Athletic Director, told of Grace Christian Academy being accepted into the River Valley Conference, and will join next year.

There will be eight teams in RVC, and Mr. Engleman discussed how scheduling will work. Each school will play

seven Conference games, playing everyone in the Conference once. The eight schools will be divided into the top four-teams and the bottom four-teams, depending on their record. The Championship will come from the top four-team pool. Every school will get to play 10 Conference games. All of the committee agreed on this new planning process.

Principal Engelman informed the board about the January 6 School Improvement Day – a great day to get back to GSW after the winter break. They started with a light breakfast and social time, followed by curriculum work in departments or on their own. In the afternoon, everyone met in the library. There was a group activity, and a book was handed out to everyone to read over the next month. There will be a book study, with staff to discuss the book and start collaborations.

Special Education teachers, Mrs. Erin Duffy and Mrs. Jennifer Arrambide, presented SPED Laws & Regulations to the staff, and English teacher, Mrs. Susan Heerdt, presented EBSO to the staff.

Mr. DeLong discussed the winter break work: the library

was painted; boiler issues - repaired steam leaks, cleaned-out traps; old lighting system in the gym was taken down from the drop ceiling; volleyball banners were taken down; winter sports banners were put up; and the building received a "deep cleaning."

DeLong's update on the potential gym project included the floor project which is set for the last week of July; and they are looking to receive quotes for painting in the gym area.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. DeLong stated that GSW is the only school in the RVC that does not have an athletic trainer, and GSW really needs to have one for all indoor sporting events starting next school year. A \$500 trap shooting donation was received from Janet Brown and Marilyn Brown.

During winter break, Justin Kavanaugh put down a new epoxy concession stand floor, and Angie Grieff has done a lot of work and updates in the concession stand and ticket booth areas.

The Superintendent reported • that Mobile Dentist is coming to GSW HS February 13. • John Hollmeyer and Nancy

Riggi were new inductees to the Hall of Fame held January 17.

• the Gardner American Legion donated a new flag to hang in the gym area.

Painting the baseball dugouts was also discussed.

Action items approved:

• Jill Vollmer as trap shooting coach

• the destruction of closed session audio recordings Jan. - June 2018

• opening of Board of Education closed session minutes July - December 2019

• resolution for the issue of taxable general obligation school bonds, series 2020 of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the Levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Board of Education members are: Pam Brooks, president; Kristen Ashley, Cindy Gerber, Tim Harvey, Kori Speed and Allison Wright.

the corner

by Tom Tock

I wrote a few paragraphs last week about author Charles Marohn, Jr.'s new book, *Strong Towns*. Marohn has some novel old-fashioned thoughts about how you build and maintain strong towns.

He would have been pleased to read the story in last week's *Paper* about Dwight Rotary Club's involvement with not only buying the paint, but applying it, at the Mosaic homes in Dwight. It was a grass-roots movement of which we need more.

A somewhat similar situation faced the Livingston County Board recently. A new Health and Education building is needed (according to a design study that allegedly cost \$450,000). Estimates are that a new building will cost \$6 million, though a citizen's group believed a vacant building in Pontiac could be rehabilitated for \$2.5 million.

Sounds like an easy decision: rehab an old vacant building, save millions. It would be in line with the theme expressed in *Strong Towns* -- make use of what you have, and put "new" on the back burner.

After all, Livingston County is losing population, the county board has spent millions on buildings in the recent past, and it needs to save money for a home health program. Right?

But at their Thursday, January 16 meeting, a motion was made to recommend

building a new structure on property owned by the county. Existing buildings that could be rehabilitated had serious shortcomings.

Buildings considered were: Opperman -- too small, old infrastructure

K-mart -- too big Good Samaritan -- too big, too costly, availability problem

An article elsewhere in *The Paper* expands further on the actions that have been underway to provide a new Health and Education building.

Last week's *Paper* certainly brought us all up to date on how the marijuana blitz is doing hereabouts. Dwight may soon have to change its motto to "Village With a Green Past, a Greener Future."

A Dwight Public Works crew had to dig after dark last week to repair a broken waterline at the corner of Mazon and Prairie Avenues.

It was cold, wet, muddy work and someone had to go into the six-foot-deep hole, of course, to replace a section of the waterline once the leak was pinpointed.

It was the first waterline break this year. Last year there was a total of 11.

Director Steve Kinkade said, "It was a good learning experience for the younger guys." School is in session 24/7.

Livingston County Voter Registration Deadline Information

Livingston County Clerk Kristy Masching will have her office open Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 a.m. until noon for in-person voter registration. The in-person and mail-in registration deadline for the March 17, 2020, General Primary Election is Tuesday, February 18, which includes new registrations as well as changes of address or name.

In order to register to vote: You must be a U.S. citizen; must have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day and at least the age of 17 on March 17, and 18 on or before the General Election (November 3, 2020).

Know the facts about voter registration:

• All voters must be registered

to the correct physical address before casting a ballot (this includes changing apartments in the same building).

• If a voter has not cast a ballot at the last two Federal Elections, his/her registration could be inactivated.

• If you have changed your name and moved, your voter registration will need to be transferred.

• Livingston County voters needing to register to vote or change registration on Election Day, can only do so at the Livingston County Clerk's office. **Voter registration is not available at any Livingston County polling sites.**

To register to vote or update your address or name online through Sunday, March 1:

• Must have a driver's license or state id with current address.

• Go online to: www.elections.il.gov.

• Click the "Voter" icon at the top of the page.

• To begin, Click "Online Voter Registration" and follow the instructions.

• When completed, the Illinois State Board of Elections will electronically submit your application to the County Clerk's office.

Questions or no internet access? Contact them for other methods to register to vote before Election Day.

Avoid Election Day lines with Vote by Mail available February 6-March 16:

• Go online: www.livingstoncountylil.gov.

• Click on the following tabs:

County Services, County Clerk, Elections, Emailable Vote by Mail Ballot Application Request form.

The County Clerk's office is located at the Historic Courthouse at 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois. For further details, contact County Clerk Kristy Masching at 815-842-9313, Elections Deputy Gail Smythe at 815-842-9318, or the main office line at 815-844-2006. Visit their website (County Services, County Clerk, Elections) for additional

Piper Bus Barns to Be Remodeled Tri-Point Board Meets January 20

During the Monday, January 20 Tri-Point Schools Board meeting, Mr. Saffer's 7th grade biology class gave a presentation requesting to implement a pollinator project at Piper City. It would be fully funded by grants and donations.

All administrative reports were given.

Approved were:

• the consent agenda as presented

• the updates to School Board Policy Manual as presented

• a January 29 Special Board meeting at 7 p.m.

• the closed minutes from July through December 2019 remain closed

• the destruction of audio recording of closed session over 18 months old

• the bid of \$6,270 by Bleich Roofing to remodel the Piper City bus barn

• and, the use of the high school for the St. Mary Gonzaga Conference per Board Policy 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities.

The Board members went into closed session at 8:24 p.m., coming out at 9:28 p.m.

Approved were: the retirement of Shelley Hertz, effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year; the employment of Brendan Elens as high school assistant boys BB coach with pay to be determined based on time worked in program; the employment of Laurie Novy as play director; the hire of Jan Weston as 50% seventh grade assistant volleyball coach; and Josh Evans' eligibility for 50% of the sixth grade volleyball coach's stipend.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Notes From Gardner Archives

A Grundy County Cook Book was given to the Archives, which was dated 1906-1908. It was called the Grundy Co. Domestic Science Cook Book. It was published by the Morris Herald of Morris, Il. Mrs. Clara Harford and Mrs. Bill Walsh of Verona, Ill compiled it.

The "Preface" begins, "In this day of scientific research, when science is applied to almost everything it would be alone to be 'chained' to the oar. Everyone who thinks will admit that the home is the basis of our entire social fabric and a prime factor in state and national weal or woe. We believe that there would be fewer drunkards and less vice crime and misery if there were more

good meals cooked and more well-kept homes in the land."

Before each chapter, a little wise saying appeared, such as: "Give no more to guests than he is able to digest."; "Give him always of the prime, but little at a time - swift."

Some of the writers were Emma Strong, Cora Aker, Jennie Wheeler, Mabel Burnham, and D.W. Beatty to name a few.

A page of Household Hints was included on the back pages, such as "Orange juice will polish patent leather. Two gills = one cup."

This cook book will be entered into the confines of the Gardner Archives.

If you have any questions or remarks, contact Ida Schopp, Box 402, Gardner, IL.

All's Place

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Call 815-416-6089 to schedule a screening appointment. Ask about screening locations in Channahon, Morris, Ottawa and Yorkville.

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Peripheral Artery Disease Screening (\$40) - ultrasound test to check for blockages in the arm and leg arteries.

Carotid Artery Screening (\$40) - ultrasound test to check for blockages in the carotid arteries in the neck which can lead to stroke.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening (\$40) - ultrasound test to check for enlargement of the abdominal aorta at the center of the chest and abdomen.

Artery Screening Bundle (\$100) - have all three artery screenings listed above at a discounted price.

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Sara Mitchell Advances to Sweet 16 of American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Leader Discussion Meet



Sara Mitchell

Sara Mitchell of Grundy County advanced to the Sweet 16 round of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Leader Discussion Meet.

"It's an absolute honor to represent Illinois," said Mitchell, who earned the opportunity to represent Illinois at the national level by winning the Illinois Farm Bureau Young

Leader Discussion Meet in December.

In the first round of the discussion meet Saturday, participants discussed the integration of food technology and alternative food products into the marketplace.

"Free choice is an opportunity to connect with our consumers," Mitchell said. "As Farm Bureau, we're a voice for all of agriculture. At the end of the day, our grocery stores, our processors, and our growers want to sell products to consumers."

In the second round of the meet, participants discussed the ag labor shortage.

"Think differently about agricultural labor," Mitchell encouraged. "If we don't think this is the way it has to be, then we can identify solutions." Mitchell elaborated that feeding the world is one of the most important jobs and should not

be taken lightly.

Overall, she credits her support system, including her family, Farm Bureau staff, and members from the state to county level, for helping her throughout this journey.

"I feel accomplished to get to this point," Mitchell said. "There was a lot of work beforehand and it has been fulfilling."

Mitchell grew up on a family farm and currently works in the crop insurance and financial industry, as well as farms with her family. She resides in Verona with her husband, Mark, and one-year old son, Brock.

The discussion meet simulates a committee meeting in which active discussion and participation are expected. Participants are evaluated on their ability to exchange ideas and information on a predetermined topic.

Josie Snyder Selected as LACC Student of the Month



Josie Snyder

Dwight Township High School has announced that senior Josie Snyder has been selected as Student of the Month for January at the Livingston County Career Center in Pontiac.

All instructors from the Career Center nominate students each month that they feel are outstanding students within their programs. Two students

are chosen each month from the nominees.

Josie was chosen as a student of the month for outstanding achievement in the Early Childhood Education program.

Amy Richardson, Early Childhood Education Instructor, had this to say: "Josie is a very mature, professional, all around great student. She has definitely stepped up as a leader in the class this year as a second year student. She specifically works with one of the preschoolers that demonstrates more challenging behaviors. She does an amazing job with patience and positive guidance techniques. I have always known her to be honest and trustworthy. As confidentiality is important as a teacher, I know I can trust her to help with the preschool files without sharing information. She's amazing!"

Josie is the daughter of James and Melissa Snyder, Dwight.



Clarence Simantel

Clarence Simantel is Turning 95!

Clarence Simantel is approaching his 95th birthday, and his family is asking his friends and loved ones to help him celebrate by sending him a card of memories or well wishes – with a goal of receiving 95 cards for the birthdays he has experienced.

Clarence was born to August and Pauline Krug Simantel on February 10, 1925, at Goodfarm Township.

He and his wife, Alberta, live at 701 E. Mazon Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420.

Area Students Earn Dean's List Honors, Graduate From Western Illinois U.

A total of 1,186 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the fall 2019 Dean's List, including the following area students:

- **Verona** – Kylie Winsor, sophomore.
- **Dwight** – Lucy T. Rieke, sophomore.
- **Odell** – Madelyn C. Doran, freshman.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must

earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

A total of 665 students earned academic degrees or post-baccalaureate certificates after the fall 2019 semester at Western Illinois University, including the following area students:

• **Essex** – Kalli Danielle Fuller, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work.

• **Dwight** – Jordan James Green, Bachelor of Science, Law Enforcement & Justice Administration.

• **Odell** – Michael Thomas Cha Doran, (Summa Cum Laude), Bachelor of Science, Law Enforcement & Justice Administration.

Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship Being Offered to Livingston County Seniors and Graduates

The Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship Fund will again be awarding scholarships to seniors and graduates of Livingston County High Schools, with preference given to graduates from the Saunemin area.

Last year, more than \$139,000 was awarded to more than 90 students. It is anticipated that a similar amount will be awarded this spring.

This scholarship fund was

set up by Nina and Pat Chesebro, originally from the Saunemin area, who devoted their lives to education.

The evaluation of qualifications of eligible applicants includes the following: SAT/ACT scores, grade point average, class ranking, references, school and community activities, an essay, honors, and academic aspirations.

Preference is to be given to applicants who plan to physically attend a four year academic program on a full-time

basis as candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees. Applicants need not be recent high school graduates.

Applications are available at all Livingston County High Schools, the State Bank of Saunemin in Pontiac and Saunemin, Saunemin Grade School, and at the Johnson & Taylor Law Office in Pontiac.

Applications are due by March 2 at the State Bank of Saunemin, Saunemin or Pontiac branch.

To all of those thoughtful people who have remembered me in your prayers and have called, sent cards, or visited me, I want to say a big thank you! I still can't get up and cut the grass ; but I'm feeling better. A sincere thank-you to all of you for thinking of me. I do appreciate it! Thank You!

Mrs. Phyllis Tjelle

LaSalle, Livingston County Sheriffs Awarding ISA Scholarships

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association has announced that it will be awarding over \$50,000 in college scholarships throughout the state of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only.

The student must be enrolled full-time (excluding summer session) at a certified institution of higher learning within the state of Illinois.

Sheriff Templeton, LaSalle County, and Livingston County Sheriff Childress, will each be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.

• There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

• Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents.

• Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning with the state of Illinois.

• Students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2020-21 school year (excluding summer session).

Applications are now available at your local Sheriff's office or on the web at www.ilsheriff.org. Students must complete the application; answer the essay question; and return all documentation by March 15 (must be postmarked by this date).

A directory of Sheriffs offices is available on the ISA website. For more information, contact your local Sheriff's office, the ISA, a high school advising center, or a college financial office.

Odell Tip Top 4-H Breakfast February 9

Odell Tip Top 4-H will host its Pancake and Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast Sunday, February 9, at the Odell Firehouse from 7:00 a.m. until

noon. A fee applies, with kids ages five to 12 receiving a discount, and children four and under eating for free.

'Reflections of Hope' Gallery Show at Pontiac Art Center in February

The February 2020 Gallery Show at the Pontiac Community Art Center will open in the Joe Bailey Gallery Saturday, February 1, and will run through Thursday, February 27.

The Gallery Show is entitled "Reflections of Hope" and features the work of artist Christine Bennett-Weber.

There will be an opening re-

ception Saturday, February 8, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Art Center and Gallery is located at 209 W. Madison St., Pontiac. Hours for the Art Center are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

Taste of Tri-Point at Cullom Legion Mess Hall March 7

The Taste of Tri-Point fundraiser, put on by the Tri-Point Education Association, will take place Saturday, March 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Legion Mess Hall in Cullom.

Local chefs will serve their signature dish, in hopes of being crowned the top chef in their category.

This year, all four local fire departments (Cabery, Cullom, Kempton, and Piper City) will cook-off in the main dish category.

Taste attendees will also sample desserts, appetizers, and beverages from The Wine Cafe in Wilmington and Emancipation Brewery in Forrest.

A fee applies to attend (non-refundable) and includes food,

lemonade, and beverage tasting.

Baskets will be raffled off in a live auction at 7:00 p.m. The TPEA will also name the winners of their big raffle – which includes a seven-day trip to Port St. Lucie, Florida, \$500 cash, \$250 cash, and \$100 cash.

You do not need to be present to win these items. Ticket fees apply.

The two-man band, Tommy and Tim, will play after the Taste until 11:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Augusta M. Folkers

DWIGHT – Augusta M. “Tootie” Folkers, 96, of Dwight passed away Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL.



sons: Wayne (Nancy) Folkers of Dwight; and Ronald E. (Brigitte) Folkers of Odell, IL; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2020 at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight with Pastor Chrissy Salser officiating.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Oscar and Herman Reich; and a brother and sister in infancy.

Burial will be in McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Over the years, Tootie raised her family and was a longtime member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Dwight, IL.

Tootie was born November 21, 1923 in Secor, IL to Max and Esther Iggena Reich. She married Ena Folkers in 1947 in Benson, IL. Sadly, he passed away in 1999.

She will be greatly missed by all her loved ones.

Surviving are a daughter, Diana (Dale Galbreath) Tidball of Goose Lake, Morris, IL; two

Memorials in honor of Tootie may be made to the Hospice of Kankakee Valley, and online condolences may be made at www.hagememorial.com

Robert L. Dixon

DWIGHT – Robert L. Dixon, 81, of Dwight passed away Sunday, January 19, 2020 at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, IL.

ter-in-law, Julie Dixon of North Carolina; and his pal, Bo, and two cats, Sugar and MaMa Cat.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Sacred Heart Church in Campus with Father Chris Haake officiating.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dean Dixon.

Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Campus, IL.

Robert was employed as a crane operator for Local #150 until his retirement.

A visitation was held from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight.

He was a loving husband and dad, hardworking and dedicated to his family. He was an avid NASCAR fan – especially Dale Earnhardt Sr.; loved antique cars, engines, farm equipment and tractors. He was a member of the Pontiac Elks Lodge.

Robert was born January 19, 1939 in Pontiac, IL to Loren and Dorothy (Maguire) Dixon. He married Jane Collier on June 4, 1966 in St. Anthony Church, Streator. She survives in Dwight.

Robert served in the Army in Branson, Missouri from 1962 - 1964.

Also surviving are his son, Daniel Dixon of Dwight; two brothers, Richard (Bev) Dixon of Joliet and Joseph Dixon of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; a sis-

Memorials in honor of Robert may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society or a charity of the donor’s choice. Online condolences may be made at: www.hagememorial.com

John F. Lochner

HERSCHER – John F. “Jack” Lochner, 79, of Herscher passed away January 24, 2020 in Bourbonnais.



and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, David (Sharon) Lochner of Kankakee; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

He was born July 13, 1940 in Kankakee to Lawrence and Henrietta Niessen Lochner. Jack married Janet Lowe July 10, 1965. She died January 26, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Janet; a granddaughter, Kimberley; and sisters, Regina White and Beverly Truog.

He was a driver for Tobey’s Construction and retired in 1999. Jack was a lifelong resident of Herscher. He proudly served our country in the Air Force. Jack was a member of the Herscher American Legion Post 795, Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher, and loved to fish.

The visitation will be 4 until 8 p.m., Thursday, January 30, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher.

He served on the Herscher Community Fire Department from 1964 to 1989 and was the Fire Chief from 1987 to 1989.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, January 31, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher.

Jack is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Larry (Chrissy) Lochner of Bourbonnais; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy (Rich) Anderson of Herscher; seven grandchildren;

Cremation rites will be accorded by Schreffler Funeral Home. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Herscher Fire Department or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Please sign his online guestbook at: www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Charles Edward Adams, Jr.

Charles Edward Adams, Jr., 74, formerly of Dwight, entered into rest on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the VA Medical Center in Augusta, GA.



world.

He was born in Streator, IL to Charles and Marion Sipe Adams, Sr. He married his wife Edda Fiaschi on February 16, 1968.

He is survived by his son, Riccardo Adams, Sr. (Donna); grandson, Riccardo Adams, Jr.; his brothers, David Adams (Ida) and Terry Adams (Lorene); and his sister, Marianne Adams Decker; numerous nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

A 1964 graduate of DTHS, he retired from the US Army after 21 years, serving in Vietnam, Germany, Italy and many other locations around the

He was also preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Thomas, Michael and James.

Morris Hospital Offering Upcoming Classes, Programs

Cancer Support Programs
Morris Hospital is offering a Head and Neck Cancer Support Group Monday, February 17, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Radiation Therapy Center of Morris Hospital, 1600 W. U.S. Route 6.

of Morris Hospital at 815-364-8915.

This free support group is for people with head and neck cancer or a history of head and neck cancer. Lead by a Morris Hospital speech pathologist and oncology nurse, the group provides an opportunity to meet people with similar challenges. Meetings are held from 2:00-3:00 p.m. the third Monday of every month.

Cardiologist Speaks About Heart Health

In recognition of American Heart Month, Dr. Mary Gordon, board certified cardiologist, will talk about heart health breakthroughs at a free program Thursday, February 6, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in conference rooms 2 and 3 on the lower level at Morris Hospital. With nearly half of all U.S. adults diagnosed with some type of cardiovascular disease, heart health should always be top of mind for everyone.

For more information, call the Radiation Therapy Center

Registration is available online at www.morrishospital.org/events or by calling 815-705-7832.

Sandra Mary Rapp

PEORIA – Sandra Mary “Sandy” Rapp of Peoria, IL died January 24, 2020 after a valiant fight with cancer.



well as her Etsy following, and enjoying anything Irish whether it be the music, food, or art.

Born in Kinsman, IL to Louis and Loisanne O’Connell September 9, 1958. Sandy learned the value of hard work on the family farm while excelling at school to earn a Nursing Degree at St. Francis College of Nursing in 1980. Sandy’s penchant for hard work continued throughout her career as an ER nurse at St. Francis and Proctor, an organ donation coordinator at Red Cross, and as a mental health advocate at OSF in which she helped save hundreds of lives in Central Illinois over the course of her career.

Sandy relished travel and her sister reunions to Chicago and to the theater.

Sandy was married in 1982 to Emerson Rapp, Jr. and had two children, D’Arcy and ER. Sandy also knew how to live life to the fullest and would enjoy in her spare time the beach and ocean vacations with her family, reading, crafting with her grandchildren as

Sandy is survived by her loving husband, Emerson Rapp Jr.; daughter, D’Arcy (Eric) Haeusser; son, Emerson (Briana) Rapp III; brothers, Daniel O’Connell, Kevin (LaDonna) O’Connell, and Paul (Kathleen) O’Connell; sisters: Connie (Steve) Vaughn and Kelly (Gerry) Johnson; mother, Loisanne O’Connell; and eight grandchildren: Leah, Benedict, Lillian, Eleanor, Louisa, Alexandra, David, and Adele.

Preceding her in death was her father, Louis O’Connell.

Visitation was Tuesday, January 28, 5 to 7 p.m., at Wilton Mortuary.

Her Funeral Mass is today, Wednesday, January 29, at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle.

Memorials may be made to Red Cross Services.

Kobe

This column is probably the least favorite one I’ve ever done. There seemed to be only one thing to write about this week and that’s Kobe Bryant.

I doubt that I’ll be saying anything that hasn’t already been said but still find it very necessary to touch on just what an icon he was and will continue to be after his passing.

For my generation, for all intents and purposes he was basketball. He was the best player in the video games, he was “the guy” in a basketball world post Michael Jordan, and his work ethic inspired people who may have never played a game of basketball.

As many probably processed the news, at first I didn’t think it was real. There’s a short list of people who seem like they’re invincible, just by the way they carry themselves, and there’s no doubt Kobe Bryant was on that list. It felt very similar to when Michael Jackson passed, there’s just a big rush of not wanting to believe the news that you just received and that the person seems larger than life.

It feels like superman died in a way.

He was involved with the NBA when I first really started watching basketball, he was obviously involved with those great Laker teams with Shaq. He was the first jersey that my little brother ever asked for and the reason he wore 24 throughout his grade school and high school playing career.

He’s the reason that kids yell “Kobe” when they shoot a little balled up piece of paper into a trash can.

He embodies a great work ethic and pushed teammates to be their absolute best all the time and hold themselves accountable.

This one feels different, as someone who loves basketball and has since I was 5-6 years old, Kobe has been there for every step of that in some facet or another.

The world and basketball will miss him. He was just getting started in his post career work and I believe he would’ve done great things with that as well.

Rest in peace, Kobe Bryant.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

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WILMA C. CORRIGAN,)
) Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of WILMA C. CORRIGAN of 208 Scott Drive, Dwight, IL 60420.

Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued to Kevin Corrigan of 206 Julie Drive, Dwight, IL 60420, AND Kipp Corrigan of 1743 Carol Anne Drive, Morris, IL 60450, AND Kim Corrigan Forney of 420 Jackson Street, Yorkville, IL 60560, AND Kirk Corrigan of 24613 S. Edwin Drive, Channahon, IL 60410, whose attorneys are CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN LLP, 204 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764.

Claims may be filed on or before the 22nd day of July, 2020. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or both. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Personal Representative and to his attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated: January 22, 2020

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Area Schools Calendar of Events

Bonfield Grade School through eighth grade.
 • **Friday, January 31** – Daddy/Daughter Dance, pre-k through eighth grade.
 • **Tuesday, February 4** – PTA Meeting at Herscher Intermediate School, 6:00 p.m.

Herscher Intermediate School
 • **Friday, January 31** – Daddy/Daughter Dance at Bonfield Grade School, pre-k

Limestone Middle School
 • **Monday, February 3** – 6th Grade Girls Volleyball at home versus Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; District Band Festival at Herscher High School, 6:15 p.m. call / 7:00 p.m. start.
 • **Tuesday, February 4** – Boys Wrestling at Clifton Nash, 4:30

p.m.
 • **Thursday, February 6** – Boys Wrestling at home versus Prairie Central, 4:30 p.m.; 6th Grade Girls Volleyball at home versus GSWB, 4:30 p.m.
 • **Monday, February 10** – 6th Grade Girls Volleyball at Reed-Custer, 4:30 p.m.
 • **Tuesday, February 11** – 6th Grade Girls Volleyball at Dwight, 4:30 p.m.

Artists Urged to Participate in Liberty Arts Festival

The sixth annual Liberty Arts Festival is coming to downtown Morris July 16-18, with one of the highlights being the Art Walk – taking place Saturday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The festival will feature both a Fine Art Walk and a separate Maker's Market.

The event will be juried and ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place participants in the



Fine Art Walk – which will be located near the Grundy County Courthouse, where attendees can enjoy plenty of activities for children and adults alike.

A fee applies per 10'x10' space, but is free for high school and college students.

Contact the Morris Downtown Development Partnership, Inc. at 815-941-0245 or mddp@downtownmorris.com for an application or additional information. Applications and information may also be found on the MDDPs website, www.downtownmorris.com.

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1917

Starring: George MacKay, Dean-Charles Chapman, Benedict Cumberbatch
Director: Sam Mendes
Genre: War, Drama
Rated: R
Rating: 10/10

To begin with, 1917 is deserving of all the praise it has been receiving over the past few weeks. Set during World War I, it follows the journey of two young British soldiers, Schofield and Blake, who are given the seemingly impossible task of delivering a crucial message which could save 1,600 men. They have been told that friendly forces are soon to launch an attack on a retreating German army, only to be walking into a trap laid by the enemy, which could result in a staggering loss of life.

Setting off on foot, they are thrust into a race against time to call off the attack. Adding to the stakes is the fact that Blake's older brother is one of the men who will be lost if they fail to accomplish the mission.

Navigating behind enemy lines, the tension of the two lead characters and the audience is turned up throughout the entire film. Many lives are at stake, the odds are against them, and the performances of both actors are phenomenal.

Director Sam Mendes shows all the action and intensity in just a few seemingly unbroken camera shots, resulting in a film which constantly puts the viewer on edge and looks beautiful while doing it. The expert cinematography, rousing musical score, and immersive nature of 1917 creates something which will feel original and breathtaking to anyone who enjoys not only war movies, but film in general. It is the textbook example of a film to see on the big screen and viewers won't be disappointed for making a trip to the theater. It was a moving experience and, while I may not be an expert critic, was one of the most impressive films to be made in years.

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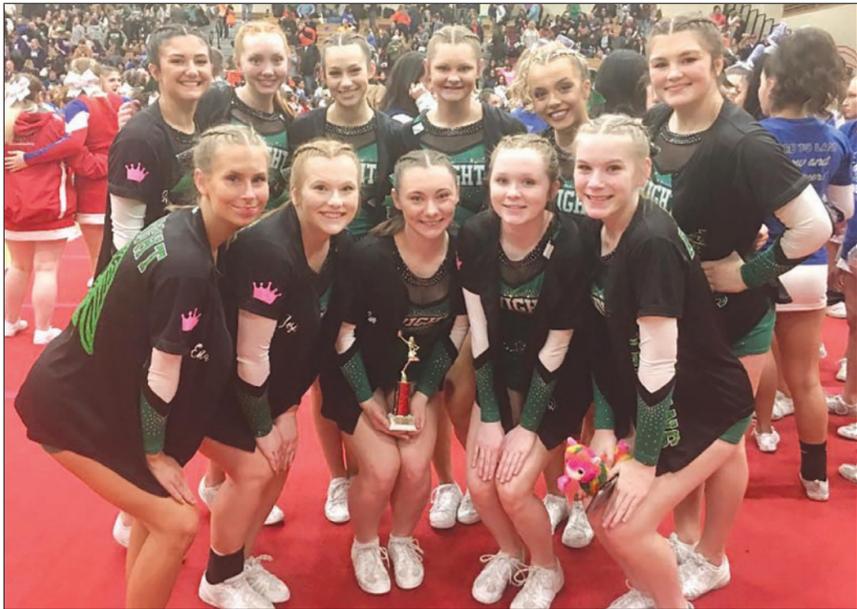
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SPORTS



THE DWIGHT TROJAN WRESTLING TEAM traveled to Braidwood January 17-18 to compete in the Reed-Custer Comet Invite. After some tough matches, four Trojan wrestlers stood on the podium. Sophomore Dillon Sarff finished as the 120 lb. champion; Logan Hatfield, senior, finished second in the 285 lb. weight class; and seniors Daniel Gutierrez (145 lb.) and Cade Enerson (152 lb.) each took home third place finishes. Dwight was home Thursday, January 23, against Sandwich, and then home again against Seneca and Clifton Saturday, January 25.



THE DWIGHT VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM competed in the Huntley Sweetheart Invitational January 26. The Trojans took home fourth place in a tough field of small varsity division teams. The next stop for the team is sectionals at Farmington High School Saturday, February 1. Dwight takes the mat at approximately 10:04 a.m. that day. Pictured, front row, from left, are Emma Legner, Josie Snyder, Meg Scott, Ava Kargle, Bri Kosek; back row, Abby Rodosky, Ella Kargle, Mary Hilt, Alexis Thetard, Lauryn Hoegger, and Addison Bean.

The competitive cheer team also took home two second place finishes Jan. 18 and 19. They competed Saturday at the first-ever Lockport Frost Invite, and followed up Sunday with competition at the Oak Forest Bengal Invite.

Pack The Place! at DTHS January 31

The Dwight Trojan Varsity Competitive Cheer Team is inviting everyone to pack the Dwight Township High School gym full of fans Friday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m. (enter through the main gym (west) door).

Watch the team perform their 2020 competitive cheer routine and cheer them along to sectionals. The Trojan cheerleaders must place in the top five at sectionals to qualify for IHSA State Final competition.

Their sectional is Saturday, February 1, at Farmington High School, and they take the mat at approximately 10:04 a.m.

Victory Lanes, Dwight LEAGUE RESULTS

Sportsman League Bowlers
HSG: Lane Galloway, 253. HHG: Lane Galloway, 259. HSS/HHS: Josh Gernentz, 688. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1128. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 3089.

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	17	3
Star Trucking	14	6
Jensen BP II	12	8
Carl's Pro Band	11	9
Jeremy's Barber	10	10
Willy's Pub	9	11
Jensens I	9	11
KWM Gutterman	6	14
Rury's Tap	6	14
DeLong Ford	6	14

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: Doug Gassman, 248 - Paula Watts - 203. HHG: Ed Poqson, 257 - Paula Watts - 248. HSS: Doug Gassman, 659 - Paula Watts, 515. HHS: Bob Babczak, 670 - Sheri Colebank, 665. HSG/HHG: Mike's, 1004. HSS/HHS: Mike's, 2904.

League Standings	W	L
Mike's	7	1
Cherry RR	7	1
Gaston Construct.	5	3
DQueens	5	3
Victory Lanes	4	4
Dwight Printing	4	4
Willy's Pub	4	4
Pinkie's Out	4	4
Freaksters	4	4
Whiskey Cav.	3	5
Coleman/Son	1	7
Brannan Roofing	0	8



Ashley Harfst Records 1,000th Point for Eureka

Eureka College senior Ashley Harfst, of Saunemin, recorded the 1,000th point of her career as a Red Devil at Greenville College January 22.

The Red Devils couldn't keep pace with the Panthers, falling 80-55. However, Harfst put up 12 points and five rebounds on her milestone night.

She is the 17th player in program history to reach the 1,000 point mark.

Ashley leads the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Confer-

ence (SLIAC) league in rebounding with 178 on the season, and is the only player in the league to be averaging a double-double (13.7 points, 11.5 rebounds). She is currently leading the league in free throws with 84 made out of 95 attempts - with an average of 88.4%.

Harfst, a secondary math education major at Eureka College, will be graduating in December 2020 after completing her student teaching in the fall.

Missouri State Inducts Clay Harbor Into Athletics Hall of Fame



February 21, and the Bears game against Loyola Chicago February 22.

Harbor, who played football for the Bears from 2006-2009, won Associated Press All-America honors three times and was a Walter Camp Football Foundation Football Championship Subdivision All-American.

Dwight's own Clay Harbor was one of six former student-athletes to be inducted into the 2020 Missouri State University Athletics Hall of Fame class.

The 45th annual Hall of Fame Class will be honored at the induction ceremony in the Turner Family Practice Court of Hammons Student Center Saturday, February 22 - with a brunch taking place at 10:30 a.m.

The induction class will also be recognized in JQH Arena at the Lady Bears basketball game versus Evansville Friday,

Clay was a three-time Missouri Valley Football Conference all-conference first team pick and was the Bears' career pass receiving record holder at the tight end position.

He was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the seventh round of the 2010 National Football League draft and played for four NFL teams during his professional career.

The MSU Athletics Hall of Fame now includes 395 individuals, in addition to the three teams being inducted this year.

Dwight Youth Baseball & Softball Registration for the 2020 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL season Ends February 2.

Visit www.DWIGHTYOUTHBASEBALLANDSOFTBALL.ORG to register your son or daughter. Click on the "Registration" Banner to get started.

We are looking for umpires for the upcoming season.

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Questions for: **Baseball** please contact Eric Wood 815-214-0728.

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Redbirds Make Final Four, Fall in Saunemin Winter Classic Championship

Monday, January 21
Dwight vs. PBL
6th Grade -
Saunemin Winter Classic

The sixth grade Redbirds defeated PBL, 21-20, in the final four of the Saunemin Winter Classic.

Leading Dwight in scoring was Evan Cox with 15 points, adding that to his three rebounds. Jake Wilkey added four points and two steals, with

Joey Starks providing two points, seven boards.

Dwight vs. Prairie Central
Saunemin Winter Classic

In the championship game of the Saunemin Winter Classic against Prairie Central, the Redbirds fell 33-28.

Dwight was led, once again, by Evan Cox with 11 points, including 4-5 FT shooting, and four rebounds. Joey Starks added six points, six boards,

while Jake Wilkey put up five points. Asher Kargle came up with four points, two rebounds, and a steal. Christian Kinnon contributed two points.

The Redbirds finished second in the tourney and end their season with an overall record of 11-4.

"This is an exciting team to watch," said Coach Gettinger, and their future is bright!"



DWIGHT'S ISAAC TELFORD MAKES A JUMP PASS to a teammate in action against Cissna Park, above. Below, Wyatt Thompson uses his drop step in the paint to score around a defender.



DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Friday, January 17
Dwight vs. Elwood
7th Grade -
IVC Tournament

Dwight got its revenge over Elwood January 17, taking them out 34-16 in IVC Tournament action – less than two weeks after taking an overtime "L" to Elwood.

The win gave the Redbirds sole possession of third place in the tourney.

"It's nice to get one back!" exclaimed Coach Conroy in the postgame.

Tristan Larkin's 18 points, 20 boards, six steals, and one assist led Dwight. Luke Gallet put up ten points, 12 rebounds, five steals, and an assist, followed by Owen Dunlap (1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 assist) and Wyatt Statler (3 rebounds, 1 steal) with four and two points, respectively. Tracer Brown contributed three assists, a steal, and a rebound.

Saturday, January 18
Dwight vs. Herscher-Limestone
6th Grade -
Saunemin Winter Classic

The sixth grade Redbirds

continued their winning ways January 18, defeating Herscher-Limestone 41-9 to advance in the Saunemin Winter Classic.

Leading Dwight in scoring was Joey Starks with 14 points to go with 14 boards. Jake Wilkey added 11 points, while Evan Cox put up ten points and four steals. Jack Statler and Zander Tarnowski each contributed two points, two rebounds. Asher Kargle also scored two points.

Thursday, January 23
Dwight vs. Herscher-Limestone
7th Grade -

The Redbirds sailed to a 43-4 victory over Herscher-Limestone January 23 – improving to 12-8 on the season.

"We started out hot and never slowed down," stated Coach Conroy. "Everyone got to play and contribute."

Luke Gallet led with 17 points, five steals, and three boards. Wyatt Statler had eight points, two rebounds, while Tristan Larkin added seven points, 12 rebounds, and two assists. Nelson (4 steals, 1 assist) and Dunlap (1 rebound)

scored four and three points, respectively. Brown and Boucher (1 rebound) followed with two points each. Anderson contributed three swipes, three assists, and a rebound, while Woods grabbed two boards and dished one assist. Jensen added two assists and a rebound.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade meeting, Connor Telford's 27 points, five steals, and three rebounds aided Dwight in earning a 50-28 win over Herscher-Limestone.

Following Telford in the scoring column was Will Trainor with five points, one steal, and Terry Wilkey with four points and eight rebounds. Jack Groves (1 rebound) and Tristen Chambers (7 rebounds, 2 steals) scored three points each, while Tyler Cox (1 rebound, 1 steal), Andrew Gartke (1 rebound, 2 steals), and Robert Garrington (1 rebound, 2 steals) scored two points each.

Dwight's eighth graders are now 11-7 overall.

The Redbirds kicked off regional action Monday night.



GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, January 21
GSW vs. Peotone
Varsity -

For just the second time this season, the Lady Panthers took a loss. This time to Peotone, 47-40.

Madelyn Storm (1 3-pointer) and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh led GSW with 11 and ten points, respectively. Kennedy Fair chipped in with eight points, hitting one three, while Mya Anderson added six points. Abby Beck put in three, with Paige Patterson putting up two points.

Wednesday, January 22
GSW vs. Wilmington

Varsity -

Abby Beck outscored Wilmington on her own January 22 at home, as her 32 points assisted the Lady Panthers in beating the Lady Wildcats, 55-24.

Beck was 3-4 from the line and hit a three – en route to her 32 points. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh came up with 12 points, shooting a perfect 6-6 from the charity stripe. Madelyn Storm added seven points, including a three, while Paige Patterson contributed four points (2-2 FT).

GSW improves to 21-2 overall.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, January 20
Dwight vs. Momenca
Varsity -
SVC Tournament

The Lady Trojans opened up the SVC Tournament with a 43-26 whooping of Momenca January 20 in Watseka.

Kayla Kodat led with 16 points, including two three-pointers, and seven steals. Nellie Rieke had a double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Mikalah Bregin and Eden Beier each added six points, while Jordan Schultz connected on a three. Kira Bean made a free throw. Rylee Farris and Nora Anderson pulled down eight and seven rebounds, respectively.

Thursday, January 23
Dwight vs. Watseka
Varsity -
SVC Tournament

Dwight was defeated by SVC Tourney hosts, Watseka, 48-33, on January 23.

Watseska jumped out to an early lead and were able to hold off the Lady Trojans.

Nora Anderson led the way

for Dwight with 14 points and five rebounds. Kayla Kodat contributed 12 points, including two threes, and eight rebounds. Rylee Farris chipped in with three points. Mikalah Bregin and Nellie Rieke each scored two points.

Saturday, January 25
Dwight vs. Iroquois West
Varsity -
SVC Tournament

Kayla Kodat's game-high 32 points, including three three-pointers, 7-11 FT shooting, and 14 rebounds, helped Dwight secure third place in the Sangamon Valley Conference Tournament with a 48-33 win over Iroquois West on Saturday.

Assisting in the victory for the Lady Trojans was Nellie Rieke with six points and nine boards, followed by four points from Jordan Schultz. Mikalah Bregin, Rylee Farris, and Nora Anderson each scored two points.

Dwight is 9-10 on the year.

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

STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. JACK A. SWICEGOOD III, COLLECTION PROFESSIONALS, INC., an Illinois Corporation, FORREST PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC., an Illinois Corporation, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.
No. 20-CH-3

NOTICE

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

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Week 3 Playoff Paper Bowl Recap

In Week 3 Playoffs of the Paper Bowl, Dana Taylor was victorious yet again. He guessed 12 questions correctly and won on a tie-breaker as there were 4 other entries with 12 guesses correct as well.

Remember that playing Paper Bowl is **FREE**. Be sure to look for the ad in *The Paper* for your picks reference sheet. For the Big Paper Bowl, visit any of our drop off locations to

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Each Sponsor location will have a winner this week!! Be sure to register at EACH LOCATION!

Good luck!

Week 3 Playoff Paper Bowl Sponsors Bracket

The Championship round of the Sponsors Bracket will be between Dwight Country Club and Prairie Creek Wealth Advisors. Thanks for playing and good luck!



DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, January 21
Dwight vs. Pontiac Varsity -

The Trojans traveled to Pontiac January 21, suffering a 54-28 loss to the Indians.

Dwight kept things interesting early, however Pontiac was able to turn it up in the second half – holding the Trojans to just two third quarter points – en route to the win.

Lane Thompson led Dwight with nine points, while Brandon Ceylor put in seven points. Wyatt Thompson was good for five points, including a three-pointer, while Bryson Connor added two baskets. Isaac Telford hit a three in the losing

effort.

Friday, January 24
Dwight vs. Cissna Park Varsity -

Cissna Park got off to a hot start in Dwight Friday night, and the Trojans couldn't recover, falling in a 67-52 decision.

Lane Thompson had a game-high 25 points in the game, scoring 17 of his points in the second half. Brandon Ceylor and Wyatt Thompson followed with 11 and nine points, respectively. Tyler Masching and Trent Tilley each hit a three-pointer, with Abe Rieke adding a free throw.



GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, January 21
GSW vs. Beecher Varsity -

The GSW Panthers were beaten by Beecher, 54-48, when they met January 21.

"Tonight was not our best game," admitted Coach Wills afterwards. "We simply need to play better in every part of the game."

Brandon States led GSW with 11 points and four rebounds. Nate Wise (4 rebounds) and Michael Ashley added nine and eight points, respectively.

Friday, January 24
GSW vs. Iroquois West Varsity -

GSW held on long enough to capture a 48-45 victory over Iroquois West January 24.

"We were shooting well in the first half and built a nice lead," stated Coach Wills. "I.W. fought back in the second, but we did enough to hang on."

Chris Bexson was the Panthers' high scorer with 16 points, adding that to four steals and three assists. Nate Wise (6 rebounds, 3 assists) and Connor Steichen (5 rebounds) put up 13 and 11 points, respectively.

GSW ups its record to 11-10 overall, and sits at 3-3 in the conference.



THE DTHS CHEER SQUAD PRACTICES IN PREPARATION OF THEIR UPCOMING COMPETITION. The cheerleaders will be competing in the sectional at Farmington High School on Saturday, February 1st.

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b. San Francisco
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a. Kansas City
b. San Francisco
4. Will there be a missed field goal or extra point?
a. Yes b. No
5. Who will be the first team to have a penalty? (declined penalties do not count)
a. Kansas City
b. San Francisco
6. Will either team score a TD within the first 6 minutes of the game?
a. Yes b. No
7. Will Kansas City's final score be...
a. Even b. Odd
8. Will both teams make 33 yard, or longer, field goals?
a. Yes b. No
9. Who will have a better QB rating?
a. Mahomes
b. Garoppolo
10. Will the combined final score be...
a. More than 50 points
b. Less than 50 points
11. Will a coach challenge a play?
a. Yes b. No
12. Will either team go for a 2 point conversion?
a. Yes b. No

PRO BASKETBALL

13. Who will win?
a. Minnesota @
b. LA Clippers
14. Who will win?
a. New York @
b. Indiana
15. Who will win?
a. Miami @
b. Orlando
16. Who will win?
a. Golden State @
b. Cleveland
17. Who will win?
a. Brooklyn @
b. Washington
18. Who will win?
a. Atlanta @
b. Dallas
19. Who will win?
a. Creighton @
b. Villanova
20. Who will win?
a. Kansas State @
b. West Virginia

NCAA

19. Who will win?
a. Creighton @
b. Villanova
20. Who will win?
a. Kansas State @
b. West Virginia

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• JAN. 29: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids;
6 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., REAL & IGNITE.
• JAN. 30: 9 a.m., Bible Seekers at Heritage Woods; 4 p.m., Scouts #1906; 5:30 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsal.
• FEB. 1: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Route 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting.
• FEB. 2: 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship; 11:30 a.m., Leaders Meeting
• FEB. 3: 6 p.m., Scouts #4877; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors Bible Study; 7 p.m., Dartball vs. Dwight Congregational (Home).
• FEB. 4: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study; 6 p.m., Scouts #1505; 6:30 p.m., Ladies of Faith at Heritage Woods.
• FEB. 5: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., REAL & IGNITE.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS
325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor
• JAN. 29: 4 - 5:15 p.m., Catechism Classes; 6 p.m., Wednesday Devotions.
• FEB. 2: 9 a.m., Sunday

School/Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; Deacons meeting.
• FEB. 3: 7 p.m., Dartball here vs. Trinity Lutheran Herscher.
• FEB. 5: 4 - 5:15 p.m., Catechism Classes; 4:45 p.m., Choir; 5:15 p.m., Handbells.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
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Pastor Dan Woodward
• JAN. 29: Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.
• FEB. 2: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• FEB. 5: Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Rev. Grant Speece
• FEB. 2 - Communion Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Sermon title: "Christ Crucified."
Holy Scripture Readings
Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
• JAN 29: 7 p.m., Bible Study.
• JAN. 30: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• FEB. 1: 8 a.m., Men's Breakfast at Route 66.
• FEB. 2: 9 a.m., Bible Study; 10 a.m., Main Service - Missions Sunday; Kids Church and Nursery; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
• FEB. 3: 7 p.m., Prayer Night; Dartball vs. St. Peter's.
• FEB. 4: 7 p.m., Finding Recovery.
• FEB. 5: 7 p.m., Bible Study.
• FEB. 6: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• FEB. 1: 9 - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.
• FEB. 2: 10:30 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St.
815-584-1199
Pastor Chrissy Salser
email:chrissytherev@att.net
• JAN. 31: 9:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study at Hudelsons in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA.
• FEB. 7: 9:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study at Hudelson's in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA.

BRACEVILLE
Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Goold St.

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Pastor Karen Fabian
• 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service.
• Youth Groups on Wednesday: 3 p.m., K-6th; 7 p.m., 7th grade - H.S.
• FEB. 2: 11:30 a.m., "Souper" Bowl Luncheon.
• FEB. 29: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Rummage Sale.

EMINGTON
Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Rev. Grant Speece
• FEB. 2 - Communion Sunday: 8:45 a.m., Worship Service. Sermon title: "Christ Crucified."
Holy Scripture Readings:
Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

MAZON
Mazon United Methodist Church
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• 10 a.m., Sunday School.

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DCS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

**Tuesday, January 21
Dwight vs. Saratoga
5th Grade -**

In fifth grade volleyball action against Saratoga January 21, Dwight fell 14-25, 18-25.

Mikayla Chambers, Avery Connor, and Kit Connor each had two points with one ace.

6th Grade -

Dwight's sixth grade girls lost in three sets to Saratoga, 26-23, 10-25, 19-25.

Makayla Wahl led with ten points, including five aces, and 40 kills. Maddi Ely added nine points, with three aces, followed by Sophie Buck's four points (2 aces). Sarah Parker provided three points, including two aces, while Taylor Heath (4 kills) and Brooke Johnson added an ace each.

7th Grade -

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds lost to Saratoga in two sets January 21, 25-27, 13-25.

Maci Johnson had three aces, with Sophi Richie (2 kills, 1 dig) and Leah Larson (5 kills) added two aces each. Kiah Handzus had three digs and a kill, while Ella Legner put up two digs and a kill. Tru Connor also had one kill.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade match-up, Dwight was beaten in three sets by Saratoga, 20-25, 26-24, 22-25.

Avery Scheuer provided five aces, six kills, and a dig, with Megan Livingston adding four aces, 15 digs, and five kills. Kassy Kodat came up with three aces, ten assists, eight digs, and a kill, followed by two aces, two kills, and a dig from Olivia Folkers. Claire Robison had an ace, two kills, and two digs. Milana Bradley added three kills and a dig,

while Lily McKelvey contributed two kills and one dig.

**Thursday, January 23
Dwight vs. Seneca
5th Grade -**

The fifth grade Lady Redbirds lost to Seneca 21-25, 20-25.

Mikayla Chambers, Kit Connor, and Cloe Gall each had two points, including an ace. Madlynn Lucas added one ace.

6th Grade -

In the sixth grade match-up, Dwight won 25-13, 25-16 over Seneca.

Taylor Heath led with 12 points, including six aces, and two kills. Sophie Buck contributed nine points, with four aces, while Maddi Ely (2 aces, 1 kill) and Sarah Parker (1 ace) had five points each. Brooke Johnson (3 aces) and Makayla Wahl (1 ace) put up three points each.

7th Grade -

Dwight was dealt a loss in two sets to Seneca January 23.

Maci Johnson led with four aces, a dig, and one kill. Samantha Harsh (2 kills) and Sophi Richie each added two aces. Leah Larson (3 kills) and Brynn Connor (1 kill) had an ace each, while Kiah Handzus put up four digs and three kills.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds fell 13-25, 20-25 to Seneca.

Megan Livingston (18 digs, 3 kills) and Olivia Folkers (1 kill, 1 dig) each had one ace. Kassy Kodat contributed six kills, five assists, and three digs, with Avery Scheuer providing two kills and two digs.

**Friday, January 24
Dwight vs. Reed-Custer**

5th Grade -

Dwight's "B" team was defeated by Reed-Custer 14-25, 24-26 when they faced off January 24.

Mikayla Chambers led with seven points, including three aces, while Kit Connor put up three points, with two aces. Cloe Gall, Ella Payne, and Addy Sulzberger each contributed one point.

6th Grade -

In the sixth grade meeting with Reed-Custer, the Lady Redbirds won 25-16, 25-23.

Makayla Wahl (4 kills) had 11 points, including eight aces, to lead the team. Taylor Heath (1 kill) had seven points, four aces, with Sophie Buck (3 kills) and Taylor Frobish (2 kills) coming up with five points each. To round out the scoring was Kamryn Folkers with two points and Sarah Parker with one.

Dwight is now 2-2 on the season.

7th Grade -

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds beat Reed-Custer in a volleyball match.

Maci Johnson led with five aces, followed by Leah Larson's three aces and six kills. Samantha Harsh added two aces and three kills, while Ava Meister had one ace and a block. Ella Legner contributed two kills.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade match-up with R-C resulted in a 13-25, 9-25 loss by Dwight.

Kassy Kodat led with an ace, two digs, two assists, and a kill. Lily McKelvey provided an ace and a kill, with Kaedyn Gonzalez tallying three digs.



MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

**Monday, January 20
MVK vs. Odell
7th Grade -**

The seventh grade Lady Mavs won over Odell 25-15, 25-10 when they met January 20.

Madison Kozbiel had 11 points, followed by seven points, one block, and one kill from Kiley Francisco. Lexie Buis provided four points, one kill, while Natalie Misener and Vicky Naines added four and three points, respectively. Audry McNabb had two kills.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade match-up, MVK lost to Odell, 23-25, 24-26.

Katie Arnold was high scorer for the Lady Mavericks with 11 points. Sam Vandavelde added eight points, a block, and a kill, with Gracie Steffes contributing seven points. Faith Baker put up three

points and two kills.

**Tuesday, January 21
MVK vs. GSWB
7th Grade -**

In seventh grade volleyball action against GSWB January 21, MVK was victorious, 25-17, 13-25, 25-15.

Maison Yard led with 13 points, followed by Kiley Francisco's nine points and a block. Audry McNabb added five points, one block, with Madison DeGrush and Brianna Nicholson each scoring three points.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade meeting saw the Lady Mavs fall 18-25, 16-25 to GSWB.

Faith Baker (2 blocks, 1 kill) and Lauren Cronkrite each scored four points. Sam Vandavelde (1 block) and Katie Arnold scored three points each. Audry McNabb added

two points.

**Thursday, January 23
MVK vs. Saratoga
7th Grade -**

MVK's seventh grade girls suffered a 14-25, 14-25 loss to Saratoga January 23.

Audry McNabb led the team with five points, while Kiley Francisco added three of her own. Madison Kozbiel and Shelby Welsh each scored two points.

8th Grade -

The Lady Mavs were beaten 10-25, 23-25 by Saratoga in the eighth grade match-up.

Faith Baker led with five points, three blocks, and three kills. Sam Vandavelde added three points, three kills, and two blocks, with Katie Arnold supplying three points and a kill. Skylar Schultz-Conley (1 kill) and Kate Biros each scored a point.



GSWB LADY TIGERS VOLLEYBALL

Both GSWB Lady Tigers volleyball teams lost their first match of the season to Peotone January 7.

The seventh grade team was able to force a third set, but fell short of walking away with a

win.

The eighth grade girls also fought hard, but lost in two sets - 22-25, 22-25.

The eighth grade Lady Tigers took on Odell later that week, securing a 25-14, 25-22

victory.

The seventh graders were defeated, 13-25, 21-25.

"It's always good to get that first week in," stated Coach Faletti, "and pinpoint things that need improvement."



POLICE CHIEF TIM HENSON poses with 9-year-old Milan after he located her gymnastics leotard under a bush at the Dwight McDonald's.

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Missing Leotard

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"I then went and thoroughly searched the parking lot at the Circle K, but no luck," Henson said. "Not knowing which way the wind was blowing on Saturday morning, I drove over to McDonald's, and as I looked to my left, I saw this plastic bag tucked under a bush, and I thought just maybe I will be lucky this time. To my surprise, sure enough still in the plastic garment bag, is this young girl's gymnastics Leo. It was soaked due to the inclement weather, so I took it to the police department, hung it up and dried it with a box fan."

Needless to say, the family was ecstatic. Especially Milan. "She was in tears again. She was so happy and relieved," Shonetta said.

Henson offered to meet them halfway to return the leotard, but as fate would have it, the Randalls were coming this way anyhow for Mai Lin's gymnastic competition in Bourbonnais. They met Friday at the Dwight police department to claim the leotard and offer their heartfelt thanks.

"Thank you to Dwight, IL and the surrounding area for sharing, looking, wishing, hoping and praying. ... This made my daughters day!" Shonetta wrote in another post, which was shared more than 1,600 times.

"I know there were several other people who also answered the plea, and were out searching. I am just thankful we live in a community with good people, who will go out of their way for a complete stranger," Henson said.

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The schedule for the Winter Series is as follows, and all can be registered for at go.illinois.edu/SmallFarmsWebinar.

- **Thursday, March 12** - "Getting Started in Drip Irrigation"
- **Thursday, March 19** - "The Basics for Goats and Sheep"
- **Thursday, January 30** - "Asparagus Production and Marketing"
- **Thursday, February 6** - "Farm Stress and Impact on Health"
- **Thursday, February 13** - "Updates on Industrial Hemp in Illinois"
- **Thursday, February 20** - "Soil Organic Matters"
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THE GSW HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING DANCE was held the night of January 18 – with seniors Dylan Hill and Emily Beck being crowned 2020 King and Queen. The Homecoming Court, pictured, front row, consisted of Noah Wise, King Dylan Hill, Queen Emily Beck, Blake Patterson; back row, Colby Grieff, Nate Wise, Jared Gallup, Taylor Bartels, Shelby Putnam, Kyle Haubenstricker, Taylor Conger, and Abby Beck. BELOW: Other activities to celebrate included games and cheerleading.

Motion for New Health & Education Building Passes 15-8

An Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of Marty Fannin, Gerald Earing, and John Vitzthum, appointed by former Livingston County Board Chairman Bob Young, was charged in September with moving ahead to find a solution for what to do with the county's Health & Education Building.

Their work resulted in a motion being made before the Livingston County Board January 16 that recommended the Property Committee and County Board members focus their attention on constructing a new building while "balancing energy efficiencies, form and function and overall costs."

The motion passed 15-8. The present Health & Education building was built in 1922, and originally served as a TB Sanitarium. Current issues with the building include old mechanical systems, inefficient doors and windows, mold and asbestos, and lack of ADA accessibility.

Discussion on what to do with modernizing or replacing the building began in 2010. In 2018 it was decided to not renovate the existing building. A motion was made to develop a new building design at an estimated cost of \$5 million.

In March of 2019 the board approved a development report from the Farnsworth Group and moved forward to get construction documents and bidding. The estimated building cost had risen to \$6 million including demolition estimates. Some interest developed in rehabbing existing buildings in order to save money -- the Opperman building, Good Samaritan building, Kmart -- all with plus and minus factors involved.

All of this resulted in the motion January 16 to proceed with a plan to construct a new 19,000 square foot building on county-owned land at Torrance Avenue near IHR and Futures Unlimited locations.

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